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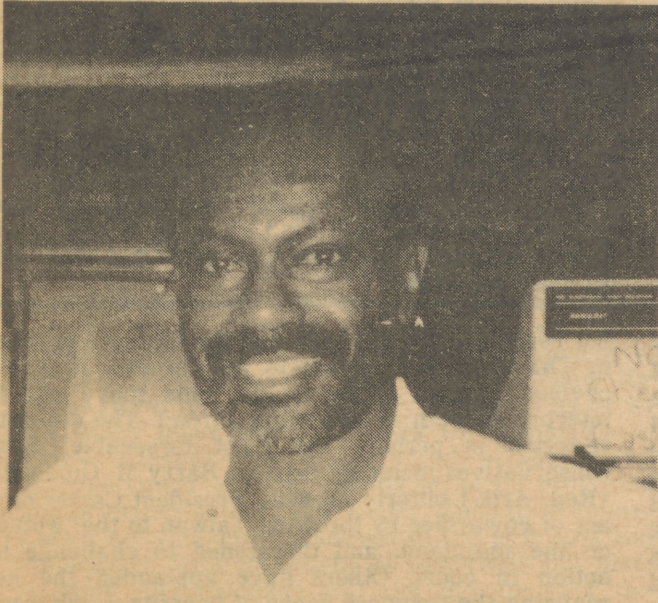
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## Spotlight

By Peggy Spates Johnson

# George Battle-The King of Texas Style Barbeque in Iowa



### GEORGE BATTLE

When I think of barbeque I come up with two remembrances — first of all the short lived barbeque establishment my father ran as a sideline until a nervous stomach brought on by overwork forced him to give it up; and the fact that only a couple of years ago one had to travel to Omaha, KC or Minneapolis to obtain really tasty ribs. That is no longer the case in Des Moines. It seems a proliferation of BBQ spots have popped up in the past 2 years: The Woodshed; The Rib Joint; Cousin Lester's, Mustards (for longer than 2 years and the only one owned and operated by a black businessman), Battles Barbeque on 2109 Forest Ave. I wanted to get into the BBQ business for an hour or so and Mr. George Battle was kind enough to oblige me with an interview. How did he begin? Mr. Battle reminisced, "... We've been opened 1 1/2 years, it was no overnight impulse because I had always loved barbeque and hated to go all the way to Texas for good BBQ. So I had been planning for 5 or 6 years. I had friends with BBQ establishments and learned most of the

tricks of the trade from them. I got my capital 1 1/2 years ago before then I had purchased this property another 1 1/2 years before I got the business." He also informed me he was born and raised in Dallas but had lived in Des Moines for 16 years. Why did he pick Des Moines as his "spot to squat"?

"I was on my way to Michigan and my car broke down here so I just stayed on," he laughed. Was there a Battle's family secret recipe?

"Not necessarily," he answered. "Before I started Doc Baker was notable in the midwest for his BBQ. Those who have traveled and are familiar with Texas style BBQ really enjoy mine." We talked about competition, particularly from other white owned establishments. "Competition is good for business," Battles felt, "particularly if you have a good product. Whites can barbeque very well in some places. When you sell a product that is foreign to an area it takes time for customers to become acquainted with it."

Battles likened his BBQ to authentic seafood in that once

you've had his, other types will just not hold up. Mr. Battles went on to tell me his educational background — in Texas, here at Area XI at the urban campus with business and sociology courses. Surprisingly he was also a graduate of Crescent Beauty school. But obviously chose not to go into the cosmetology trade.

Mr. Battles stressed the long and hard hours that went into his managerial duties and the fact that he barbequed all his own meat. His hours ranged from 11 - 11 on Mondays through Thursdays; 11 -

2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and on Sundays from 12:30 to 8. He just recently began opening on Sundays. Why did he decide on the Forest location? "... It is an area where traffic is congested — also I had the Drake University business in mind." Because numerous blacks in business have complained that other black people will not support non-white enterprises I queried him on the percent of blacks who make up his customers. 50-50 he told me. He wouldn't tell me his weekly income but

just that business had been very good. What kind of financial backing did he have? He told me the Small Business Administration had come through for him and provided his working and building funds. What was his favorite foods and favorite restaurants besides his own? "All kinds," he told me. "Italian, seafood and soul food. I like restaurants where I can have wine with my meals — Noah's, the Rusty Scupper — although I only get the chance to eat out every three or four months."

Would he ever consider expansion? "It is purely a question of finance," he bemoaned. "I'd love to be downtown or in a shopping center but I also want to keep this location. The lunch trade would be

tremendous but many downtown locations frown on restaurants insurance rates go up, things like that." Also he had scouted Iowa City and the Ames area and noticed a much greater volume of activity and buzz of life continually than the Drake area but property in those college towns was ridiculously expensive.

What was his business philosophy? "Any small business, the secret of success is no secret, it is just very hard work and being in the right place and being conscious of proper management, good bookkeeping, cultivating patience and not being afraid of putting in lots of hours 18-20 a day in my case."

It's obvious that in his case his hard work has paid off for him financially and for the palates of his customers.



## NAACP Elections

Des Moines Branch NAACP Elections for Officers and Members of Executive Board for term of January 1, 1979 through December 31, 1980.

Results:  
Vincent C. Chapman, President; Larry W. Carter, 1st Vice President; S. Rebecca Banks, 2nd Vice President; Sheila Stewart, 3rd Vice President; Marion Williams, Treasurer; Loretta Harris, Recording Secretary;

Peggy Whitaker, Assistant Recording Secretary; Darryl Green, Corresponding Secretary.

Executive Board:  
Janice McCulloch, Corliss Williams, Raymond Perry, Luella Webb, Evelyn Davis, George Reed, III, James B. Morris, III, Shirley Steele, John Donovan, Marjorie E. W. Smith, J. Karnale Manuel, John M. Estes, Jr., Herman Wadsworth, Robert A. Wright, Naomi Mercer and Ronald N. Langston.

## A Tribute

### To Martin Luther, King, Jr.

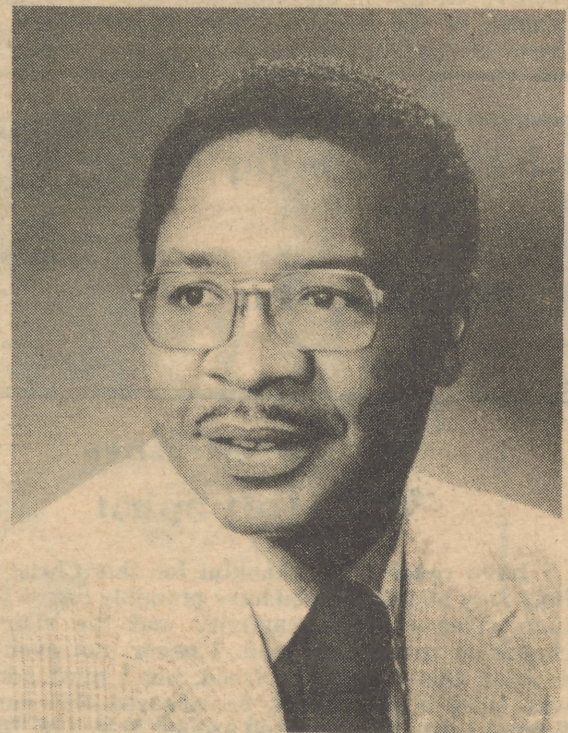
To commemorate the 50th birthdate of the late civil rights leader, PBS will present a LIVE concert by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Marian Anderson, renowned opera star, and Clamma Dale, beautiful young star of the New York City Opera, will perform with the Orchestra under the direction of Henry Lewis, the first black to hold the position of director of a major

symphony orchestra.

The pieces selected to be performed in this concert represent the ideals and visions of this outstanding leader — freedom, the common man, and death and resurrection.

This concert is the culmination of Buffalo's day-long celebration of Martin Luther King Day. Produced by WNED/ Buffalo.

Check local listing for air date.



Monroe Colston

### ELECTED TO STATEWIDE CHAMBER GROUP

(Des Moines, December 18, 1978) Monroe Colston, Urban Affairs Manager of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce has been elected to the board of directors of the Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Colston, 45, is the first black to become a director of the statewide organization of professional Chamber staff persons.

As a director, Colston will represent southwest Iowa on matters of new statewide programs and policy.

# THE EDITORIAL PAGE

## IEWS and REVIEWS by Allen Ashby

I was interested in the news story that the swimming pool at Good Park might not be open this coming summer. It was built right after the Birdland pool was finished in the early thirties. Several of us fellows thought it was constructed to keep blacks out of Birdland pool. When that pool was opened, a few blacks went out there to swim, and were promptly chased away by the larger white boys, in spite of the fact that Iowa had a civil accommodation law. Well, some blacks got together and went back out to Birdland for an encore.

After a deal that today would be called a racial confrontation, but was merely an old fashioned gang fight, a conference was held. Some of the black leaders were there along with police representatives and some civic minded white people. The thing most of the leaders on both sides seemed to fear was a race riot. But the black youths argued that if it took a race riot to open the Birdland pool to blacks, let's

get it on. That was a public pool and we had as much right to swim in it as anybody, and were going to if we had to fight every day. This was in the late summer so people had a chance to think about things before the next summer.

When a pool at Good Park was mentioned, it split the black leaders. One group argued that it was strictly a segregationist move and wanted no part of it. The other group thought that it might be segregationist, but the benefits to the neighborhood would far outweigh the negative results.

Time proved this group to be right. "The pool", as it became known became a gathering place for just about all the young blacks from all parts of town. If you wanted to see any black youth you knew, all you had to do was hang around the pool on week ends and he or she would turn up there.

The pool was fortunate to have three supervisors who would not let it become segregated. Everybody, regardless of race or color, was welcome and Vern Ashford, Frank Robinson and Cecil Brewton wouldn't allow anybody to be hassled or molested because of color. The three leaders had a constructive learn to swim program, and between them they probably taught a thousand young blacks and quite a few older ones to swim.

Frank, working with the Olympian Club, organized a big swimming meet for the kids at the park. Within three years the meet attracted swimmers from all over Iowa and cities like Minneapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Omaha and out grew the tiny Good Park pool. So the meet was moved out

to Birdland, and I have to think that the gigantic swimming meet they have out there now is an outshoot of that meet at Good Park.

Frank went on to become a recognized swimming meet official and became a familiar figure around local high school meets.

Ashford left the pool to go to the post office, and Cecil came on in the difficult times of the sixties. But Brewton handled the potentially explosive situations in a manner that won him the respect of everybody up there, and never had any serious trouble that I knew of.

The lack of attendance at the place now is explained by the fact that at one time there were about a thousand kids in the area bounded by Seventeenth on the west, Ninth on the east. University on the north and Pleasant on the south.

But the freeway and urban renewal moved most of those families out of there, and now we have to scuffle to get enough kids out of that area to carry on our junior tennis programs.

When I look at the less than fifty kids I saw in the pool in the last two summers and think of the great crowds that used to swim in there, I have to agree that the pool has probably served its purpose. There are too many pools all over town and people don't have to travel across town to swim as they once did.

So now we have to wonder what would be done with the structure if it isn't used for a swimming pool. It will likely get filled with litter and such, and we don't want that.



## Thoughts and Comments

By James B. Morris III

### "Washington and Peking— A Sign of Changing Times?"

Although it may be said that the establishment of full diplomatic relations with the Peoples Republic of China is not an issue of obvious interest to most American blacks. I think it may be a sign of positive change in the American outlook toward the peoples of the so-called Third World. After thirty years of hostility and mistrust, America seems to

have finally come around to the point that reality and rationality has found a home in foreign policy. It is no surprise that diplomatic recognition of the world's most populous nation will be of great practical value to all Americans, notably in the areas of education, diplomacy, culture, commerce and politics. It also is no surprise that normal relations will take but two weeks to establish and is evidence of the fact that such move has been historically inevitable since President Nixon's visit to Peking in 1972. What is surprising, however, is the fact that in doing so, the United States has reduced (if not eliminated) the relationship between an island nation which represents but a minute percentage of the whole Chinese populace and the creation of ties with one which represents the vast majority. Just think what ramifications this change in outlook in the State Department could have in our African relations.

It seems obvious that the exchange of ambassadors between Washington and Peking will not only make a great improvement in our understanding of and interest in Asia and its people,

but recognition of the idea that for America to relate to China, it must relate to all Chinese. It is less obvious to me, at least, how this move will be interpreted both at home and abroad. The domestic reaction is perhaps the most foreseeable. Some conservatives including Senator Barry M. Goldwater (Rep. Ariz.) bitterly accused President Carter of an act of cowardice by throwing Taiwan to the 'wolves' on the mainland, and threatened to challenge his action in court. Others have applauded the act, realizing the immense range of benefits which it will bestow upon both peoples. This country did not act unlawfully by giving the nationalist government a years notice of our intention to terminate the 1954 defense treaty, nor immorally in terms of its stated intention to remain deeply involved in discovering a peaceful solution to the Peking-Taiwan dispute. If the nationalist government is willing to continue the commercial and cultural arrangements with the United States which has given Taiwan the economic, military and political stability which these ties have supported, there is no reason to believe that

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## Kalonji Saadiq

### Speakin' Out



### The Christ-Mass Holy-Day Spirit

I have much to be thankful for this Christ-Mass Holy-Day of 1978. As you have probably heard I have been released from captivity and the ridiculous charge of murder dropped. I never, not even once doubted that I would be freed, but I must admit it was quite a surprise to be released this early. I figured I would be released around March of '79'.

