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## Spotlight

By Peggy Spates Johnson

# Vernon Jordan—Still Struggling To Overcome

Many of the black leaders of the 60's have largely fallen from public view — H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, Huey Newton, Eldridge Cleaver, Ralph Abernathy and others. Vernon Jordan and Andy Young are the two 'holdovers' of the civil rights movement still in positions of power and influence in America.

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., — executive director of the Nation Urban League, Inc., was in Des Moines as the keynote speaker for the second annual scholarship banquet of Blacks in Management at the Fort Des Moines Hotel.

Luckily I was able to be a part of the press conference held for Mr. Jordan at the Chamber of Commerce under the auspices of Monroe Colston, manager of the Urban Affairs Bureau. I was very much

surprised at Jordan's presence, his aura, his biting wit and his cool control. For some reason I had viewed him as a model, mild mannered, quiet, 'take it slow' leader of a bourgeois black organization which didn't deal with grass roots questions and difficulties, again I was pleasantly surprised.

Most of you should know of the 'break' between Carter and Jordan over high unemployment of blacks, inflation, which always strikes minorities the hardest, and the seeming difficulty the Carter administration has had in living up to the overwhelming mandate blacks gave the Georgian based politician in 1976. Many promises had not been kept and Jordan's insistence at a meeting of black leaders with Carter caused nationally felt fireworks.

As Vernon told us in his speech Friday night, something is terribly wrong in our society when the President can label a black leader, striving for minority employment, a 'demagogue'. Jordan's plane was a bit late, Friday but he arrived around 2:45 looking somewhat tired from the flight from Florida and rather remote.

There were 4 or 5 white reporters, Nancy Freeman and Al Correll from the Blacks in Management, Monroe Colston and I think 2 white representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. I naively felt the room would be teeming with reporters. Jordan's opening statement went as follows: "I welcome the opportunity to visit with, share ideas and thoughts with young blacks in the economic mainstream of the city of Des Moines.

The banquet tonight and the scholarship fund should lay to rest rumors of a chasm between the black middle class and their not so fortunate brothers and sisters ....."

First Vernon was questioned about President Carter's inflation cutting guidelines and its effect on blacks, to which he replied: "The treatment of blacks by this administration....we think an omen....as serious as inflation....poor people are being used as cannon fodder in the war against inflation....there are four areas where inflation hits the poor the hardest....food, fuel, energy and housing...poor people have no choices in these matters in their family

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Vernon Jordan

# Urban Mission Council—Accepting Challenges

The Des Moines Area Urban Mission Council was formed on a challenge 10 years ago and has been accepting challenges ever since.

The Council, organized by the United Methodist Churches, has worked

with people of all races in helping them deal with their special problems, organized unemployed workers, fed breakfast to hundreds of low-income children, found housing for numerous homeless

Iowans and spearheaded an outreach program to persons in the state's correctional facilities. The list runs the gamut.

"The functions of the Council are more flexible and we have more freedom than any church" said Stanley Long, pastor of two Des Moines United Methodist Churches. "We seek people in unique situations and often times in controversial

areas. We don't back off because there might be risks involved."

Although the Council is supported by about 32 Methodist churches and receives donations from other groups throughout the state, money continues to be a problem. The Council each year has sponsored special programs to generate awareness and bring in donations. Martha Abbas, council secretary, said past

programs have featured celebrated sacrificial-type meals with speakers, such as former Iowa Sen. Dick Clark and former Gov. Harold Hughes.

"This year we're taking quite a different direction by bringing in Dick Gregory. We hope to appeal to a much wider range of people," she said.

Comedian and political activist Gregory will be featured speaker at the

6th Annual Fundraiser on May 4. Tickets will be \$100, \$50 and \$25 for groups and those able to pay and \$5 to \$10 for the general public.

Mrs. Abbas said the council needs about \$16,000 to keep current programs operating. Officials also hope to expand into other areas.

The Council's affiliate programs and agencies

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Rod Rodgers, Director / Choreographer.

# Edmunds Students View Dance

About 100 children seated on the gym floor at Edmund's School, Crocker and 17th Streets, Monday morning were waiting for "show and tell" magic of modern dance. Rod Rodgers, choreographer / director, soon appeared, accompanied by dancers, Tamara Gullbeaux and Shirley Rushing. All were carrying a long slender rod in each hand.

"I am Rod Rodgers. These rods are used to

make sounds." He swishes one against the air. "They are also used to make designs." The dancers illustrate by crossing the rods across their faces like bars. The director asked the children the difference between sound and rhythm, a really tough question.

Rod Rodgers asked the children to clap their hands just once. "That's sound", he explained. He clapped his hands three times. "That's rhythm."

Director Rodgers introduced the first dance with the statement, "There is a clear relationship among the arts. The creation of a dance is like painting a picture, writing a song."

The children's attention was drawn to "Tangents," the first dance illustrating his informal remarks. The long slender rods were used, sometimes as sound effects, at other times for the creation of design. The dance was

re-created, step by step, and finally put together with music and ways of making the dance vivid and exciting.

The second half of the demonstration was devoted to several styles of Jazz and dance possibilities. Rod Rodgers introduced the subject with a brief comment on sexist attitudes toward the dance. Americans tend

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# THE EDITORIAL PAGE

## IEWS and REVIEWS

by Allen Ashby

I wonder if the decline and fall of the ancient civilizations was preceded by the games that we are playing now. Talk about not enough judges and courts, how can there be when just about everything is taken to court. Issues that used to be decided over a cup of coffee or a backyard talk wind up in court.

Johnny goes to school and becomes so obnoxious that the teacher hands him a swat. Right away come Johnny's parents with not a talk, but a law suit for half the money in town. Or the teacher is arrested and charged with some sort of crime.

In our day if they arrested teachers for severely punishing pupils the jails would have been full. Time was when you could start the class day with a Bible

reading or maybe a recitation of the Lord's Prayer. But today that is unconstitutional, so it can't be done.

Instead the teacher spends from five to seven minutes trying to get the pupils into their proper seats and quiet enough to begin the day.

Bill Jones is a black man on the job. He is given the job of foreman because the people who make decisions believe he can do the job. The company ends up in court because some guy yells reverse discrimination and the whole mess may take years to settle. And all because that guy got that job.

A person lights a cigarette and settles back to enjoy it. Then he is hit with some smug holier than thou body who wants him to put it out at once. If the smoker doesn't, he or she could go to court to defend against charges of endangering the health of somebody.

No matter what comes out of the abortion fight, people will still have them according to their financial circumstances. Poor people will have home made ones and people who have money will go to the best doctors and clinics around. And both the poor and rich will continue to have babies wanted or unwanted.

It seems as if there is a vocal minority that wants to decide every issue. They are well financed and

very, very vocal. The technique is to exaggerate as much as possible, putting the opposition in as ridiculous a light as possible. And if that fails, take 'em to court.

This touches just a smattering of the things that are carried to court today. Then you have the people who are found guilty of all sorts of crimes. It doesn't matter if the convicted is guilty as sin, the decision of the jury or judge will be appealed probably in order to give the defendant more free time before the sentence has to be served.

And while this appeal is being weighed, the criminal can do some more damage to the social structure. And just about everything has to go to the supreme court of the state and then to the federal court.

All these things take time, and people are constantly coming out of the woodwork and challenging our way of life, saying it is unconstitutional. Now maybe you see why there can't possibly be enough courts to go around. Maybe we ought to get back to the days when talks, or maybe an old fashioned fist fight settled lots of issues.

I never heard of anyone appealing the decision lost in a fist fight.

## Thoughts Comments



By James B. Morris III

As part of their continuing series on college scholarships, 'Ebony' magazine, in its March issue, has an article about the financial aids which are available to graduate students. Titled "Dollars for Graduates", it says that finding money to finance a graduate education is somewhat less difficult than for an under-graduate one.

Not only is the money easier to locate and acquire, but also likely in larger amount. The article states that such awards may include "... such bonanzas as full tuition, fees, transportation costs and dependency allowances, as well as giving the candidate for a master's or doctor's degree practical experience in a chosen field". Although the most visible sources of financial assistance are as highly

competitive as you might expect, there are numbers of less visible sources which can, with early and rigorous inquiry, be identified and readily utilized.

This article, as did its predecessor, sets out a listing of available fellowships, state assistance resources and federal programs which should, if possible, be cut out or photocopied and retained for future reference by those who may be thinking of acquiring an advanced degree.

There is also an interesting article, written by Dennis A. Williams, Jerry Buckley and Mary Lord, included in the February 26 (current) issue of 'Newsweek' magazine about a report released last week by the National Conference of Christians and Jews which details the results of a wide ranging survey of American racial attitudes. The survey and its results as revealed in this issue of 'Newsweek' is an updated edition of a series of polls written and conducted by Louis Harris and Associates beginning in 1963.

It found, to my surprise, that, "... whites are far more tolerant of integration than they were in 1963, less given to racial stereotyping and ready to accept wide ranging affirmative - action programs". It stated further that black and white leaders in this country have misjudged the public and incorrectly assumed that the United States is in a racially

regressive period. Contrary to popular belief, the study was said to conclude, "... white attitudes toward blacks and toward real progress for blacks in this country are not more hardened than ever before.

Indeed, the conditions appear to be ripe for blacks to sound the trumpets that have been muted since the days of Martin Luther King Jr. and to strike out for an acceleration of progress on many fronts".

Its major findings of fact, as set out in this article, are: (1), that the amount of black - white contact has increased dramatically; (2), that as a result of such increased contact, fewer whites subscribe to stereotyped images of blacks, although the number of individuals holding these ideas remains substantial; (3), that whites show a greater acceptance of integration today; (4), that to even an emotional issue like school busing to achieve racial integration the white opposition is less fervent than before; and (5), that white support for affirmative action is surprisingly increasing.

As to the blacks surveyed, the article indicates that: (1), that blacks are convinced that discrimination is no less active and fundamental as it was in the past; (2), that blacks are unconvinced

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## Kalonji Saadiq



### Speakin' Out

#### GOIN' ON AND ON

I never will forget what this old sister told me when I lived in Oakland, Calif. She was working as a domestic in the home of a rich White who was having a party to raise money for Ex-Black Panther Bobby Seale's Mayoral campaign. She said, "son, niggahs is just like crabs in a barrel." "They keep pullin' each other down."

Last week I was attacked by a sister who resented the D.M. Tribune's feature article on me. She had the nerve to attack me for the way I address certain issues. Well at least they're genuine issues that deeply affect Black and poor folk, not issues that have little substance such as K.C.C.I's showing of the Little Rascals.

Well, the crabs are at it again. I read in Tuesday's tribune a letter to the editor by some bourgeois Kneegro that ain't even from around here. Furthermore the nigger couldn't read (between the lines). I felt that even though the writer worked hard, and tried to do a "good" story, that because of his academic indoctrination and journalism's distorted theory of objectivity that the article had a negative slant and in some instances was totally false.

