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Spotlight

By Peggy Spates Johnson

Jennifer Carson — Righting Racial Wrongs at the R & T

Since affirmative action plans and the concept of equal employment opportunities have become so controversial and upsetting to many, particularly, white males, beginning with their formal inception in the Kennedy administration, I thought it would be informative to consult with an equal employment coordinator on the functions on her job. With this year's Baakke decision the true amount of backlash against fair numbers of minority members in jobs and schools has been brought to light. I talked to Jennifer Carson about her job at the Des Moines Register and Tribune newspaper. She told me that first she was in charge of "... planning, reporting, charge investigation, resolutions; a liaison between corporate and community organizations, counseling and interview duties ..." in other words she has her hands full. She then estimated the percentage of blacks at the R & T to be only 4% but that the paper was "... pretty liberal" in

concept and format.

"It is not bad for a community paper — it reaches throughout the state with statewide news as opposed to world news," she told me. "Few papers in the country are primarily concerned with statewide news," she added. Before Jennifer came to the R & T she was employed by Drake University which assigned her to the Women's Bureau through the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Before this she was briefly at IBM. How had she come to the paper? "Through the newspaper!" she laughed.

Management training at the R and T and possibly a career in education are her future goals. Jennifer holds a BA in special education from Drake University and student taught at Rice and Mann elementary schools in 1973. She is now working toward an MA degree in Counseling and Personnel Services and hopes to finish her studies by 1980. On the personal side, she and her husband Steve Carson, a teacher with

the Des Moines Public schools are currently building a home in the popular Cedarwood area at 12th and Enos. They hope to move in by February. Jennifer feels in regard to the move that "... the area is going to be nice because of the young black professionals who have moved back in after growing up in the area — to improve the neighborhood." Back to the R & T — are salaries adequate since I'd heard many complain about money in the journalism fields. But Jennifer maintained that salaries were "... adequate for the majority." Besides her career at the paper Jennifer has been a busy and popular model since 1965 in the city. She lived in California for five years and began her freelance modeling career there. She studied here under James Piggee and currently works for Brody Textiles and various other places around the city.

Jennifer comes from a prosperous and successful family. Her father James Bethel is director of the Bureau of Mental Retardation

here. Her husband Steve is currently at Roosevelt High teaching Driver's Training and is a familiar face at basketball games officiating. Jennifer has one energetic and active son, Mark, now age 9 and a student at Woodlawn elementary. Baseball, bowling and football are his pastimes. Jennifer has two lovely sisters, Brenda, residing in LA and Carol, a good friend and former teacher now living and managing at Hertz in Miami. Because Steve and Jennifer have only been married a year and a half they have barely left the ranks of newlyweds.

What of opportunities for the black woman in Des Moines — Jennifer felt "... there is a long way to go — you've got to be in the right place at the right time — the opportunities are there but it is often difficult to break through. I lacked experience to advance in management but the Register and Tribune gave me the opportunity to learn and be able to function in the above capacity. My boss, Rock Groves, specifically



Jennifer Bethel Carson

wanted someone who wasn't particularly experienced in equal employment work so I could function with an

open mind and meet new challenges freely without hinderance from past experiences and

concepts."

Bright, brash, brainy and bubbly are just a few of the characteristics of Jennifer Bethel Carson and with her concern and expertise, equal opportunities should flourish at our city's newspaper.

Elderly Use Of Food Stamps In Restaurants

Elderly Polk County residents who receive food stamps will soon be able to use the stamps to buy restaurant meals according to Dan Stetzel,

Outreach Coordinator.

Senior citizens 60 years of age and over and their spouses will be able to purchase breakfast, lunch or

dinner with food stamps at participating restaurants. They are issued an identification card that will allow them to purchase the meals at reduced prices. The restaurant must serve items in all four of the

benefits of the program. A two-member household with a net income of less than \$367 per month can receive between \$20 and \$106 a month worth of stamps; greatly increasing their food buying power.

basic food groups: milk, meat, vegetables and bread. The restaurant can limit food stamp purchases to special hours, but few have chosen to do so.

There are 16,680 low income Polk County residents participating in the food stamp program. It is not known how many senior citizens

receive food stamps but with approximately 42,000 persons 60 and over in the county, a small percentage are currently receiving the

Important Food Stamp Change: No Cost

Starting January 1, 1979 food stamp households in the state will not have to pay for their stamps. In the past, most households had to use some of their own money to get their food stamps.

For example, a 4 member household might pay \$140 to get \$182 worth of stamps, or \$42 in bonus stamps. Under the new rules, this household will receive the \$42 in food stamps at no cost. Instead of using

money to buy food stamps, this same money, along with the free food stamps, can be used to buy food directly at the store when the family wants to.

If you are already getting stamps at no cost, the January 1 change will not change the amount of stamps you receive.

If you have any questions about this change contact the Polk County Food Stamp Hotline at 284-6372.

YWRC Celebrates Anniversary

The Young Women's Resource Center is celebrating its first year of operation by having a birthday party, January 7, 1979, 1-5 pm at our office located at 416 12th St. The YWRC wish to invite the community to share in the festivities.

At 3 pm the YWRC will present a panel of leading women in the community who will share some of their personal experiences as teenage women. Our guest panelists will be Elaine Symoniak, Des Moines City Councilwoman; Evelyn Davis, Director of Tiny Tots; Julia Gentlemen, Iowa Senator; Pat Thompson, Iowa

Representative; Roxann Conlin, U.S. District Attorney and Judge Janet Johnson, Iowa Appellate Court.

Library News

EVENTS AT MID CITY LIBRARY AT 1305 University:

"Kids, Make Your Own Poster" anytime from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 29, using opaque projector, help will be provided; time to read comic books this afternoon too.

All the Des Moines Public Libraries will be closed December 31st and January 1st.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

IEWS and REVIEWS by Allen Ashby

We are about to lock up 1978 and head into another year. You wonder what it has meant to blacks. For one thing, black people have become increasingly disenchanted with President Carter, in spite of the fact that he has appointed many to high posts.

The two most powerful black men in Congress dug their own graves and, assisted by plenty of racism, were demoted, Senator Brooks being defeated, and Charles Diggs being convicted of a felony, and may wind up in prison.

There were several law suits brought up by whites on what they call reverse discrimination, as if blacks had been discriminating against them for two hundred years. The now famous Baakke case, which the Supreme Court waltzed all around without ever getting to the bottom line, was the forerunner of all of those suits. So in 1978, white people seem to have come up on a way to set back the progress made by blacks since 1954.

There was a determined campaign to free the Wilmington Ten and people who were supposed to be on the side of justice shied away from that fight. But they seem to have finally gotten out, no thanks to the state heads.

We were all interested in the peace efforts of the President to bring together Israel and Egypt, but a long time ago, last summer, I said that not everybody involved in the negotiations wanted peace, and maybe they don't.

We were treated to the spectacle of Rhodesia's leader coming over here to plead his case because he knew he would have a large American sympathy movement. And he brought over a couple of his chosen "boys" to show that he wasn't really such a bad fellow after all. Lots of Americans bought that line, some of them in Congress because they wanted to, but I don't think he fooled many blacks. We had seen it all before.

But the biggest thing that I have noticed during this year is the fact that the black people are separating into two or maybe three groups. The people at the bottom of the heap who seem to never get up, the ones who have gotten good jobs and are living as well as anybody in their position, and seem to have forgotten their background. They seem to say, "I got mine. You get yours."

