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Spotlight

By Peggy Spates Johnson

Cecil Brewton: A Mover In Education and Recreation

Before I begin this week's Spotlight interview on Mr. Cecil H. Brewton, Jr. counselor at Merrill Junior High School, let me apologize to Mrs. Jeannete Bethel and her son Jay for the omission of them in last week's story on Jennifer Carson.

Mrs. Bethel is the busy wife of Mr. James Bethel and Mother of Jennifer. She is employed by the Episcopal Diocese of Des Moines. Mrs. Bethel is a gracious and lovely lady and I hope she pardons my forgetfulness.

Mr. Brewton is now in his third successful year at Merrill and came to the school, he says, as a "... product of a closing — Irving — the principal of Merrill stopped by and asked me to come

over. I was taking courses beyond my Masters in counseling and all fell right into place."

I then asked him what were some of the differences between the ill fated Irving and Merrill? "There was more cooperation at Irving with other faculty members than here when I first arrived. It was lacking here and it proved disturbing to me" he lamented. The drug problem was not as bad at Merrill as I had heard. Cecil told me that only 2 in school incidents had taken place — "We nailed one white female and a black student with drugs".

Cecil seemed very disturbed when I asked him about race relations. "They were very good back in '76 when I first

arrived, in fact excellent. But there have been mounting difficulties since then particularly with some of our best black female students alienating certain people and providing negative leadership to some kids who are trying to imitate them" he told me. He and another black faculty member were planning a teacher meeting on how to deal with these problems.

He also was saddened that the term nigger was floating around much too much, mostly from black students lips.

Because my husband was Goods pool manager for a few years I asked Cecil about his time as manager of the park on 17th Street and his feelings toward its possible closing. He surprised me when he told me that he had put in 23 years as a familiar face at the predominantly black pool; that he had personally repaired many pipes and other items that had fallen into disrepair nor was he surprised when he heard of the park and recreation board's possible closing plans.

Brewton's wife, Sharon is employed by Travelers Indemnity Insurance (the one with the red umbrella) he told me. He laughed when I inadvertently cut his number of children in half. Cecil is the proud father of six: all doing well — Cecil III, 28, teaching at Phillips; Chuck, 27, a welder at John Deere; Joyce, 26, teaching in Miami; Fred, 25, also at Deere; Billy, 22, attending Area XI majoring in Math; and Jeannine his youngest at 17, a senior at Roosevelt and planning on attending Grandview next year.

Besides sponsoring the Ski Club at Merrill and planning a ski trip on

Jan. 19 with 25 students; Cecil keeps active and fit by skiing, fishing, hunting, swimming, tennis, photography, motorcycles and jogging (in the winter no less!)

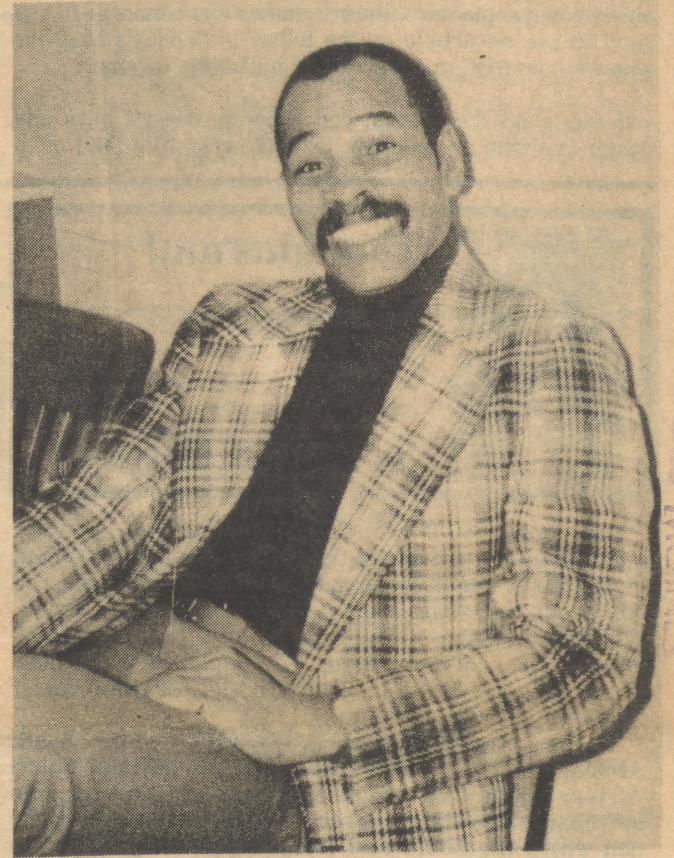
What was the major problem black teachers faced in the Des Moines system? "Being accepted by colleagues as equals" he told me unhesitatingly. He also felt that there was adequate recruitment of blacks but not from the Des Moines area — just the South. He was angry that Des Moines loses so many good young black teachers to other cities — Sheila Estes, Warren Stewart, etc. to name a few.

Because his Master's degree is in administration he hopes someday to become a vice principal or Principal of a Des Moines school. And doing good by all his students is his daily working goal.

Because Cecil lived with his family on good old 13th Street (my old stomping grounds) I asked him what he thought of the new Cedarwood Place development and plans to build up 'the ghetto'. He told me it was a "... good idea — wonderful in concept but the homes seem too expensive for most blacks. The landscaping, the park area, the tennis courts are fine." He would even like to transplant his current home on Merced Ave. back to 13th St. if he could.

Cecil felt blacks were not being given administrative positions in the school system commensurate with their abilities; and many reasons given such as lack of time in the classroom was a lame excuse to keep blacks out of positions of power.

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Cecil Brewton

Public Library

Events in the New Year at Mid City Library at 1305 University:

Elvis Presley movie, "Blue Hawaii", 2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 7.

Storytime, Child Development each Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Ceramics Class each Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Art Classes each Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

"Macrame for Adults" beginning January 11th and continuing on Thursdays, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for three weeks; fee of \$1.50 for materials; if transportation is needed, call 283-4593 to arrange. Call also to pre-register. Co-sponsored

by Iowa State Extension Service.

Parents may learn to tutor their children in reading by attending Thursday evening sessions from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mid City Library; transportation may be arranged free of charge and also free baby-sitting at the library during these programs; Nina Harlan, Coordinator of PDC from Moulton School will be in charge. Begins January 11.

Mid City Library has selected for honors: Judy Van Englenhoven as "Library User of the Year" and Esterlites as "Organization Library User of the Year."

For further information on any programs: call 283-4593.

Workshop On Starting

A Business Offered

A one-day workshop on starting and operating a small business will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 1979, in Room 707 of the Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This workshop is for those who have just started in business, about to enter business or just thinking of going into business and will give participants an opportunity to learn what it takes to start and operate a small business.

The workshop is being presented by the Small Business Administration and the Des Moines

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Chapter.

Subjects to be covered will include records, planning, management, capital and the business plan. Commentary by a panel of seasoned business executives (SCORE) will give participants the benefits of their actual experience in business on the business person's problems.

Cost for the workshop will be \$2. For further information or to register, contact the Small Business Administration in Des Moines, (515) 284-4760. Pre-registration is requested.

Family Centered Childbirth

The Family Centered Childbirth Education Association of Des Moines will start a series of four classes for couples anticipating birth by Caesarean section.

The classes will begin Monday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the association's classroom at 2531 Euclid Ave.

The four two-hour classes will be held

weekly. Cost is \$15 plus a \$5 pre-registration fee. Another series will be offered in April. The classes will emphasize breathing, exercise and relaxation techniques that will aid the Casearean birth couple in having a positive experience.

For more information, call Becky Strom at 244-3794.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

IEWS and REVIEWS by Allen Ashby

I guess I am supposed to come up with some predictions on 1979. But how do you predict when you don't know what you are talking about? I had a tough enough time keeping up with events of 1978, let alone looking into the future.

You have to wonder what the proposed cut in social aid by the national government will do to people who need it most here in the city. And during the year I kept reading comments by people who obviously have never been there about how people on welfare squander their money. It was good to see an article on the fellow in Sunday's Register who went on ADC in order to hold his family together.