For instance, it said I was a cop-hater. I refuse to let anyone make me stoop to the level of hatred, and that includes the police. Hatred is a sickness that kills the spirit.

But anyway this bourgeois Kneegro had the audacity to say "A black leader isn't someone who

antagonizes the law." You all know I don't feel I'm no leader yet, but what true Black leader has not antagonized the "law".

Malcom and Martin both antagonized the law. George Jackson antagonized the law, Fred Hampton antagonized the law, Marcus Garvey and W.E.B. DuBois antagonized the law, and Paul Robeson antagonized the "law".

When the law is wrong it needs to be challenged. I'm so glad most of us don't think like this bourgeois Kneegro. If we did, heaven help us, cause we'd be ripe for genocide.

I have said again and again that the inability of Black folk to get along because of jealousy and other personal differences is a subtle form of Black on Black crime!!!

Well enough of that, I've been working hard and I'm tired — hence irritable. If I weren't irritable and had read their comments while I was in a relaxed

frame of mind I would have laughed at their shallow - mindedness. But as it was these "crabs" affected me like an insect that bugs you the first thing in the morning. Love.

Did you all see that farce that was called the Heavyweight championship of all time? It wasn't anything but a white man's fantasy (hopefully my white readers forgive me, but it's the truth).

Remember a while back when I was defending an editorial by J. B. No. III? I stated that J. B.'s position if it was incorrect (which it wasn't) to raise the question that Kenneth Jernigan was racist, it was a result of reading false information. I then stated that a computer will err if it is fed incorrect data. That must be the case in this fight. How did Ali get knocked out when he has never been knocked out in his life? I repeat — How could the computer register a knockout when neither fighter has ever

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## A Female Focus On The Issues

Peggy Spates Johnson



In the last two years the networks have been deluged (or have they bombarded us with the new concept?) with the historical drama. Some based on facts, some mostly fiction: Backstairs at the White House, Rich Man Poor Man, From Here To Eternity, Centennial and of course ROOTS.

Coming this summer is a new one entitled SALLY HEMINGS, the black slave porported to be the 3rd president, Thomas Jefferson's mistress over a 25-year period. This controversy in historical circles has blossomed over the years — some comical, some disturbing.

Fawn M. Brodie, wrote a best selling biography of

Jefferson in 1974. Her editors states "The details of Jefferson's liaison with his quadroon slave, Sally Hemings, half-sister of his dead wife — a story which first surfaced in the press in 1802 — have long been lost in a labyrinth of controversy and indignant denial. Mrs. Brodie, examining the Jefferson record with an eye to nuance and metaphor as well as ideas and action, and delving into unused newspaper and manuscript sources, has reconstructed this story with clarity and compassion."

As a history major and a student of black history I can testify to the racism which permeates the minds and texts of most WASP historians: Henry Steele Commanger, Arnold Toynbee and many others. CBS plans to buy the option for the story written by Oarbara Chase Ribored, and numerous white historians refuse to believe a white president of the US could possibly involve himself in a half century long liaison, which supposedly produced 7 children, with a black slave woman.

This is ironic in itself since it has been estimated by historians, sociologis, genealogists and anthropologists that at least 90% of U. S. blacks have

The amount of racism in this country is tremendous and infests everything and everybody in some way. But it is important that black people, (youth especially) are made to realize that it can be beaten. It takes hard work, dedication, much thought and perhaps some luck, but it can be beaten.

Self-respect and self-confidence are so important. Cultural identity and interaction with whites are equally important. But perhaps of all the things I have mentioned, the most important is inner strength. We must learn to love ourselves.

I am trying to say that it doesn't matter what occupation one has, as long as we try to be the best there is at it. Motivation doesn't come from school, it comes from inside.

had white ancestors. This did not happen through black male-white female trysts. They happened through white male slave/ plantation owners raping black female slaves — period.

Most of our presidents have been racists, so I'm sure it was not above some of them to force their black slave women into satisfying sexual pleasures white womanhood felt beneath them.

In a Washington Post article last week, Blaine Harden listed the following historians as asking for the cancellation of the project: Dumas Malone, Virginius Dabney and Robert Rutland. Why is there such a double standard regarding miscegenation when a black male - white female situation develops everyone just looks away and shrugs and keeps steppin'.

If a black female has chosen a white man for an escort and or husband great controversy is stirred — particularly if the white man is famous or well known. This smacks of the most extraordinary racism — is there something about the black female so undesirable as to taint her attraction to all males?

The ROOTS character, portrayed by Richard Thomas, was denied hearth and home and financial legacy because of his decision to marry a black teacher and faced incredible chaos and havoc — even among blacks.

This havoc and disbelief seems to remain with us today — particularly among supposedly educated and enlightened historians.

## Getting Ahead



Robert V. Morris

In continuation of last week's column, we shall confront the other extreme example of racism in the educational institution and beyond.

Case 3— This black student is very sure of his ability and has proved it time and time again. He has shaken himself of the inferiority complex, and is neither intellectually intimidated by whites, nor afraid of interracial academic competition. He devotes time to his studies and keeps well informed of the issues of the day.

I know this sounds like the total opposite of case 1 which represented the majority of black students, but there are some black students that fit this description at universities across the nation. They are people who should truly be called the "new generation." This is not to say that they are intellectually superior to black university students of past generations, but that there are supposedly more members of this new generation and that the times dictate that they have more potential.

These new generation blacks will and do face more vicious racism from white America than the prior cases for the simple reason that they pose a tremendous threat to white racist America.

Some professors in the major universities are very intimidated by such a black student and are quick to give a grade of B or C for A work, just to lower a grade average. It is a considerable problem, though the professors who engage in this are in the minority of the major university faculty, but nevertheless discrimination happens.

Case 4: A black college graduate who, in his day, would have been a "new generation" black student. Now he makes his way in the world by working hard and grabbing opportunity. He has generated much respect and built a business or acquired a flexible position. Now he is the target of resentment by jealous whites, and loses some deals and opportunities for this reason, but he won't be denied because he has the rare quality that few people are blessed with: self-confidence, and the most important — inner strength.

been knocked out. Also Ali can take pain. He fought for 12 rounds with a broken jaw.

Then there was his superior, reach, size, power, and speed yet he was knocked out. Ali is without a doubt the greatest fighter in the history of boxing! He not only has been the dominate figure in the ring, he has dominated and changed the entire art of boxing. He is the master! My only question is why would he allow himself to be portrayed a loser (of all ways by knockout)? Well he's only human.

Mr. Ashby would you please explain the difference between the W.B.A. and the W.B.C.? Also which one crowned Ken Norton without having him fight? How embarrassed he must have been to lose his first fight, but Norton shouldn't have accepted the crown anyway.

Also I have not read anything about the Iowa Cornets who are contenders for the Women's World Basketball championship. There are three outstanding sisters on the team and they and the Cornets deserve our support.

I apologize if anyone referred to in this article is upset. My words were meant to challenge not chastise. You certainly are not the opposition and I meant no real harm. I was only goin' on and on about something that should have been ignored. Love.

# Support Abortion Editorial

Dear Ms. Johnson,

I have just finished reading your comments in the February 22nd issue of the *Bystander* on the anti-abortion billboard atop Cousin Lester's on Ingersoll and am compelled to say, "Good for you".

Thanks to the U.S. Congress, the number of abortions performed on women eligible for Federal Medicaid has dropped 98%. The remaining 2% fall within the rigid guidelines of pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, pregnancies which threaten the life of the woman, or pregnancies which pose a severe and long-lasting threat to a woman's health.

Aren't they a generous bunch? And they even want to tighten up the restrictions, to say nothing of their ultimate goal of amending the U.S. Constitution so that no woman could get a legal abortion.

Our State Legislature is no better. Instead of taking up the slack (to say nothing of demonstrating human compassion) and assuming the entire cost of between 900 and 1000 Medicaid abortions performed in Iowa each year, they followed the lead of Congress and in essence abandoned the health needs of the poor.

The result? In the first 3 months after Iowa stopped paying for abortions, only 8 women qualified under the state's stringent rules.

Sadly, most law-makers who vote for this kind of legislation don't care much about poor folks. After all, poor people are so busy scratching for survival that they don't have the

time, energy, money and expertise to make a fuss. Then too, if they make too much trouble, they might lose their ADC, inadequate as it may be. Elected officials are well-aware that Right to Lifers not only vote but contribute financially to election campaigns and will volunteer their services as "envelope

Letter to the Editor

Congratulations to Peggy Spates Johnson for her articles in last week's *Bystander* (Feb. 22: A Female Focus on the Issues). I pass by the 28th and Ingersoll corner billboard often and have a similar reaction to the infuriating propaganda. Ms. Johnson has articulated well a viewpoint on abortion funding that I share. Her comments about child abuse and adoption possibilities for minority infants wer particularly cogent.

However, as a WASP Republican housewife-legislator, I feel Ms. Johnson is badly missing the mark when

stuffers", "door knockers" and vote getters.

The Right to Lifers and their cohorts would rather not know how poor women finance their abortions. What do they care if a woman sells her food stamps or her body, steals, borrows from a loan shark or goes to an unskilled and

she begins to lay blame. It is too easy as well as a gross inaccuracy to hold Republicans accountable for moves to further restrict abortions. Restrictions on abortion funding have been passed and passed again by a Congress with lop-sided Democratic majorities. The Iowa General Assembly last year, with comfortable Democratic margins in one House, upheld these restrictions at a state level. Furthermore, religion rather than one's economic or political status, tends to dictate feelings on this issue.

Regardless of how one feels personally about

cheap abortionist? They can piously take comfort in the mistaken notion that they have "saved a baby" and done "their Christian duty". Until women of all races and economic classes insist that enough is enough, we can expect more of the same from government at all levels.

Sincerely,  
Betz Christiansen

abortion, it seems clear to me that fairness demands equal access to this legal operation. Perhaps it will be recalled that I fought very hard last year as a member of the Social Services Budget Subcommittee and on the Iowa House floor for unrestricted Medicaid funding of abortions. The conscience of the General Assembly could not be raised, the votes were not there last year, and the situation is, if anything, more dire now as a consequence of an election in which many voters expressed their indifference to this issue by staying home.

Julia B. Gentleman  
State Senator

## Strive For The Positive

Letters to the Editor:

In reference to the article written by Mrs. Edna Griffin in regard to Mr. Kalonji Saadiq not referring to the needs of our people in his article. I would like to say STOP.

Blacks should STOP criticizing other Blacks who are trying to make an effort to help others in the struggle for human rights. Whether one agree's or disagree's with Mr. Saadiq's writings is not important. Attention should be focused on the

fact that he is doing something — more than some who are doing nothing.

We must find positive elements in each other to attain a mass struggle. Destructive criticism only works toward destroying. Do we really have time for this kind of behavior?

Pointing out non-essential points in an article should be on the bottom of our list toward gaining human rights for all people.