All praise is due Allah (God). I thank him for the skillful services provided by my legal advisors; Vincent Ella and Gerry Crawford. I thank Allah for the support of the people. The letters I received were a source of inspiration, and the prayers of those close to me were answered. I thank Allah for such supportive friends and family and pray they forgive me for being such a source of worry.

Bah, humbug. Christmas is a materialistic plot to further undermine the financial situation of the economically depressed (smiles). I am beginning to re-evaluate the historical significance of the character called Scrooge. Is it possible that they're taking one aspect of his character, isolating it from his overall personality, and blowing it out of proportion to portray him as an insensitive eccentric? If so then I shouldn't feel so bad because the same thing happens to me; only on a different level.

Is it possible that Ebenezer Scrooge was a pious, religious, upright individual that viewed the increasing materialization of a sacred holy day as a blasphemy to the spirit of the holy man the day was meant to honor? Did he think that the over emphasis on giving material gifts would destroy the real gift that is meant to be shared? Did he fear that the Christ-Mass Holy-Day's purpose, which is for the masses to remember the great prophet Jesus Christ and his message of love would degenerate into a pagan holiday; just like any other holiday where the people get drunk, drive crazy, and fall pray to all forms of folly? If so, then it would seem that all of Scrooge's fears have been made real.

The children of today inundated by commercials think that Christmas is all about receiving toys. They nag their parents to no end about this toy or that toy, not able to make up their minds until they decide they want them all. It makes one wonder. Are toys all they want or are they crying out for something more?

Jesus, though speaking on another matter asks this question in a more eloquent manner: Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Matt. 7:9.

I am not suggesting that no toys be given for Christmas. First of all it's totally unlikely that anyone would comply and secondly, if everyone did the shock on the children would be tremendous and the impact upon the already beleaguered economic system would be disastrous.

I am saying this: Let us not lose sight of the real meaning of so-called Christmas. You last minute shoppers caught up in the snarl of Christmas traffic remember patience. Those of you standing in the long lines getting angry wanting to cuss remember humility. Those among you that are able, when the toys are bought and there is money left over think of those less fortunate and remember charity. And after the other gifts have been opened remember to

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## A Female Focus On The Issues

Peggy Spates Johnson



This is an appeal to all blacks in Des Moines and surrounding environs to attend the farewell dinner for former Senator Dick Clark on Saturday night, February 10, 1978. The exact time and location I will publish as soon as I learn them. Clark's efforts on the behalf of black Americans and black Africans in foreign affairs has been well documented. During the days of John Foster Dulles to Henry Kissinger's 'reign', the affairs and difficulties of the emerging nations of Africa were put on the back burner until Clark forced the Senate and others in the administration to concern themselves with Africa. Particularly against the racist regimes of Rhodesia and South Africa. As a footnote to the unfortunate defeat of Senator Clark I'd like to congratulate our other liberal Senator John Culver for not running scared and becoming lukewarm on the political thermometer like so many other politicians, in these reactionary times. He recently proclaimed in his D.C. office that he would not go conservative (ala Charles Percy of Illinois) like, again, many other national political figures. He seemed unfazed by the supposed anti abortion bandwagon that brought about Clark's demise. As he said, those in politics are constantly targeted by some group or other and if they all swayed with the winds — no constituents would know where any politician stood on any issue.

Unfortunately with Watergate, the Korean bribery scandal, alleged backing of the Rev. Jim Jones by politicians — the political arena looks very shady. Hopefully John Culver will remain a shining light in the current darkness of U.S. politics. Secondly, it seems black leaders, Vernon Jordan especially, would have seen the light by now and the handwriting on the wall. Every five months or so distressed black leaders venture to Washington to voice distress and alarm at rising black unemployment and the placing of social programs and priorities on the back burner. Each time Jimmy Carter nods his head, concedes to the problems and empathizes with the plight of minorities but alas, inflation and recession and the devaluing of the dollar — what is he to do? — his hands are tied — seem to be his reactions. Unfortunately it also seems most economists are of the conservative ilk and their sympathies do not lie with the poor, the forgotten and the downtrodden but with the GNP, IT and the Dow Jones averages. If ever we needed a fiscal policy aimed at helping blacks we need one now. Black children need food, shelter and clothing — there is little they can do with Merle, Lynch, Pierce, Finner and Smith.

## B.I.M., Inc. Holds Election

By Kimberly G. McElroy

Blacks in Management, Inc. held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 15, to elect a new slate of officers.

The new officers, their positions and the companies they represent are as follows:

Chairperson, Ron James, Northwestern Bell; Vice Chairperson, Yvonne E. Gates, The Bankers Life; Treasurer, William Davis, Iowa Des Moines National Bank; Recording Secretary, LaVern Jones, IBM and Corresponding Secretary, Ann Downey, The Bankers Life.

In addition to the new officers, 3 members will be joining the Board of Directors to serve 3-year

terms. Their names and the companies they represent are as follows:

James Ashmore, Firestone Tire and Rubber; R. Lucia Howell, The Bankers Life and Donna Shade, Bankers Trust.

B.I.M., Inc. would also like to remind the community of its second scholarship banquet. The banquet will be held on February 23, 1979 at the Fort Des Moines Hotel and will feature Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League.

For tickets or further information please see upcoming issues of this paper, or contact Bill Davis (245-3071) or Nancy Freeland (286-7438).

## D.M. Ballet sets Jan. performance

The Des Moines Ballet Company will present their second program of the season on January 26 and 27 at the Des Moines Community Playhouse. The program will include "Dvorak No. 6", music by Dvorak choreographed by Jorge Samaniego. A metaphysical ballet also choreographed by Samaniego, "Everyone Is ... But me", will be performed.

The program will conclude on a whimsical note with "Nutcracker Fantasy", which will include selections from "Nutcracker."

A special young people's matinee will be held Sat., Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3. The

evening performances on Jan. 26 and 27 are at 8 p.m. with orchestra tickets \$5 and ramp tickets \$4. All seats are reserved.

Tickets for the evening performances are being sold in conjunction with a performance to be given March 13 and 14 at the Playhouse. Persons ordering tickets for both performances will be given priority seating. Single performance orders will not be filled until three weeks prior to each performance.

To order tickets write Des Moines Ballet School, 2919 Fifty-third St., Des Moines, Iowa, 50310 and request to be sent an order form.

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# the social page



**THE PRINCE, KENDALL HARRELL AND PRINCESS TIA BARBER AND OTHER CONTESTANTS:**

The Parliamentary Law and Culture Club presents to their many friends their 1978 Prince and Princess who were crowned at the Corinthian Baptist Church, December 10, 1978.

The vent was the Club's annual "Doll Show." Every child in the contest, the program and the doll parade did a wonderful job. The display of dolls were in keeping with the Christmas season.

The club members invite each of you to attend our 1979 "Doll Show."

Ms. Lois Hunt,  
President

## Elk News

The Annual Christmas party held for the Children was held last Sunday morning. Even though Santa came very early, before the party, the party went on without him. This was something over which we had no control. Better watch out Santa! We shall expect you on schedule next year.

Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 met at 2:00 p.m. election and installation was held by Grand District Deputy, P.G.E.R. Albert Butler of Sioux City, Ia. Officers: Ex. Ruler - Timothy L. Barker - Esteemed Leading Knight - Luther Witt - Est. Loyal Knight R.C. Carter - Est. Lecturing Knight Jessie Burrage - Fin. Sec. Samuel

## The Sister's Club

Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Barbara Robinson, daughter of Mrs. Ollie Sanders, one of the Sister's. Final plans for the Christmas Party at the Fort Des Moines Hotel, Drake Room December 16, 1978. Affairs for 1979 was discussed.

A lovely repass was served and the Sister's had a good time playing games and conversing. Next meeting Sis. Vida Beechum in January.

The Christmas Party, given by the Sister's Club, December 16, 1978 at the Ft. Des Moines Hotel, was very lovely. Many guests were invited. The food was very, very good, the table was beautiful. Every one wished each a Very Merry Christmas. Presents were given out, opened and it made you think of the old time Christmas.

Reporter: Delores Bell  
Pres. Celia B. Frith

Latham - Treas. - Odell Jenkins Esquire Adolphus Edwards - Tiler - Jerry Berry - Inner Guard - Al Hill 3 year Chair Trustee - James Davis - 1 yr. Stanley Hackney. Rose Temple No. 33 will meet this Friday at 8:00 P.M. All applications should be returned, Please.

We are happy along with the families of Ron Carter that Mother, Christina Carter has come home to convalesce and Sam Vaughn has until the 29th at home. This makes theirs a better Christmas. Remember to call or drop a card also to Norman Walker - Mary Greely Hospital No. 357, Ames, Iowa. And "Buck" Perry No. 808 Iowa Methodist (Younkers), the father of Leonard Perry.

May you all enjoy the Best not only during the Holiday Season, but through the years to come.

Rose Marie and Combo Sat. evening for your entertainment. Food.



**HOLIDAY BLESSINGS TO ONE AND ALL.**

## YWCA Winter Session Begins

A ten week session of classes in Health and Recreation will begin on January 15 at the Greater Des Moines YWCA.

Adult programs offered include exercise, yoga, swim lessons, diving, advanced lifesaving and a variety of dance classes - ballroom, disco, beginning and intermediate ballet, and aerobics.

Youth, ages 7-17, can choose from beginning ballet, beginning and intermediate gymnastics, swim lessons and junior lifesaving.

## Princess Zorah No. 10

Chapter meet December 5, 1978, 8 p.m. at North Star Lodge 1121 Clark. A Christmas Party was in the Planning stage, at the Hilton, Fleur Drive. Another "Eve of Elegance" is also being planned in May. Look for the date later in the paper. A lovely Christmas Box will be given to the Patton Family. I know they will have a good Christmas.

Princess Zorah No. 10, Christmas Party was held December 10, 1978 at the Hilton Inn, Fleur Drive, at 4 o'clock P.M. A lovely meal was served. An invitation was given to the Worthy Master of North Star Lodge, Bro. Humphrey he was very elated. All stayed and conversed and had a good time.

Reporter: Lois Hunt  
W. M. Delores Bell

Tot classes include cocoon and caterpillar gym, tumbling, games and rhythms, and swim lessons for ages 5 months to 6 years.

A "Workshop on Tension" will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; and "CPR Instruction" will be offered on Saturday, February 17 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

The YWCA winter activity schedule also features programs in therapeutic recreation for physically and mentally limited persons; Sunday afternoon clubs for senior citizens; tours; and child care.

Classes of special interest to women include "Assertiveness", "Coping During the Peri-Menopausal Years", "Mid-Life: Opportunity or Crisis", "The Woman Alone", "Living With Purpose", and the "Careers and Other Options" seminar. For more information on programs, or to request brochure, call the Greater Des Moines YWCA, 244-8961.

## Public Library

Donations of paperback dictionaries for use in the jail have been requested by the Public Library of Des Moines; they may be dropped off at any library or brought to the business office at Main Library and should be labeled, "For Jail." These are needed as soon as possible.



## Willkie House

### Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 23, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Willkie House, Inc. will be having their annual Christmas party.

Featuring at: 10:30 a.m., John and Pat D'aguarro, local magicians displaying unbelievable feats using live animals, also a pet rabbit is to be given away.

11:00 a.m., cartoons and the film "The Dentist" will be shown.

12:00 noon, Santa Claus will entertain the children giving away Christmas stockings full of treats.

1:00 p.m., end of activities.

Also a special thanks to McDonalds Inc. for donating the drink for the party.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holiday Season Events at Mid City Library at 1305 University:

Story Time at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 27; and films for kids at 2:00 p.m. that same day.

Story Time also at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 28; and at 2:00 p.m. on the 28th, a filmstrip of "Encyclopedia Brown", a mystery to solve; followed by "Bigfoot" on the screen.

On Friday, Dec. 29, kids can make their own posters anytime from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. using the opaque projector; help will be provided; time to read comic books this afternoon too.

Make the Mid City Library your entertainment center during the holidays.

Closed for holidays December 24, 25, 26.