If you read the article, you know he doesn't have any dough to waste on anything but the necessities, and often

that isn't enough. I have known several mothers in that same predicament who were working and had to quit work in order to keep their children out of Eldora or Mitchellville. And they didn't have any money to squander. A follow up of one family that I was personally acquainted with reveals that the mother's decision paid off.

Her children finished school, and went out and got good jobs and today are tax paying citizens and buying homes while contributing to the economy. If this mother hadn't been willing to quit her job, there was a good chance that her family would not have known where the members are today. So you have to wonder in the face of things like that what will happen if the proposed social cuts come about. And this is in Des Moines, so you can say what will happen on a national scale.

And the people on Social Security are going to have their contribution to the program raised and so are the people on Medicare. The trick question here is where do you get the first \$160 to pay on your hospital bill? How do you take it out of maybe two or three hundred dollars a month and pay rent and eat? So if a person on Social Security doesn't have enough dough to pay his first part of the bill, what happens?

And still we pick up letters to the editors from people who say that people on Social Security have money saved for their old age, or at least they should. I have in mind the case of a fellow who was a janitor all of his life, and was

always on the bottom of the pay scale. With a family to support, it took all of his money to keep even, and then sometimes he didn't do that. Come the magic age sixty five. The fellow had to go, and he didn't have any money saved, so he has to make do on Social Security for him and his wife. I wonder why all of the programs one sees on television about retirees feature people who were in the top salary bracket and were able to prepare for retirement.

It has only been recently that television audiences have been shown folks on the other side of the scale, and then not too much. So one would think that people who think that all people on Social Security are living in semi-luxury can be forgiven for thinking as they do in the face of what is shown on television today.

I didn't do much of a job predicting the future, but I had a lot of fun asking questions, I think. It was more fun watching Kalonja Saadiq (hope I spelled that right) on Mary Brewbaker's show the other morning. You know how people insist on making every black person who speaks out a leader. I liked the way Saadiq kept insisting that he is no leader in spite of Brewbaker's efforts to make him one.

So they finally settled upon spokesman. But the guy didn't say anything inflammatory and merely spoke about the police force and said what he has insisted all along was happening. I guess if he were required to he could back up what he said with people who have been there. On the whole it wasn't a bad twelve minutes.



Thoughts and Comments

By James B. Morris III

This week's 'Time' magazine contains a very interesting article about the racist theological tenets of the three Dutch Reformed Churches which are the dominant religious organizations in South Africa. The article, titled "White Theology's Last Bastion", details the current status of blacks within these predominantly white churches in view of these racist theological undercurrents.

These churches which provide white South Africans with a moral basis for the official South African policy of racial separation, have become increasingly isolated in recent years from both their non-white members and from the remainder of the

Protestant world. These teachings are reflective of neither the pitiful living conditions nor the sufferings of South African non-whites, and are but one more indication of the fact that the time when they and whites could peacefully co-exist together in southern Africa has long since passed.

The three primary Dutch Reformed Churches, which claim a membership of slightly less than two-thirds of South Africa's roughly 2.5 million whites, are the last surviving stronghold of the idea that racial segregation is the will of God. Of the three churches, two are relatively small, having a combined membership of almost 338,000 whites.

The most important by far is the Nederduits Gereformeerde, or N. G. Church, with a membership of nearly a million and a half. Among its membership on most of the influential whites in South Africa, including the current President and Prime Minister. This church, which dates from roughly 1682, has 'dropped' the old racist theology, dating from 1857, in favor of nominal support for racial equality, but continues, on the basis of Biblical verse, to uphold the morality of South Africa's apartheid policies. Due largely to the political, economic and social status of its

membership, there is little or no separation between the church and the state.

The N. G. church is not just one church, but four. N. G. missionaries, in an attempt to accommodate the thousands of non-whites who are and have been members of the church for some time, created three 'daughter' churches within their organization; one each for black Africans, 'Coloreds' (racially-mixed individuals) and the small Indian community, with a total membership of roughly 1.3 million members.

Although race remains the principal dividing element with this loose-knit organizations, all of these 'churches' are members (although unequally) within the Federal Council of Dutch Reformed Churches. In March, 1977, this body, due largely to pressure from these non-white members, decided to establish another governing authority over such issues as church doctrine. Members of the Colored 'church' however, rejected this move in favor of more far reaching plan of general unification of all branches.

The white branch, as might have been expected, shortly afterward rejected any such nations, due perhaps to a fear of what degree of influence these blacks should be given within the prevailing

Kalonji Saadiq

Speakin' Out



THE MAN FROM GEORGIA: FAIR OR FOUL

Jimmy Carter is as misunderstood by America as Kalonji Saadiq is by Des Moines. Is he conservative or liberal? Is he racist or non-racist? Does he believe in human rights or is his stance all a front?

Ever since Watergate, the American people have become increasingly cynical about government and skeptical about their leaders. Right now it appears that there is no clearly defined leadership in America.

It's a wonder the system works at all. Because of the divisions between national, state, and local government, the people on the local level never get an accurate picture of the President. The division is even made greater by the holders of the various offices being of different political parties and many times even if they are of the same party they are of different political persuasions; some liberal some conservative some almost radical.

The media also contributes to this distorted picture by portraying the President as almost a god. Someone to be held in awe, aloof from the masses. He is of course a human like the rest of us with many of the same frailties that all mortals have.

The media also makes a big mistake by not interpreting the President's policies and national legislation in a manner that is comprehensible to the people at the local level. In other words how senate bill so and so will mean a cut back in funds for Tiny Tot and the Senior Citizen Center.

Oh wow! I spaced out. Where was I? Oh yeah, I was writin' about oh J. C. in D. C.

I am tempted to believe that the Americans have a president that they can follow. One of J.C.'s good points is that he is self-critical about America. When I was in jail this last time I saw him on television talking about violence in the world and he made it a point to mention that the American military was one of the major perpetrators of this violence.

This impressed me to no end. Could you imagine Mayor Olson having the courage to stand up and address violence in Des Moines and say that the Des Moines Police Department must be the first to stop doing the brutalizing?

While watching J. C. speak I noticed that I could see the real him come through the cameras, speechwriters etc. The other presidents have looked like dummies reciting words that weren't their own.

And then there's Andy Young. What president in history would have appointed him as Ambassador to the U.N.? While Earl Butz was fired for telling a

nigger joke this niggah has been denouncing entire so-called liberal governments as racist and he's still the ambassador.

He also put it on the line about political prisoners in America. The first time any official of the U. S. has acknowledged that any exist.

Yes, I almost think we have a "good" president. Almost, because I can't reconcile his human rights stance with support of the shah. Also he, himself, refuses to get involved with the issue of political prisoners in the U.S.

But then there's the Camp David Summit. It took a creative thinker, not dulled by the rigidity of conventional international diplomatic procedures, to pull that one off. The fact that he could pull together the leaders of two deeply religious nations that have been feuding since the advent of Mohammed is highly commendable.

The Chi-lites, a soul music group, once put out a record entitled "There Will Never Be Any Peace

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A Female Focus On The Issues

Peggy Spates Johnson



Before I relate to you what I consider the five most important and news-worthy items to black people in the past year, I'd like to voice a concern with certain black publications and their quality or lack of it.

There was a time when I was in grade school that Jet magazine was strictly a scandal / sensational item journal which incorporated the worst type of gossip and news in its bid to attract readers. I'll never forget as a child reading and seeing the decapitation of a young woman in Chicago.

Well, over the years Jet has seemingly raised its head out of the gutter and appealed to our higher natures and emotions with political, social and racial commentaries and of course trying to quench our thirsts for news concerning our favorite stars or athletes. But lately I've noticed an alarming trend back to the low standards of the old days — graphic shots of young men with acid scarred faces; tales of homosexuality and lurid child abuse; a pimp scalding

and then 'ironing' the back of his prostitute; a new born baby being chewed beyond recognition by neighborhood dogs, it goes on and on.

I think if enough of us voice our distress through letters to the editor or send our subscriptions back this trend may cease. Yes, we have to know of crimes against black men, women and children to try and prevent them from reoccurring but it comes to a point of sensationalism, yellow journalism and overdoing a point to where people are turned off by the magazine. Also many whites read Jet and do we want them to believe black people are the unsympathetic, cruel and savage animals some of these stories would lead one to believe? I hope not.