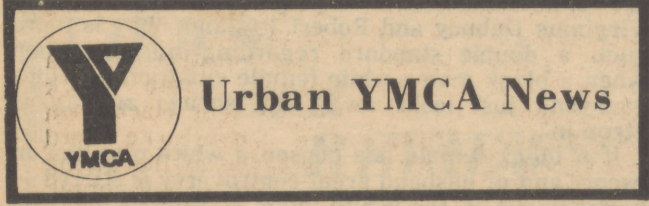
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## THIRD WORLD ART EXPO

The Art Expo Committee of the YWCA would like to express its thanks to the Artists, family of Jerry "Flakes" Burrell, Homes of Oakridge "Kids of the Kingdom Dance & Drum" group under the direction of Linda Clark, the Latino Dance group from the University of Iowa, Mid City Library who participated in the 7th annual 3rd World Art Expo and to the public who attended and gave their support.

Sincerely,  
Pat Miller

# the social page



## Urban YMCA News

The Urban YMCA is making plans for the start of the spring session beginning April 2, 1979. The winter session will be ending on March 17 — so now is the time to evaluate your interests and prepare to get involved in the Urban YMCA programming.

The programs that will be offered are as follows:

swimming instruction (bus-in swim, the Y will pick up and drop off students at various elementary schools for this program); Karate and Judo — our instructors are the best in town, Udell Cason (Karate) and Ernest Baty (Judo); Soccer, we will be having a clinic and an indoor soccer league;

Super Sports, a Saturday morning youth activity (grades 4-6) including swimming, gym, club activities and special activities; and Weightlifting — the newest of our YMCA programs — meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m., we will set your lifting program up for the sports you are involved in.

There will also be a one-on-one basketball tournament starting the 15th of March with three age groups in competition (12-13), (14-15) and (16-17). Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place winners. A

\$3.00 fee will be charged to enter this event.

Call the YMCA at 288-0131 ext. 223 for

specifics on all programs.

**GET IN SHAPE AT THE Y!**

## Princess Zorah

Held their regular meeting on Feb. 6, 1979. Plans for Eve of Elegante is in the making.

On Feb. 17, 1979, the Chapter held their Valentine's Party, North Star Lodge, 1121 Clark St. Our guest, Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge, Bro. Loyd Hariston, and Senior Warden Bro. Lincoln Moody and his wife, 3 sisters of Sis. Josie Williamson from New Jersey, and Mississippi. All had fun.

We lost our Sister Jessie Newsome Feb. 6, 1979. She was a faithful Chapter member for 47 years. She had been an Eastern Star member since 1932, Served as the first Grand Chairman of Foreign Correspondent for Electra Grand Chapter. Also was active in the Chapter until her illness in October.

Next regular meeting March 6, 1979.

Worthy Matron, Delores Bell. Reporter, Helen Carver

## SOCIALITE QUEENS

The Socialite Queens Club will hold its monthly meeting on March 10 at the home of Mrs. Catherine Durdan, 1241 E. 17th St. Ct.

All members, please be present.

## EASTERN STAR

Olive Branch Chapter No. 32 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Friday, March 2, at the Masonic Hall, 1121 Clark St.

Will all members please come out. Also remember our chicken and chitterling dinner March the 3rd at the hall.

Worthy Matron Thelma Gilmore, Worthy Patron Charles Watkins

## Theodosia Court

Theodosia Court No. 5 The Royal And Exalted Order of Amaranth of Des Moines, Iowa, entertained the Grand Royal Matron of the State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Saturday evening, Feb. 24th at Doric Masonic Hall with a Valentine dinner party.

Previous to dinner Theodosia Court held a brief meeting. The Court was opened in ritualistic order with the Royal Matron Lady Bertie Hogan and Sir Knight Joseph Wallace presiding.

Following the opening, the Grand Royal Matron Lady Virginia White of Burlington, Iowa was escorted to the East by the Conductresses, and given grand honors, Lady Barbara Palmer Grand Associate Matron, presented the G.R.M. a corsage, she was then seated in the East.

Lady Gladys White,

past Grand Royal Matron, also of Burlington, Iowa, who accompanied the G.R.M. was escorted to the East along with Past Grand Royal Matron Lady Gladys Brown. Past Grand Royal Matron Lady Emma Williamson and others and also received grand honors.

After welcoming the Grand Royal Matron and visiting friends, the gavel was then presented to the G.R. Matron who thanked the Court for the beautiful turn-out, in her honor.

All past and present Grand Officers were then introduced, after which the meeting was then closed in ritualistic order. Dinner following. After everyone was served, the Grand Royal Matron then gave her beautiful and timely address, which was directed to the Masonic Family, and the responsibilities of the

orders, to each other, and the sincere need to study our work and its meanings.

We were very glad to have the opportunity to entertain our Grand Royal Matron it was indeed good for her to have been here.

Thanks to our worshipful master James Mitchell and the wonderful members of Doric and North Star Lodges for their support they are our strength and we are grateful for it.

After the program ended, everyone enjoyed socializing and visiting. Good food, good friends, make for a nice evening.

Thanks to all members of Theodosia Court, and friends for the lovely dishes of food they prepared to help make the entertainment a success.

Lady Bertie M. Hogan  
Royal Matron

## AM. LEGION

The American Legion Post No. 160 and the Lincoln Auxiliary No. 126 will meet March the 6th at the hall, 1625 Washington St. Business of importance. All members please be present.

James McDaniel  
Commander. Pinkey  
Goode President

## ELK NEWS

Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 will hold regular meeting Sun. 2:00 p.m.

The Antlered Guard met last Sunday and will serve breakfast Sat. March 3rd, Lunch and Dinner from 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. They will deliver if you call 266-9269. Bingo is back on Sat. 3-5 p.m. Come and enjoy it all. Rose Marie and Combo Sat. eve.

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# All Around The Town

Peggy Spates Johnson

## "Roots"; The Next Generation

Beautiful, just beautiful are the only words I can use to describe the sequel to Alex Haley's ROOTS — now subtitled THE NEXT GENERATIONS.

Usually as in JAWS II, EXORCIST, THE HERETIC, RICHMAN, POORMAN, BOOT II, sequels are generally very poor in the areas of writing, acting, inspiration and directing — simply third-class material following first-class work.

Not so with this ROOTS. As you probably know, only 40 pages of the text were left in the book when the last TV show ended, 2 years ago. Author Haley, screenwriter Ernest Kinoy and others had to come up with 14 hours of material from those 40 pages — it seems they worked extremely well under pressure.

In many instances Haley would simply give an oral history to the scriptwriters to cover sections not in detail in the last 40 pages which covered 100 or so years. Haley had an original deadline to meet for his publishers and was forced to conclude his material so quickly. The acting was marvelous.

The first night we saw two different forms of prejudice parallel — the recurring white racism; this time personified by the old Southern colonel, Warner, controlling his childlike darkies with benevolent paternalism.

"...they're inferiors but if we treat them with firmness and kindness they will work hard and faithfully for us..." by Henry Fonda. The latter goes through numerous changes when son Jim portrayed by Richard Thomas falls in love and marries a black school teacher played by newcomer Faye Hauser. The pitiful treatment of black women and their roles in the anit-bellum South as the 'white man's whore' is sadly noted here.

The black woman had no recourse to air her grievances — against the physical wrongs perpetrated against her by white males and the psychological damage of being conceived as less than a human being, merely a non-feeling sex object. Warner and his black bride live a bittersweet existence of poverty mingled with love after being renounced and disinherited by Fonda and raise a son to become the first black doctor in the town of Henning, Tenn. The mulatto grandson later watches Fonda die because the local Kluxers refuse the service of a black

doctor.

One touching moment occurs when Richard Thomas tells his mother (Olivia DeHaviland) who has sneaked to visit him, that he "...misses new things — books, clothes, wine and even the luxury of being white ..." even though he loved his black wife and son "more than ever." An interracial marriage (later illegal until 1967) would be a rude awakening for most whites.

Black vs. black prejudice is also chronicled — this time in the daughter of Tom Harvey (George S. Brown) and himself a quadroon being forbidden by her father to marry a mulatto boy "...I hate the white blood in me." Tom tells his bitter and confused daughter (Debbie Morgan) and then vows a lifelong pledge never to marry and as Liz, she does not.

In the second episode Tom's other daughter falls in love with and marries businessman Will Palmer, soon to be the town's leading businessman. The town's leaders ironically have just condoned the lynching (burning at the stake of Will's best friend) but decide money is more important than color and hand over the ownership of the town's mill to Palmer. The violence is very toned down and a cop-out. I suppose the producers didn't want whites to feel too guilty and or blacks to become too angry.

Ruby Dee is a joy and Ossie Davis as always a fine actor as the mother, respectively, and a friend of Alex Haley's father, Simon (portrayed by Dorian Harewood). The conflict of the old sharecropper/tenant system that kept blacks in virtual servitude and a college education for Simon Haley. The strong but so human black matriarch runs again with Dee saving money over the years (18.00) to help Simon return to school. The now grown daughter of the Palmers, Bertha, Alex Haley's mother, is sent to a black college where we see a cultural hierarchy forming again.

"He's a poor sharecropper's son," Bertha's girlfriends tease her, but love wins out and they are about to marry when Haley decides upon graduation to enlist in 1918. As the couple tearfully part we know he will return to father Alex but the scene is a sad one nonetheless.

When we are all beginning to feel like the whites in the show are heartless racists, James Daly (George S. Brown's real life father-in-law)

comes to the rescue as the kind white liberal who gives the struggling Simon funds to graduate from North Carolina A and T College.

The irony of blacks willing to fight and die in WWI when sergeants refer to them contemptuously as "damned coons" is seen. Berney Casey gives a meaningful and understated performance as the army friend of Simon Haley. During the 20's, of course, the Klan re-emerged 9 million crackers strong (and some rich whites too) to torment black people and especially the returning blacks who have 'gotten out of their places' as vets in their search for freedom, jobs and a life for their families.

Also the political debate between W.E.B. DuBois (the Malcolm X of his day) and Booker T. Washington (the Roy Wilkins of his day) and their 'colored' followers is an interesting sideline.

Whether blacks should actively fight for their rights or be good and docile folk and stay on the farms was a raging controversy and luckily the Jewish screenwriters included this struggle on the Tuesday night episode. Speaking of Jews, anit-Semitism raised its ugly head when the Klan burned the shop of a liberal Chicago Jew who was too nice to the blacks and had the 'audacity' to allow black women to try on clothes before whites.

The theme of the Klan's national battle against Jews, Catholic and blacks started again Tues. night. Last I found it somewhat ironic that many of the black actors in ROOTS which dealt with the struggle for blacks to lead a normal life in the shadow of white racism, were in real life married or living with whites themselves — George S. Brown, Olivia Cole, Leslie Uggams, etc. or that the whites who portrayed racists are in fact very liberal — I hope Jane Fonda has got her daddy's head together and I know of the thousands of dollars and numerous demonstrations Marlon Brando has given to minority causes — small world!