Holiday Greetings from the

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# All Around The Town

Peggy Spates Johnson

No wonder composer-singer Carly Simon (wife of pop singer James Taylor) once commented in a Newsweek interview that she felt like a rather poor third in the family as she grew up. What with a super talented, rich (of Simon and Shuster no less) beautiful jet set family she seemed to stick out like a sore thumb. Miss Simon's older sister, Joanna, was the featured vocalist last Saturday night with the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra and her rich operatic mezzo soprano voice compared to her sisters was like comparing Dom Perignon to Ripple (sorry Carly). The extremely beautiful singer (not all opera singers weigh 300 lbs. and look like The Wicked Witch of the West) seemed to captivate the

audience with her presence and charm. Her voice was so good I even questioned the rather seemingly light-weight pieces chosen for her: SALVE REGINA by Scarlatti and the JEREMIAH SYMPHONY by L. Bernstein. She handled them so well. The Des Moines Symphony isn't the New York Phil harmonic by a long shot but they do a professional job with the talent they have. The conductor, Yuri Krasnopolsky is by far one of the most interesting and charismatic musical directors I've come across in ages. I spend most of the evenings concentrating on him as well as the orchestra. Back to Saturdays program — the audience fully appreciated the familiar 'Overture to Rienzi' by Wagner. I do

like his music but I keep remembering he was Hitler's favorite composer; that some of his family were Nazi party members and that he himself was a subscriber to the German superman theory of Nietzsche's — oh well.. Leonard Bernstein's JEREMIAH SYMPHONY was typical Bernstein fare (of the rousing progressive contemporary American school). This was also the first piece by Miss Simon. She was excellent and so composed. SALVE REGINA showcased Miss Simons excellent handling of the Italian language. With only 15 (chamber) members of the string section accompanying her she breezed through this number. French composer Saint-Saen was her choice for an unscheduled encore. This (My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice from Samson and Delilah) was always one of the favorite piano pieces. She displayed passion, fire and romance in her rendition from the opera. The strings were a bit

lacking in resonance at times during the evening but the last piece by the Waltz King, Richard Strauss made up for it. The beautiful SUITE FROM DER ROSENKAVALIER made me want to get up and waltz around Hoyt Sherman-Place but I held my feet in check. I do so wish more Blacks would attend the Des Moines Symphony concert from September to May — \$28 for 6 concerts is indeed a bargain. There are also Sunday afternoon concerts at a less expensive price at 3 p.m. These do prove to be extremely satisfying times out. Classical music is not for whites only — usually one of the artists per season is black. This is not the case this year. But do take advantage of season tickets next year — it is well worth it. By the way my former band instructor, Dick O. Wilson chatted with me during intermission and informed me that Miss Simon had to sing her encore steps below her normal range — the music came in the wrong key. But she handled it beautifully and was indeed a trouper throughout the concert.



## Attend Church

### OUR SAVIOUR BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday, December 22nd at 7 p.m. Pre-Christmas Services will be held at Our Saviour's Baptist Church. Churches in Fellowship will be New Friendship of C.O.G.I.C. Elder Richard Daye, Pastor. Community Baptist, Rev. Guy Sanders, Pastor. Mt. Zion Baptist, Orlabor, Rev. H. L. Simmons, Pastor. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Wayland Heath, Pastor. Messiah Temple, Rev. Jacob Reed, Pastor. Elder Daye, Rev. Simmons, Rev. Heath and Rev. Reed will each deliver a 12-minute sermonette.

The music will be rendered by the New Friendship choirs. Host Pastor is the Rev. T. R. Brown.

Message from the Pastor:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Pastor, Rev. T. R. Brown.

### SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

This Sunday, December 24, 1978, Rev. B. Jamison will preach and the Young Adult Choir will sing.

Last Sunday Rev. Jamison brought us a very beautiful Sermonette on the Lord's Prayer taken from the 6th Chapter of St. Matthew's; 9-16 verses.

The Prayer Service on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

This Sunday, December 24, 1978, the Sunday School will have their Christmas Tree Program at 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Program will be Friday, December 22, 1978, at 1:00 p.m. All children who have a part in the program please be present.

### MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. Baptism Services will be held, followed by the old fashion testimonial services.

The pastor and members wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Pastor, Rev. Alex Crawford, Jr., Church Clerk, Sis. Doris Woods.

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

The Christmas Eve morning service speaker - Caesar Smith. His subject: "One Gift That Is Better To Receive." Music of the season by all choirs and soloists.

Class Leaders are to present Poinsettias from each class to the "bank of flowers" display on Sunday morning. They will be delivered later to the sick and shut-ins. Fruit plates prepared by the Young Peoples Dept. of the Missionary will also be given to the sick and shut-ins.

Reconstruction will start soon on the church. Some fund raising units have already started their mission, depending on type of contact. The Reconstruction Committee is at work and the Pastor has asked good will, togetherness and a spirit of renewal among St. Paul members.

Sunday School Christmas Party (for everyone), Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m.

I wonder in this season of celebrating Jesus' birth, that if we were to walk down a quiet street while the weary world is at sleep, and see a bright star shining in the East, could there be a host of angels singing "Angels we have heard on high... Could there be shepherds watching their flocks by night... Could there be men wise in wisdom following that star knowing a miracle had happened... A Messiah was born? The name could be Wonderful.

Reality takes its place, we admit the story many years foretold but knowing our hearts could still be filled with the Spirit of His greatness — truly He is a King!

The voices of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church wish you the love and peace of Christmas - tide!

### VISITING PASTORS

On Sunday, December 10, 1978, the Presiding Elder Rev. R. B. Smith from Moline, Ill. was here for Workshop. Church Services. 3 o'clock services.

Also there were 2 other visiting Pastors who used to preside here at Bethel A.M.E. Church. There was a lovely dinner served after 11 o'clock services. Those who stayed had a lovely time.

## Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



### Peanuts, Pennies and Poor People

by Charles E. Belle

The National Research Council, Washington, DC published a report on minority engineering freshmen students of a gain to 7,133 from 2,905 or 8% up from about 5.6% of all freshmen engineering students. This is a good thing because most of the tax relief provided by the recent tax bill will benefit those in the \$15,000 - \$50,000 earning bracket of engineers and other professionals.

The benefit for some 40% of Black Americans floundering with a family who earn less than \$10,000 a year is bleak. Another 40% of black families with husband and wife working fall below the \$25,000 per year bracket. There are only a few bits of bright news in the bill for poor people in general. The original Senate tax cut bill would have been sensational, but, President Carter threatened to veto any bill with that much tax relief.

So instead of some \$29.3 billion in refunds in 1979, the public will receive about \$18.7 billion in refunds. Individual tax cuts will be only \$12.7 billion of that figure. The working poor, earning less than \$10,000, job credits, WIN credit, home sales exemption, child care credit and small corporation tax changes will impact directly on Black Americans.

Currently, the federal government and some states lend money to would-be doctors, nurses and teachers to go to school and then forgive the loans if the recipients work in rural areas or urban ghettos. Any loans forgiven before 1979 aren't counted as income to the recipients. The new tax law extends this tax break to loans made before 1983.

People can get a Ph.D., M.D., R.N. or educational degree loan which can become a grant in most cases by servicing in the ghettos of the nation.

Beginning January 1, 1979, workers earning \$5,000 will receive a credit of 10% or \$500, the old limit was \$400. In addition the new credit will be phased out between \$6,000 and \$10,000 of income instead of \$4,000 - \$8,000. Job and WIN credit for employers should work to increase the labor force of the unskilled.

An employer will receive credit up to \$3,000 for the first year and \$1,500 the second year for hiring welfare recipients, Vietnam veterans, handicapped, young or convicted felons. Employers who use the work incentive or WIN program likewise receive the same amount of credit. In addition, now housewives can hire maids and receive a maximum credit of up to \$2,100 the first year.

### Blacks with bucks

Black Americans with a few bucks in a home will be happy to know the new law allows those age 55 or over a one time exclusion of up to \$100,000 of profit on a home sale, instead of a tax benefit based on \$35,000 of sales price. To qualify, an individual would

have to have owned an occupied the house for three of the previous five years. Child care cost is now extended to payments to grandparents, so selling the old house and fondling the grandchild may become popular once again.

The small business man or woman who has incorporated will get a break. The rate on the first \$25,000 of corporate income is dropped from 20% to 17%, and on the rate on the second \$25,000 from 22% to 20% only 30% on the third \$25,000 and 40% on the fourth 25,000.

The biggest break, of course, escaped most ebony folks, capital gains taxes were cut sharply from 49% down to 28%. Now if Black Americans could just own some stocks, even peanuts.



### By Jan Rigenbach

If you're looking for gardening shortcuts and unique ideas, your winter reading list should include "Suzanne's Garden Secrets" by Suzanne Warner Pierot (Bobbs-Merrill, New York, 1978).

From Suzanne you'll learn that ground cucumber peels will repel ants, and that moles are repelled by red pepper sprinkled through small holes into their mounds. For webworms in trees, she recommends nailing a rag to the end of a pole, dipping it in kerosene and wiping the rag across the web.

A good liquid fertilizer is suggested, made for free by soaking stinging nettles for two or three weeks.

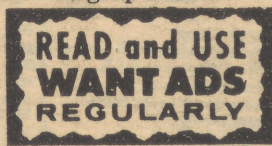
Other easy tips from Suzanne: black walnut leaves to repel fleas from dogs; pennyroyal leaves rubbed on skin to repel mosquitoes; wood ashes sprinkled on beans

and peas to control aphids.

Another new book with garden hints is "Money Saving Garden Magic" by Judith Nelson (Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1978).

Judith says her specialties are not spending more money than she has to, and avoiding work she doesn't thoroughly enjoy. Take her maxi-mulching plan for creating a garden out of turf or pasture, for instance: fertilize and pile on fresh hay, two to three feet deep, in the fall.

By spring, says Judith, you simply part the hay with your fingers until you strike ground... and plant. You need never remove the hay and your garden is already mulched. And, you saved the backbreaking job of breaking up the turf.



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

# The Church Page

## MAPLE STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, Dec. 24, Rev. Parrish's sermon title for Morning Service will be "A Crowded Hotel." The Gospel Choir will be singing.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, following Morning Service, there will be a Christmas Bake Sale. Several variations of Christmas pastries will be available.

The Annual Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone, especially the parents, are urged to attend and support our young people. The Mapleleaf Children's Choir will be singing.

Members of the Sunday School will sing Christmas Carols at the West Park Care Center following Morning Service. Anyone wishing to join us would be most welcome.

Maple Street is in the process of forming a Bowling League. If you are interested in bowling, please contact Shirley Talbert for more information.

## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Pre Christmas Prayer and Bible study Wednesday December 20th at 7 p.m. Sunday December 31st at 8:00 p.m. all members are asked to attend the business meeting.

Sunday December 31st at 10:30 p.m. combined New Years eve services will be held. Participating churches are Maple Street Baptist, Mount Hebron Baptist and Bethel

A.M.E. all others are welcome. Bring a covered dish.

A fellowship pot luck will follow the services. Pray for our sick and shut ins.

Think About It "THE SECRET OF PRAYER IS SECRET PRAYER".

## HEAVENLY TEMPLE COGIC

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful Christmas Party Saturday, it was well attended, with over two hundred children attending, refreshments were given, prizes were won, children were made happy ...

It was a brilliant idea spearheaded by Sister Evelyn Loggings and assisted by Sisters Z White, N Hagon and Mo. Carter coordinated by Eld. Les Carter. Bishop Carter's "annual Christmas party" for children was a big success this year, thanks to all of you who made it possible by your participation. We are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday... Come and enjoy a Holy Ghost filled service with us.... Hear the choir, the children, and most of all the Sermon of the week by our pastor ... Bishop A. B. Carter, Sr. Everyone Welcome! — 12:00-1:00 P.M.

## WORLD COMMUNITY OF AL-ISLAM IN THE WEST

Sunday, December 24, the Honorable Wallace Muhammad - Spiritual Leader of the Islamic Community - will be speaking, via telephone hookup, live from Chicago.

Public invited to Fajr (early morning) prayer,

Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 A.M. Prayer and Arabic classes begin at 11 A.M. for adults and children.

Saturday, December 30 5:30 P.M. at St. Paul AME Church, 1201 Day St., film: "Reflections of the World Community of Islam in the West." No cover charge: refreshments.

## KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Sunday School — Classes for adults and children are being taught each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, December 24, Devotions will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Morning Worship service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Williams will deliver the message. Music will be sung by the Senior, Young Adult and Pre-Teen Choirs.

Sunday, December 31, Watch Service will be held at Kyles, beginning at 10:00 p.m. Reverend Green and members of Macedonia Baptist Church will worship with us. Sermonette will be delivered by Reverend Green. We invite you all to come and take a part in the special service.

CHRISTMAS PARTY ... Last Saturday evening (December 16) the Bud's presentation of "The Lost and Found Christmas" was enjoyed by all. Cartoons were shown, followed by the singing of Christmas Carols, directed by Reverend Williams. The beautifully decorated lower level was very nice with all of the decorations created by members of the Buds and Young Women.

Refreshments were served — Sandwiches, punch, popcorn, candy, cookies and fruit.

Hostesses for the evening were members of the Young Women ... WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY ARE THE CHURCH OF TODAY!

Acting Supervisor, Buds of Promise, Sister Gertrude Williams, Assistant, Sister Sandra Robinson, Local Secretary of Young Women, Sister Lucille Perry.

## MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday, Rev. Harris delivered a very timely message. It was taken from Luke 17: 12 thru 16th verses. His title was "Don't Forget to Say Thanks!"

Sunday, December 24, the Sunday School will present its Annual Christmas Program at 5:00 P.M. Bro. Donald Bolden and Sis. Rebecca Shields are in charge.

The Senior Choir Request program will follow the Sunday School Program, starting at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Margarite Butts is the Co-ordinator. Her guests will be: The Gospel Songwriters, the New Inspirational Choir of Maple Street Baptist Church, Mr. Henry Holland, Mrs. Ruby Coleman, Ms. Stella Harris, Mr. Jack Heard, Rose Marie Webster and son, and the Mt. Hebron Men's Chorus. Ms. Edna Mash is President.

The climax of the Baby Contest will be the first Sunday in January. Everyone is invited to come see whose baby

wins the Savings Bond. The program will begin at 4:30 P.M. Rev. Harris is the Co-ordinator of this event.

Mrs. Frederick Strickland of Corinthian Baptist will be the Guest Speaker for the Mission Program on December 31 at 5:00 p.m. Sis. Rebecca Shields is the President.

The First Friday of January, Deacon John Patton will present Rev. Henry Bevel and the Mt. Hebron Men's Chorus, starting at 7:30 P.M.