Hubert Horatio Humphrey's death in January of last year was a great blow to the future of blacks and politics — just simple concessions in Congress to the plight of minorities we took for granted with Humphrey living. With his efforts beginning with the civil rights plank in the 1948 Democratic platform and the forming of the States rights party by Strom Thurmond to his liberal integrating efforts in Minneapolis and Minnesota to his ill-fated and watered down Humphrey Hawkins full employment bill, the man seemed to courageously fight for the rights of blacks when many other whites didn't give a damn.

The investigating committee of the House seems to be

playing games with the assassinations of Kennedy and Dr. King. All last year they piddled around diluted testimony, befuddled witnesses and the like. Most black people realize that there was a conspiracy to murder the Kennedy Brothers, Dr. King and probably Malcolm X. Fidel Castro was the only one to escape the CIA's murderous deeds. A right wing, ultra conservative plot by the military-industrial complex, rich racist Southern businessmen, the FBI (it has been thoroughly documented the racism of J. Edgar Hoover against all blacks particularly Dr. King) and the CIA to rid this country of the brave liberal fighters for human rights is not a crazy man's dream — I do believe it is real. The House committee started last year should get on the ball, stop the whitewash or just dissolve.

Charles Diggs conviction and Senator Brooke's defeat hurt blacks in Congress — the repercussions have really yet to be seen. And last, hundreds of black men, women and children lost their lives by again following the words of a crazed white man instead of heeding their own minds. Brainwashing is a major problem of many people of color. If white backlash with such sterling examples such as the Baakke decision and Proposition 12; lack of black representation in politics or inflation doesn't kill us, maybe blacks can make it through 1979.

J. B. MORRIS THOUGHTS & COMMENTS

morality. They also rejected the notion of giving non-white members branches anything close to an equal status in such a governing body. This position makes it inevitable then the non-white elements of the N.G. will be forced to secede from it and form their own organization.

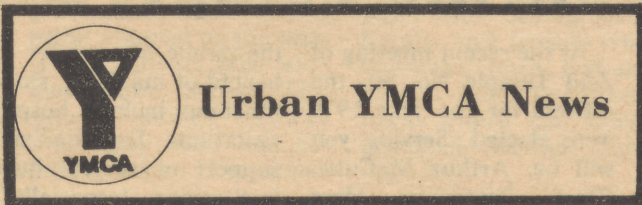
What does this mean to black nationalism in general within the various remaining white - ruled areas in Southern Africa? It most obviously means that the black clergy can no longer be identified or affiliated with pro - government whites. Non-white church leaders wishing to form a multiracial organization along with white liberals are limited by the fact that a major portion of the financial basis of their current undertakings are financed by the white branch of the church which already has expressed its opposition to such plan.

Further, the N. G. Church, (as represented only by its white branch) has not been affiliated with the World Council of Churches since 1961 due to that body's criticism of South African racial policies. And, in March, 1978, the N. G. broke its last direct ties with Dutch Protestants over their support of the World Council of Churches money grant to African nationalist guerilla organizations.

This isolation from the causes and effects of the mainstream of world Christian thought is but one more indication that so long as the "official" theological doctrine of the N.G. church is supportive of the governments apartheid policies, changes

sufficient to allow peaceful coexistence in South Africa. By making it impossible for religious and essentially conservative non-whites to have an effective voice in the management of their religious affairs, it is highly unlikely that changes will be possible in their political ones.

By effectively alienating or undercutting what little non-white support the regime may have had, the religious doctrines of the N. G. church will contribute as much to the destruction of the white power structure in South Africa as will anything else.



We at the Urban YMCA hope that you had very Happy Holidays! Now, however, it's time to work off all that turkey, ham, duck, etc., at the YMCA. Our next session of programs begins the week of January 8th. We will have instruction in karate, judo, boxing, swimming, gymnastics and wrestling. For further information give us a call at 288-0131. Starting Sunday, January 14th the Junior Pride Group will have open recreation at the YMCA; a disco will be set up in the Youth Center, the small gym will be open for basketball and a concession stand will be available. The \$1.00 donation at the door will be going towards the Jr. Pride's planned trip to Orlando, Florida during spring - vacation. Be a part of the Urban YMCA— sign up now for our winter programs!

Logan Development News

Henry Bagby, Chairman of the Logan Neighborhood Priority Board invites the public to attend the Board meeting January 4, 1979, to be held at the Logan Community Center, East 17th Court and Garfield. Mr. Martin Miller, Community Educator, for Neighborhood Development will conduct the Board election and install newly elected officers. Senior Citizen Activities: A Blood pressure clinic will be conducted by a public health nurse Tuesday, January 9, 1979 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Home Repairs, Weatherization, Electrical and plumbing repairs can be done for your home. Call 283-4149 to see if you qualify. If you enjoy good food and excellent company, then join the Logan Congregate meals, which are served at noon every day, for transportation call 283-4157. An upholstery class will start Monday, January 15, 1979, 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. Call 283-4149 to register.

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KALONJI SAADIQ SPEAKIN' OUT

(until God is seated at the conference table). With Begin being a devout Jew, Sadat a devout Muslin, and Jimmy Carter a devout Christian and all them worshipping the same God but responding to the different three of his greatest prophets, it makes one wonder if God was at the conference table. Did you notice the genuine brotherhood they displayed upon emerging from the conference? They have since regressed but I have the feeling that should there be a Camp David Two

What will it take to restore national confidence in government? I do think that Jimmy Carter has the potential to go down in history as a truly great president. His coming from a complete underdog to win could signify this.

Sure, he hasn't done everything he said he wanted to do, but what politician has. One could have the best intentions in the world but when you get caught up in the bureaucratic machinery it's a different story. Very few doubted my good intentions when I ran for city council, but had I won would not the ghetto in Des Moines still be here?

It has been said: "No prophet is accepted in his own land", and while I definitely don't believe Jimmy Carter is a prophet, I think the same may be said for him as a leader in cynical, skeptical America. We may have to listen to the other countries of the world before we believe we have a genuine leader. And what do they say?

The leaders of China, Russia, Cuba, and throughout the third world, as well as the Black nation in America have all said in essence, "We don't agree with everything Jimmy Carter does but he is a good man and he does have good intentions." No one makes all the right decisions but if their heart is right they will rectify their wrong decisions.

I really can't answer the questions I posed at the beginning of this article because I don't know Jimmy Carter, but I do think we should lend an ear and give the man a chance.

The Church Page

HOLY GHOST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

An interesting Bible Study was held last Tuesday eve. with Bishop O. J. Johnson officiating. The subject of the lesson was Guile, the Conscience Killer. Don't accept bribery. Get tough with the devil. Obey the Word of God. Pray and watch. Be thankful for a conscience to live a natural and spiritual life. "They honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me," by Jesus.

Unfortunately there is universal and international guile spoken against Jesus. Jesus said why call me Lord and do not the things that I say. Let not sin dwell in your mortal bodies.

S. S. was held Dec. 24 at 10:15 a.m. with Mother Geneva Johnson in charge. Bishop Johnson at 12 noon ministered comfort to saints who needed comforting and to everyone. Sunday eve. services were held with District Evangelist Eugene Price preaching a dynamic sermon. His text was found in Genesis 49:10 — Other references — Isa. 54:6, Rev. 3:21, St. Matt. 1, 8:18 Romans 12:18. The high points of his sermon which was called — Jesus Saves From Sin— was "this same Jesus can save us in the light as well as in the darkness. He can keep us saved 365 days in a year as well as every 60 minutes. By his grace he is able to save us from pills, fornication, adultery, going in and

out of street corners, high mindedness, stubbornness, slipping and sliding, ducking and diving. When Jesus saves you it changes your friends and whereabouts. Let not sin dwell in your mortal bodies. Christ is the answer! Read Ps. 51 — Whereas we were once servants of the devil we become servants of righteousness. Read Galatians 5:32 — When you are saved you will possess the precious fruits of the spirit. Also read Romans 12:8 and St. Luke 1:73 and Matt. 1:21: Stay on your knees, get close to God. Delight to be a child of God and make heaven our home and do the right thing and not your own thing. Christ is the answer. Read Ps. 51.