Then the third group is the bunch struggling to get there. There seems to be a determined campaign to set them back, and it has become more apparent during 1978. All this fuss over Communism won't

really matter. All the Commies have to do is wait and there will be enough hate groups in America to take over for them and they won't have to fire a shot.

1978 has seen us become increasingly split black against white, haves against have nots, and working people against unemployed. If I had to single out one big feature of the past year, it would be the campaign to take away the gains made by blacks in the recent years. It probably won't succeed, but it will cause a lot of turmoil in the years to come, and that is what anybody interested in the downfall of United States would like to see.

I started out to review the past year, but I really don't know enough about what I am talking about, so this is what came out. One thing I did notice about 1978 as an election year, was the failure of blacks to vote and that was what was what other groups did also, so it seems we merely followed the trend. But we had better get in gear for 1980 if we want to keep whatever we have.

Locally, murders were a dime a dozen and they weren't all committed by blacks, although they did their share of them. For the most part there seemed to be an apathy among the local blacks, and no amount of haranguing could shake them out of it.

Did anything really happen in Des Moines during 1978 that affected blacks? If it did, I can't think of it just now. Maybe I will get a dozen letters telling me that I missed a dozen boats.



Thoughts and Comments

By James B. Morris III

"CHINA"

This week I think it appropriate to discuss the situation of the Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan in the aftermath of President Carter's recent decision to extend full diplomatic recognition to the Peoples Republic of China. Although the significance of such a discussion might not be immediately apparent, I think that it bears heavily on the course to which the American government may have

embarked in the recognition of the existence and vitality of nations and peoples previously diplomatically ignored. Thus the reaction which the governments in Taiwan and Washington may have to this recent announcement may be a preview of what would occur if a similar set of principles or concepts were applied to our relations with other nations, especially those white governments in southern Africa.

Protests by the Chinese living in Taiwan have been both typical and widespread. At the U. S. Embassy located on Chung Hsiao West Road on Taipei (the capitol of Taiwan), some 2,000 angry Chinese tried to storm the compound and were driven back by U. S. Marine guards with tear gas. Nearby, students painted anti-American slogans on walls and buildings. Nationalist China's President, Chiang Ching-kuo, son of Chiang Kai-shek, was given only eight hours advance notice of the issuance of the joint communique' announcing the establishment of

full diplomatic recognition of and relations with the Peoples Republic on the mainland and abrogation of the 24 year old defense treaty with the United States. After being awakened by a 2 A.M. call from the American Ambassador and given the news, he quickly put his army on full alert, cancelled the upcoming legislative elections, and ordered increased police protection for Taiwan's American residents. In the capital city, sound trucks drove through the city broadcasting appeals for unity during this time of crisis, radio stations aired traditional Chinese music, and television stations broadcast a statement by Chaing Ching-kuo along with pictures of Vietnamese refugees as a reminder of how trustworthy the American government really is. But what, under the circumstances, lies in the future for this government and its people which represent but a minute percentage of all Chinese people?

Despite the shock, anger and resentment which

Kalonji Saadiq

Speakin' Out



1979: A Year of Work to Do

1979 is a year for the Afro-American community to get its program together. The city of Des Moines is progressing at an alarming rate and if we don't get it together we'll be as economically powerless and politically disenfranchised in five years as we are now.

The Afro-American community of Des Moines has at least one admirable trait. We are able to unite in a crisis situation, and if one of our members is clearly unjustly harmed by the powers that be, the wrath of the Black community, which is slow to anger but rages undamned is unleashed upon those responsible. Our past history of struggle in Des Moines indicates our willingness to fight.

The one area that the Afro-American community needs a great deal of improvement in is our inability to work together! Let me reiterate; we can come together to fight but we have yet to develop the capacity to work together. Unfortunately if there is no "crisis" or the crisis situation is being covered in a less than sensational manner or a ho hum matter of fact manner we often fail to recognize the gravity of the situation.

We must develop the capacity to work together if we as a community are to progress. We are no longer in the late sixties as I am often told. I'm aware of this. It is now time to forge our weapons into tools and turn our warrior steeds into plow horses.

1978 had to be a low point in the development of the Afro-American community of Des Moines. Remember all the problems I reported having with Black folk? As I look beyond my own personal experience I can see that the Black community as a whole underwent some pretty traumatic changes.

First and foremost the project to establish a Black radio station, which was and still remains the No. 1 priority of the Black community fell through because we (myself included) could not work together. We must re-dedicate ourselves to this most vital project!

Then the Irving Neighborhood Clean-Up project which was run by Blacks fell apart because Black folks could not work together. Then there's Sparkle Enterprises a very promising project which was part of the economic development program of the World Community of Islam in the West (W.C.I.W.) or so-called Black Muslims, which failed for the same reasons mentioned above: The inability of Black folk

to work together!!!

My beloved people, please hear this cry of distress. There are issues coming up this year that demand our involvement. In January a new police chief will be named. We all know the importance of having a police chief that is understanding, knowledgeable, sympathetic, and sensitive to the special problems that exist between the police department and the Black community. A few weeks back I suggested that the N.A.A.C.P. become involved to have input into the selection of the new chief. Has this been done? I think not, but at any rate we can't leave it all up to the N.A.A.C.P. The community as a whole must partake in this important decision.

We are all aware of the drastic cuts in funding for Senior Citizens and Child-Care programs. Will we remain passive while our elders and youth suffer?

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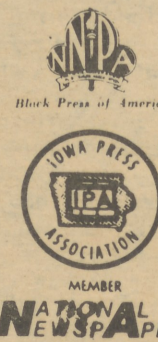
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A Female Focus On The Issues

Peggy Spates Johnson



The world is watching and waiting to see if Shah Pahlavi of Iran does indeed abdicate his throne to allow democratic rule to flourish in Iran. Thousands have taken to the streets to protest years of harsh rule, despotism, torture of political opponents and unbelievable brutality and poverty. Iran is an oil

rich country which of course means America has a die hard interest in its politics.

The Shah is a dictator — this has been documented again and again. The irony of a president of a democracy (Mr. Carter) and the prime mover of human rights through out the world supporting a right wing fascist dictatorship is obvious and I imagine embarrassing to the U.S. In the 50's the CIA in just one of the many instances of support for an unpopular regime against the will of the people, restored the then deposed Shah to his throne through force. Many thousands have lost their property, their health, their freedom and their lives in the Shah's prisons because of political activity — unspeakable atrocities documented only a few weeks ago by the DM Tribune by an Englishman who resided in an

Iranian prison. The US's CIA has again and again led coups against left wing, Communist backed popular governments to install rightwing military dictatorships friendly to the US government.