The Joint Watch - Meeting will be at Union Baptist on December 31, starting at 10:30 P.M. This service will be Mt. Hebron, Maple Street, Bethel and Union in Fellowship. Please plan to attend and bring your covered dish.


Our Sick and Shut-ins: Mother Love, Mrs. Lillian Williams, Mrs. Jenny Ruth Patton, Mrs. Charles Russell Walker, Gia Harris. Let us remember them in our prayers and with cards.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Holy Season to all of you from the Pastor and Membership of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church.

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## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 24, the A. choir will be having three Christmas programs.

Sunday, December 31 at 7 p.m., we will be having the Old Ship of Zion.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 6:30. Prayer has great power - Let us all pray together.

Holiday Menu: Appetizers, Heat of love, Seasoned greetings, Dash of Cheer.

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Thought for the week: May every happiness be yours at this loveliest of seasons.

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<p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> S.E. 4th &amp; Scott Streets Rev. H. R. Fields, Pastor</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER OF FAITH COGIC</b> 131 9th WDM Pastor Supt. Elder Eddie Davis Asst. Pastor M.D. Eppright Assoc. Minister Jerry Woods</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELISTIC MISSIONARY COGIC</b> 1340 E. 18th Street Rev. Pastor Arthur Bush</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 1:30 a.m. &amp; 8 p.m. Y.P.W.W. 7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Prayer &amp; Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Thursday Consecration &amp; Healing 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MESSIAH TEMPLE</b> 2643 Center Elder Jacob J. Reed, Pastor Order of Services</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 1317 Forest Pastor Elder R. L. Daye Sunday Services</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Church Worship 11:30 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p.m. Weekday Services Tues. &amp; Fri. 7:30 p.m. Thursday 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1448 DeWolf Street Rev. Ezell Wiggins, Pastor 266-8212</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Class 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 9th &amp; School Streets Rev. F. W. Strickland</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>EAST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 1639 East University Pastor: Jurisdictional Bishop H. Basset</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Prayer &amp; Bible Band 7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Saturday Youth Services 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 920 31st Street Rev. F. B. Green, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service 11:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. Saturday Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>CANTON MISSOURI SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. H. L. Turner, Pastor Bertie Nickerson, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays</p>	<p><b>HEAVENLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 2110 Carpenter at 21st Des Moines, Iowa Bishop A. B. Carter, Sr., Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p.m. Bible Band (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. Evening Service (Thurs.) 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Saviour's Baptist Church 1555 Des Moines Street Des Moines, IA 50316 Ph: 244-9628 Rev. T.R. Brown, Pastor</p> <p>Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sun. School 10:00 a.m. Prayer Service-Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1732 Walker Street Rev. Wayland Heath, Pastor</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>MISSION TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.</b> Elder James McNear, Pastor Assistant Pastor Minister E. Bell</p> <p>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 &amp; Thursday Nights 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH</b> E. 16th &amp; Maple Street Rev. Geo. Parish Minister - 266-8910</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1150 W. 13th Rev. Alex Crawford, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Broadcast 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>FIRST CALVARY APOSTOLIC CHURCH</b> 2561 Onawa Minister Georgeann Reid</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1213 Scott 255-6333 Pastor Rev. Benjamin W. Jamison 277-9289</p> <p>Order of Services Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1600 East Capital Street Des Moines, Iowa 50316 Rev. James Harris, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>UNION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> "The Friendly Church" E. University at McCormick Rev. Henry Thomas 1200 McCormick</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:45 p.m. Prayer Service Wednesday All Day</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 2538 S. E. Maury Rev. Phil Tindrell</p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>NEW BETHANY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 16th and Mondamin Pastor Andrew E. Johnson</p> <p>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 &amp; Fri 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome</p>	<p><b>KYLES TEMPLE AME ZION CHURCH</b> Rev. Jesse L. Williams, Pastor 907-15th Street</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL AME CHURCH</b> 1201 Day Street Rev. Lewis E. Grady</p> <p>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.</p>



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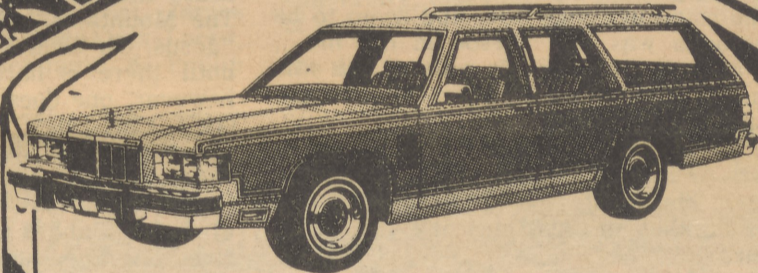


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★ **Amanda was born on  
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We are now at the threshold of a most holy day, and I am most reflectful of all of the past Christmas days gone by. And... in actuality, I am neither ashamed, upset or boastful that I have not begun my Christmas shopping. I am only grateful that I am lucky enough to witness Christmas 1978.

When I approach Christmas, I first of all think of the miraculous birth of the Christ Child... then I think of the birth of a most unusual, beautiful, and loving black woman. A woman unknown to the world, but a woman who was my world.

On December 25th in the year of 1881, 64 years before my birth, God gave me a blessing. And from the moment of my birth, this strong and wise deaf woman built my backbone fragment by fragment. Twenty-one years after my birth, God removed the physical body of my blessing, ... yet her spirit remains, ... soundproof and stronger than ever. Her spirit is unusually strong at this time of year because she felt such pride and glory at being fortunate enough to be born on CHRISTmas day.

I would like to impose upon the readers of my column this week because I would like to pause this holiday season and dedicate my column in celebration of the 97th birthday and the memory of my great-grandmother:

Amanda Louise Johnson Walker  
December 25, 1881 - July 13, 1966

There are some people who come into your life and become a very large part of your life, and then there are those who come into your life, and seem to be your life. Amanda was that person in my life... because she gave me her life. To each of you who have an Amanda in your lives, you're very lucky! They make life so worth living.

May each of you witness and share, if only a portion, of the reality of the true meaning of the Yuletide season. May God's richest blessings be with you and your families on Christmas day, and every day thereafter.

Merry Christmas!

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national parks and monuments in his capacity as an official of Interior provides even more reason why demands should be intensified for more appointments of this kind.

At the same time, one is reminded of other painful aspects of the American dilemma. One is the history of Jim Crow and its continuing psychological impact on so many American citizens. No doubt, this history of humiliation affected the way people continue to behave and the heritage that is transmitted to upcoming generations.

It was only a few short years ago that blacks were barred by law, custom and fear from drinking at water fountains reserved for whites, staying at white hotels, and sharing most other public facilities that were designated for whites. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 changed that.

But up until then, blacks were limited in their travel by the mere logistics of having to plan for rest stops where they knew they would be accepted. For blacks, the mere use of toilet facilities was a trip (pun intended). Even the lowly service station most often offered no comfort. The attendant, of course, would sell blacks gasoline. But they were barred from using the restrooms.

Worth mentioning, also, is the severe flaw in American history. So much of constructive involvement and contributions by blacks have been washed out of U.S. history, that few national shrines or public monuments have any relevance or provide an emotional upliftment for blacks. When it is remembered, also, that much of American history contains another type of pain for blacks — the pain of slavery and centuries of discrimination — one is left to marvel that blacks really bother to visit some of these monuments at all.

Yet, however unpleasant the experience might be, it is incumbent on blacks to visit and learn about any and every American monument and shrine. History is not only knowledge; but it is strength, which is a prerequisite for survival and progress in any culture or society.



# Black Folk in American Civilization

Afro-American  
Yuletide  
Traditions

If black Americans were still in the "Motherland," they might expect to see a lot of children wearing masquerades celebrating the yuletide season. They might also expect to eat Egusi Soup which is made by greasing the inside of a pot with palm oil and adding egusi (melon seeds) but not frying it, just melting it before adding water. Then add meat and fish which has already been boiled in a separate pot. When the soup has boiled for at least ten minutes or so, season to one's taste with pepper, salt and onions. Just before the soup is almost done, add vegetables. This soup is served with pounded yams, garri or any other suitable food. Traditionally in Nigeria, the preferable meat would be from a freshly killed goat. It is a season of traditional dances, traditional dress, inter-village visiting, and outside of the urban centers, one might find women painting their bodies with indigo dye for Christmas. Usually, no cassava except yams can be cooked during the Christmas season. For New Year's, one of the traditions involves taking the ashes from the fire place and throwing them out across the gate of the home on New Year's Eve (midnight) to mark the end of the year.

But since black people have been in the United States, they have established a few traditions of their own to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and the ending of one year and the beginning of another.

Although Christmas carols are sung the world over by all people, black folk in America have come up with a few carols all of their own. In church, one hears the familiar Negro Spiritual "Go Tell It On The Mountains." Then since the 1950s, the gospel "Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child" usually wailed until there is hardly a dry eye to be found. If, however, one doesn't make it to church to show off one's Christmas frocks (new dresses, new hats, shoes, etc.), on the streets, especially near the bars and down in the bottoms, one can hear Charles Brown doing his thing with "Please come home for Christmas, and if not for Christmas, by New Year's Eve." Another tune being blasted across the sound waves would be B. B. King singing "Merry Christmas Baby, May the Christmas bring you happiness." One finds as a central theme of these tunes a man having trouble with his woman and sort of pleading with her that of all times, please be his during this season. Intellectuals are well aware that Christmas is a very depressing season and usually carries with it an increase in suicides. Folks suddenly discover an inner emptiness. Black folks too have felt this, but for the common man, the love of his woman was usually one means of filling this void. However, if this and all else failed, then one went out and got knee-buckling drunk.

When one becomes somewhat "seditty" and Lowell Folsom, B. B., and Charles Brown are beneath them, he or she has always had Nat King Cole to croon to them about chestnuts roasting on an open fire and jack frost nipping at their nose.

But for some folks, Christmas meant going into town on Christmas eve and seeing all the toys in the store windows you knew you could never have. The material things you would go without. However, when you returned home, you sat up almost all night helping mama bake sweet potato pies, pecan pies, lemon pies, a jelly cake, a coconut cake, a plain cake, and a big old hen. And somehow you forgot

about those songs you had heard in town — "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," or "Silver Bells." Dad sat around the wood burning heater eating "nigger heels," and occasionally nodding as he read the Bible and called you in every now and then to help him pronounce some word that neither of you quite understood. On Christmas morning, everybody slept late, but you finally got up and helped finish the cooking while nibbling on apples, oranges, bananas, candy and nuts. Finally, everybody sat at the table and daddy prayed until he went into tears. You didn't quite understand why he cried. As you grew older, you realized that, in part, he cried because he began thinking about how inadequate he was as a man in that he was unable to give his family the material things he had wanted to give them, but at the same time he was thankful to God that all of the members of the family were in good health, were warm, and had plenty of food. Therefore, tomorrow, there was hope.

It has also been a rural tradition that folks go from house to house sampling each others' food. And everybody greet each other by trying to beat the next one to say "Christmas Give (gift)!" The reply is "Hand it here!" Folks would hide behind doors just to surprise each other.

On New Year's eve, there is a tradition in the black community to go to "Watch Meeting" to watch the old year out and the new one in. At the strike of midnight, everybody go into prayers. Then one goes home and prepares food which will include black-eyed peas and hog jowl. This is supposed to bring good luck. On New Year's day, folks go visiting neighbors and they all have fun just sitting around telling "lies" about the past and simply enjoying each others' company.

Today, black people don't have to think about being called up to the "big house" on Christmas morning and being rewarded as their ancestors were during slavery. Women who had been good producers received red bandanas and the "good" boys received some of massa's old hand-me-downs and rot-gut whiskey. Today is a new day. Let us, therefore, love each other and work toward giving our children and their children a better tomorrow.

Merry Christmas! Happy Kwanza! Happy New Year!

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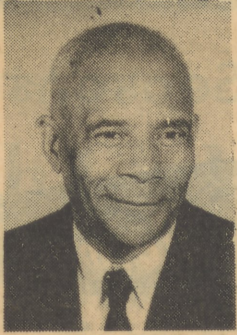
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# ALLEN ASHBY with a LOOK ON SPORTS



Since this is the season to exchange gifts, I would like to be the guy in the red suit for once. You see, I have the white whiskers, so they wouldn't have to give me them.

This is the list of gifts I would dispense. To Sugar Ray Leonard: A world's championship. To Ken Norton; Some pep in the last two rounds of his big fights, because he seems to lose them in the final two rounds. To Joe Louis; His health back again. To Muhammad Ali; Someone to persuade him not to fight again. He has done it all, so why ruin a fine career. To Rod Carew; An offer for his services from the club he wants to play for, whoever that may be. Reggie Jackson; the ability to field as well as he can hit. Vida Blue; Another year like 1978, and two more pitchers to help him carry the load. Arthur Ash; One really big 1979 in top flight tennis. The Los

Angeles Dodgers; Some adequate replacements for the players they lost to the free agent and option rule.

To the black athletic clubs in the Southwestern conference; Good news coverage all over the country instead of page six in the lower left hand corner. Iowa University; A bunch of junior college transfers and some red hot freshman football players for next fall. Iowa State; A swift transfer to the semester system of grading so athletes who have trouble with the grades during their season they are playing can have a chance to get back on the eligible list.

What would I do for locals? Don't know. My first thought would be a great big Hilltop Open tennis meet, but I am not sure that would be proper. Does Santa give himself gifts?