No more cigarettes — Whereas we were once servants of the devil we become servants of righteousness. Read Galatians 5:32 — When you are saved you will possess the precious fruits of the spirit. Also read Romans 12:8 — There will be joy unspeakable. Sis. Frazier will be at E. 17th St. Church of God in Christ Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. assisting with piano accompaniment.

The Christmas Chorus of Children, Elder Woods, Sister Green and Evangelist Vienna Williams in charge.

6 a.m. Prayer service will be held at the Mother Church at E. 17th and University. Come one come all

Bishop Bishop O. J. Johnson, Pastor.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

The children's choir and youth group of Shiloh Baptist Church were recently entertained at the lovely home of Rev. & Mrs. Jesse Daniels. Sis Daniels prepared a delicious treat for the choir consisting of sloppy joes served on homemade buns, chips, Christmas punch and homemade cookies.

Those attending were Don Bland, Mike Bland, Charlene Harper, Joe Harper, Christy Hayes, Johntae Mae Harris, Tonia Clark, Twana Clark, McCeil King, Kelli King, Preston Daniels, Benjamin Nicks Jr., Artie Hunt, Bryan Glover of New York City, Rachael Lowery, Mrs. Alice Boyd, Mrs. Carolyn King, Mrs. Shirley Daniels and Mr. Michael King of Washington, D.C.

After the meal, the choir joined with Mrs. Boyd around the organ and sang Christmas Carols as the true spirit of Christmas was felt by all present.

NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

We the members of the New Friendship Church wish you and yours a happy new year. As the new year came in God met us in a great way. First of all, we want to thank God for the weather. It was so bad outside cars were getting stuck in snow and ice everywhere. We were on the inside having a great time just praising the Lord. It was something to see in this weather — the church was full — the people had a mind to come to church.

Those that didn't come wished now they had pressed their way and come on. From the watch meeting to the back home hour was just like Pentecost. The cooks couldn't stay in the kitchen, ushers left their post of duty, they just let God have His way.

We want to thank God and the pastors for coming. They were Pastor Roland Warren and his church; Pastor A. Johnson and his church; Pastor J. McNear and his church; Elder Roberson and members from community number one and members from the East 17th Street church and many more just stopped by to say hello and members from Evangelist church, Miss Betty Fountain. God met us there in a great way. When we looked up to go home it was 4:00 o'clock and the young folk were just having a time in the Lord. They could see the outpouring of the Spirit and the results from the shut-in we had.

This week we are in a great soul - saving and those who are saved and would like to have the Holy Ghost meeting. Pastor Daye will be preaching each night and laying hands on those who are sick. God is healing and saving signs — signs and wonders are following Elder Daye's preaching. So come on out and get in the rain. We start at 7:30 p.m. each night.

This Saturday we will have dinners at New Friendship Church, 1317 Forest, the phone is 243-7097, someone will be waiting for your call.

Sunday we are looking for another great time at New Friendship so come on out and get in the shout with us.

To all those who are sick and with broken legs we wish you a happy new year

from the members of New Friendship.


MESSIAH TEMPLE

Each of us at Messiah Temple took this last Sunday of the year to thank the Lord for all that He has done for us and to learn more about Him and what His love did for us through the death of Jesus. As Evangelist Zora Reed revealed the true message of the ninth chapter of Matthew, the Lord's Spirit swept through the entire congregation healing those who were pained physically and mentally. The Lord has blessed us many times through the ministry of Evangelist Reed and has once again increased her ministry to give further evidence of His glory and His love for us. There was evidence at the service Sunday of the healing promised in His scripture through the acceptance of Christ as our Saviour, but this evidence is just the beginning of the signs and miracles He is going to do at Messiah Temple. We truly praise God for the completeness of His love for us. All our needs were truly met in Christ's death and resurrection.

Sunday school is at 10:30 with worship services starting at 11:30 with prayer and testimony. Prayer

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meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00, and it too is begun with testimony. Join with us soon, and step out in faith, believing and accepting that what Christ did for us so long ago has been done for all time.

REMEMBER: "For by His stripes ye are healed." Reverend Jacob Reed, pastor.

WORLD COMMUNITY OF AL-ISLAM IN THE WEST

Sunday, January 7th — the message will be "Spiritual Narcotics: The World Is a Junkie."

On community nights, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. the theme for this month is drug abuse. The public is welcome; refreshments served. 1430 University Avenue.

Friday, 12 noon. Juma prayer.

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by Shahid A.

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Jumah Prayer, Friday 12:00 noon

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<p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH S.E. 4th & 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>PRAYER OF FAITH COGIC 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>EVANGELISTIC MISSIONARY COGIC 1340 E. 18th Street Rev. Pastor Arthur Bush</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 1:30 a.m. & 8 p.m. Y.P.W.W. 7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Thursday Consecration & Healing 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MESSIAH TEMPLE 2543 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>NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 1317 Forest Pastor Elder R. L. Daye</p> <p>Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. Church Worship 11:30 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Weekday Services Tues. & Fri., 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 1440 DeWolf Street Rev. Ezell Wiggins, Pastor 256-8212</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>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 - 256-8910</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 277-9289</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>MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH 1600 East Capitol 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>UNION BAPTIST CHURCH "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>ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH 2530 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>NEW BETHANY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 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 & Fri 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome</p>	<p>KYLES TEMPLE AME ZION CHURCH 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>ST. PAUL AME CHURCH 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>



Look, Therefore, To This Day

By
Lynda Walker-Webster

Reflectful Thanks To You

In the midst of our swift and ever busy daily pace, we often fail to accomplish even the most minute of matters that we desire to, simply because we have not, or will not take the time to do so. It is certain; however, that we must slow down and take the time to do the small and often most meaningful and most significant things surrounding our lives.

When we take the time to do the little things that make

each other and ourselves feel good, we have done a deed far greater than we realize. Anytime that we are contributors to the cause of someone's joy, glory and honor, I can't see how we can escape feeling vibrations of the same.

And then, when we have been the recipient of this gift of joy, glory and honor, what an iniquity if we do not reciprocate or at least express our gratitude,....or an acknowledgement.

Thus neither wanting to be guilty of non-reciprocation, thanklessness, or of not expressing my gratitude to my readers, I write my first column for the new year in reflection of you.

My thanks are countless. My gratitude is sincere and unending. My joys are manifold. The cards, notes and verbal expressions received during the holiday season from many of you to me, (especially from those of you who do not know me) was a very mind blowing experience.

Because you took the time from your busy pace to let me know that you enjoy reading my column,....that you share some of my interests and concerns,....a specific

article,....or simply to wish me "Happy Holidays",.....you have sincerely made me feel good. I thank you! Because I, like most people, enjoy feeling good!

Thank you for sharing with me some of your ideas and feeling regarding various issues or facets of life, philosophy and religion. During the coming year I will attempt to touch on some of those topics that several of you requested that I write on, especially on the topics of love, death and reality.

You have sincerely reached out and touched me by your responses. And touching each other is where it all begins. "There is so much of life left in the cup, yet so little time to drink it up. There's hardly time to know our fellowman, and leave some footprints in the sand".

I am firm believer in giving flowers while people can smell them. So to those of you who sent me flowers over these past holidays, please KNOW that my flower garden is much richer, and that I will cultivate, nurture and feed it with love.

.....What else can be said that will put it any more succinctly and in its proper perspective than.....

THANK YOU!!

Muhammad-Masjid Muhammad, Resident Imam

In the Name of God, Most
Compassionate, Most
Merciful.

As we enter a new year, it is of vital importance that the Des Moines Muslim community does not allow another day to pass without us getting acquainted with the various religious communities, civic organizations and the citizens of Des Moines. For too long Muslims have been misunderstood and misrepresented and at this time we would like to break up those things that have stood between us and extend the hand of fellowship to the entire Des Moines community. One of the barriers that has stood between us is a common one. It's the same barrier that plagues male-female relationships, supervisor-employee, family and race relations and that is the problem of communications. The reason we are not communicating is due to our inability to find a common denominator in which we can all stand together on and from that point our failure to rise up and identify common objectives and allow those objectives to transcend our personal differences.