Again this production was a marvel with small nuances and technical skills that separate the good from the great. The few instances of placating the sponsors or guilty white consciences can be forgiven — we know the trials of the Haley, Palmer, Harvey family because we have our own ROOTS too. I just wish more blacks

and whites had watched the second series.

Hopefully all these fine young black unknowns can hope to work regularly in what is obviously a racist media. The next three episodes we watched the trials of black men fighting for 'democracy' in Europe and contrasting the freedom of European life and liberalism with the racism of the U.S. We saw terrible gruesome Klan like activities of the early 20's and the marriage of Simon and Bertha Haley.

The next fifteen or so years brought the birth of their three children and Simon's position as a professor at a black Alabama college. We viewed the tragic death of a young Bertha due to uterine cancer and all the while her husband crusaded for sharecroppers rights. After the death of his mother, encouraged by his grandparents, he became interested in his family tree and his roots.

The beginnings of the life-long struggle between Simon and Alex had its beginning and it's obvious that as Simon ignored his family, Alex Haley ignored his, which of course lead to his being twice divorced.

I questioned the idea that a woman dying of cancer could hide it from her husband and die such a stoic death — are black women that strong?

I missed the Friday night show due to the BIM banquet but was informed by a friend that it chronicled Alex Haley's young manhood, his coast guard career, his frequent battles with his father and his growing interest and subsequent dedication to his writing. Again this resulted in the end of his first marriage.

I didn't feel the 5th and 6th episodes were as interesting or on the par of the others, but Sunday the finale was a crowning achievement in Haley's, and writer Kinroy's 14-hour sequel. The trials and tribulations of any writer, particularly a

black writer are chronicled well.

Haley had a triumverate of experiences in the Sunday night program that lead him to the 12-year vigil for ROOTS. First we see the conflict between two different worlds in his Playboy interview of Nazi leader George Lincoln Rockwell and black muslim leader Malcolm X's autobiography.

Both men are driven, charismatic and influenced a definite segment of American society. Rockwell was also obviously insane in his racism as Malcom (Al Freeman) was fiery and right on target in his initial attacks on white racist America. Both characterizations were fine — Brando's subdued and rambling as he searched for the essence of bigotry; which of course is ironic considering Brando's real-life preoccupation and fund-raising for people of color / and Freeman broke away from his usual mild mannered portrayals to drive home Malcolm X's brilliant views on the lives of black folk.

As Brando stated in a recent interview of his own in Playboy, Malcolm was so ahead of his time and so aware and sensitive yet courageous, many blacks couldn't relate or understand his message. Even after his death by assassins of Eliza Mohammed, (Malcolm broke with the Muslims after a trip to Mecca when he realized all "whites were devils") it has taken a long time for Malcolm to obtain his rightful place in black history.

Again we can see this burning drive and a brilliant if self-destructive destiny in Freeman's characterization. It was during this period that Haley got the idea for his search to defeat what Malcolm had described as the sad wall of nothingness that became the X to take the place of his slave name.

Also the black actress

(I don't have her name right now, I'm sorry to say) who gave us a sensitive and feeling portrayal of the too bright black scholar who seemed destined to loneliness or unhappiness in her relationship with black men, added the romantic interest in the conclusion.

One question — even though some black women feel black men are insecure and frightened by the 'strong brave brilliant black career women on her way to a PhD and/or up the corporate ladder,' I wish this image would not be profiled on TV.

Most of the black men I've met prefer women with extensive training, high salaries and status in the market place. Although the lady in Haley's life lost out to his work and drive for ROOTS, Haley's insecurity and need for approval was brought out again and again in his tormented relationship with his father.

I hope in real life the Haley's were reconciled before the elder passed away. At any rate another milestone has been reached in black history and how blacks are portrayed on TV. I hope again, that the ratings were higher than first expected. But I also hope people will leave Alex Haley alone before the man has a nervous breakdown.

As he said in last month's Playboy "...my personal life is gone." After 2 divorces and three children I would hope he could recapture a family spirit so essential to the success of ROOTS with his children and ex-wives to prevent the alienation that occurred between himself and Simon from reoccurring with his own offspring.

Please check out Monday's Register for a revealing interview with author Haley. Also watch for SEARCH, the diary of his 12 years researching ROOTS.

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# The Church Page

## NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

We bring you greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We are yet rejoicing in the God of our salvation on this past Sunday morning, in fact all day, was Women's Day. Our morning speaker was our own Sis. R. Kaiser, who spoke from the word of God, concerning dry bones. Truly our hearts and souls were made happily as she spoke under the anointing.

On Sunday afternoon, our building fund committee presented the Fruits of the Spirit. The seven speakers, each on a different fruit of the Spirit included, Elder & Sis. Brown of Corinthian Baptist church, M. Moore of St. Paul AME, Miss. Wade of Community No. 2 COGIC and D. Robinson of Community No. 2, N. Harper of Faith church of the Nazarene, V. Allen of E. 17th & University COGIC, C. Daye and H. Jenkins of New Friendship, summary was by Ms. D. Banks of Kyles AME.

Musical selections included Sis. C. Bell of E. 17th and Solo by Ms. D. Banks. The mistress of ceremonies was Sis. M. Williams. Truly a wonderful time in the Lord was had by all in attendance. Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. our Bible band will be in session. Please don't forget this Saturday, March 3, 1979 beginning at 8:00 a.m. breakfast will be served, hot hearty and delicious for only \$2.00.

Breakfast will be served until 11:00 a.m. then beginning at 11:30 a.m. delicious Fried Chicken dinners will be served, for only \$2.50. So don't be hungry, just stop by our dining room at 1317 Forest or call 243-0797. Mo. E. Brown and Sis. H. Jenkins will be in charge all day.

On Saturday nite at 7:30 a program will be held with special guests, including Ms. D. Banks and hopefully the dynamic Kyles young adult choir. Sis. A. Boone is in charge. On March 8, from 7-9, the young people of New Friendship are having a skating party at Skate West. This project is to help finance robes so badly needed. So please buy tickets from any teen-age member of the church or call the Pres. Bro. B. Canada at 265-6637 or Sis. C. Daye at 262-5856.

On this first Sunday morning, Holy Communion will be served. All women please wear white. Pastor Daye will be preaching from the word of God. We are getting ready for our State Ministers and Workers meeting which will convene at E. 17th COGIC from March 12-18.

Let us come and support our State work. Bishop H. Basset and Mo. R. Robinson will be in charge. In closing, let us remember Heaven and earth shall pass away, but Jesus never fails.

## THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

This Sunday, March 4, 1979 Rev. B. Jamison

will preach and the Senior Choir will sing.

Last Sunday Rev. Jamison's message was taken from the 1st Thessalonians 5th Chapter: 2nd verse. His topic "Encouraging Words For Growing Christians."

The Sunday School Teachers Class this Thursday evening, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.

The Shiloh Mission Society will meet on Thursday evening March 1, at 8:00 p.m. following the teachers class.

The Bible Study on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

## FROM THE PASTOR:

FOR YOURSELVES KNOW PERFECTLY THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD SO COMETH AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT. I THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 5, 2nd VERSE.

## MAPLE STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, March 4, Rev. Parrish will deliver a "Communion Sermon". Communion will be served. The Senior Choir will be singing.

On Sunday, March 11, the Senior Choir will present "Smile, Your On Candid Camera". Plan to attend. It could be you. The Senior Choir will be singing. Sis. Myrtle Powell, Pres.

Shirley Talbert would like to have the Presidents and Chairpersons of each Aux. contact her at 262-1825 at their earliest

convenience. This is a very important matter.

On Sunday, March 18th, we will celebrate our Annual Officers Day. Highlighting our Officers Day Observance will be Rev. Charles Glover and Choirs of the Mt. Zion Bapt. Church, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Afternoon services are scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. Dea. Lowell Cooper is Chairman of Officers Day.

The Junior Usher Bd. will present the Youth version of the "Old Ship of Zion" on Sunday, April 8, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## HOLYGHOST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Bible Study was held Tuesday evening with Bishop O. J. Johnson in charge. Evangelistic services were held Friday evening at 8 p.m. with Bishop O. J. Johnson in charge.

Sunday School was held at 10:30 a.m. with Mother Geneva Johnson in charge. Sister Bettie Frazier taught the lesson entitled "The Christian Community Preparing for Mission. Ref. Eph. 4:1-7.

Eve service were held at 8 p.m. Bishop O. J. Johnson preached. Bishop W. A. Robinson and congregation could not worship with us because of illness. Mrs. Anna Marie McDonald and children Casina and Caseno and Wynetta McDonald were our guests. We were very glad for their presence. She also brought her niece Nicki.

Bishop O. J. Johnson, Pastor

## KYLES AME ZION CHURCH

Saturday, March 3, the senior usher board is having a Chicken Dinner. For deliveries call the church 288-2391 or you may dine at the church, 907-15th.

Sunday, March 4, Sunday School classes being taught from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Devotions Sunday morning will begin at 10:45 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Williams will deliver the message and serve Communion. The senior choir will render the music.

Sunday, March 18, Pastor Williams, senior choir and members will be in service at Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. there will be a Skating Party at SKATE WEST. This is being sponsored by the Young Women of the church ... the following Sunday, March 25, there will be a 2nd party ... Plan to attend both of them!!!

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## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Thomas sermon subject last Sunday morning was "Let's Make A Deal". The Angel Choir and New Creation Choir sang.

Prayer and Bible study is Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 3, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. ordination services will be held for several Deacons.