Examples range from Salvadore Allendes' murder in Chile in 1973 to Patrice Lumumbas' murder in the Congo in the late 60's to the Dominican Republic during Lyndon Johnson's administration to Argentina to the Greek military junta that was finally replaced by a true democracy in 1975. I hope true democracy and freedom come to the beleaguered people of latter day Persia — They deserve a respite from foreign subversion. Particularly the hypocrisy of the U.S. under the banner of civil liberties and justice for all.

has marked the period following the announcement, the situation on Taiwan remains quite stable. Sinu being expelled from the United Nations in 1974 to make room for the Peoples Republic, the Nationalist government was recognized diplomatically by only twenty-two nations until the American announcement last week, and of these, only one, Saudi Arabia, has any international influence. Irregardless of the political isolation which the recent announcement and militarily. Although not politically recognized by but 21 nations, Taiwan continues to trade with 140 nations. Its exports to the United States and other nations, primarily textiles, color TV sets and other electronic products, which amounted to almost 18 million dollars in 1977, will likely grow by nearly 12 per cent this year. Trade with the United States will amount to nearly to 7 million dollars this year and American investment in Taiwan will rise to almost 50 million dollars, nearly twice what it was last year. European and Japanese companies are in the process of expanding their investments on Taiwan. The United States also sponsored membership by the Taiwan goernment in international financial organizations like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund has thus far made it eligible for loans, although the continuation of that status in the future is questionable in light of the recent political developments.

Taiwan also has an adequate defense capability which is unlikely to diminish significantly in the future. Although American military presence on Taiwan has been reduced gradually to only about 750 men this year, the Nationalist government maintains and controls an army of roughly 474,000 men and an air force of over 300 combat aircraft. These primarily U. S. equipped soldiers will continue to be supplied with spare parts for their weaponry and the Defense Department has guaranteed the future delivery of 137.8 million dollars worth of new American arms, including F5E fighters and Maverick air-to-surface missiles. Taiwan continues purchase Israeli arms and in the process of developing a weapons industry of its own. The U. S.

monies to be allocated to the cities. Will we remain idle while our money is misspent, or will we come together as a community, formulate a plan for our overall development, and participate in the funding process to insure that we get our share?

1979 is also the year for city elections. Will we let our thousands of potential votes which represents a great deal of political clout remain unrecognized? We do have sufficient numbers to constitute a balance of power. What's it called? Playing two ends towards the middle (us)? No political party or individual could afford to overlook us if we would stand up and be counted.

In summation it is sufficient to say that we have a job to do. The above mentioned issues are by no means the only issues confronting the Black community. Time, space, and my inability to write lengthy discourses forbid any drawn out exposition of our plight. It would also be repetitive, redundant, and would detract from the central theme of this article: The fact that we got work to do!

With this thought in mind let me close with the following words: Let us make 1979 a year that we nurture inner-communal unity and rekindle the spirit of struggle that is necessary if we are to progress along with the city. To the Black middle class it must be said: You are in the positions of leadership. So therefore throw off the chains of complacency, step forward, be recognized and struggle so those less fortunate may attain unto the heights you have reached! And to the Black underclass it must be said: You have nowhere to go but up, so therefore throw off the chains of apathy, speak out against your unjust conditions, and become actively involved in changing those conditions!

Let us make a collective New Year's resolution to resolve our petty differences, and resign ourselves to work together for the benefit of our community as a whole. By working together we can make 1979 a happy year indeed.

has also agreed to continue to supply defensive arms to Taiwan after the defense treaty is finally abrogated in 1980. Not only does this island republic have sufficient manpower and weaponry to make an invasion from the mainland a very costly operation itself, but the Peoples Republic is sufficiently lacking in naval and long-ranging air armaments to make such invasion seem highly unlikely in the future.

In summary, it must be pointed out that at least in the short run, the recent extension of diplomatic recognition to the Peoples Republic of China on the mainland is unlikely to have any immediate or foreseeable future impact on Taiwan. So long as the Taiwan government is able to maintain its economic and defense establishments at no more than their

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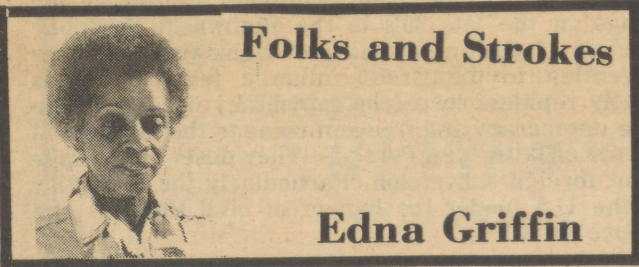
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the social page



Folks and Strokes

Edna Griffin

Home again after a nine day change of scenery and change of pace. From Des Moines to New York City, Manhattan Plaza Apartments for artists, writers, singers, and dancers. There are a certain number of senior citizens and children living there. My surprise at meeting children and senior citizens, I suppose, was due to categories of housing we are accustomed to.

Housing — no children allowed, housing for the elderly, single family homes, etc. A wonderful feature in the Manhattan Plaza is practice rooms for musicians. There are, in addition, facilities for jogging, swimming, and other forms of exercising. Because our daughter, Linda, lives there, we were most impressed with twenty-four hour security. Our pictures were required in order for us to come and go without her. We soon became known to the three shifts of security guards as the parents of Linda Griffin. Pictures were no longer needed.

I spent one day in the borough of Queens visiting a friend involved in writing a history of poor whites and the Civil War. We became friends in the midst of WWII. The next day was spent in Yonkers, N.Y. It seems that robbers read obituaries in the daily papers and rob the homes of the bereaved during funeral services. For this reason, I volunteered to remain in the home until after the funeral. The original volunteer showed up and we had a most interesting morning.

By mid-afternoon I was back in New York getting a haircut which I hope most of my friends agree looks good — even looks good on me.

I spent an interesting next day discussing with a professional writer problems affecting Black newspapers. I pointed out the fact that I learn more

about what is happening in my own country from reading Contrast, (the Black Canadian paper) than I learn from reading the Chicago Defender. The Canadian paper provides awareness of what's happening to Blacks around the world.

It's also true one finds the famous entertainers as eye-catching front page news with pictures to sell papers, Inside, if you're really interested, there is important information.

We talked about my dissatisfaction with Strokes And Folks. My column in the '60s was very much more interesting and exciting than anything I've written in the seventies. We agreed this is, in part, due to lack of action and political excitement. I have been studying the professional columnists in our daily papers. My decision is to write with bolder strokes and a bit more confidence in 1979.

I left directly for the airport to spend the final day of vacation in Springfield, Mass. visiting my ninety year old father who remains at home alone since the death of my mother two years ago.

To own a home was once second only to having a family. How important this dream once was, came through while suggesting to Dad that he sell his home and take an apartment. I am sorry for the upset caused by the suggestion. My father intends to live forever to protect his home from burglars and vandalism in the neighborhood! My oldest brother despairs of ever getting into my father's home with a key in the face of bolted doors and locked screens.

Our father has retreated from the present which he doesn't understand. The ringing of the telephone means someone may be checking to see if he is home. If he doesn't answer, a robber will come. My poor father has not considered that today's robbers have no concern for whether an old man is home or away. I didn't tell him.

I listened, instead, to him talk of his childhood and learned more than I had ever known. There were two sisters, and seven brothers I never knew. I was writing down a few notes as my father spoke. When he noticed — he stopped talking.

It pleased me very much that my father came with my brother to Bradley Field to meet me and

back again to my plane to Des Moines. Christmas dinner for Dad was to be with his third oldest son. It would be a terrible shock to my father to get a glimpse of himself through the eyes of his grandchildren. He would see Ivan The Terrible if he did. Grandchildren are present at funerals only. That is how wide the gap is between generations. We are at least becoming aware and trying to do something about it. Perhaps that, too, is a part of what peace on earth really means.

My husband, son, and his wife met me at the airport last Saturday night. Our two daughters arrived Sunday as well as a delightful guest from Oklahoma. Once everyone was present, our Christmas celebration could begin.