Our spiritual leader, the Honorable Wallace Deen Muhammad teaches us that when we examine scriptures, we don't find the Prophets of God in opposition to one another. We don't find Moses berating Abraham, or Jesus berating Moses, nor do we find Muhammad belittling Jesus. There is no division between the Prophets of God — even though the aforementioned appeared in different time periods, among different people and represent the patriarchs of the Worlds three great religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) we find no division among them. We only find division between the so-called adherents of these great faiths. There is only one God and just as you have two eyes but see only one vision and just as the crying of a baby is the same in any language whether that baby be Chinese, Russian or Italian, when people have the spirit of God it is the same regardless to what light (Prophet) they

happened to be influenced by. Our tongues may be different but our language is the same.

Today, dear people as we reflect on the many problems that grip our lives, the breakdown of the family unit, drug and substance abuse, mass abortion, oppression of the poor by the poor as well as the rich, the faltering economy, the problemed job market, the general inability to get our lives under control and deal effectively with the ever increasing burdens that hit us from every corner of society. Many of us tend to point fingers at the system, the government, and the President for the woes of society, but believe it or not, the biggest factor in the failure of society is the lack of religious leadership Muslim, Christian and Jews have failed in their obligations to humanity. Religion has become an item of convenience totally dominated by materialism and worn only when it is fashionable (Sundays and Holidays) and not in our everyday life, and for many of the sincere, religion has been reduced to the confines of individualism. Religion is an active force that interlocks man to man. It is a force that brings home the reality of "My Brothers Keeper" and that what effects the least of us will ultimately effect the best of us.

Religion is the saving force in the community. It was the force that established this country. In fact, the Constitution of America is not a political document but rather a religious one, a document inspired by spiritual principles. Lest we not forget, the only thing that held Bilalian (black) people together after slavery was religion. The only thing that kept mama going when she had to scrub toilets and floors was religion — and those great leaders from among us who were destined to bring about change in our condition (i.e. Dr. King, Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad) were all very deeply religious men.

The religious leadership must respond to the needs of the people (not just baptizing, marrying and burying) and the community must hold the religious

leadership accountable for their actions. If we have a narcotic problem in our community (and we do) the clergy should be the first to attack it. The same with prostitution and all other community destroying vices. If there is a problem of injustice involving city hall, as ministers we should converge on City Hall enmasse to voice our position. Religion is not to be limited to a building or a pulpit but should involve itself in secular matters as well as spiritual.

God must come back into the peoples lives. Truthful, sober and rational teachings relating to God must be given to the people, so that God can once again be a reality in our lives. When God comes into our lives we are able to manage ourselves much better, we have less problems in our marriage, we have less problems rearing our children and even if you are alone in the world and have no one to turn to God has the power to relieve you of that loneliness.

God is greater than anything you are holding on to as a guiding force (influence) in your life. God is the greatest. There is none more worthy of worship than He.

As-Salaam-Alaikum
(Peace be unto you)

MOUNT HEBRON CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 7 Mount Hebron Baby Contest will come to a close. Rev. Harris is the Sponsor of this event. Please plan to attend to see whose baby wins the Savings Bond - the program will start at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6, at 6:00 p.m. there will be a

Quarterly Business Meeting. All members are expected to attend.

Friday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Bro. John Patton will present Rev. Bevel and the Mount Hebron Men's Choirs in a program. Please try and attend.

The third Sunday in Jan. the school will present Mrs. Luvenia Jones and Mrs. Essie Miller in a Musical Recital at 3:30 p.m.

Sick and Shut-ins - Mother Love, Sis. Lillian Williams, Sis. J. Patton, Rev. Dondal Bolden, Sis. Ella Carr.

If Jesus Said It, That's It.
Rev. James Harris.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH

St. Paul moves into the New Year with renewed spirit, hopes and prayers for the uplift and "moving on" of the church. There are Budget set-up for the business, workshops for the organizations AND official boards, Department of Christian Education plans, implanting of Lay responsibilities, and increase in Sunday School and Youth departments.

The vans are both running. Parents of Sunday School students - give the church a call and send your youngster to Sunday School.

Official Board - Monday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.

Richard Allen Chorus rehearsal - Tuesday, January 9, 7:30 p.m. This rehearsal is very important.

Bible Study Class, Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Monogram Club entertains St. Paul member Senior Citizens who reside at the Royal View Manor on Saturday, January 6.

The office of the church is moving to temporary

quarters in the church on the lower level while reconstruction continues on the first level. Telephone number 288-4419.

James Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carter Sr., was received into full membership.

Church Conference, Sunday, January 7. Proposed Budget will be presented. This meeting immediately after morning service.

The Individual Gift Committee of the Fire Fund Raising will sponsor a Style Show at the Holiday Inn Downtown on January 20. Details next issue.

Sunday, January 7 is Communion Sunday.

Let each member renew spiritual vows by starting out the new year in good attendance. Rev. Grody's sermon subject: "Beginning Anew."

"When in doubt, give thanks."

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Each Wednesday at 7 P.M. is Prayer service and Bible study.

Pastor Thomas sermon subject last Sunday morning was "Taking Our Last Look At 79".

Last Sunday was "Mission Day." Members of combined choirs sang. Mission members conducted services. Sister Denise Nichols is Mission President.

Our known hospitalized sick are James Cooper at Broadlawns. Special Prayers were offered for sick and shut-ins everywhere, for Families who have lost loved ones and for present worshippers.

Sunday January 7th, at 4

P.M. joint installation services will be held for all 1979 officers of Union Baptist Church and Maple Street Baptist Church. Services will be conducted at Union.

Sunday, January 14th at 4 P.M. the Senior Choir will be observing their annual day. Deacon Charles Watkins is President.

Pastor Thomas and Family, the entire membership at Union wishes each and everyone a "Blessed New Year."

Think about it - "THERE IS NO BETTER EXERCISE FOR STRENGTHENING THE HEART THAN REACHING DOWN AND LIFTING PEOPLE UP."

HOLY GHOST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Sunday School was held at 10:45 a.m. with Evangelist Geneva Johnson in charge. The subject of the lesson was God's Redeeming Love For Us. Ref. - Psalm 136:1-26, Romans 8:6-11, Eph 1:3-14.

Highpoints of discussion were — We are redeemed by Jesus' own redeeming blood to bring us back to God. His redeeming grace is being extended to all. The invitation of mercy, compassion is for all. What a great love, a great plan in these end times. Jesus said, "Today if you hear my voice, harden not your heart." Jesus is the bridge of reconciliation. If you do not hear His voice (words) indignation, judgment and wrath abide in you. Someday it will be too late to hide — All shall come forth. Someday from the 6 continents of the Earth — North and South America,

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Why the blood? Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. Blood was in God's mind and will and God brings everything to pass. After the counsel of his own mind — His plan — His suffering, pain and blood. Disobedience caused man to fall. Obedience to God causes man to be lifted up. God would not accept anything else to satisfy His wrath but the sacrifice of blood.

Morning services were held with Bishop O. J. Johnson preaching a fiery sermon, the subject was "Search the Lord References Ps. 139 and Ps. 26:2. He began by saying, "How many of you have put your church brothers and sisters in the basement this year! How many of the sick did you forget to visit? Have you turned the searchlight on your evil speaking of others, guile and white lies? Have you spoken too hastily or cussed like a sailor?"

Regardless if you do give good reports —

If I went to Memphis — Why didn't I do right? When I mess up — why? When weren't my words seasoned with grace and on other personal matters?

Why did I get into the car?

Why did I go in the house when the woman was not home?

Why did I change the natural state of man or woman?

Why do I get angry all the time?

Why do I say harsh things?

Search me Lord, and see if there be any wicked way in me. Say NO to the devil. Holiness means clean living.

To obey is better than sacrifice.

Rebellion is as witchcraft. When we are men pleasers we do not please God.

We ought to obey God rather than man.

There will be a watch nite Prayer Meeting beginning at 10 p.m. this eve. to watch the old year out and welcome the New Year 1979.

Bishop O. J. Johnson, Pastor

ONE PLANET, ONE PEOPLE, ... PLEASE

A nice slogan, you might say, but can it ever be realized? Violence in the Mideast, Africa, South America; in our cities, on our highways, on television. Where will it end?