Sunday March 4th, at 3:30 p.m. Usher Board No. 2 will sponsor a

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<b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> S.E. 4th & Scott Streets Rev. H. R. Fields, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:45 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Fridays 7:30 p.m.	<b>PRAYER OF FAITH COGIC</b> 131 9th WDM Pastor Supt. Elder Eddie Davis Asst. Pastor M.D. Eppright Assoc. Minister Jerry Woods 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.	<b>EVANGELISTIC MISSIONARY COGIC</b> 1340 E. 18th Street Rev. Pastor Arthur Bush 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.	<b>MESSIAH TEMPLE</b> 2643 Center Elder Jacob J. Reed, Pastor Order of Services Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal Sat. 2:00 p.m. The Book of Acts 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 1317 Forest Pastor Elder R. L. Daye Sunday Services Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Church Worship 11:30 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p.m. Weekday Services Tues. & Fri. 7:30 p.m. Thursday. 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal	<b>TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1440 DeWolf Street Rev. Euell Wiggles, Pastor 266-8212 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.
<b>CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 9th & School Streets Rev. F. W. Strickland Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. BTU 6:00 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service Wed. 8:00 p.m.	<b>EAST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 1639 East University Pastor: Jurisdictional Bishop H. Basset 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.		<b>CANTON MISSOURI SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. H. L. Turner, Pastor Bertie Nickerson, S.S. Supt. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays	<b>HEAVENLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 2110 Carpenter at 21st Des Moines, Iowa Bishop A. B. Carter, Sr., Pastor 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.	<b>Our Saviour's Baptist Church</b> 1555 Des Moines Street Des Moines, IA 50316 Ph: 244-9629 Rev. T.R. Brown, Pastor Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sun. School 10:00 a.m. Prayer Service-Wed. 7:00 p.m.
<b>PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1732 Walker Street Rev. Wayland Heath, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Youth Meeting Weekly 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 p.m.	<b>MISSION TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.</b> Elder James McNear, Pastor Assistant Pastor Minister E. Bell Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 a.m. Evening Services 8:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Nights 7:30 p.m.	<b>MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH</b> E. 16th & Maple Street Rev. Geo. Parish Minister - 266-8910 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.	<b>MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1150 W. 13th Rev. Alex Crawford, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Broadcast 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	<b>FIRST CALVARY APOSTOLIC CHURCH</b> 2561 Onawa Minister Georgeann Reid 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.	<b>SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1213 Scott 255-6333 Pastor Rev. Benjamin W. Jamison 277-9269 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.
<b>MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1600 East Capitol Street Des Moines, Iowa 50316 Rev. James Harris, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 p.m.	<b>UNION BAPTIST CHURCH "The Friendly Church"</b> E. University at McCormick Rev. Henry Thomas 1200 McCormick Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:45 p.m. Prayer Service Wednesday All Day		<b>NEW BETHANY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 16th and Mondamin Pastor Andrew E. Johnson Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. Sunday Youth Service 6:45 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Mid-week Service Wed & Fri 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome	<b>KYLES TEMPLE AME ZION CHURCH</b> Rev. Jesse L. Williams, Pastor 907-15th Street Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.	<b>ST. PAUL AME CHURCH</b> 1201 Day Street Rev. Lewis E. Grady 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.

musical Sister Ella Mae Burks is chairman. At 7-9 p.m. Usher Board No. 2 will have a Skating Party at Skate West, Sister Mary Hawkins is chairman.

Dedication services for the new addition at Union Baptist is planned for Sunday March 25th at 4:00 p.m. Rev. George Parrish and members of Maple Street Baptist Church will be guests.

Our shut-in list is long, our known hospitalized are Sister Gladys Stubberfield, Juanita Brown at Mercy Medical Center, Brother Melven May, Howard Rice at Veterans, Brother Dusty Gardner at Northwest and Brother Steven Warren at Iowa Lutheran Medical Center.

Think About It: "WHILE YOU ARE BUSY CRITICIZING OTHERS FOR THE EVIL THINGS THEY DO - STOP AND CONSIDER WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORS THINK OF YOU."

**WORLD COMMUNITY OF AL ISLAM IN THE WEST**

Sunday, March 4th, the message will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Arabic classes are at 11 a.m. and Islamic History at 12 noon.

All events at 1430 University.

Beginning March 3, and for 4 consecutive Saturdays; "Roots" will be shown at 7 p.m. Public cordially invited. Refreshments.

Tuesday nite is community nite, 7 p.m.

Fridays - Juma Prayer - 12 noon.

**ORALABOR MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**

On Sunday March 4th the 1st Sunday at 3:15 p.m. there will be a Gospel song fest, with our own Heard family and other talents. Our guest will be Rev. Theo. Brown and members of our Savior Baptist church come who ever will and worship with us asking the Lord to come in and give us a spiritual feast.

Pastor Rev. H. Simmons

**EAST 17th CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

March 4, 1979 at East 17th Church of God in Christ 1639 E. Time 6:00 p.m. Old ship of Zion sponsored by Mary Clark all mens choirs. All are welcome come and lets enjoy the Lord. For more information call 266-7039. State Usher President Sister Allen Pastor Bishop W Bassett.

**MOUNT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH**

The JMH Choir will present Sis. Ozell Williams in a Musical Program Sunday at 5:00 p.m. She will be accompanied by the Macedonia Baptist Church Senior Choir.

The Usher Boards will

be sponsoring a banquet on March 31st at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available from any Usher Board members.

Our Sick and Shut-ins: Sis. Lillian Williams, Mother Love and Bro. Chas. Floyd.

Heavenly Father, as individuals and as a church, we humbly bow before your divine providence.

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**PRAYER OF FAITH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

We will fellowship with Macedonia Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

Elder Davis, Pastor. Prayer meeting every Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Know how to listen and you will profit even from those who talk badly.

F. B. Green, Pastor, Ozell Williams, Church Reporter.

**MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH**

Saturday, March 3, starting at 11:00 a.m. there will be a fish and chicken dinner sale held at the church located at 1150 W. 13th St. Call 243-7702 Saturday only for deliveries. In case of bad weather call 244-6021 for a change of address.

The dinner is sponsored by Sis. Dorothy Crawford.

Sunday evening, March 4, starting at 7:30 p.m. the Old Fashion Services will be held with Gospel preaching and singing. The public is invited to attend.

Monday, March 5, through Friday, March 9th, there will be a week-long service with various churches of the city visiting to help us in our pew rally campaign.

Sunday March 11, the Morning Star Church will journey to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for the installation of Rev. Charles E. Glover for the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

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Two programs Sunday in which St. Paul will participate or sponsor are:

3:00 p.m. Bethel A.M.E. Church The Class No. 8 and No. 24 are sponsoring a Music Festival featuring Senior Citizens of the Des Moines area. This should be a memorable event. Plan to attend.

3:30 p.m. Maple Street Baptist Church - the Central District Association Women's Auxiliary Annual Sunday Speaker, Mrs. Dolores Peguese. The Richard Allen Chorus of St. Paul, singing.

The Show of Shows - a fashion extravaganza and salad buffet, Saturday, March 3, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Top of the Tower. Sponsored by the Individual Gift Committee of the Fire Fund.

Official Board meeting, Monday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.

The change of date for the Layman's dramatic presentation in the sanctuary is Sunday, April 1. This is at the 10:45 hour, followed immediately by a share dinner.

Mr. Marsh Hanston has reported to the Trustee Board on the good progress of reconstruction. There is a delay in delivery of carpet, but it is in the plans to be laid this month. Volunteer help is evident in getting some areas back in good shape. Meetings are being held by the Ad Hoc committee with persons who are responsible for check-list articles lost in the fire and which the committee will replace.

March 11, 3:00 p.m. Quarterly Meeting at St. Paul. Presiding, Elder Richard D. Smith, preaching. Bethel A.M.E. Church will join with St. Paul in this service.

Reports to the Quarterly Conference due this Sunday, March 4. A representative from each organization should be present on Saturday, March 10, 6:00 p.m. for the regular Quarterly Conference.

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Shahid Mohammad is out of town. His column will be continued next week.

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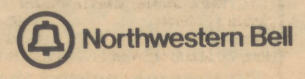


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# Model Cities Residents, Councilwoman Szymoniak Meet

By Stephanie L. Michael  
Des Moines City Councilwoman Elaine Szymoniak called last week the first of several meetings planned with Model Cities residents. The meeting, at the Mid City Library, was called to get community input concerning problems in their neighborhoods.

Citizens commented that they are tired of having city planning boards and city council members tell them what to do with their neighborhoods. Residents said they want to be involved with the planning of their area before anything gets started. Model Cities community boards say they want to hold a meeting to layout the groundwork and proposals for improving the area. They say city council members and the press have labeled their area as the Near North Side, which has degraded the potential of the predominately minority community.

Citizens of the area stated they pay taxes, but they aren't getting served.

Those in attendance mentioned the number of vacant lots and broken down houses. Poor minority residents wanted to know why efforts for renovating or renting new housing being built in the area hasn't been established. Residents said there is a move to force the poor and minorities out of the area, while new housing is being built and whites are moving back in the inner city.

Szymoniak said she is going to try very hard not to get any more houses torn down, but to see renovation of houses, particularly for the poor and elderly.

But Szymoniak said she isn't sure she can do something concerning non-boarded up houses. She said, "City officials say they don't board up abandoned houses because it's more of a safety risk. They also say people steal the boards and use them for something else."

Szymoniak also claimed the city has to go through long legal procedures to have broken-down houses condemned. She said most of the time they can't locate the owners of the houses.

The topic of summer youth programs, recreation and employment were the next discussed. Many residents said there were not adequate recreation programs for young people in the Model Cities area. Parents claimed their children are hired in youth summer employment programs which don't teach them any type of usable skills and no discipline is demanded.

Szymoniak agreed that she has seen many

young people hired playing around, not being counseled and paid for doing nothing.

"Some of the summer programs are jokes," she said. "These young people aren't really gainfully employed and they know it. I plan to encourage that meaningful job sites and responsible supervisors are brought to these programs through the city council. This is among the many concerns you have that I'll tell them about and work on."

Evelyn Davis, director of the Tiny Tots program said the future of the Senior Citizens and Tiny Tots Program are two very important issues the council should keep in mind.

Mrs. Davis said training and money could have been given to the senior citizens program. She said a consultant claimed there was no real administration of the program. But Davis said the supposed downtown professionals that investigated the operation didn't have the slightest idea as to what to do and the program

ended up being destroyed. She stated that never once was a really qualified person ever sent out from the "golden towers" to help make the effort more efficient.

Switching to another issue, Mrs. Davis stated the Tiny Tot program is housed in a building owned by the School Board and the lease is up for renewal. Davis said the old Nash/Irving junior high building has become a community building, with a number of different organizations housed in it. She said the Tiny Tots program has been urged by the other groups housed in the facility to take out a long term lease from the school board.

Model City residents leaning toward politics asked Szymoniak if she had any political aspirations at this point to become mayor. She responded no, because she had two more years to serve as a council member. But residents assured that if she would decide to run for the mayoral seat, everyone in the Model Cities district would vote.

Citizens told her that her effort to find out their grievances and to meet with them, is something that hasn't been done in years with any political figures of the city.

Residents said there is a racist current that runs in Des Moines which prevents the poor and minorities from progressing. Model City residents said they think Szymoniak could change this as mayor of the city of Des Moines.

Citizens pointed out to her that the local CAB board and city council always turns down proposals that have a black connotation to them. The example of a proposal to have a roof fixed to house a black radio station was raised. Szymoniak said she would not like to accuse city council members as being racist. But she did comment that the city of Des Moines has a long way to go.



Des Moines City Councilwoman Elaine Szymoniak listens to Model Cities area residents.

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# CAB Board Sends CCI Plan To Neighborhood Boards

By Stephanie L. Michael

The Central Advisory Board was presented with a proposal to reorganize the school board Tuesday night from group members of Citizens for Community Improvement of Des Moines, Inc.

CCI members stated that they have met several times with members of the Des Moines school board to discuss the closing of schools, particularly the most recent closing of Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School. Group members said after

attending these meetings they began to realize none of the school board members lived in prime service areas or less affluent neighborhoods.

Group members also found that of ten schools closed since 1970, eight were located in older, urban areas. With collected information CCI members asked for support from the CAB board.