For Chet Williamson; To get down to one eighty and have his backhand working again. Tech High; Some big athletes who have time to play the games they are good at. Also a football coach who can win games by merely waving his hand. North High; A big year in sports like they used to have. Good Park; About five hundred kids to show up at the pool most of the days during the summer days, and some way to keep the thing open.

So much for Santa. From where we sit, it looks as if Drake is going to have a really good year. They seemed to be for real last week end, but we will know more about it when they tangle with Iowa U on Iowa's floor. The fellow Kretlow put on a real show,

but from the times he has been featured in articles one would think he had won the NCAA title single handed.

But, make no mistake about it, the Bulldogs are gonna take some beating. Iowa State seems to be about like they were last year and so does Iowa U. They won't set their conferences on fire, but won't finish last, either.

And here at home the Metro race is beginning to take shape. Tech dropped two in a row, but only got thumped in one, the Dowling game. East seems to have the makings of a spoiler, and so does Roosevelt, the defending state champs. They will probably be the ex-state champs. Lincoln, which wasn't supposed to have that much (at least in my book) is now rated the number one team in the state and Dowling is right up there.

The Metro race still looks like just about the hottest race in the state. How good these teams will be against outsiders will have to be seen later, but against each other they are tough.

I watched Florida A&M win the NIAA football title last Saturday, and do you know there wasn't one mention of the game on the news telecasts Saturday night. And the story of the game was on page seven in the lower right hand corner.

Both of those teams looked as if they could have played with some teams in major conferences. They were big enough and executed their stuff well. Their main problem would have probably been depth.

## BLACK FOLK IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION BLACK GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Omega Psi Phi, the third black Greek letter fraternity, was founded in November of 1911 at Howard University. With its members commonly known as Ques, the motto of the fraternity is "Friendship is essential to the soul." The four cardinal principles are manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift. Among the outstanding men that have been initiated into Omega Psi Phi are Jesse Jackson, Vernon Jordan, Earl G. Graves, A. Leon Higginbotham, Benjamin Hooks, Benjamin Mays and Percy Julian.

The second black sorority became Delta Sigma Theta which was founded at Howard University in 1913. The twenty-two women who founded the sorority envisioned a sorority that would minimize the purely social aspects of sorority life. Today,

Delta Sigma Theta promotes itself as a national service sorority. Among the requirements for membership are character, scholarship and citizenship responsibility. Its headline making members include Patricia Roberts Harris, Barbara Jordan, Shirley Chisholm, Nancy Wilson, Leontyne Price, Ruby Dee, Nikki Giovanni, Lena Horne, Roberta Flack, Leslie Uggams, et al.

The last of the traditional social fraternities to have been founded was Phi Beta Sigma. Founded at Howard University in 1914, and having as its official organ, the *Crescent*, the ideals of the fraternity are brotherhood, scholarship and service. The motto is "culture for service for humanity." Outstanding Sigma men include(d) football star Kenny Burrough, the late scientist known as the "Peanut Man," George Washington Carver, the late poet, James Weldon Johnson, the late philosopher Alain Locke, Huey P. Newton of Black Panther fame, A. Phillip Randolph and Willis Reed.

The sister sorority of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. It was founded at Howard University in 1920, with Ms. Arizona Cleaver serving as the prime mover. Among its nationally known members are Mss. Clara J. McLaughlin, Elizabeth Koontz who was the first black person to have headed the National Education Association, Dr. Alyce Gullatee and Dr. Deborah P. Wolfe.

The last of the eight traditional black fraternities and sororities to have been founded was Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Founded in 1922 at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, the purpose of the sorority is expressed in its slogan — "Greater Service, Greater Progress." Among its most recognized sorors are Dr. Lorraine Williams, historian and Academic Vice President of Howard University, and Atty. Gwendolyn Cherry, a member of the Florida State Legislature.

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## Kinship receives grant

Kinship of Des Moines, a caring concern for children, received a \$3000 Grant from the Target Stores on November 27. Contributions by the Dayton Hudson Foundation, Target's parent company, made this grant possible.

Kinship is a volunteer program in which men, women, or families spend time each week with a boy or girl for the purpose of building a supportive friendship with that child. Adult volunteers are recruited from the community through churches and service groups and are asked for a commitment of one year. Kinship is an inter-denominational, non-profit organization. The office is located at 10395 University, Clive.

The grant was presented at the new Target store by Joe Blum, store manager, and John Tully, district manager. Present to receive the grant were members of the Board of Directors, kinspeople and their kinschild: Fred Hollich (president), Al Anderson, Charles Hofreiter, Ron Lundeen, Larry Hoier and Steve Robinson, George Johnston and Greg Miller. Cheryl Hollich is the executive director of Kinship.

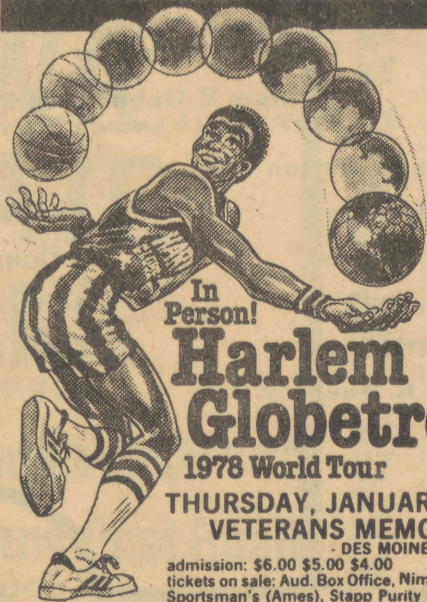
Michelle DeVore and

Denise Thompson, both of West Des Moines, have completed a term of teaching art to Pella school children through a special art education program at Central College. Denise is a sophomore art major at Central College and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson of West Des Moines. Michelle, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. DeVore, is a junior majoring in special education. She is spending the winter term at Central College's special Study Program in Yucatan, Mexico.

Iowa State University has announced the

names of 339 high school seniors who will be admitted to the university with Recognition and Award for their academic achievements. Among them are Lianne Grabinski, Ann Hardy and Carl Judge, all of West Des Moines. The ISU citation honors students for ranking in the upper five percent of their high school graduating class and includes a \$100 honorarium and a certificate of award from the university.

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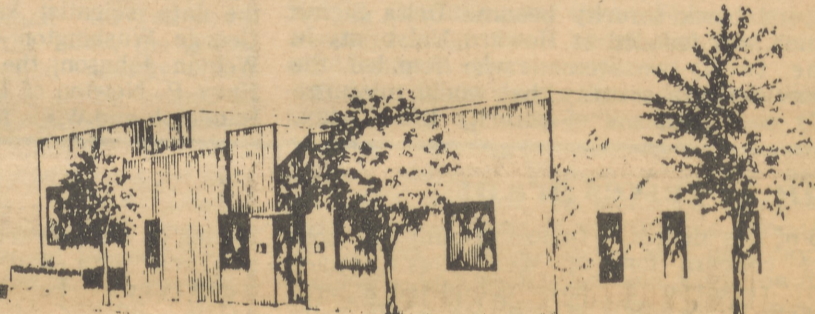
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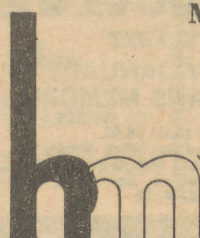
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# You Should Know

by Connee L. Bowman

## "CHRISTMAS GIF"

You should know that Black author, **Charlene Rollins** wrote a book several years ago called, "Christmas Gif", a collection of spirituals, stories, poems and recipes that were memories of the true spirit of Christmas.

Rollins recalled hearing the expression "Christmas Gif" shouted warmly from time to time during the holiday season when she was a small child. She believed that it may have come into use in the 1870's and continued to be heard during the 1920's and 1930's and in some places beyond those times. She decided that it was a fitting title for a book of Christmas memories by, for, and about Black folks.

### The Black Madonna

One of the most charming stories in the book is the "Legend of the Black Madonna". According to the story a Black man had been asked to paint his version of the Madonna and her child. In his heart and soul she was a Black Madonna and she had a Black baby — and he painted the picture in this way.

When the picture was brought to the white church most of the members were shocked by it and they considered it a perversion. The minister was also surprised. But he realized that somehow he had to help his congregation accept the painting of the Black Madonna.

He preached a sermon to his congregation about giving up their race prejudice. When he finished his sermon a member of the congregation rose and seemed to speak for many of its members: "Let us have the Black Madonna in its place forever — so that our children may see each Sunday how the light that came to earth with the Christ Child is indeed the light of the world, no matter what the colour of the face may be!"



**BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON**  
May Christ be born again in every heart

### Booker T. Washington and Christmas at Tuskegee

Booker T. Washington tells about Christmas at Tuskegee. He commented: In the school we made a special effort to teach our students the meaning of Christmas and to give them lessons in its proper observance. ... I remember that I made it known in chapel, one night, that a very poor student was suffering from cold, because he needed a coat. The next morning two coats were sent to my office for him.

"**Speakin' O' Christmas**" "Christmas Gif" also contains selections by the great dialect poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar. In his poem, "Speakin' O' Christmas" he describes the season as:

Breezes blowin' middlin' brisk,  
Snow-flakes thro' the air a-whisk,  
Fallin' kind o' soft an' light,  
Not enough to make things white.

There's too many new-styled ways  
Now about the holidays.  
I'd jest like once more to see

Christmas like it used to be!

Dunbar paints Christmas in another way in his Christmas Carol:

Ring out, ye bells!  
All Nature swells  
With gladness of the wondrous story ...

Strike all your harps and set them ringing;  
On hill and hearth  
Let every breath  
Throw all its power into singing!

The Black poet Langston Hughes is represented in Christmas Gif. He sings of Christmas in his "Carol of the Brown King".

Of the three Wise Men  
Who came to the King,  
One was a brown man,  
So they sing.

**Christmas Recipes**  
Rollins has a special section on "Christmas Recipes from the "Big House" and the Cabin".

The slave cooks were very well known for their rich variety of foods. Of course the most well known were the women slaves who prepared meals only for the "Ol' Massa" and his family in the "Big House". A good slave cook was valued and she was always proud of her

work. She usually supervised a number of kitchen helpers and she had a status which was higher than the field hand. Often her owner gave her special privileges. Of course the slave who cooked for her own family members was not so lucky. She did not have the choicest of meat, spices and other ingredients to use like the cook in the "Big House". But she learned to use her imagination as she was usually given the least desirable of the foods — the head, feet, and tail of the pig.

The cooks of the "Big House" and of the slave home used those things that were unique to the area: sugar that was unrefined, Molasses, cornmeal and nutmeats. Recipes were passed on by "word of mouth". Very few were written down. Rollins includes recipes which were passed to her by her grandmother and her acquaintances.

One of the most ingenious recipes is for a "Scripture Cake". The various ingredients are presented with a specific reference to the Bible like this:

I King 4:22, 3½ cups sifted flour  
I Corinthians 5:6, 2 teaspoons baking power  
Leviticus 2:13, ½ teaspoon salt

Directions are given for a "Stack Cake" as follows:

It is just a many-layered plain cake. Make thin layers and spread with homemade jelly. The more layers you have, the better the cake.

If you are fortunate enough to have the experience of hearing someone call "Christmas Gif" you

are the recipient of a warm and traditional Southern expression used among Blacks "years ago". Charlemae Rollins has put many Black memories and ways of Christmas into an intriguing book, "Christmas Gif".

I thought you should know about "Christmas Gif" as told by Charlemae Rollins.



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**RUSTIN HONORED BY JEWISH GROUP**

Bayard Rustin, veteran civil rights leader and president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, was presented with the Stephen Wise Award of the American Jewish Congress at a dinner in New York recently for "illustrious leadership in the cause of racial justice, world peace and human understanding." He is shown here with (from left to right) U. S. Secretary of Commerce Juanita M. Kreps, another Stephen Wise laureate, Felix Rohatyn, outgoing chairman of New York's Municipal Assistance Corporation, and Howard M. Squadron, president of the American Jewish Congress. At the dinner, Mr. Rustin spoke movingly of the plight of the "boat people." and called on Blacks and Jews to assist them.

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## Soul... Food and Thought

Aldeen Davis



In the slave quarters, bondsmen developed their own society which differed in many ways from the society of the masters. On most plantations, there were two parties "the dancing party" and "the praying party". The dancing party apparently commended the allegiance of the bulk of the slaves. On holidays, especially Christmas, the slaves kicked up their heels in joyous dances, drank strong liquor and persimmon beer sang "devil songs".

The praying party, as might be expected, held forth on Sundays. The religion taught the slaves was a censored pabulum which dealt on the duties of obedience. Most owners instructed their overseers to allow the slaves the freedom of religion as long as it was taught in its "original purity and simplicity". Meaning — Ephesians 6:5 — servants be obedient to them that are your masters — Let it be said that few slaves accepted this version of christianity. "Isn't", they asked "our God the same God who delivered the Israelites?"

Spirituals, sorrow songs of bondage, are America's only true folk music. Spirituals are purely and solely the creation of the American Negro. But there is one type of spiritual that is noticeably rare — Christmas spiritual! But as mentioned at the outset Christmas was not a celebration of the Christ child in the south, in fact, it was the most secular and profane of all holidays. It was a day slaves were allowed to go and come as they wished. Perhaps as a conscious part of the scheme of slavery to make the slave thru sensuous pleasures, forget their bonds.

As far as is known there is only 2-3 Christmas spirituals "Dar's a Star in the East", "Mary Had a Baby", and "Rise Up Shepherd an' Holler".