Baha'is believe that the travail of today's world will lead to the birth of a chastened, spiritualized civilization, the beginning of God's Kingdom on earth. But this can come about only as mankind turns to God and puts into effect His teachings for this day, revealed through His latest Manifestation, Baha'u'llah, Who said:

We, verily, have come to unite and weld together all that dwell on earth.

The Des Moines Baha'i community will

hold an open house at the YMCA at First and Locust Streets on Sunday, January 14, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. This date was chosen because it has been established by Baha'is as "World Religion Day" and also, by the state of Iowa and a number of other states, as "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day." The event will be open to the public and will feature the basic teachings of the Baha'i Faith illustrated by displays, filmstrips and literature.

We cordially invite you to attend the open house and to bring your family and friends. There is no charge or collection, of course.

We are eager to share with you these teachings which offer so much hope to a distressed world, by uniting and reconciling all religions, races and nations.

Call 266-8256 or 277-8678 for further information.

PLEASE investigate the Baha'i Faith.

ONE PLANET, ONE PEOPLE, ... PLEASE

OPEN HOUSE - YMCA - SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1979 - 2:00 UNTIL 5:00

MAPLE STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, Jan. 7, Rev. Parrish will deliver a sermon on Communion. Communion will be served. The Young Adult Choir will be singing.

Installation Services for Maple Street and Union Bapt. will be held on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 4:00 p.m., at the Union Bapt. Church. All newly elected officers for 1979 are asked to be present along with the membership of both churches.

Memorial Candlelight Services for deceased members, friends, and relatives will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 5:00 p.m. Please give names of persons you would like memorialized to Shirley Talbert or Rose Edmonds. A candle will be lit in memory of each name submitted. All names should be turned in by Jan. 7th.

The Mothers, Deaconess & Stewardess Council will hold services at Maple Street on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 2:30 p.m.

1979 Offering Envelopes can now be picked up before Morning Service each Sunday until distribution has been completed. Please see Mary Dickens. Per Capita Tax may be paid at this time also.

Maple Street is in the process of forming a Bowling League. Interested bowlers (and non-bowlers) should contact Shirley Talbert, Jane Brown or Deloris Davis for more information.

HAPPY 1979 FROM THE PASTOR, MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

It was well worth fighting the severe cold last Sunday evening to see the inspiring drama "Watch Ye" under the direction of Mrs. Sadie Jones sponsored by the Corinthian Missionary Society.

The entire cast, stage hands and the beautiful St. Paul Richard Allen Chorus are to be commended for a job well done.

Watch Meeting was held at Morning Star Baptist Church.

Rev. Alfred Brown delivered the message.

Sunday School 9:30
Morning Worship 11:00

A look back at 1978, ... will inspire all of us to strive to do much better.

Wed. 6:30 Teachers Meeting

7:00 Prayer Meeting.

Jan. 5, is annual business meeting. All officers and members are requested to be present.

Reminder — every Sunday 6:00 p.m. New Dimensions In Prayer are being taught by Rev. F. W. Strickland.

Congratulations to Paul and Velma (Cameron) Best, who were recently married.

Corinthian welcomes you.



WILLIAM L. BELL

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. December 30 for William L. Bell, 68, of 2920 N. Union at Corinthian Baptist Church. Mr. Bell passed away December 26 at Mercy Hospital after a two day illness. Burial

was in Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery.

He was presently owner of his own business, The Keystone Bookkeeping and Income Tax Service.

Born in Smithville, Texas, Mr. Bell later moved to Houston, Texas where he graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. He moved to Des Moines 43 years ago, attended Drake University and worked for Pittsburg - Des Moines Steel Co. retiring in 1975 after many years with the company.

He was a former Polk County Deputy Sheriff, a member of Corinthian Baptist Church, Past President of the local NAACP and Past financial secretary of Corinthian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Rosa A. Bell; 3 daughters, Shirlene A. Taylor of Honolulu,

Hawaii, Ellen L. Bell and Sandra K. Bell both of Des Moines; one sister, Cecilia Tolbert of Houston, Tex. and 2 grandchildren, Michelle L. Taylor and Wendy A. Taylor.

ROBERT BUICE

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 2, in Pittsburgh, Penn. for Robert Buice, 73, brother of W. C. Buice of Des Moines.

Mr. Robert Buice died last week after a heart attack suffered enroute to his place of business. His Des Moines brother who has been in ill health for more than a year was unable to make the trip to Pittsburg.

Subscribe Today

Around The State

Keokuk

Morning service at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church the past Sunday, Rev. Dale Laster, pastor. The Sunday School Christmas program was held immediately following morning service with the superintendent, Ms. Alcina Robinson in charge.

At the meeting of the City Planning Commission last week, Mrs. Mary Majors was elected chairperson.

Mrs. Rose Bradley is a patient in KAH East, having undergone surgery on Tuesday.

Three Junior High School eighth grade wrestlers finished the season all with winning records. David Wells was one of the students listed.

Mrs. Lois Gay and the children were Thanksgiving Day guests of parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Faye Reed. The Gay family makes their home in Davenport, Ia.

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Morning services were held with Bishop O. J. Johnson preaching a fiery sermon, the subject was "Search the Lord References Ps. 139 and Ps. 26:2. He began by saying, "How many of you have put your church brothers and sisters in the basement this year! How many of the sick did you forget to visit? Have you turned the searchlight on your evil speaking of others, guile and white lies? Have you spoken too hastily or cussed like a sailor?"

Regardless if you do give good reports —

If I went to Memphis —
Why didn't I do right?
When I mess up — why?
When weren't my words seasoned with grace and on other personal matters?

Why did I get into the car?

Why did I go in the house when the woman was not home?

Why did I change the natural state of man or woman?

Why do I get angry all the time?

Why do I say harsh things?

Search me Lord, and see if there be any wicked way in me. Say NO to the devil. Holiness means clean living.

To obey is better than sacrifice.

Rebellion is as witchcraft. When we are men pleasers we do not please God.

We ought to obey God rather than man.

There will be a watch nite Prayer Meeting beginning at 10 p.m. this eve. to watch the old year out and welcome the New Year 1979.

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The Mothers, Deaconess & Stewardess Council will hold services at Maple Street on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 2:30 p.m.

1979 Offering Envelopes can now be picked up before Morning Service each Sunday until distribution has been completed. Please see Mary Dickens. Per Capita Tax may be paid at this time also.

Maple Street is in the process of forming a Bowling League. Interested bowlers (and non-bowlers) should contact Shirley Talbert, Jane Brown or Deloris Davis for more information.

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The entire cast, stage hands and the beautiful St. Paul Richard Allen Chorus are to be commended for a job well done.

Watch Meeting was held at Morning Star Baptist Church.

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A look back at 1978, ... will inspire all of us to strive to do much better.

Wed. 6:30 Teachers Meeting

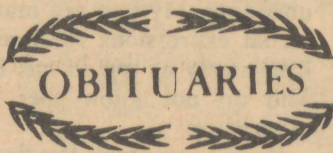
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Reminder — every Sunday 6:00 p.m. New Dimensions In Prayer are being taught by Rev. F. W. Strickland.

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Corinthian welcomes you.



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Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. December 30 for William L. Bell, 68, of 2920 N. Union at Corinthian Baptist Church. Mr. Bell passed away December 26 at Mercy Hospital after a two day illness. Burial

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Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 2, in Pittsburgh, Penn. for Robert Buice, 73, brother of W. C. Buice of Des Moines.

Mr. Robert Buice died last week after a heart attack suffered enroute to his place of business. His Des Moines brother who has been in ill health for more than a year was unable to make the trip to Pittsburg.

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ALLEN ASHBY with a LOOK ON SPORTS



As I write this, the Bowl games haven't been played yet, so I will leave the task of choosing the number one football team to the experts. Two things happened to give cause for comment. The first was the fact that Woody Hayes finally got busted for letting his temper get away from him.

I remember during the days of Evishevski at Iowa how we used to love to make Hayes mad. The crowd got on him, and the guy would throw his hat on the ground and literally jump on it.