The community organization stated they wanted House File Bill 418 brought to the floor of the legislature before the closing of the

session. The bill will enable voters to decide whether they desire to change the method of electing School Board members to a ward system.

CCI members suggest that a ward system of election would insure that each area had a representative on the board who would have knowledge of the neighborhood's needs, lifestyles, and values.

But CAB board members said they would not back the CCI plan. CAB board members felt that the six precinct service area

neighborhood boards should vote first to give the house file bill support and then the CAB board would take a voting stand.

Judy Murillo, a member of the CCI group, told CAB board members "I've been a stupid, simple housewife who never stuck her foot out the door. After meeting with the school board I find there is a real affluent power structure in the Des Moines school district. I feel they aren't being fair concerning the closing of schools in our neighborhoods."

She further said, "The school board has been

only looking to closing the schools in helping the problem of declining enrollment. They are not looking at any other alternatives to the problem."

But further protest by CCI members did not change the decision of the board.

Concerning other issues, the CAB board announced there will be a public hearing held March 19th by the Des Moines City Council. The public hearing will concern the leasing of space to the Salvation Army Senior Citizen center. Board members said the downtown office space housed by the

Salvation Army Center will cost \$7,000 to rent.

The board announced that the Para Transit program is looking for a senior citizen to pass out tickets for the program. Persons who would like to apply for the job must be 55 years of age or older and meet low income guidelines. The job will consist of making sure persons get tickets for the para program.

The employee will be expected to work 20 hours a week and will earn \$3.67 an hour. The para Transit program serves the elderly and handicapped who have transportation problems.

## Around The State

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Scripture by J. Presswood - 23rd Psalm  
Short Talk - Mr. W. Woodley

The choir sang at the Regular Worship Service.

Altar Call - Rev. Chester Lofton  
Scripture - Rev. James Fraemer, St. Luke 10th Chapter 25th verse

Rev. Wesley Foster preached a Soul Stiring Sermon, Subject: "Eternal Light." The children's choir sang during the service.

Every 4th Sunday will be Youth Day all youth participating. The Junior choir will sing.

Barbecue Dinner has been rescheduled for Feb. 24th. Serving will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25th the Pastor will meet with all Auxilliary Presidents.

World Day of Prayer will be held March 2nd at 1:30 p.m. at Mennoite Church.

Sick and Shut-ins:  
Mrs. Ruth Buckner at Ellen's Nursing Home

Mrs. Mary Mosley, Mrs. Percy McElroy and Mrs. Irene Gully has returned from home from the hospital.

### KEOKUK

Sunday morning service at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Rev. Dale Laster pastor.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, Black History Week will be observed. There is to be a speaker at the morning service.

Among those in the city for the William Press Galbreath funeral; Ms. Pamela Conn, from Rock Island, Ill.; Mrs.

Opal McCutcheon and Mrs. Lena Herald, from Milwaukee, Wisc.

Ms. Thelma Seals was one of those making the trip to Kansas City, Kan., for the Southeastern Iowa Community Action Regional Meeting and Seminar, the first of last week.

The Albert McNeill Jubilee Singers performed at the Grand Theater in Keokuk, Tuesday evening, Feb. 20. Twenty nine songs were programmed and especially well done, but the twenty spirituals showed what they do best. Dr. McNeill, founder - director led his singers through a wide maze of emotional experiences via the spirituals.

### FORT MADISON

Rev. Harold Davis, and the Spiritual Tone of Fort Madison, and Second Baptist church, were guests in Rock Island on Channel 8, Sunday Morning at 7 a.m. Feb. 25. Second Baptist church, had their regular Sunday morning service with Rev. Brown of Burlington, delivered the morning message, Sunday Feb. 25.

Mrs. Tom Marsh fell and sprained her foot, in T.G. & Y store Wednesday, Feb. 14. She was in a week. She is on the road of recovery. Mr. W. V. Windsor fell at his home Tuesday night, Feb. 20. He broke his arm. He is in the hospital in Iowa City at the present time.

Fort Madison has been snowed in for three months, Dec. Jan., and Feb. Hillview looks like the North Pole.

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# Public Safety Panel Talks With NAACP

By Stephanie L. Michael  
A number of representatives from the Iowa Department of Public Safety spoke to members of the NAACP this week at their monthly meeting. Members from the Safety Department present were Tom Jones, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer; Charles Larson, Commissioner; Robert Holecz, Deputy Safety Commissioner; Ed Dickinson, Chief of

Highway Patrol; Earl Usher, Chief of Capitol Security; and Craig Beek, Head of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. E.E.O. Officer Tom Jones told the group that the Department of Public Safety has unique and innovative positions of employment to offer to minority group members in Des Moines and around the state. Jones admitted he has had difficulty in trying to achieve affirmative

action standards in the department. He requested that the NAACP be motivated to help the department solicit and seek out qualified minority applicants. Safety Commissioner Charles Larson said since the time of his appointment to the department in 1973, the number of minorities employed has risen from 20 percent to 23 percent. Larson said he is not pleased with that

increase and has urged all departments to continue recruiting efforts and the numbers of minority and women applicants in their departments. One major program stressed by members of the safety department was LEEP (Law Enforcement Education Program). This project allows 18 year olds to join the Governor's Capitol Security Division who otherwise would not be able to join any of the departments in law enforcement divisions because of an age requirement of 21 years. The LEEP program enables young officers to patrol the Terrace Hill and Capitol Complex area to get law enforcement experience earning an annual salary of \$10,500. Also officers under the program can arrange their work schedules so that they can attend college and the program will pay for their education.

suggested more follow-up by department personnel concerning minority applicants as well as a change in some questions on the application form. Members also

suggested the department create a junior highway patrol league and send more representatives to talk with junior and senior high school students. Some NAACP members volunteered to help the Public Safety Department with their recruiting effort.

## OBITUARIES

### STEVE EMMITT WARREN

Services for Steve Emmitt Warren, 17, of 1412 McCormick St., who died Monday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the East High School Auditorium. Burial will be at Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Warren collapsed on Feb. 14 during basketball practice at East High. Dr. R. C. Wooters, Polk County medical examiner, said the youth died of a heart attack resulting from an enlarged heart.

Steve was born in Jefferson City, Mo., but lived in Des Moines most of his life. He was a senior at East High and the leading scorer on their basketball team. He was also active on the school's baseball team, Photography Club and the Black Afro Club. In addition, he was a member of True Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Betty J. and Donald E. Warren; a sister, Tanya E. Warren; a brother, Donald E. Jr., and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Rumley, all of Des Moines.



Steve Warren

### GEORGE WESLEY DAVIS, SR.

George Wesley Davis Sr., 68, of 1552 W. Eighteenth St., died of cancer Friday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Maple Street Baptist Church, with burial at Glendale Cemetery.

A native of Marcusville, Mr. Davis lived here many years. A retired employee of Sealy Mattress Co., he was a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Doric Lodge, Shrine Zeid Temple 90, Iowa Buxton Club, Knights of

Phythias and Road Runners Club.

Survivors include his wife, Delores; four sons, Gilbert Davis of Belmar, N.J., and George Davis Jr., Herman Baring Jr. and Gary Baring, all of Des Moines; a daughter Audrey Thorne of Belmar, N.J.; four sisters, Beatrice Brown, Ruth Davis, Mildred Miller and Shirley Whiteside, all of Des Moines; and nine grandchildren.

Fowler and Son Funeral Home was in charge of the services.

Institutions participating in this program include Drake University, Simpson College and Area XI. But there is one catch to the program, all participants must stay in the law enforcement end of the department for three years or refund the money allocated. Earl Usher, the head of the security force, told NAACP members that he will have ten vacancies in April on the security force and he would like to fill some of the posts with minority and women candidates. NAACP group members had some suggestions for representatives of the safety department on how to improve recruitment of minorities. Members

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# Black Management Professionals and Students Plan For The Future

by  
Stephanie L. Michael

Black professionals of Blacks In Management, Inc. and ten University of Iowa business majors last Saturday staged a forum to discuss methods of how to make jobs more available to blacks immediately and to find long term political solutions to increase the flow of black professionals.

Students were told that strategies are going to have to be developed to make sure there are qualified blacks available and that affirmative action programs are maintained.

Al Lang of the Small Business Administration said, "Challenge and integrity is needed from you prospective professionals. You're going to have to be aggressive. It's going to take some willingness and a lot of hell raising, otherwise programs for black folks will be systematically eradicated. Let them know it's going to take a lot more than abuses to destroy the future."

Students protested that today there is a "conservative" attitude of de-emphasized hiring of blacks in the job market. The biggest claim concerned the rise in hiring of white females and the decline of employment for black males.

Blacks in Management members told students they have to help rekindle the fire on the forefront to help defeat racism. They stated racism is everywhere and you can not escape it.

The ruling on the Bakke decision was sited as a prime example of things to come in the future for black people. Professionals said a more sophisticated form of racism has emerged in America that must be eliminated. It was stressed that many white Americans want to put the history of slavery to rest and dismiss any chance of quotas or affirmative action programs to help enhance the future of black Americans.

Some professionals stated that actions of the 60's may have to be used again, along with a majority of subtle, sophisticated strategies, underlining the push for civil rights.

Vincent Chapman, president of the local NAACP, said if the students choose to work in Iowa, it's going to be a long hard struggle to change things for blacks in the state. But he said steps toward improvement are being made. Chapman stressed

how employers in Iowa are using the strategy of divide and conquer. He noted that Iowa employers tend to hire out of state blacks rather than those raised and educated in the city of Des Moines or the state.

Chapman said, "The balance budget plan in Iowa and America doesn't mean regulating inflation. The balance budget means put the nigger in its place or bring in some new niggers. In Des Moines the majority of the companies look upon local blacks as rabble rousers, simply because they know of the problems that exist here.

They know that if given the chance and position, local blacks will try to do something to help poor minority folks in the city".

Students also attacked the present educational system saying there is a need for more Black counselors. The U of I business majors said white counselors always direct black students toward janitorial or social professions, but not toward business and technical areas. Many students noted that many minorities are discouraged in school and come to college not knowing what they want to study, or how to

Photos by Dan Siegel

study. Professionals said black parents and students are going to have to make teachers, PTA members and educational administrators more accountable for their

actions. Blacks In Management members stated parents must support their children all the way and encourage them. Members said love from family members and motivation will help black children to succeed.

Ben Gates of Iowa Des Moines National Bank said black professionals are going to have to help supply role models for young people. He said, "Parents have an

obligation to inspire their children at home. Black folks have been brainwashed not to venture out, they're just simply afraid to fail. Young people don't be afraid to flunk something, you're going to learn something either way. Just think the next time you have no choice but to succeed."

Professionals told students to get work  
**Forum**  
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Meredith Saunders, student, and Jim Mitchell, of Mitchell and Mitchell Consultants.



Bennie Gates, Iowa Des Moines National Bank; Al Lang, Small Business Administration, and Valarie Edwards, student.