### LITTLE ROAST PIG — HOLIDAY STYLE

One 4-5 week old pig, dressed, salted and peppered.

Salt pork, melted butter, cream, one small apple, cranberries.

Clean the pig thoroughly. Rub inside with salt and pepper, and the outside with salt. Stuff with an apple and currant dressing, close openings with skewers. Wrap salt pork around ears and tail to keep from charring. Brush pig with melted butter and roast until tender. (3¼ hrs.) Make 2 small cuts behind ears to allow steam to escape. Remove the salt pork, brush pig with cream, place the red apple in its mouth, cranberry eyes and a cranberry wreath around its neck. Place on a serving platter and garnish with apple slices and parsley.

The practice of and the belief in superstition, witchcraft, and voodoo are as old as time. We have oft times read about the painted and be - feathered witch - doctors of Africa and their occult powers.

The super - natural of voodoo practice is often used to teach young children to behave, to cure illness, and to curse enemies. The Bible speaks of many incidents of magic, witchcraft, sorcerers, and soothsayers in both the old and new testaments. Moses frightened the King of Israel with his magic rod and power to curse the land with plagues and pestilence.

The Ku Klux Klan, organized in Pulaski, Tenn. in 1865, started out as a fun thing by confederate Gen. Nathan B. Forrest and his bored buddies, who thought it would be fun to dress as ghosts from the graveyard and ride thru' the black neighborhoods watching children and oldsters alike run in stark fear. Unfortunately this innocent fun developed into a tragic and violent means of insuring social political and economic distance between races and to keep the Negro subservient.

Superstitious fears, contrary to belief, are not peculiar to the illiterate and the poor. Kings and Queens, Lords and Ladies were beset with constant fears of being hexed both socially and politically. Wise men with the power to interpret dreams were in constant demand such as Pharaoh's perplexities over his dreams until Joseph was summoned and informed him of an impending famine. Belshazzar, the debauchery King of Babylon, watched with fear and trembling as the ethereal hand wrote upon the wall — Me'ne Me'ne, Te'kel, U-phar'sin and blanched when Daniel informed him that he had "been weighed in the balance and found wanting, and his soul would on that night be required of him".

Good luck charms and actions such as "Pecking on wood", rabbit's foot, worry stones, etc. are common among those in competitive positions. Even in our highly sophisticated society nearly everyone cherishes a few superstitions — consciously or unconsciously. We avoid walking under ladders, taking a bit more care on Friday 13, avoiding black cats, etc., and even a bit concerned about an exceptionally vivid dream. It's just that most of us do not flaunt our little idiosyncrasies but how many of the following do you recognize?

If you dream of the dead, sign of the living.  
If you dream of fire, sign of blood.  
It's bad luck to rock an empty chair.  
A cricket on the hearth will bring good luck.  
If you sneeze at the table, sign of death in the family.  
Whoever catches the bride's bouquet will be the next bride.

Crows bring bad luck.  
A baying dog is heralding death notice.  
If a bat gets into your hair you will die.  
Plants will not grow if you thank the giver.

If one eats black-eyed peas on New Year's he will have good luck all year — so just in time for New Year's is your recipe for Black-Eyed peas! 1 lb. dried black-eyed peas, 1 lb. bacon ends or lean salt pork, 1 large onion sliced, 1 red pepper pod, salt, pepper. Soak peas overnight in enough water to cover. Drain and add meat and seasonings, enough water to cover and boil slowly until peas are tender, (will mash easily between thumb and forefinger). Serve with crackling cornbread.

## Depression climbs at holiday time

The Christmas and New Year's holidays are peak periods of depression, according to the Mental Health Association. The Association reports that many of the estimated 15 million to 30 million Americans who suffer from depression find the holidays to be particularly trying times.

"Although a source of happiness for many," Rusty Sanders, President of the Mental Health Association in Polk County, said, "Christmas and New Year's are also times of reflection and self-evaluation. To the person prone to depression, this often means looking back with disappointment at supposed failure, and looking ahead with fear. Guilt over being inconsiderate to the family and an inability to share other people's joy at the holiday time add to the depression."


The symptoms of depression, he added, make it increasingly difficult to keep up with holiday activities. Those symptoms include anxiety, loss of interest in activities and friends, fears, inability to concentrate, an exaggeration of minor obstacles, indecisiveness and feelings of hopelessness and helplessness. Sleep disturbances, headaches, loss of appetite and general aches and pains are also common.

"These symptoms can go on day after day, week after week, until the person is unable to keep up with the demands of daily living. The level of misery that this leads to is hard to understand for someone who is caught up in the happiness and energy of the holiday spirit."

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# Make Holiday Foods Fun-Not A Hassle

"The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak..."

That might be one way to describe the time pinch and personal "energy shortage" many of us feel at holiday times. We want to finish the shopping, get those Christmas cards out, make those dozens of different kinds of cookies and fruitcake and fancy meals....

"Just face the facts — let Christmas spirit take over — and don't worry so much about getting those dozen different kinds of cookies mass-produced before the holidays, says Regina B. Fineran, Polk County Extension Home Economist.

"While the spirit might be willing, lifestyles today don't leave much

spare time for fussing in the kitchen. But after all, it's enjoying the season that makes it a holiday — not the food itself," she says.

Instead of trying to bake every cookie in the cookbook, choose one or two special recipes that mean a lot to your family. Then if at all possible, have the whole family in on the action — whether it's squirting out cookies with a cookie press, shaping kringla, or simply rolling dough in balls.

"And there's no need to pull out all the stops with the food budget to have a good time during the holidays," Fineran says. "Some of the most fun family times may be over a bowl of popcorn — not necessarily

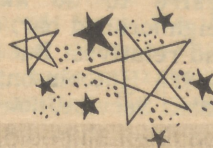
chocolate dipped candies."

Of, if you do take the time to make these special things, let the making be part of the entertainment during the holidays. No one said the last cookie has to be baked before Christmas eve. That week between Christmas and New Year's can be a great time to "bake up a storm".

"And this might be your once-a-year chance to prepare ethnic breads or those other traditional food," Fineran says. "Let the kids in on the fun, too. Besides sharing a family tradition, these activities help make Christmas last — and can help prevent the post Christmas "let down," she says.

Even holiday guests enjoy creating in the kitchen. In fact, they may be flattered if you ask them to fix their specialty for a family meal.

"Also, you might be able to sidestep some of those last minute cookie hassles by freezing foods or whole meals ahead. When you're making lasagna, a casserole, or a pot of stew, make a double batch. These foods freeze well for two to three weeks and make a great instant supper," Fineran says.



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**A BOND GLOSSARY**

The language of bonds can be confusing to the most sophisticated investor used to everyday words and not the jargon of the Street.

**Street**

**Wall Street:** A nickname for the investment business in general. (Only a handful of brokers actually are based on Wall Street.)

Yet even the newest investor suddenly may come face to face with one or another special bond-world word. Here is a simple glossary - in alphabetical order - to help you any time a confusing term gets in your way. I hope this glossary helps introduce you quickly to the fascinating world of bonds.

**Accrued Interest:** Interest due from the last interest payment to the present day. When you buy a bond, you must pay the seller the accrued interest, and when you sell, the buyer pays you.

**Agency Bond or Note:** The IOU of an agency of the federal government, sometimes guaranteed by the government.

**Asked:** The price at which bonds are offered to potential buyers; or the price sellers offer to take.

**Bearer Bond:** A bond which is presumed to be owned by the person who holds it; the owner's name is not on record with the issuer. Such a bond carries detachable interest coupons. Interest is collected by presentation of a coupon to the issuer's agent or the bondholder's bank.

**Bid:** The price buyers offer to pay for bonds; the price at which sellers may dispose of them.

**Bond:** A written promise by the issuer to repay a fixed amount of borrowed money on a specified date and to pay a set annual rate of interest in the meantime, generally at semi-annual intervals.

**Broker:** A person or firm acting as an agent for buyers and sellers.

**Capitalization:** The total amount of all the securities issued by a corporation.

**Commercial Paper:** Extremely short-term corporate IOUs, generally due in less than one year.

**Convertible Bond:** A corporate bond which may be converted into a stated number of shares of the corporation's common stock. Its price tends to fluctuate along with fluctuations in the price of the stock as well as with changes in interest rates.

**Corporate Bond:** Evidence of debt by a corporation. Differs from a municipal bond in various ways, but particularly in taxability of interest.

**Coupon Bond:** A bearer bond carrying coupons for future interest payments. Almost all municipal bonds are issued in this form.

**Coupon:** A coupon bond's detachable certificate of interest due on a specific date.

**Coupon Rate:** The annual rate of interest which the borrower promises to pay the bondholder.

**Current Yield:** The percent relation of the annual interest received to the price of the bond.

**Dealer:** A person or firm acting as a principal in buying and selling securities.

**Debenture:** A bond which is not secured by a particular asset but instead is backed by the general credit of the issuing corporation.

**Discount:** The difference between the price of a bond and its value at maturity when the price is lower than the maturity value.

**Equipment Trust Certificate:** Many railroads use this type of security to finance the purchase of their cars and locomotives. A trustee holds title to the equipment for ETC owners until the debt is paid. Unlike most corporate bonds, ETCs offer serial maturities.

**General Obligation:** A municipal bond backed by the general taxing power of its issuer.

**Gilt-Edged:** A slang term used loosely to describe securities of high quality.

**Ginnie Mae:** A real-estate oriented security, whose holders are guaranteed against loss by the U.S. government, representing portions of a pool of government-guaranteed FHA and VA mortgages. Unlike bonds, Ginnie Maes do not pay back the principal at maturity. Instead, they pay principal payments each month along with the interest.

**Government Bonds:** An IOU of the U.S. Treasury. Considered the safest securities in the investment world.

**Housing Authority Bond:** A municipal bond issued by a local public housing authority and backed by a U.S. government guarantee.

**Listed:** Traded on the New York Stock Exchange or other major exchanges.

**Market Price:** Usually the last reported price at which the security actually changed hands.

**Maturity:** The date on which the bond principal or stated value becomes due and payable in full to the

bondholder.

**Mortgage Bond:** A bond backed by a lien on a specific property.

**Municipal Bond:** The bonds of governmental units such as states, cities, local taxing authorities and other agencies. Unlike corporate bonds, municipals pay interest which is exempt from U.S. - and sometimes state and local - income tax.

**Municipal Notes:** The shortest-term municipal obligations, generally maturing in five years or less.

**New Issue:** Bonds offered to the public for the first time.

**Note:** In corporates, a short-term bond, generally maturing in seven years or less.

**Over-the-Counter:** Unlisted securities; those not traded on a major exchange.

**Par Value:** The principal amount of a bond; the amount of money due at maturity - usually \$1,000 per bond.

**Point:** In bond prices, a point is worth \$10 since bond prices are quoted as percentages of \$1,000 maturity value.

**Premium:** The difference between the price of a bond and its value at maturity when the price is higher than the maturity value.

**Price:** Bond prices are generally quoted either in terms of a certain percent of maturity value (98 1/2, 103, etc.) or in terms of yield to maturity.

**Primary Market:** The new issue market.

**Quotation:** The prices quoted for a security.

**Rating:** A formal opinion by an outside professional service on the credit reputation of an issuer and the investment quality of its securities. This opinion is expressed in letter values (AAA, Baa-1, etc.)

**Redemption:** A (Also known as "CALL".) Exchanging, or redeeming outstanding bonds for cash on or before maturity. Redemption prices are determined when the bond is initially offered to the public, and one price is assigned to each year of the issue's life. Called bonds that are not surrendered for authorized redemption cease to accrue interest.

**Refunding:** Selling a new issue whose proceeds are applied to the redemption of an outstanding issue. **Sinking-Fund Provisions:** These require a corporation to redeem a portion of a bond issue prior to maturity, allowing the corporation to repay the debt gradually. Usually, a corporation is permitted to purchase in the open market the amount of bonds necessary to satisfy sinking-fund requirements.

**Redemption Protection:** Few bonds are issued today without some protection against early redemption. However, only those specifically designated as non-callable are exempt from any type of redemption before maturity.

**Refunding Protection:** The most common protection against early redemption is refunding protection. This prohibits for a period of five or ten years redemption with funds raised through sale of an issue having an interest cost lower than that on the outstanding bond. It is important to note that bonds with refunding protection are still subject to regular redemption and call for sinking fund. Each kind of category of corporate bond has call features that may be considered typical. Within each category there are also a number of individual issues with call features that are exceptions to the general rule.

Here's a few examples:

**Long-term Public Utility Bonds** generally provide a five year refunding protection and are subject to regular cash redemption on 30 days' notice. Most issues have sinking funds which begin sometime before the five-year refunding protection expires. Some notable exceptions include all the debenture issues of the Bell System. They are non-callable for five years and have no sinking funds. Other exceptions include several major utility companies, whose bond issues typically have no sinking funds.

**Long-term Industrial Debentures** generally provide 10 years refunding protection and are subject to regular redemption on 30 days' notice. Most issues have deferred sinking funds which begin

before the refunding protection has expired, usually in the fifth or sixth year of life. Since many industrial debentures are originally offered at par or at a discount, sinking-fund call prices are frequently at par.

**Long-term Finance Company Bonds.** Call features of long-term finance bonds typically fall into two categories; non-callable for 10 years and non-callable for 10 years, except for sinking fund. In nearly all cases, the provisions allow the issuing corporation to begin to call bonds at earlier dates and at lower than regular call prices under conditions of declining receivables.