I sincerely hope the friends who came to visit us and went away before my daughter could remember to ask for the phone number would please call. The only Shepherds I remember are from the days of Crocker PTA. Please call. Our doorbell is not reliable in cold weather. When Linda discovered someone was at the door, she panicked because the living room was knee deep in paper, bedclothes, coats and presents. Linda reports my friends remembered her. Not remembering them upset her very much. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, please call. If you don't, I'll think you don't read my column. Happy Holiday, everybody!

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Rose Marie and Combo will continue to entertain you this Saturday evening. Food.

Norman Walker released from Mary Greely Hospital is at home in Ames.

Sam Vaughn has enjoyed being home with family and friends, but must return to Veterans Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa, where we hope you will let him continue to hear from you.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Leonard Perry's father, Lycurgus "Buck" Perry, whose funeral service is 1:00 p.m. Friday from Estes and Son Funeral Home.

Word was received of the death of Grand Assistant Directress of Education Department, Anna Belle Reid, services Thursday evening at Shiloh Baptist Church 2226-7th Ave. New York City, N.Y.

Also the death of

Maryland Logan, Kansas City, Mo. Services pending. Many will remember him from M.W.S. Association.

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Peggy Spates Johnson

Superman, the latest blockbuster in the multi million dollar (35 to be exact) genre, was released with great hullabuloo and ballyhoo in a media blitz to end all media blitzes this month. We viewed the film Monday night — be forewarned folks it is a strangely uneven film. It is a very ambitious undertaking to be sure. The Solkinds (the producers) went to unbelievable lengths to secure top notch craftsmen and actors to get this film off the ground four years ago (pardon the pun). But as I said the substance of the movie buoys and sags — there were segments I found fascinating and visually stimulating — also 2001 — A SPACE ODYSSEY. Yet there were parts of the film in which I almost fell asleep (maybe too much Christmas turkey?) I really can't say who will be engrossed and who will be turned off by SUPERMAN — adults or youngsters. I suppose personal preference and word of mouth will make or break this movie. To begin with, because Marlon Brando is my favorite actor and is America's finest actor, and because he has given so much time, energy and MONEY to minority causes I automatically see all his films. This was the primary reason I wanted to view this one — not because I am a lover of comic book characters nor because I admire anyone who subscribes to the theory that he must uphold 'truth, justice and the American way'. As a black, I've seen that the three concepts just don't jive. But because we all know (as the producers seemed to also) that Superman's only 'thing' is saving innocents and punishing wrongdoers, 2½ hours of these exploits would have bored us to tears.

Therefore the scriptwriters (Mario Puzo of THE Godfather fame and Robert Benton and David Newman of Bonnie and Clyde) have spent much time on Superman's Krypton background — the

gloriously advanced but doomed civilization from which he came and his seclusion period from ages 18-30 where a reincarnated spirit - Brando as Jor-El his father, instructs the budding Superman in the ways of Earthlings and how to help them.

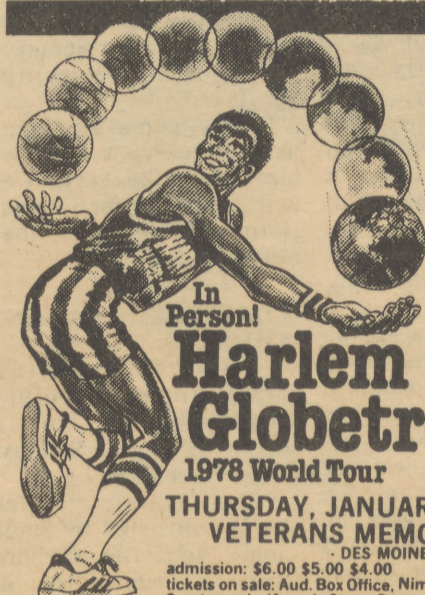
The opening segments of the film are dazzling and the destruction of Krypton, which Brando unsuccessfully forewarned his fellow leaders, is a work of art. The other half of the film of course is made up of examples of Superman's derring-do: capturing thieves, saving Lois Lane (his only love) from a dangling, helicopter and preventing earthquakes, floods, etc., even to turning back time to prevent the demise of Miss Lane. The scenic design and special effects should garner an Oscar. For once a flying human (like the ads say) does look real; disasters don't look staged and we don't question stunts and superhuman feats of strength. No effort was spared in using the best film people. Puzo and Newman and Benton as writers; John Williams (Star Wars and Close Encounters) as composer; Richard (The Omen) Donner as director handles cast, crew and special effects generally well and special note is given to English cinematographer Geoffrey Insworth. You always know someone in the film has died immediately following shooting if he or she is on the dedication end of the credits. He was an excellent technician, craftsman and he knew his stuff about a camera. The casting was good in that besides Brando and Gene Hackman as the evil Lex Luthor no big names or superstars were used in the film — just solid, understated, professional people. Christopher Reeves is a handsome and appealing newcomer and combines an intriguing mixture of sexuality and moral naivete in his scenes with Margot Kidder. Christian uprightness poured forth in his law enforcing activities. English actors,

Suzannah York as Superman's real mother Terence Stamp (looking terribly beat) as a Krypton lawbreaker; Harry Andrews and Trevor Howard as skeptic Krypton officials all performed their tiny roles admirably, professionally and with the customary stiff upper lips. Margot Kidder — a wonderfully wacky and unique actress used to playing rather weird roles — in "Sisters" and "Quackters Fortune . . ." plays a bright and kooky Lois Lane. Gene Hackman is an intellectual villain Lex Luthor, Ned Beatty his dumb sidekick (a good actor in such yuch parts) and curvacious Valerie Perrine as Luthor's supposedly dumb sexpot Miss Teschmacher is just right. She turns out to be not so dumb when after saving Clark Kent/ Superman/ Kar-El from his Kryptonite bondage she gets him to save Hackensack NJ (her mother's home) from nuclear destruction before the west coast. Unfortunately many parts of the film left hanging questions: What happened to Miss Teschmacher when Luthor discovered her betrayal? How after

turning the world back 1 day did he persuade or prevent Lex Luthor from hatching his fiendish plot to incinerate millions? What exactly destroyed Krypton? And what was the powerful life force that could sustain Jor-El's spirit and intelligence thousands of years to return to train and counsel Clark Kent into Superman? In contrast to the permissive 70's movies, Superman is morally pure as he was physically strong — no discos, no four letter words, no sexual innuendoes, heck, not even a kiss for that matter, to his beloved Lois Lane. I found this aspect rather refreshing. As I said before SUPERMAN is an adventurous undertaking full of talented people behind and in front of the cameras — see it and come to your own conclusions on the film's merits. Now for those of you who harbor classical rather than pop tastes, a quick look at Sunday night's THE NUTCRACKER shown on CBS. It has been noted when first performed for audiences, the Nutcracker Suite by P. I. Tchaikovsky, the composer interpreted their stunned silence as rejection of his piece. But it has become a popular masterpiece since the romantic period of the 1800's when Tchaikovsky composed. The story is of a little girl Clara and the

magical nutcracker toy given her by her Uncle Dossleman. The Nutcracker opens up a dream world to her where she meets and falls in love with a handsome prince in his kingdom. Sadly, she must eventually return to her real world accompanied by her uncle. In the dream, the Nutcracker comes to life to defend Clara from giant mice and their King (rodent personifications of the callous adults of her real world.) The Nutcracker then transforms into the said prince and transports her to a winter scene with dancing snowflakes; she follows him to his castle where she is royally entertained by international couples

dancing to the lovely score. The American Ballet Co. is an excellent one. Barishnikov is a genius of a dancer and a talented actor too. Of course the frail and wan Gelsey Kirkland, fully recovered from her breakdown, looks a bit too weak to dance more than a few plies, leaps and kicks but she manages to convey an elfin spirit and has a wonderfully mobile face and is a graceful technician of the dance. Unfortunately, Tchaikovsky felt this was one of his worst works and hated the suite. The irony of the situation is that The Nutcracker has become a beloved Christmas tradition to dancers and non dancers and as they say, children of all ages.