But then the Buckeyes began to win at Iowa City and we couldn't get on his case any more. But football is a very emotional game and those emotions can get away from one if he doesn't let them. You see the coaches on the sidelines

looking so calm and collected, but you have no idea how their guts are churning or how the old heart is pounding. It isn't uncommon to see even professionals cry after a tough hard hitting game. Not from sorrow, but because one gets so worked up that the tensions have to be released in some manner.

Some coaches and players walk off the tension, by strolling alone for maybe a couple of hours, but in the face of today's night games and the muggings that wouldn't be smart today.

Woody wanted this game so very much. You could see it in his face when they showed shots of him on the sideline. And I think there were times in my brief minor league career when I felt like slugging one of the opposing players, and may have done it, but not openly.

Besides I weighed a mere one forty, and that wasn't good enough to pick on a maybe one hundred ninety pounder or maybe two hundred pounder. But I certainly know how Woody must have felt, not that I condone it, because a guy in big time shouldn't get carried away like that.

Then Wichita State went out and hired a black coach who has 1 record of winning seasons at a black school. I got a laugh out of the news headlines stating that State has hired a black coach. And that is news? Hey, the fellow wasn't hired because he was black, but because the people think he can give them a winner. And if he doesn't, he will be fired, and it won't be because he is black.

Will the headlines say, "Black coach fired." or something like that? The guy will recruit among the places where he got the players for his program for his school, and maybe in a couple of years will give State some respectability. However, I shall be watching for the Wichita State scores and before this event, I didn't even look for that line in the scores unless they played Drake.

There wasn't much doing on the local scene. Our high schools were taking their holiday break, so we have to wait until school opens again. Wonder if people have noticed that the Big Ten, while being kicked around in football, is doing the kicking in basketball and wrestling. Over the weekend six of the schools won tournaments including Iowa. Iowa State finished sixth in the Big Eight meet, and seems to be headed for a middle position in the conference race, which is where I think Iowa will wind up in the Big Ten.

And in those six winners from the Big Ten, one final was between two teams from the conference. Does that tell you anything about the strength of the teams in the race? They will probably do like the Big Eight does in football. Beat each other so nobody gets a very high rating, but they will make it tough on all outsiders who cross their path. And in the Heartland wrestling meet, Iowa wrestlers and former Iowa wrestlers ran away with the meet. So Iowa fans don't have to look the other way when winter sports are mentioned.

As soon as the schools get back to normal, we shall resume putting out the scores of the games. They are hard to find in the daily press. Why? I don't know.

Jimmy Carter—The First Two Years

Soon President Jimmy Carter will reach the mid-point of his first term in office. Black Americans are asking what kind of beginning has been made. Is he living up to expectations?

Even a partial review of the achievements of the Administration indicates that the record is clearly encouraging. The Carter Administration has moved the government out of the shadow of "benign neglect" into the sunshine of "affirmative action."

One of the central themes of the Carter campaign revolved around the need to reform and reorganize the machinery of government. The President was determined to make certain that Federal programs worked and that the services they were established to offer were actually delivered. Historically, it has been the delivery government services that have most troubled and concerned the people.

It is noteworthy that one of the first reorganization plans proposed by President Carter called for consolidation of the scattered, Federal programs for enforcement of equal employment laws. This consolidation has been accomplished and it has strengthened the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under the leadership of Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Moreover, in his own backyard, the President for the first time in history placed the White House Office under Title VII provision which prohibits discrimination in employment.

The President has given new power to enforce affirmative action programs of Federal contractors to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance under the direction of Weldon Rougeau. The Civil Service Commission has been completely reorganized. Employees who excel can be rewarded and reactionaries, racists and incompetents can no longer hide. The Administration is

presently developing a revised reorganization plan to consolidate other Federal civil rights, enforcement programs into a more effective tool to fight discrimination.

The issue uppermost in the minds of Black Americans historically has been the issue of employment. President Carter pledged to take action in this area and he has.

While the Administration has cut the unemployment rate by 25 percent for the nation as a whole, unemployment among Blacks, especially Black youth, remains too high. The President is tackling this serious problem head-on. He has launched a two-pronged attack in this battle. One involves basic job programs and the other centers around economic development, including assistance to Black enterprise.

The Administration has expanded and established new basic job programs. The expansion and reach of C E T A — the C o m p r e h e n s i v e Employment and Training Act — has been doubled under the direction of Assistant Labor Secretary, Ernest Green. Funding for 625,000 jobs this year, with a four-year authorization of \$46 billion, places CETA in a unique position to render service. Most noteworthy also is the fact that every effort has been made to target these funds to provide assistance to those most in need.

Along with CETA, the Administration developed other job initiatives including the enactment of the Youth Employment Act. This Act authorizes new programs that provide 250,000 job and training opportunities for jobless youth between the ages of 16 and 24. In addition, the Administration won approval of a private sector jobs initiative designed to create employment in the private sector for the hard core unemployed.

The Tax Reduction Act and the Economic Stimulus Act, both initiated by this Administration, provide \$23

billion in economic assistance, including \$4 billion in public works construction. Private firms also get tax credits for hiring Blacks.

For the long range, the President's support of the Humphrey - Hawkins Bill, which passed Congress, despite dire predictions that it would never see the light of day, may be the most important economic act of the Administration. The Humphrey - Hawkins Act establishes the priority of full employment by law. It

mandates that the President, the Federal Reserve Board and the Congress work together to use all the resources of government to stimulate full employment.

When we talk of unemployment and of all the programs for jobs, we do not traditionally think of Black businesses. Yet, it is becoming more and more apparent that the expansion in new government programs for minority business has some significance in the job field.

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Black History Minutes

by Connee L. Bowman

(Black Americans have made outstanding contributions to American and world music in spite of the many handicaps caused by racism. Some are better known than others. All have contributed to the musical legacy for aspiring young composers and musicians. The recent passing of William Grant Still, Afro American composer and conductor is a vivid reminder of this legacy.)
William L. Dawson (Black composer - arranger)

William Levi Dawson, composer, trombonist, educator and conductor was born in Anniston, Alabama which is a short distance from Tuskegee Institute where he now lives. Dawson was so eager to attend Tuskegee that he ran away from home at a very early age so that he could take classes there. After a short time at the school he obtained a job in which he took care of the band instruments. Dawson already an eager and willing learner used this opportunity to learn to play most of the

instruments. He graduated from Tuskegee in 1921.

His musical education continued at the Horner Institute of Fine Arts in Missouri and the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. He earned a Master's degree at the Conservatory and later joined the Chicago Civic Symphony Orchestra. He performed with them for several years as the first trombonist.

His career was not without its difficulties and setbacks. For example after winning the Wanamaker Conquest Prize for his songs and orchestral compositions and the Chicago Daily News prize for the Contest of Band Directors, he was challenged to defend his style of composition. Dawson's reply was that he had not tried to

imitate other composers — but that he had tried to be himself. His style of writing used a variety of technical methods which were found in classical music and in Black folk songs.

Dawson also recalls the experience of being directed to "sit in the balcony" of the Horner Institute auditorium — even as his own compositions were being performed during a graduation ceremony! His compositions won the first prize. He was applauded — but not allowed to walk on the stage to publicly receive the prize and recognition. But he persisted in his efforts to develop as a musician and his ability and hard work eventually bought him acceptance and

respect for his achievements.

One of the peaks of his career was the performance of his "Negro Folk Symphony" in Philadelphia with Leopold Stokowsky conducting. The themes of the "Symphony" revolved around the Black spirituals which he knew and loved so well. For example, the third movement consists of: "O le' Me Shine," "Halleluja," "Been Down to the Sea," "O le' Me Shine."

Dawson served as the director of the music department at Tuskegee for many years. The Tuskegee Institute Choir performed many of his musical arrangements and they became a nationally recognized choral group. After he

stepped down as the regular director of this choir, he was sent to Spain by the United States State Department. There he worked with Spanish choral groups in the interpretation of spirituals.

Some of his well known works include: "Jump Back, Honey, Jump Back", "Soon Ah Will Be Done Wid de Trouble of de World", "Good News", "Oh What a Beautiful City" (Choir arrangements).

William Levi Dawson is another example of a Black American who overcame the handicaps of race in the musical field. He applied his disciplined musical study to his original compositions and to his arrangements of the spirituals of his people.