**Immediate - term Corporate Note:** Call features also fall into two categories. Many are non-callable for life; others are non-callable prior to their last year of life, during which they are usually callable at par. Generally, five-to-seven-year notes do no have sinking funds.

**Equipment Trust Certificates** of serial maturity are non-callable prior to maturity. **Equipment Trust Certificates with term maturities and guaranteed-loan certificates** are generally non-callable prior to maturity, except for their sinking funds. Sinking funds usually begin one year after the date of issue at a price of par.

**Registered Bond:** A bond may be registered in the name of the owner as to principal or interest or both. A bond registered as to principal can be transferred only with the endorsement of the registered of the registered owner, but interest is paid by presentation of the appropriate coupon. A fully registered bond provides that interest is paid to the owner by a check from the issuer's agent. Most new corporate bond issues are available only in fully registered form.

**Revenue Bond:** A municipal bond backed by revenues produced from a particular project, such as a turnpike.

**Secondary Market:** Where existing issues are bought and sold by subsequent owners and purchasers. It may be either over-the-counter or through an exchange.

**Serial Bond:** Typically, a municipal or equipment trust issue that is segmented into a series of maturities.

**Special Tax Bond:** A municipal bond backed by revenues produced from a particular tax.

**Spread:** For difference between what a dealer pays for a security and the price at which he offers to sell it.

**Syndicate:** A group of underwriters.

**Term Bond:** Typically applies to municipal bonds which have a single maturity.

**Treasury Bill:** Short-term U.S. obligations, maturing in as little as 90 days after issue. They do not pay interest, but instead are sold at a discount from their face value.

**Underwriter:** The investment banker (or bankers) who buy the entire issue of securities from the issuer and then sell them to individual and institutional investors.

**Yield to Maturity:** The average annual return on an investment based on the interest rate, price and the length of time to maturity. It differs from CURRENT YIELD in that it takes into consideration the increase to par of a bond bought at a discount and the decrease to par of a bond bought at a premium.

**Four Final Definitions:** I'd like to end our Bond Glossary with four final definitions which we at Merrill Lynch think can be useful to you.

Here they are: **Portfolio:** Your securities.


**Diversification:** Buying different securities instead of concentrating on one issue. Investors usually diversify in order to minimize potential risks. Since one issue's problems may not affect another, only part of a diversified portfolio would be affected.

**Account:** The formal relationship between an investor and his securities firm.

**Account Executive:** The person at Merrill Lynch responsible for providing our services to customers. Get in touch with me. I'll be delighted to put Merrill Lynch to work for you.

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**SIGNIFICANCE OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS**

For Black Americans, ever so preoccupied with the consuming struggle for civil rights, jobs and equality, recreational pastimes such as visiting national parks and monuments often seem a luxury that are hardly worth the effort. The simple task of scraping a living leaves little energy, money or desire to do anything else than meet in a neighborhood bar, on a street corner or visit friends and relatives. But the cultural and educational loss, as Ira Hutchinson, deputy director of the National Parks Service, noted, is real.

Commenting on this gap in the lives of so many people, Mr. Hutchinson suggested recently that a national conference be called to determine why blacks do not visit these areas as much as whites.

Some people might not be willing to go as far as calling for such a conference, seeing no immediate material gain. Nevertheless, Mr. Hutchinson's observations do merit serious consideration.

Most significant in the continuing cultural development of blacks, the traditional victims of racism and deprivation, is the mere presence of Mr. Hutchinson in a high policy-making position in the Department of the Interior. Federal agencies such as Interior, Agriculture and State have for too long been regarded as white preserves.

So his presence here, as well as that of James A. Joseph, undersecretary of Interior, should be applauded. Their positions underscore President Carter's desire to bring more minorities into policy-making positions within his administration. That Mr. Hutchinson has been able to direct attention to the need for blacks to visit America's

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# Around The State

## Keokuk

The regular 11:00 a.m. service at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church last Sunday, Rev. Dale Laster pastor.

Among those spending some time in KAH East recently, Mrs. Arline Buckner, Mrs. Verona Williams, Mrs. Frances Galbreath and Mrs. Rose Bradley.

Everett D. Crowson, died December 2, at Twin Rivers Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

He was born Nov. 10, 1895 in Keokuk, the son of David and Emma Buckner Crowson. Mr. Crowson was a life long resident of Keokuk and was employed before retiring by Sintons, Cronin and Cameron Coal Companys.

He is survived by several cousins and was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

Committal services were held on Tuesday in Oakland Cemetery with the Rev. John Varner officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nelson and Jake L. Nelson of Burlington, Iowa, were in the city on business on Monday.

Attending the two-day Fall meeting of the Assembly of Jehovah Witnesses, held in Janesville, Wis., recently were Keokukians, Mrs. Murle Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Claudius George, Mr. and Mrs. Pedrito George, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Woods and daughter, Mrs. Otis Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Richmond and son.

Mrs. Cora Crowson is a patient in University Hospital in Iowa City at this writing.

## Fort Madison

Second Baptist Church had their regular Sunday Morning services with the pastor, Rev. H. Davis, in charge. He delivered the morning message, in the afternoon.

Rev. Davis and members went to Burlington to Rev. McCamble church Dec. 17.

The Booster Girls celebrated their Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of Mrs. Edward Paige. The afternoon was spent playing Po-Ke-No and John Valentine received the first prize and Mrs. Wendell Carter the low.

Mrs. Edward, Mrs. Ira Wyatt, Mrs. Harold Richmond and Mrs. Tom Marsh received birthday gifts for the months of January and February, Wednesday Dec. 13.

The Magnolia Art Club had their Annual Christmas dinner party at Holiday Inn Friday evening Dec. 15th. Most

of the members were present. The Club will start meeting in March.

The Black Club had their Christmas, at the Palms Supper Club Saturday evening.

## To Really Live Is To Give And Forgive!

Since God forgive us, we, too, must forgive

And resolve to do better each day that we live

By constantly trying to be like HIM more nearly

And to trust in HIS wisdom and love HIM more dearly

## Mt. Pleasant

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Rev. W. A. Smith pastor

Second Baptist Church  
9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study and prayer meeting 7:00 p.m. Sat.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Tolson attended the wedding of their cousin in Kirksville, Missouri last Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Smith were in Danville, Iowa last Sunday to visit Mrs. Carol Troutman and family and Mrs. Florence Irving of Burlington, Iowa.

## 15 Appointed to Civil Rights Committee

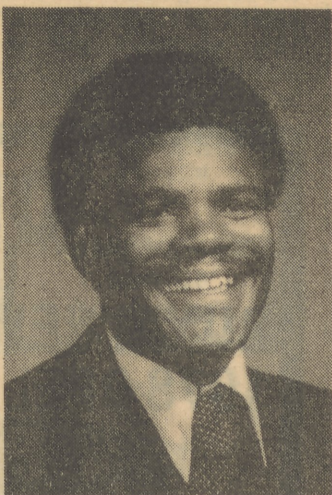
WASHINGTON, D.C. ... Fifteen Iowans have been appointed to the Iowa Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Louis Nunez, Acting Staff Director, announced today.

The Iowa Advisory Committee assists the Federal Commission in its factfinding and investigative functions in the State. The Committee's chairperson is Lee Furgerson, of Des Moines. The members, who are appointed by the Federal Commissioners and serve without pay, are Mr. Furgerson; Peg Anderson, of Bettendorf; Harold Butz, of Des Moines; Allen J. Correll, of Des Moines; John Ely, of Cedar Rapids; John Estes, of Des Moines; Signi Falk, of Cedar Rapids; George Garcia, of Des Moines; William Gluba, of Davenport; Louise Goldman, of Davenport; Naomi S. Mercer, of Des Moines; Stephanie L. Michael, of Des Moines; Paula Schaedlich, of Ames; William Stauffer, of Des Moines and Gregory H. Williams, of Iowa City.

Mr. Furgerson, a manager for Blue Cross in Des Moines, has served on a variety of community service

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### Outstanding Principal



MICHAEL JACKSON

Project Title VII congratulated ... Michael J. Jackson, Assistant Principal, Jack M. Logan Jr. High School for being their outstanding Principal in their November newsletter. Mr. Jackson's overall enthusiasm and support of his Title VII volunteers has proved invaluable since the beginning of the school year. This is the first year that Logan Junior High has participated in

the project Title VII program. Mr. Jackson was selected from a list of twelve other school principals.

Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa where he received his Bachelors degree in Social Studies, Health and Physical Education. He then received his Masters of Science degree in Public School Administration, and has done Post-Graduate work at the University of Northern Iowa in the area of Public School Administration. Mr. Jackson is a former teacher in the Des Moines Independent School District, and was an instructor for the Upward Bound Program at the University of Northern Iowa during the summer of 1976 and served as Curriculum Specialist for the summer or 1977 and 1978.

He came to Jack M. Logan Junior High as Assistant Principal in 1976.

Agencies.

John M. Ely, Jr. is a buyer for the Quaker Oats Company. A former State Senator, he is now president of the Linn County Council on Aging and is active in the NAACP and the Iowa Civil Liberties Union.

John M. Estes, Jr. is a partner in Estes and Son funeral home in Des Moines. He is on the Board of Trustees at Simpson College and has chaired committees for the United Way, Des Moines school district and the State employment commission.

Dr. Signi Falk is a writer and former college professor. She is district coordinator for Common Cause, a member of the Advisory Council for the seven county Heritage Agency on Aging and active in the American Civil Liberties Union.

George Garcia is chief of the urban education section of the Iowa Department of Public Instruction. He is a former chairperson of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.

William E. Gluba, a real estate broker, retired from the Iowa Senate, where he chaired the human resources committee. He is now a



### Record ISU enrollment

Iowa State University, Ames, has a record enrollment of 23,052 students this fall. Iowans' make up 76.2 percent of the total enrollment and 80.8 percent of the under-graduate student body. The 23,052 exceeds last year's total by 249.

There are 17,566 Iowans attending ISU classes. Forty-two Iowa counties have more students enrolled than

last year and four others have the same number as registered a year ago.

Polk county enrolls the largest group of students, 2,238 followed closely by Story County in which ISU is located with 2,100. Largest contingents from other states include bordering states Illinois with 1,396 and Minnesota second with 465 students.

member of the Scott County Board of Supervisors.

Louise Goldman is chairperson of the Davenport civil service commission. She is also active in numerous civic organizations.

Naomi S. Mercer, an attorney, has brought many civil rights suits on behalf of Iowa area persons. She is an active member of the Des Moines branch and Iowa-Nebraska Conference of Branches of the NAACP. She is co-chairperson of the legal redress committees of both those bodies.

Stephanie L. Michael is a recent graduate from Drake University. She is a former reporter for radio station WHO, Des Moines, and KCRT, Cedar Rapids.

Paula Schaedlich is a member of the Iowa Public Interest Research Group. She is also active in the National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting and the Catholic Rural Life Conference.

William Stauffer is chief executive officer of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. He is a member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Drake University Board of Trustees, National Conference of Christians

and Jews and a director of the Iowa College Foundation.

Gregory H. Williams is assistant dean and associate professor of the University of Iowa College of Law. He is a former law enforcement officer and has been a consultant to the National Educational Association in matters related to school desegregation.

Working in coordination with the Commission's Central States Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri, the Iowa Advisory Committee conducts fact finding investigations on civil rights problems and publishes reports of its findings and recommendations. It recently issued reports on affirmative action by Iowa State government and the CETA program in Greater Des Moines.

The Iowa Advisory Committee is one of 51 such units, established under the 1957 Civil Rights Act, as amended.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bi-partisan, factfinding agency of the Federal Government concerned with the rights of minorities and women. Dr. Arthur S. Flemming is Commission Chairman.



## Tuskegee Educator is Carver Speaker



Elaine Thomas Internationally Known as Expert on George Washington Carver

Elaine Thomas, one of the nation's foremost experts on the life and significance of George Washington Carver, will be a major speaker at the 35th annual George Washington Carver Luncheon at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, January 5.

The event, sponsored by National Achievement Clubs, will be the highlight of national observance of the first week in January as George Washington Carver Week.

Ms. Thomas, currently Chairman of the Art Department at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama where Carver once taught, was curator of the George Washington Carver Museum at Tuskegee from 1962 - 1977. She also is Chairperson of the Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site Committee, and last year unveiled the Carver Bust at the enshrinement of Dr. Carver at the Great Americans Hall of Fame.

As a child, Ms. Thomas remembers meeting Dr. Carver, and her early impressions played a large role in influencing her efforts to memorialize the man who often is called the "Peanut Wizard" for his scientific efforts to find humanitarian and commercial applications of that product.

Like Carver, Ms. Thomas is a painter and her works have been exhibited in numerous states, colleges and even at the White House in Washington. As a community leader she has been recognized for her work on behalf of senior citizens and cultural groups. She is a panelist on the National Endowment of the Arts Advisory Panel in Washington, D.C., and

"The late Dr. Illery would be thrilled at the choice of Ms. Thomas as Carver speaker, following such distinguished names as Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Rev. Leon Sullivan, Benjamin Hooks, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. Like Ms. Thomas, Dr. Illery did much to preserve the recognition of a great American and once was given an honorary degree by Ms. Thomas' school, Tuskegee Institute."

Mrs. Moncrieff also

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announced that her Carver Committee was reviewing a number of nationally known persons to receive the national George Washington Carver Award at the luncheon. That awardee will be announced soon and also be a luncheon speaker.