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The Church Page

NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

The New Friendship Church is yet on the move for the Lord. It has been five years since our Pastor, Elder Daye, came to Iowa and we are glad that Bishop Ford sent him to us. We have had good days and bad, but through it all, we have learned to trust in Jesus.

The trials have been for the furthering of the Gospel. We Praise God taking us up on the back side of the mountain. We thank God for the mountains he has tunneled us through.

This week at New Friendship Church, we will have our first **Shut-In** which will begin on Friday night and end on Sunday morning. A three day weekend of fasting and praying, preaching, singing, teaching and witnessing for the Lord.

Pastor Daye sees the need of the gifts being manifest in the Church. In the early churches when they fasted and prayed, deliverance was apparent. We want the fullness of God and the power of the Holy Ghost be made evident in our lives. So if you are not busy this weekend and want more of the Lord, come into 1317 Forest, day or night, someone will be there seeking for more of the Lord.

Our New Year's eve night after regular watch meeting service, the Young people will be in charge of a Midnite Musical back home service, featuring the New Bethany and New Friendship Choirs and

many more good singers of our city. So let us start the New Year out right in the Lord.

Beginning Jan. 2, a revival will take place at New Friendship. Pastor Daye and Evang. E. Alexander will be in charge.

Announcements for the week: Tuesday evening is Prayer and Bible Band. Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m., the young people will have choir practice. On Friday night will begin our Shut-In. On Saturday, the YWCC will have a bake sale at the Safeway Store located at 14th and University. Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School; 11:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Please come and join us and let your soul be blessed in the Lord. We are praying for Dalas Hamiton who is in the hospital.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Corinthian Missionary Society invites you to an inspiring drama Sunday, December 31 at 7 p.m.

The drama "Watch Ye" is directed by Sadie Jones and the Richard Allen Chorus of the St. Paul AME Church will provide the music.

HOLY GHOST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Bible Study was held last Tuesday eve with Bishop O. J. Johnson in charge. The subject of the lesson was Christ makes the unacceptable acceptable. Ref. Key thots - man looks on the outward appearance but

God looks on the heart. God will give grace to the humble. That which is highly esteemed among men is abominable in the sight of God. St. Luke 16:15, 1 Cor. 1:26, 27, 28. God is God.

Evangelistic services were held Friday nite with Bishop O. J. Johnson speaking about Jesus stills the tempest. Ps. 27:3 and Mark 4:37, Isa. 43:1.

Jesus can calm all our tempests if we repent and let him come into our hearts we can become lively stones in the building. Be determined not to crook with crooks. Don't worry about Hydrogen bombs, inflation and associated subjects. Jesus is in control of our ships.

Sunday School was held at 10 a.m., the subject of the lesson was God Judges and Forgives. Isa. 57:14-21 Hosea 2:1 - 4:19. Elder Eugene Price taught from the subject the Excellency of the Law of God. Ps. 19-7-14. We were glad to have as our visitors, Deacon Merle Thomas and Missionary Ruby Thomas and children as our guests.

We were also glad to see Sister Mary Sue Spurling in church. Let this be your song during the Holiday Season.

Read your Bible through and through. Do what the Lord says to do.

Every word is speaking to you.

Do what the Lord says to do.

Oh my heart is fixed, my mind is made up. My heart is fixed to do what the Lord says to do.

Don't forget to attend the Christmas Sunday Services, December 24, 1978.

Come to Sunday School and Church and go away blessed, depart to serve. Bishop O. J. Johnson

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday, Rev. Harris delivered a very inspirational message entitled, 'The Man who Changed the World'.

Sunday, December 31, Mrs. Strickland of Corinthian Baptist Church will be the Guest Speaker for the Mission. Service will start at 4:00 P.M. and the Mt. Hebron Men's Chorus will sing.

January 7, at 4:00 P.M., the Baby Contest will close. The First Place Winner will receive a Savings Bond. Come and join in, see whose baby wins. Rev. Harris is the Co-ordinator for this event.

Friday, January 12, at 7:30 P.M., Deacon John Patton will present Rev. Bevel and the Men's Chorus in a Special Program.

Starting January 1st and continuing throughout the week, the Central District Evangelistic Board will be having services at Macedonia Baptist - 931-31st. Service will start each night at 7:30. Various Ministers will be speaking. Rev. James Harris, President; Vice-pres. Rev. Alex Crawford; Secretary, Rev. Donald Bolden.

January 21, the Sunday School will present Mrs. Luvenia Jones and Mrs. Essie Miller in a Musical Recital at 4:00 P.M. The

Men's Chorus will also be singing. Rev. Donald Bolden is Supt.

Joint Watch - Meeting services will be held at Union Baptist on Sunday night, starting at 10:30 P.M. Maple Street, Union, Bethel and Mt. Hebron will be in Fellowship for this service. Everyone is welcome to attend - Please bring a covered dish.

To those of you who missed our Sunday School Skating party, you surely missed a GREAT time. We will be having another, so be sure you don't miss it. Prizes were given to Tammy Harris, Tony Bolden, Karen Adair and Veronica Shields for selling the most tickets.


The Senior Choir will be having a Salad Buffet on January 27, at 6:30 P.M. Tickets will be on sale soon. Mrs. Eva Young - Chairlady; Ms. Edna Mash - Choir - President.

Our Sick and Shut-Ins: Mrs. Lillian Williams, Mr. Charles Walker, Mr. Bill Thompson, Gia Harris, Mother Love, Mother Wilson and Mrs. Essie Miller.

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KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Friday, December 29, marks the 15th Anniversary of our first worship service in our "new" church. THANK GOD, FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS.

Sunday, December 31, Morning devotions will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Williams will bring the message with music by the Young Adult Choir.

Sunday, December 31, beginning at 10:00 p.m. Watch Service will be held at Kyles church. Reverend F. B. Green and members of Macedonia Baptist Church will worship with us. The Host pastor will deliver the sermonette. Everyone is welcome to come and share in this service.

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<p>CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH 9th & 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>EAST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 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 & Bible Band 7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Saturday Youth Services 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH 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>CANTON MISSOURI SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH 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>HEAVENLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 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>PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 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>MISSION TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C. 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 & Thursday Nights 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH E. 16th & 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>MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH 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>FIRST CALVARY APOSTOLIC CHURCH 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>SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1213 Scott 255-6333 Pastor Rev. Benjamin W. Jamison 277-9269</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>
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Look, Therefore, To This Day

By
Lynda Walker-Webster

* ANOTHER DAY — ANOTHER MEMORY

...Thus we arrive at the close of another year, ... and we approach the threshold of a brand new year. A year which holds excessive mystery and the ultimate unknown. We cannot possibly know what impending happenings or turning points await us in 1979 ... simply because we cannot possibly know what circumstances await us in the coming hours, ... or moments.