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Bob E. Rice
 Sheriff of Polk County, Iowa
 By Nadine Hall, Deputy
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Spotlight From page 1

Cecil, when I asked him about the future of the black family in Des Moines, agreed with K. Saadiq that "... many blacks from other parts of the country are coming into big positions with firms here and native blacks are out in the cold."

Cecil felt overall that Des Moines was a great place for anyone to raise children and that he wanted these kids to take advantage of every situation to better themselves. Again he thought some native blacks were not faring that well. "There are a number of blacks who won't take menial jobs — you have to crawl before you can walk — work your way up I tell the kids here".

A former member of St. Paul AME, he now attends St. John's Lutheran down town and is very enthusiastic about the liberal reform minded minister Louis Valbracht. Cecil related to me how this church has helped him and his family in innumerable ways without wanting anything in return. "Valbracht chastises the white parishioners for moving out to the suburbs — away from their black brothers."

Cecil told me he felt that black churches should cater to youth much more — encouraging young participation, offering counseling services, scholarship referrals, etc.

After my hour long talk with Cecil Brewton, an extremely knowledgeable and 'with-it' man, I felt that any young person he came in contact with would benefit greatly and would be in good hands.

Poetic & Musical

Lines

(According To The Times)

Rose Marie Webster



I am grateful for the chance to greet the brand new year. A year that will be as good as we want to make it.

Many friends and loved ones have been called from this battlefield of life...while others have been given an extension of time. In fact it really doesn't matter how long but what we do in the time we have NOW is what counts.

We must strive for the betterment of ourselves and for our fellow man. For we know when the course of life is finished, there will be no way to retract the steps that we have made.

I have but a few wishes to make and I would like to share them with you. I know that I am probably expressing the sentiments of a lot of you readers.

We all need more wisdom and understanding. Secondly we need strength to cope with realities that we will encounter as we travel thru each daily function. We need inspiration, inspiration that gives us a chance to express some of the things we feel, maybe some of our thoughts will be of helpful means to the lives of others.

A friend of mine gave me a book that contained a lot of simple phrases...phrases that are very true to everyday living.

As you read them, CONCENTRATE ON THEIR FULL MEANING. AND I sincerely hope they will give you motivation to more constructive thinking.

There is nothing so powerful as truth.

Speak well of everyone if you speak of them at all.

Each morning look back upon your work of yesterday and then try to beat it.

Take care of the minutes and the hours will take care of themselves.

Be silent or speak something worth hearing.

Joy is not in things, it is in us.

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Hiatt Junior Writers

HIATT JUNIOR WRITER. Pictured is 13 year old Felecia Clay an 8th grade student at Amos Hiatt Junior High School. Miss Clay is beginning something that may prove to be a very exciting adventure — Creative Writing. Below are a few of her first expressions.

TIME WILL FLY

REMEMBRANCE

The grass was green, the sky was blue,
Birds were singing loudly.
For me, you and everyone too,
Surely, we felt proudly.

We met
We laughed
We played
We left
We died,
Remembered?

The elm will fall upon the night;
The air will be so very cold.
And, we will grieve for the light
that Mother Nature stole.

The snow will melt and soon be gone,
By the time we count to ten.
Time will fly; we'll hear the song;
It will be summer, again!

THE MILLION DOLLAR BOY By Felecia Clay

Once upon a time there was a millionaire boy. Everyday when he would see someone, he would give them five hundred dollars, just because he knew that he had millions. One day he saw five hundred people. To each of them, he gave five hundred dollars. Later, he went to the store. He saw more people and he gave more money. He gave and he gave!

One day, his mother came to visit him and asked him for some money. He reached into his pocket and saw that he didn't have a single cent. So, he ran downtown and approached everyone he had given money. When he asked for some of it back, each said, "NO!". His mother knew that he would not get his money back.

Finally, the Millionaire boy returned; he had no money.

"Mother, I'm sorry; I don't have the money." Mumbled the boy.

She answered. "That is all right, Dear Boy; but, you must remember one thing."

"What is that?" Cried the boy.

"Now, listen good!" Exclaimed the mother. "Just because you have a lot, does not mean you have to throw it away!"

"I understand." Sobbed the boy.

SMOKING

Why do people smoke, I really do not know?
I guess they think it's hard to simply say "NO!"
Some people smoke to be in with the group
Then the ones who did the starting call out,
"Nincompoop!"

So, don't take a cigarette just to look cool,
For all you're being is a dumb, stupid fool.
Here's hoping this message is through your head;
So when you see a "friend," you'll say....

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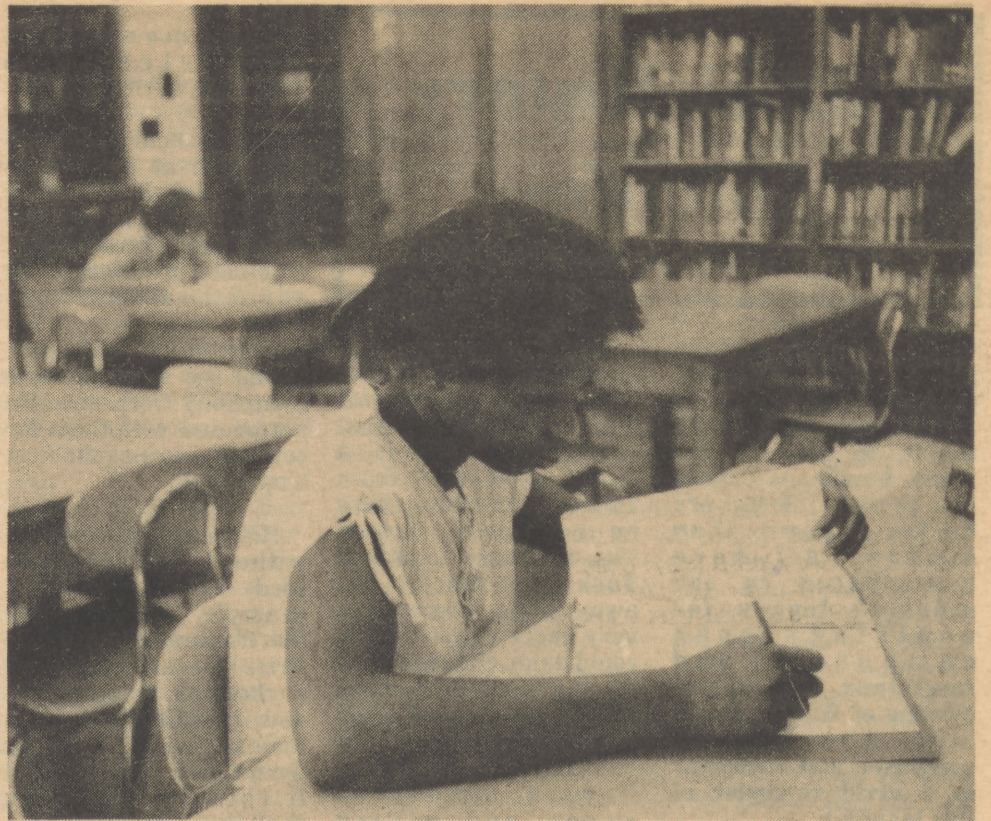
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NOISES IN THE NIGHT

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Thinking and thinking and shaking my head.
I said to myself it was only a dream;
I heard several noises then started to scream.
The door was shut, my eyes were closed tightly;
I heard a growl as the moon shined brightly.
I sensed someone's footsteps creeping up the stairs,
Like lions and leopards and big fat bears.
I thought I heard noises like a big black bat,
But all I really heard was my lonely.....Pussy Cat!

SNOW

Today was the day I saw no sun.
I knew the day had not begun.
I opened the door and felt the air
Then I saw snow everywhere.

A great big smile came upon my face,
Saying to myself, "Oh, goodness sake!"
I woke up everyone in my house;
No one could sleep, not even the mouse.

My one year old sister was jumping with glee,
As my brother said, "who awakened me?"
"It was me!" said I, "Look Outside!"
He pulled back the curtains and said, "My, My,
My!"

My mother came out of her room
With a very huge sweeping broom.
"What's all the excitement? I want to know!"
All I yelled out was!"SNOW!"

PASS AWAY

Time shall come and pass away
But, the love we share is here today.
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