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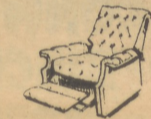
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Signed by: Wife, Mrs. Azalia E. Mitchell, Mrs. Ruby Jackson, and niece, Mrs. Ellen Copeland.

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The family of Mrs. Merma J. Neighbors wishes to thank Bishop A. B. Carter, Sr., Elder E. J. Carter, Elder Eddie Davis, Elder John Harris, Elder A. B. Carter, Jr., Elder Andrew Johnson, Elder Richard Daye, Elder Paul Hardin, Rev. H. I. Thomas, Rev. Lewis Grady, Elder Lester Carter, Minister Clarence Carter,

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Signed by: Parents, Mary G. and Julius C. Warren, daughter, Regina M. Johnson, sons, Kevin J. Rife and Terry Kemp, sister, Mrs. Bessie E. Price, brother, Elder Roland H. Warren, and all their families.

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The family of Mrs. Carrie Headspeath wishes to thank Bishop W. A. Robinson, Elder Eddie Davis, Casket Bearers, Honorary Pallbearers, Estes & Son, Rose M. Webster, Eastside Mission; Ladies who helped at home and served dinner, those who sent telegrams, condolences, resolutions, sympathy cards, floral selections, donated cars, food, gifts, those who visited the funeral home and attended the funeral services. All expressions of sympathy and services rendered to our family during our deepest loss are appreciated. Thank you and God bless all of you.

Signed by: Son, William Headspeath, sister, Catherine Carter, and all relatives.

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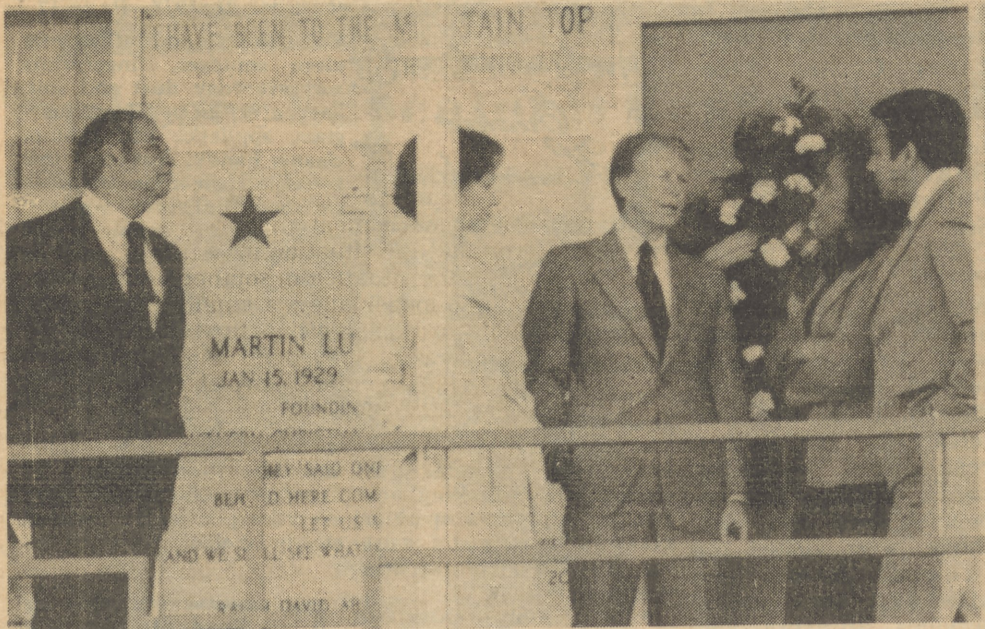
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While Presidential assistant Louis Martin and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter look on, President Jimmy Carter talks with Mrs. Coretta King and U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young after placing wreath on the door of the room where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed 10 years ago. The President stopped at the memorial site at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis following his appearance at the mid-term conference of the Democratic National Committee.

## King Scholarship Deadlines

MOUNT VERNON, Iowa — One hundred young men and women who are now high school seniors will receive Cornell College scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$14,320 dollars in the 1979 William Fletcher King scholarship program.

Application deadline is February 1, 1979. The program includes 40 King scholarships which range from \$4,000 to \$14,320 for four years at Cornell, and 60 Presidential scholarships valued from \$2,000 to \$7,160 for four years.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic ability and personal recommendation. Students do not have to prove financial need to qualify for the minimum awards, but stipends may increase if need is demonstrated.

For more information,

high school seniors should contact the Admissions Office, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314. The toll-free number to call in Iowa is 1-800-332-8839. Students from bordering states (Illinois, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota) may call toll-free 1-800-553-8479; those from other states may call collect 319-895-8811.

Students contacting the admissions office will receive a standard Cornell application form, and a special card on which to indicate their interest in the King program. The application form and card must be filled out and returned by February 1.

By March 1, each applicant must also send his or her high school transcript, official statements of Scholastic

Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) scores, and a recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal.

Students who wish to demonstrate financial need should send a completed Financial Aid Form (FAF), Family Financial Statement (FFS), or any other state-approved financial aid form, as soon as possible.

In addition to King and Presidential scholarships, Cornell offers many other awards to assist in meeting college costs. Information is available from the Cornell admissions office.

### Urban YMCA News

Junior Pride, a group of twenty-five junior high aged students, are planning Sunday recreation and disco activities at the YMCA. Every Sunday evening there will be table games, dancing and open gym time from 6:00-9:00 p.m. A \$1.00 donation at the door will go towards the Junior Pride's planned spring vacation trip to Orlando, Florida.

The winter session of programs begins January 8th with Judo, Karate, instructional

swim, super sports and gymnastics. Sign up now for a great YMCA experience this winter. **YMCA Memberships Make Great Christmas Gifts!**

A note to friends of Jimmy Cooper: Jimmy is still at Broadlawns Hospital. In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, let's all send Jimmy a card or take a few minutes out of our day and give him a visit.

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

The City of Des Moines, Iowa, as Local Public Agency for the 312 Loan Administration Program, which project is implemented pursuant to Chapter 403 of the 1977 Code of Iowa, as a part of the City's Urban Renewal Program, hereby invites bids on home improvement/repair work to be done on property located at 1448 8th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, the owner of such property being Ethel Black.

The property upon which the said work is to be done may be inspected with the assistance of a Construction Specialist from the Department of Urban Development, Division of Rehabilitation on January 2, thru 11, 1979, at above address.

All bids must be sealed and submitted upon Urban Development Bid Proposal Documents which may be obtained at the Department of Urban Development, Rehabilitation Division, 102 East Grand, Des Moines, Iowa. Said documents contain a work sheet which specifies all work to be bid upon.

All Bids must be received in the Department of Urban Development Rehabilitation Division located at 102 East Grand by Fri., Jan. 12, 1979 at 9:00 A.M., at which time all bids will be opened and reviewed. The Department of Urban Development will recommend that the owner of said property accept the lowest acceptable bid. However, the City reserves the right to reject all bids.

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By Lewis V. Pond, Director  
Urban Development

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# Black History Minutes

by Connee L. Bowman

Several weeks ago a Black history buff, Leon Brown was going through a trash pile looking for wood scraps. While doing so, he found a series of very old documents of historical significance.

He noticed that the papers contained information about Marcus Garvey, the great Black consciousness leader. He notified the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York and told them about his discovery.

Brown had found letters, records, and photographs dating back to 1920 and they contained information about Garvey and his New York based Universal Negro Improvement Association.

**MARCUS GARVEY (1887-1940) Part III (He looked away to Africa)**

In the course of building interest for Black consciousness, Garvey started a newspaper called the "Negro World". It became the official voice of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), Garvey's organization. It was a successful newspaper and became one of the leading Black weeklies of the time. It was an effective way for him to present his ideas. The motto of the UNIA was on the front of the paper. It read: "One God, One Destiny". Below this was another phrase: "A Newspaper Devoted Solely to the Interests of the Negro Race." The paper was financially within the reach of the poorest reader. It sold for 5 cents in New York and for 7 cents throughout the United States. Some sections of it were printed in French and Spanish. Through this paper he made every effort to build race pride in Blacks.

Marcus Garvey believed that the best way for American Blacks to find dignity, honor and hope was to return to their "native Africa". Many believed he was a naive dreamer. Some thought he might be a messiah. There were those who considered him a brilliant charlatan. He attracted the attention of large numbers of Blacks who needed a message. He had a fine sense of audience psychology. He effectively preached about economic independence and the eventual return of American Blacks to Africa.

**He was determined to build Black organizations.**

In 1921 he organized the Black Star Line and the Negro Factory Corporation which were to be instruments for the development of business and industry among the Blacks. His ideas attracted many, many discontented Blacks in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and other large cities. He praised everything that was Black and he was usually very suspicious of white ideas and organizations. He was successful in organizing the Universal Black Cross Nurses and the Universal African Motor Corps. Of course while many of the masses began to listen to him and to follow his messages, the Black intellectuals became suspicious of Garvey and his promises to the masses. Garvey's opponents began holding anti-Garvey meetings in New York.

One of his sharpest critics was A. Philip Randolph. He was among those who did not believe that the masses should follow a man who had the boldness to elect himself as the "Provisional President of Africa." A Phillip Randolph told a Harlem audience that "people are now fighting for the erection of democracies, not of empires." Randolph also stated that Blacks would not be interested in being the victims of Black despotism any more than white despotism."

Naturally Garvey attacked his critics vigorously in the "Negro World" newspaper: "Let me tell you somebody is going to be smashed in New York ... Any Negro individual or Negro organization ... that thinks it can fight and intimidate the Universal Negro Improvement Association — let you be the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People — let you be Negro socialists ... you are preparing for your Waterloo!"

**His dream fades**

In 1925 Garvey was put in prison for using the US mails to commit fraud as he sold stock in his Black Star Line. (his steamship company) He served nearly two years in prison before he was deported and he went to London. There he lived as a very lonely and poor man. Garvey had succeeded in capturing the ear and interest of the Black masses as no one else had done. But he failed to understand

that most of those among the masses believed America to be their rightful home. They had no real wish to pack and leave for Africa. The Black man knew that somehow he had helped to build America and he was not ready to leave it. Garvey should be remembered

and revered for his dream of building a better future for Blacks somewhere, somehow on earth. He said in one of his speeches: "You will see that from the start we tried to dignify our race. If I am to be condemned for that I am satisfied."

The end.

## Search for 1979 Iowa Mother

Iowa Mothers Association and its affiliation with the American Mothers Committee, Inc., is better known in Iowa because the 1978 American Mother of the Year, Ellen McCall of Memphis, Tennessee, was selected May 11 in Des Moines at the National Award Week.

June Goldman, Estherville, 1978 Iowa Mother of the Year was singularly honored at that ceremony for her distinguished service in the area of religious education.

Mrs. Levi Willits, Iowa Mothers Association president has announced the 1979 Search for the Iowa Mother of 1979. With emphasis on the importance of the home and the mother's role in the family, organizations in Iowa communities are invited to nominate outstanding mothers for recognition.

Nomination forms are available by writing the Selections Committee Chairman, Mrs. Ruth I. Holtan, R.R. 5, Forest City, 50436.

The nominees will be judged on their

character, personality traits, church work, public service and their success as mothers as evidenced by the character and achievements of their children. Adoptive and natural mothers whose youngest children are at least 15 years old are eligible.

All completed nominations for Iowa Mother of the Year must be returned to Mrs. Holtan by February 1, 1979. Candidates must be nominated and sponsored by one or more organizations.

Announcements of the 1979 Iowa Mother will be made in February, following judging by a panel of members of state-wide organizations based upon the written nominations submitted. The 1979 Iowa Mother will represent Iowa mothers at the American Mothers Award Week in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York May 6-11.

All women nominated become Merit Mothers and receive a citation at the recognition event held in early April.

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### "WASHINGTON AND PEKING — A SIGN OF CHANGING TIMES?"

President Carter's disclosure last Friday will induce any changes.

Most significant to me is the change in outlook which this announcement may represent. It would seem to me that the situation in Asia can be roughly analogized to the situation in southern Africa, in that we seem to no longer allow a small percentage of a demographic or racial group to represent it in its entirety. On a very superficial level, at least, this most recent shift in emphasis to the Chinese people would seem applicable to our relationships with nations in southern Africa and elsewhere in which large majority populations are dominated and subjugated by a distinct but well organized minority. In countries like South Africa and Rhodesia, it could signal a shift toward direct recognition of the chosen representatives of the black majority and away from the illegitimate white minority governments. In the Middle East, it could mean that substantial recognition be extended to Arab nations and their legitimate needs and desires rather than continuing to confine our attentions solely to Israel and its people. In Southeast Asia, it could mean recognition of the wants and needs of the impoverished peoples we left in the wake of our immoral war efforts and less emphasis on their already stable and established neighbors. Although trained political scientists are likely to scoff at my hypothesis, I hope and believe that it could mean that rationality and reality will be guiding principles in our social, economic and political relationships with the rest of the world and its people.

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I will be appearing on the Mary Brubaker show at 9 a.m. Dec. 27.

### Civil Rights Meeting Dec. 21

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting Thursday, December 21, 1978, at 9:00 a.m. at the headquarters of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission located at 418 Sixth Avenue, Liberty Building, Suite 340, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room. Public is cordially invited to attend. Major agenda items will include the monthly compliance report, and proposed administrative rules to implement the Governor's Executive Order No. 15 on affirmative action.



### HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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