While there is often a combination of joy and sadness that people experience at that Midnight hour on New Year's Eve, (the crossing from one year to

another, ... the old to the new) I tend to look at the coming year as though it were a very positive and clean slate ..., like the chance for a fresh new beginning.

There is a cliché that says "Today is the first day of the rest of your life". That may be very true, yet it does not have the impact that January 1st has.

There are many of us who make out (mental or written) lists of resolutions for the New Year. In most instances those resolutions soon fade into some obscure oblivion. I too am guilty of that, yet I still continue to write out a list, if for no other purpose, than to confront myself with those things that I would like to do something about. At least it seems to stir up a bit of mental activity, which is always stimulating.

In reflection, ... locally and nationally, this past year has been filled with great things as well as tragic things, happy things as well as sad. Achievements as well as failures. Births as well as deaths.

While we are, or at least should be thankful and grateful for having witnessed another year and possessing the privilege and honor of being able to add this year as another chapter to our lives. There were many for whom this year became their closing

chapter.

In the interim of our lives, people have come and gone, ... the memory of them sometimes fades, but the last vestiges of their presence is ever much alive.

As we walk through empty or deserted rooms, we are often touched, moved, or haunted by the spirit of those who have been there and have gone on in the years before.

As we pass through life, and we leave, a part of ourselves is left behind to be felt by others who pass through our rooms ..., at least by those who stop to remember and feel the souls (known and unknown), who have passed through and have left a lasting unseen vestige of their departed presence.

As the years ahead unfold, we still can only take one day at a time..., yet those days will be filled by new acquaintances, friends and loved ones, as well as the memory of those who have touched us in all of the years that have passed.

Let this year be the greatest year ever, let us strive harder and more genuinely to be more humanistic toward one another, let us try to eradicate the "ugly" in ourselves, start to live selflessly, and rededicate ourselves to the Giver of this, ... another year.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m. is Mission Sunday. Sister E. Green will be speaker for Morning Service.

Thursday, Dec. 28, is Mission Meeting at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. we are having The Old Ship of Zion. Mrs. E. Green will be narrator.

Sunday, 31st, at 10:30 p.m. we will be in Service at Kyles AME. That will be New Year's Eve Service.

Prayer For The New Year

Dear God let there be new beginnings in my life to match the beginning of this New Year.

Let there be new health in my body and new strength to fill my waking hours, a new peacefulness to sleep. Let all the old loves now be renewed in Joy.

While the old problems fade with the fading year, dear God, let there be happy surprises now to match the fresh sun's rising in this New Year.

Thought for the week:

God bless each and every one — Happy New Year.

Rev. F. B. Green, Pastor.

Ozell Williams, church reporter.

ST PAUL AME CHURCH

The Christmas eve morning worship service was a beautiful entry into the season woven with the story of Jesus' birth and scriptures spoken by Caesar Smith. Solos, trio and audience singing of the carols befitting the story, were sung and directed by Laurretta Reeves, Director of Music. Reverend Mrs. Madeline Davis of Los Angeles, California gave the meditation for the day. Reverend Davis is sister of Mrs. Delores Pegnese. The Hostess Club sang Merry Christmas to the congregation at the close of the service.

Our sick and shut-in received fruit plates and poinsettias from the church. If you are not doing it already, a good resolution for the new

year is to send cards, call or visit our sick. They are: John Bell, Mary Lee Banks, Lester Benning, Fannie Cooper, Zelma Todd, Myrtle Paige, Linnie Ganaway, Willa Mae Parker, Christine Brent, Joseph Ayers, Victoria Cogswell, William Dixon, Daisy Gater, Marjorie Kazer, Homer Lewis, Azalia Mitchell, Seymour Morrison, Lela Parker, Vera Piggee, Mary Tucker, Sarah Tucker, Sam Vaughn.

Church Conference, Sunday, January 7 immediately after morning service. A word from Pastor Grady: "Let us look to the New Year with faith and confidence in God. St. Paul A.M.E. Church was highly blessed during the year. The church experienced many spiritual and rewarding highlights, presently, we are in the process of restoring our church as the result of the recent fire."

Our Pastor, Rev. Lewis E. Grady, Jr., will preach at the 10:45 Service. Subject: "Pioneers or Settlers"

Our Pastor wishes to thank the members for their kindness during the Christmas season. Bible Study resumes its meetings at the church on Wednesday, January 3, 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul extends sympathy to the Richard Perry family in the loss of father and grandfather, Mr. Lycurgus Perry, father of Richard Perry. Also to the McCracken family in the passing of Mrs. Velenthol Connell.

He does not come to the front door as an officer of authority but as a humble servant knocking on the back door, towel on arm, to wipe away lostness, loneliness, and lonely of heart. He comes to bring joy, good tidings and peace at this time. The advantages are yours in each new year.

REMEMBER: It was because of God's love for us that He sacrificed His best for us. Can we do less than give our best back to Him?

Christ. Sister Brenda Campbell taught us the meaning of Christmas from the book of John. It was exciting to listen to her unfold the words of the Bible to reveal the one-ness of God and the love that He has for us.

After Sunday School, the pastors, teachers and superintendent had a treat for the youngsters in the Church. Instead of the children doing a Christmas pageant, the adults came together in one-ness with the Spirit of God and had a program for the children. There was the Christmas story, prayer, where Christmas came from, poem, stories and songs to lift praises to God for sending His only Son to save us from our sins. We know that Christmas was the grandest night ever, for it was that night that God sent His only Son to show us that He loves us enough to sacrifice the best He had so we could come back to Him.

Messiah Temple welcomed Tony Branch as our visitor.

Sunday school is at 10:30 with worship services at 11:30. Prayer meeting is every Wednesday evening at 7:00. Join with us in the upcoming year to hear what God is doing in our daily lives.

REMEMBER: It was because of God's love for us that He sacrificed His best for us. Can we do less than give our best back to Him?

MAPLE STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, Dec. 31, Rev. Parrish will deliver the sermon for Morning Service. The Mapleleaf Children's Choir will be singing.

Joint Watch Services for participating churches will be held on Sunday, Dec. 31st, at the Union Baptist Church. Service will start at 10:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish for the "Fellowship Potluck" which will follow the Watch Service.

Maple Street Baptist Church is in the process of forming a Bowling League. Interested

bowlers, or non-bowlers, should contact Shirley Talbert, Jane Brown or Deloris Davis.

1979 Offering Envelopes can now be picked up before Morning Service each Sunday until distribution has been completed. Please see Mary Dickens for your Envelopes.

Memorial Candlelight Services for deceased members and friends, and relatives will be held on Sunday, January 14, at 5:00 P.M. Please give names of persons you would like memorialized to Shirley Talbert or Rose Edmonds. The Young Adult Choir will furnish the music for this service.



MRS. DELORES ANN MORRIS

Mrs. Delores Ann Morris, 29, of 3113 Twenty-sixth St. died Monday at Des Moines General Hospital. She had been in poor health since she was injured in an auto accident two years ago.

Graveside services were held at noon Thursday at Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Morris was born in Omaha and lived in Batesville, Ark. before moving to Des Moines 22 years ago. She attended the American Institute of Business and Des Moines Area Community College and was a former secretary for the Inner Urban Alcoholic Center. She was a member of Bethel AME Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Tamera of Des Moines; her mother and stepfather, Dorothy and Homer McCurn of Des Moines; a sister, Niambi Webster of Iowa City, and a grandmother, Emma Campbell of Batesville.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Bethel AME Church.