Robert and Bill Morris, students, and Van Clark, Jr. of Modern Optical.



Vincent Chapman, AMOCO; Lawrence Davenport, Northwestern Bell and (seated) Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.



Students and Professional people who attended the business forum.



Mr. Jock Johnson and wife Peggy Spates Johnson.



Omaha Urban Leaguer, Ms. Arlene Morris, Mrs. Elaine Estes



Governor Ray, Szymoniak, and Jordan with U of I business students.



Mr. Terryl Buckner and Ms. Alberta Whaley enjoy a good laugh.

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L-R: Rev. Lewis Grady, St. Paul A.M.E. Yvonne Gates, Vice Chair. BIM, Gov. Ray, Minloe Colston, Founder, Al Correll, M.C.



Guests and B.I.M. members socialize before Mr. Jordan's speech.



Robert Morris and Gerome Lewis University of Iowa students

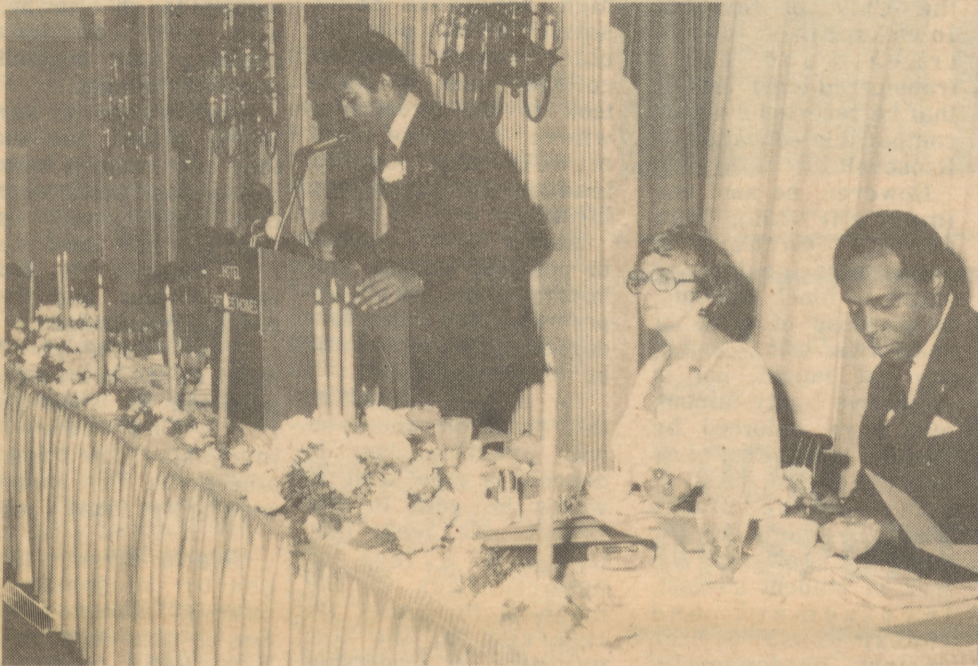
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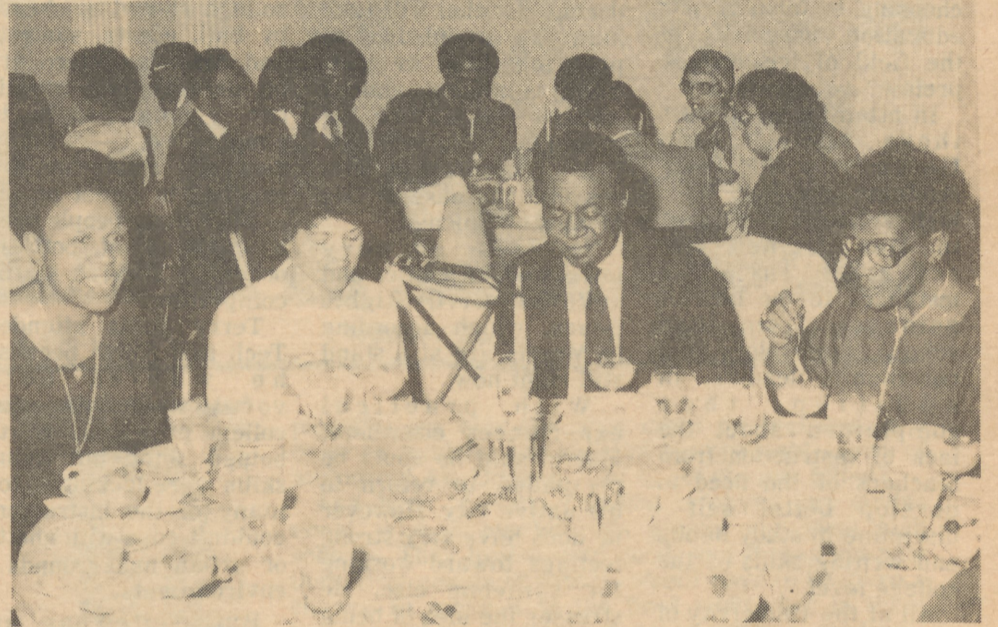
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Szymoniak, Jordan and BIM Chairman Ronald James.



Al Correll M.C. getting the crowd warmed up. While Des Moines City Council Woman Elaine Szymoniak & guest speaker Vernon Jordan wait their turn.



Mrs. Juanita Payton, Mrs. and Mr. Humphrey and Ann Downey.



U of I student, William Morris, gets advice from Jim Mitchell of Mitchell and Mitchell Consultants.



Mrs. Arlene Sampson, Mr. Szymoniak, Ms. Viet Mandley (Tech student) and Mrs. Angie Mandley.



Vincent Chapman, president of Des Moines Chapter NAACP.



# Blacks In Business—Views of University of

by  
**Niambi D. Webster**  
Native black business graduates are returning from college, only to leave the community they were raised in to seek "Golden" opportunities elsewhere. University of Iowa business majors, natives of Iowa speak out on the reasons why they believe Des Moines is not a "Surprising Place to Grow."

Why aren't more black native Des Moines graduates staying in Iowa? The answer may account for the low numbers of black males choosing to further their education, especially in the field of business or prelaw?

In attempts to address these issues, nine University of Iowa students recalled their high school experiences in Des Moines and referred in some instances to the lack of guidance from high school counselors and community leaders. In addition, they complained about the lack of instruction from teachers of the need to develop better self-discipline in study habits and writing skills on the college level.

All of the University of Iowa students attended the second annual scholarship banquet, sponsored by Blacks In Management, which featured guest speaker Vernon Jordan.

Each student said that Blacks In Management is a needed organization in our community, but questioned the outreach efforts made by the group. The students want to learn more about the Des Moines business area, in their efforts to return to Des Moines after graduation from college to professionally pursue a business career in the greater Des Moines area.

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experience while going to school and keep the law of supply and demand in mind. They cautioned students to start looking at businesses to serve the community at large. It was speculated that the future for minority businesses probably would not change, simply because they are basically retail and service businesses. The professions of real estate, computer science, data processing, electronics, accounting, marketing and management are areas lacking blacks badly.

Blacks In Management members said college freshman and high

facilitated an open panel session at the Fort Des Moines Hotel. The session was held for individuals who were interested in further exploring the need for more black business graduates to locate in Iowa, to discuss job opportunities and to examine the long range benefits Des Moines would have on them and the community.

Robert Morris is a Junior majoring in Political science and is the son of Mrs. Arlene Morris. Morris' future aspirations are dependent on where a decent position will take him. He would like to practice law in New York someday and is also considering managing a National law firm or corporation with possible the base in Des Moines or Chicago.

Morris is very interested in politics and several Civil Rights issues, which according to Morris are at a stand still right now.

With practical experiences elsewhere, Morris said he could be persuaded to return to his native city. However he does have very strong feelings toward working for someone else. He stresses the idea of being your own boss. This gives him a sense of pride which was instilled by his father, the late Attorney Brad Morris.

"In Iowa, Blacks have no political voice," explains Morris. "Most political parties take the black vote as a joke. This is particularly due to the lack of voting unity among blacks. There is no doubt in my mind that a political voice can be achieved, it can happen only through 80% of political lobbying achieved from the black vote. This would be hard to achieve, it would take much political caucassing and convincing blacks to vote."

Emmitt Johnson, Jr. is

school students should look into these areas. They are areas that pay well and are power delegating positions.

After the three hour session at the Fort Des Moines Hotel, students and professionals decided on several comprehensive actions for the future including:

1. Set up an on-going forum with black professionals and prospective students in all Iowa colleges.

2. More communication with black high school students in giving career guidance and demonstrating role models.

3. Make sure students who want summer internships get help getting them.

a junior majoring in accounting, he is the son of Emmitt & Mary Johnson. As a North high graduate Johnson said he received no boost or motivation from his teachers to attend college. He also said they could have prepared him much better for his transition.

Johnson explained that if he was offered a reasonably fair salary in a good location that would have more influence on where he would locate after graduation.

Basically Johnson felt that information about college should be shared by both adults, students and schools. There are no definite role models for young people to emulate — they generally relate and are exposed to street people — but young people need a balance of both in order to survive in the competition.

Terry Butts attended Tech and North because he wanted both vocational skills and college prep skills. North helped some but many skills were lacking — too many of the instructors couldn't cope with ghetto or urban backgrounds/environments.

Butts cited as an example the numbers of blacks that graduated from his class, "to my knowledge less than ten blacks went on to college, the probability of those few graduating is very low.

"Also it is largely due to economic reasons," continues Butts, "along with the fact that the majority of black males went to Tech and North and they were geared more toward competing in athletics and were not prepared academically or encouraged to continue their education beyond high school. I remember several of them were afraid to compete for grades".

"As far as black graduates leaving the city, it's due primarily to the lack of opportunities in Des Moines. If you can't economically support yourself, you must go someplace where this will happen.

In 1981 Butts plans to graduate from UI, after what he prefers to call five years of struggling. He will be looking for ways he can be of some service or benefit to the community in which he chooses to reside. "Hopefully," explains Butts, "Des Moines will have changed by then and I'll find an opportunity here."

Butts said he couldn't end the interview without expressing his desire to do something for the young black students. "I want to make their education more meaningful to them," commented Butts. "The streets are always there to go to for

entertainment, but it's also there to learn and profit from. It's depressing to see those from my graduating class try, but fail in college because of lack of financial and moral support in college, then come back to Des Moines and can't find a decent job. Then it becomes more of not what you know, but who you know."

Arthur Lee Jr., is a junior in accounting and he is the son of Mr. Arthur & Mrs. Jhiquita Lee, Sr. Currently Lee is enrolled in a COOP program at Massey Ferguson in Des Moines for a semester.

Lee, a '75 Roosevelt graduate first went to the Univ. of Northern Iowa mainly to run track, and later transferred to UI. He felt that he received a highly comparable education at Roosevelt.