Estes and Son Funeral Home was in charge of service arrangements.



Delores Ann Morris

NORMAN C. PICKETT

Funeral services for Norman C. Pickett, 37, of 2420 Payne St. were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Estes and Son Funeral Home. Burial will be at Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Pickett died Saturday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Born in Des Moines and a resident for the past 33 years, Mr. Pickett attended East High School and was graduated from Des Moines Technical High School.

Before his death he worked for Stylecraft Steel Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda; five daughters, Shirley Pickett and Lona Pickett of Sacramento, Calif., Marva Pickett, Lashay Pickett, and Melaine Pickett of Des Moines; two sons, Norman C. Pickett Jr. of Des Moines and Perry D. Pickett of Sacramento; four step-daughters, Blondale F. Mitchell, Donna F. Mitchell, Ann Hamilton, and Jan Hamilton of Des Moines; two step-sons, Jason Daye Pickett and Kevin R. Mitchell of Des Moines; his mother, Mary E. Powell of Des

Moines; three sisters, Jackie A. Jones, Melva J. Tate, and Rosemary A. Tate of Des Moines; three half-brothers, Michael Pickett of Iowa City, Ricky Pickett of Cedar Rapids, and Kirby Pickett of Des Moines; and one half-sister, Jan Pickett of Des Moines.

LYCURGUS P. PERRY

Services for Lycurgus P. "Buck" Perry, 78, of 844 Sixteenth St. will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Estes and Son Funeral Home. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Perry died of cancer Sunday at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home, 701 Riverview St., after a three-month illness.

Mr. Perry was born in St. Joseph, Mo., and lived in Des Moines 59 years. He attended the University of Iowa and was a retired printing company employee.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Lou Weaver of Los Angeles; five sons, Richard, William, Wayne, J. L. and Leonard, all of Des Moines; two half-sons, Eugene Headspeath of Des Moines and Jeffery Headspeath of Compton, Calif.; 29 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Around The State

Mt. Pleasant

Second Baptist Church, 407 West Saunders, Rev. W. A. Smith, pastor.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Saturday.

Watch Night services will be held at 10:30 Sunday night Dec. 31.

Last Sunday was Youth Sunday. Sherrie Dabner and Cynthia Smith were in charge of devotion.

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 at 5 p.m., the Sunday School had their Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marsh went to Minneapolis, Minn. to Mr. Marsh's son, Dr. Donald Marsh and family Dec. 19th for the Christmas Holidays. Mrs. Helen Wyatt went to Des Moines Thursday Dec. 21st for the Holidays. Mrs. Lurena Woods, Mr. and Mrs. John Valentine, were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Turner of Iowa City for the Holiday. Mr. Turner came and got them Dec. 22nd. Mrs. Stella Harper went to Burlington Dec. 23, to be with her children for the holidays. Mr. Bernard Sansberry and mother Mrs. Mollie Rudd, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker for dinner also Mrs. Stella Harper Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The Golden Years Life

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Makes the heart that once was young and gay Serene and more gentle and restless, too, Content to remember the joys it once knew

And all that we sought on "the pathway of pleasure"

Becomes but a memory to cherish and treasure

The fast pace grow slower and the spirit serene,

And our souls can envision what our eyes have not seen

And so while "Life's SPRINGTIME" is sweet to recall.

The "AUTUMN BEST TIME of all,

For our wild, youthful yearnings all gradually cease

And God fills our days with BEAUTY and PEACE!

Keokuk

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church had an exceptionally fine number attending morning service last Sunday. One new addition to the Church Roll. Rev. Dale Laster, pastor.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Ms. Jewel Heywood to Mr. Roosevelt Harge, has been announced. The marriage will be an event of Friday, December 29.

John Parsons, Jr., of Minneapolis, Minn., spent several days in the city, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons, Sr.

Mrs. Lulu White, of Hamilton, Ill., has recently returned from a five-day Seminar held at

the Allerton House in Allerton Park, Ill. Several professors from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, were speakers. The Seminar was in connection with her employment as Supervisor-Social Worker, Dept., of Children and Family Services.

The Self Culture Club held their Christmas meeting on Sunday, December 17, at the home of Mrs. John Parsons. The ladies spent the afternoon enjoying an interesting competitive game. The Secret Pals exchanged presents and the hostess presented gifts to special guests she had invited. A delicious holiday meal was served to members; Evelyn Holder, Cecil Bates, Mary Wallace, Oteria Carter, Mary Majors, Lulu White, Jani Merritt and guests, Mrs. Oleta Holton and Naomi Douglas.

With the Holiday Season near, the following festivities were attended by Mrs. Mary Majors and Ms. Willola Sharkey; Open House, given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr for members of the Historical Society, at their estate, Woodwind, in Warsaw, Ill., on Sunday afternoon, the Retirement Tea for Mrs. Charlotte Lucas, on Sunday, at the First Christian Church, the Soroptimist Christmas party, with dinner and exchange of gifts at Harold's on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Verona Williams re-entered KAH East on Sunday. Mrs. Bernice Robinson is a patient in KAH East at this time.

The report received here is that Mrs. Cora Crowson, a patient in the University Hospital in Iowa City, is much improved but will have to remain hospitalized

for the present.

Bobby Evans is the new district manager of Northern Propane Gas Company of Keokuk. From Norwalk, Ohio, he joined Northern Propane in 1974 as a utilityman at Milford, Ohio. He completed the company's management training course in Norwalk in October. He has a business administration degree from Southern Ohio Junior College in Cincinnati. He and his wife, JoAnn, have moved to Keokuk.

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Signed by: Wife, Helen F. Wright, adopted son, Ronni Wright, step daughter, Cecillia Hald, step sons, Thomas Allen, Larry Allen, and Clifford, sisters, Hazel B. Rivers and Lucy M. Parrish, brother, Hiram Wright, and all their families.

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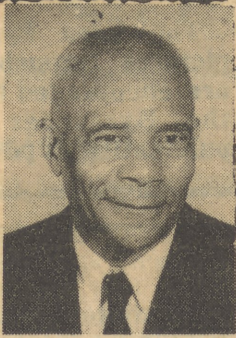
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ALLEN ASHBY with a LOOK ON SPORTS



You try to replay the sports year by memory, and it is surprising how tough it gets. Could it be that there are so many happenings that one just can't keep track of them?

But I would have to list the NCAA basketball championships as one of the outstanding events. Then there were the fights for the heavyweight crown. The one lost by Ali because he wasn't ready and the sudden elevation of Leon Spinks to the title that he wasn't ready for. How quickly he was stripped of his title by the World Boxing Association whose members like to make and unmake champions with the stroke of a pen. Getting so we never know who is the real champion until the WBA has spoken.

Then what had to be a disappointment to Ken Norton when he was decisioned by Larry Holmes who might be a pretty good contender, after all. The Mouth made history when he regained his crown for the third time, forgetting that he also lost it three times.

Hated to see Arthur Ash not being able to cut it as he did a few years ago, but even so, he must rate among the top thirty players in the country. The feuds between the Yankee's Reggie Jackson and Manager Billy Martin were always news. Even out of the club, Martin gets his publicity by lambasting Jackson.

We thought that even if they couldn't play football at Iowa University, they can wrestle. The Hawks and Iowa State have been in the top three teams with Iowa winning the NCAA title this time and the Cyclones yelling wait till next year.

Football was a chore to travel to Iowa City to watch the Hawks when you knew they didn't have much of a chance to win, but there was always a

crowd of at least fifty thousand for each home game. Iowa State packed 'em in too and earned a trip to a bowl game that they lost again, but made some money and that is really what bowl games are all about.

And, do you know that there still may not be a national champion after all of the games this weekend. We keep hearing that the Penn State - Alabama game is for the national championship, but what will they do with Michigan and USC. The Trojans dusted the Tide quite handily and if they beat Michigan, even if Penn State beats Alabama, how would you rate them?

Then if Michigan does in USC and Alabama beats Penn State, what do you base your choice of the Tide for national honors on in the face of that?

And while we are on the subject of football, let us not forget that Iowa fired their coach Commings and hired a new Moses to lead them out of the wilderness. The man might do it if he can recruit where and who he wants to, but will he be able to? Maybe for a year or so.

Locally, we thought the 1978 edition of the Drake Relays was as good as any, and we can't forget the yell that went up when Mike Boit was beaten in his event. He had seemed unbeatable for so many years. For the first time I got to ask some of the black athletes questions that I wanted to ask, and got some intelligent answers.

And Roosevelt didn't win the Metro basketball title, but came up with the state crown. For a while we thought we might have an all Des Moines final between unbeaten Hoover and the Riders who came

on in the last half dozen games. Aside from that our local schools didn't do too much. Came a cropper in the football playoffs. Dowling didn't make it into the playoffs and at the end of the year they were the best football team in town.

In tennis our Hilltop wasn't as big as it normally was, and it wasn't run as smoothly as it has been. Wonder what that will do to our meet in 1979. Esther Myers finally got some recognition in an article in the Trib, after she won the women's crown for the tenth time, and maybe more than that.

We might say that 1978 was quite a year for sports, and we probably left out some events and people that should be mentioned, but we'll get 'em next time.

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County, Iowa, in favor of
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Corporation, and against In
Rem, on a judgment rendered
by said court on the 4th day of
December A.D. 1978, wherein it
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decreed that the following
described property be sold to
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(6) in Norwood Park Addition to
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**NOTICE OF
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TO: Willie P. Hayes and Irene
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YOU ARE HEREBY
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1. That a written contract,
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**NOTICE OF
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TO BID**

The City of Des Moines, Iowa,
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Rehabilitation on January 2,
thru 11, 1979, at above address.

All bids must be sealed and
submitted upon Urban
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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
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Grand by Fri., Jan. 12, 1979 at
9:00 A.M., at which time all bids
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bid. However, the City reserves
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CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
By Lewis V. Pond, Director
Urban Development

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THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS "CHINA"

From Page 3

current levels, there will likely be no interference from the mainland. But the same will not likely be true of the white minority governments in southern Africa. Although they may be able to maintain themselves at current levels economically and militarily well into the future, their political structures and the representative components within them will be their 'Achilles heel'. Without the support of a superpower, those governments will face strong social and military challenges not only from elements within their own countries, but also from their immediate neighbors. Thus although the situation of the Nationalist government on Taiwan may not be directly analogous to the situation in Africa, but its very existence should be an omen to those who continue to support minority regimes, whether in Africa or elsewhere.

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Black History Minutes

by Connee L. Bowman

WILLIAM GRANT STILL
(1895 - 1978)
(Dean of Afro American Composers)

Several weeks ago, William Grant Still, Dean of Afro - American composers passed away in Los Angeles, California. He was a native of Woodville, Mississippi. As a youth his parents sent him to Wilberforce so that he could study medicine. As a youngster he had a keen interest and talent in music. Therefore his heart was not in medical study. He left Wilberforce after three years without obtaining a degree.

As a young boy, he had begun to study music with his mother's encouragement. However, she let him know about the difficulty that he might face in the musical world. She knew of the experiences of many fine Black musicians which limited opportunity for them in public places. As a youngster he studied the violin and showed a great talent for composition.

Once he left Wilberforce — he was uncertain about his future. He drifted and eventually began working as an office boy for WC Handy in Tennessee. Later he played in his band. The desire to compose remained with him.

Finally he came into a small inheritance and he used it to study music at the Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio. He later obtained grants so that he could go on to advanced study at the New England Conservatory of Music. He studied composition seriously with George Chadwick and Edgar Varese. He began combining his own Afro American instincts with the musical heritage of Europe. The result was many works including songs, ballets, symphonies and operas.

His well known songs include: "Breath of a Rose", "Levee Land" and "Kaintuck". His best known symphonies are: "Africa", "Symphony in G minor" and "Afro American Symphony". His "Afro American Symphony" is made up of themes from the blues, spirituals, jazz and other popular elements.

In 1936 he became the first Black American to lead a major orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. He conducted one of his own compositions. This was a real high point in the life of a Black

musician who had once played in some honky-tonks and dives in the South.

William Grant Still has been the recipient of various awards and honors for his musical achievements. He has studied and composed with Guggenheim and Rosenwald fellowships. He was a member of the orchestra that played for the first successful Broadway Black musical "Shuffle Along". Although he studied seriously the works of many European composers — he remained in contact with his own cultural heritage. He had the distinction of being

commissioned by CBS for several special events. Columbia Records has released his "Afro American Symphony" and two arias from "Hiway 1, USA" as performed by the London Symphony Orchestra.

William Grant Still left an important musical legacy for aspiring composers and musicians. At one time he gave them this message: "Everyone who writes music should learn the established forms . . . After that a person with a creative mind will or should make an effort to build on what he has learned."

Micro Magazine made this comment in 1955 about the Dean of Afro American Composers: "This American composer shows remarkable qualifications which place him as one of the very greatest living composers."

Hiatt Vacation Plans

The Hiatt staff and students have great plans for their winter break, December 20, 1978 to January 2, 1979. Those interviewed had this to say:

GLENNIA SELLERS: I am going to open my presents.

MR. TINDRELL, Vice Principal: Work, Work and more work.

MARTA HARPER: I am going to play with my toys and whatever else I get for Christmas.

MRS. GRIFFIS: I am going to enjoy my family; Christmas dinner is at my house. I plan to reap full appreciation from my 8 foot Christmas tree. On December 26, I will

travel to Montgomery, Alabama.

MICHAEL PEAVY: I don't know what I will do; whatever comes up!

MR. HUBBARD: I am going to visit my folks in Knoxville, Tennessee.

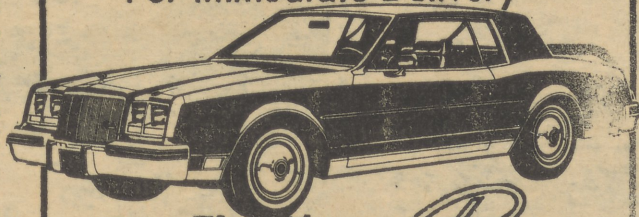
MICHELE RANKIN: I will be in Atlanta, Georgia until January 1, 1979, visiting my father and other relatives.

MRS. HOFFMAN: Rest but; I can't until after Christmas. Our Family will spend Christmas together.

MRS. WILLIAMS: In August, I made reservations to Atlanta and Tallahassee. I plan to celebrate the season with good friends, in good cheer.

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