However, he said one important thing high school teachers & counselors neglect to instill in black students, is a sense of pride of ones own self-being. It's not taught, nor is collective unity among our race enforced by white teachers. Lee observed the lack of unity among blacks when he came to UI, where he is aware of the lack of student interest, involvement and cohesiveness in the various predominantly black organizations on campus.

Lee's immediate goal is to get his CPA license, then receive an upper management job. He wants to continue his involvement in community affairs relative to business. He feels that there is a need for those who have made it to assist other blacks by striving to upgrade our economic level.

Staying in Des Moines doesn't sound like a bad idea to Lee, however he does feel the need to remain mobile.

Lee's attitude concerning higher education is one of self-determination. "A lot of blacks don't continue college after completion of high school. The blame can't be placed solely on counselors and parents, because if a student really is concerned about his or her future it can be done. The counselors at Roosevelt didn't discourage me but they didn't encourage either," comments Lee.

"My parents really gave me no choice, college was always in the plan," continues Lee, "Too many high school students aren't motivated and don't see it as being profitable — the way to go."

William Morris is a Senior majoring in political science and

history. Morris will be attending law school next year. He is the son of Mrs. Arlene Morris.

Morris was a '75 North High graduate where he felt academics weren't stressed. The primary focus at that time was excelling in sports and social activities.

Due to his interest in Spanish clubs, wrestling, debate and many other extra-curricular activities, Morris felt these activities compensated for the development he should have received in classes.

Morris feels that the lack of male college graduates is due to several reasons. Such emphasis on female enrollment is largely due to affirmative action. In high school he didn't notice a big push on black males going to college, most of them took to the street life, where a lot of role models are formed leading to a person's lifestyle.

Morris feels a degree in political science and history alone isn't very practical, but with a law degree opportunities will be more available.

He is very vague at this point on where he will practice law. It depends a great deal on where he goes to law school. He feels that there is a lack of opportunities in the mid-west for blacks. He referred to the low numbers in leadership positions in the community. "Iowa is a conservative state, plus coupled with a small black population, — that has very little influence — therefore, black graduates don't want to stay in Iowa," explains Morris.

Matthew P. Cushingberry is a junior majoring in computer science and minoring in business. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard F. Cushingberry.

Cushingberry graduated from East in '76. He attended Area XI Community College, worked for a while, then went to Grandview College. He felt that his transition from high school to college went very smoothly. He felt prepared, but noticed the majority of blacks at East weren't, because they were too busy with their social lives. "They were still adolescents, still home "childs," describes Cushingberry. "Going to college is a rare opportunity. Most blacks feel incapable of going. Some blacks are either forced or motivated and unfortunately the overwhelming majority have a tendency to slide by and not get involved.

Cushingberry cites several reasons why black males don't continue their education. "Among peers it was not

"cool" to study and get good grades, I played sax in the bands, and still received good grades. You must prove yourself as being a hard working student, or you receive little or no recognition and you're not considered college material. If black males don't succeed in sports, they lack proper preparation and they don't develop positive attitudes, there's no way they can succeed."

"Des Moines is a good learning center, one can receive good job opportunities, especially in the area of computer sciences," explains Cushingberry.

If he reaches his "Peter Principle" limit in Des Moines he is willing to go elsewhere and get additional training and hopefully more advantages.

Cushingberry said black males feel that they can make it better if they don't settle where they were raised, also they see how hard it is for blacks to find employment and they become discouraged.

Since Cushingberry considers himself a musician he would like to work toward increasing the music aesthetic in Des Moines, once he has found a job.

Valarie Edwards is a senior majoring in business administration. She is the daughter of Ray and Georgia Edwards. Edwards a '75 Tech graduate wants to work in the field of fashion marketing. At Tech Edwards felt that students should be counseled for college preparation courses, instead of being allowed to make choices.

Edwards said that there aren't many opportunities available in her area of concentration in Des Moines, but she is willing to use Des Moines as her starting point, then move to a place where there are more blacks — primarily due to both social and business opportunities.

"Black males aren't being told where and how to get the funds for college and what college life is all about," explains Edwards, "Males are low in numbers because they can't see the benefits, they are hired with low starting salaries, benefits, etc., and their attitude is, why should I go to college and face all of that?"

"Des Moines appears to be expanding, it would be advantageous now for me to attempt to open a business and profit both socially and financially," explains Edwards. "There is a definite lack of black business people making it, it's hard to get into the "good" locations."

# Iowa Students

Meredith Saunders is a junior majoring in business. He is the son of Dr. & Mrs. Meredith Saunders. Saunders a '76 Roosevelt graduate felt that "High School was a joke."

"The whole time I was in high school," continues Saunders "I had from two to three challenging classes, I could sleep through classes and get B's, I wasn't on the honor roll because I just didn't try."

Saunders felt that there were a few instructors who did him a lot of good but basically the majority of time was wasted.

Before coming to UI Saunders went to Grandview and at times felt good about his education there. He attributes his high self-esteem to his ability to articulate clearly and good writing skills, which he felt was due to his early childhood schooling from his mother, not the public schools.

In the future, Saunders wants to learn about the banking community. He is interested in leaving the Des Moines area and become "a heavy hitter." After learning more from another community he would like to return to and manage his own bank.

Saunders said that too many males don't continue higher education because they quickly move into the "marital bliss," thus taking on financial and family responsibilities.

He cited as a perfect example, his memories at Roosevelt. "They push the National Merit Scholarship winners and the rich whites, but the poor people aren't pushed, nor counseled properly, therefore, they become defeated before they start and go another route."

Saunders envisions a black dynasty. "I can see black business mergers happening in Des Moines or an investment corporation that would be the base for an apartment complex. But there must be a trust relationship initially among partners and the capital must be there in order to enable a continuous investment for profit."

Bobby Holmes is a senior majoring in business administration, with a major concentration in marketing. He is the son of Mrs. Daisy Holmes.

Holmes graduated from North in '74, where he describes his academic preparation as being adequate. He had the option of playing basketball at UI, but felt that his studies were more important, plus he lacked the necessary discipline needed for studying.

He is interested in eventually owning his own business or as he puts it "making money the most efficient way."

When it comes time to choose where he will locate, he said his first choice would be to migrate to a warmer climate, but first he'll take into consideration what position he's offered.

When questioning Holmes on being a super basketball player in high school and if sports inhibited him from making his decision to go to college, he answered "No! I had certain role models, just like I knew that I wanted to play basketball, I knew that I wanted to attend college."

Holmes attributes his motivation to a lot of people on the outside, not school counselors. He wants to continue working with high school students by encouraging them to at least consider college. "Those who do make it successfully in business," concludes Holmes, "don't avail themselves to younger kids, this must be done continuously."

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Red Rock Area Community Action Program, Inc., serving Marion, Jasper, Boone, Warren, Story, and Polk County (excluding the City of Des Moines) have received an Emergency Crisis Intervention Program Grant from Community Services Administration (ECIP '79). Based on the Federal Register and Agency policy the following services may be provided to residents in the counties listed above who meet income and program guidelines.

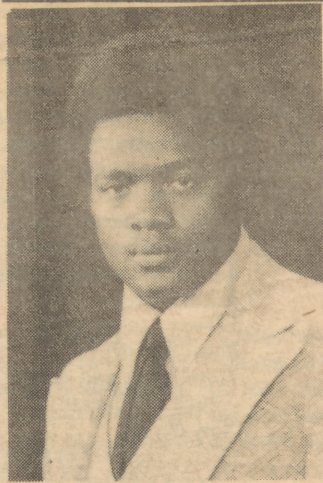
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Terry Butts



Mathew Cushingberry



Valarie Edwards



Emmitt Johnson



Gerome Lewis



Robert Morris



William Morris



Meredith Saunders

## ALLEN ASHBY with a LOOK ON SPORTS



It has come down to this. I don't know how you could not know that Iowa University is in the midst of a three way tie for first place in the Big Ten cage race. If you watched the game Saturday afternoon, you could see that they really wanted this one, while the Buckeyes may have been just a bit too sure of winning on their home floor.

I thought the turning point in the Indiana game Thursday came when the Hawks were in their four corner offense and one of the fellows stumbled and lost the ball, giving up an easy basket on the resultant steal. From then on things went downhill for Iowa, even tho' they never gave up.

I thought the rumor that Coach Olson had signed with USC might have hurt them, and maybe it did just a little at Indiana, but not one bit Saturday. If everybody wins all the rest of their remaining games, it will still be a three way tie with Michigan State having the edge because they beat both Iowa and Ohio State. It will be interesting to see how they pick the two NCAA teams out of the three.

Iowa State and Drake finished just about where they had been picked to finish, and must go into the playoffs on foreign floors. And I watched Indiana State last week end, and they have a really impressive record with twenty-six straight wins. Still, in spite of this mark, they didn't seem to have the smooth coordination that teams with that kind of a record should have.

Maybe it was the caliber of the opposition, but whatever it was, the State boys seemed to be scrambling too much for points. They have one of the best in Bird, but I have to wonder how he would or will fare in duels with the rough Notre Dame team and UCLA, to mention just a couple.

If they had been playing these teams all along, even though they had lost a game or two or three, they would be tough, and I would have to give them a chance to take it all. If they do that now, it will surprise me, and a lot of others. But in the final poll you'd have to give them the top spot.

But whatever you might say about the Hawks and Cyclones in football, you have to admit they are the cream of the wrestling crop. Each team is its conference champ, and they will likely battle it out for national honors.

In another sport I watched Big John Tate put away Duane Bobick last week. He punches well, but I can't see him giving Larry Holmes too much trouble, and not being much of a threat to Ken Norton.

In my opinion, Bobick should hang it up. He seems to get kayoed too often, and if he stays in the game will likely end up walking on his heels. And I can't

possible see how the man could be included in a draw to fight for the vacated heavyweight crown of Muhammad Ali. Do they want to get the guy killed?

And here at home Dowling removed any doubts about who is number one among our local high schools. They looked very good, and if they get past their first couple of games, would have to be given a chance to make it to the final eight. But in these tournaments sometimes a team with a mediocre mark will get hot at the right time and knock off highly rated favorites.

This is what faces East High's girls team. They will face a team that had a losing mark before the tournaments and now seem to have turned it all around, winning their last five or six games. They seem to be riding the crest of a streak that might go all the way unless East is ready.

But this is the first time East has had a girl's team in the thing, and they just might want it badly enough. In fact, I seem to think that this is only the second East team ever to be in the state finals. So, let's watch 'em go.

Basketball scores, anybody?

Benedict 90, Talladega 80. Tougaloo 53, Bethhaven 52. Alabama St. 77, Dillard 66. Central Missouri 68, Lincoln 67. Howard 73, South Carolina St. 72. Morgan State 93, Maryland E. Shore 70. Miss. Valley 77, Grambling 72. Prairie View 93, Tex. Southern 82. Southern 92, Jackson St. 85. Northwest Mo. 73, Lincoln 65. Prairie View 90, Miss. Valley 84. Alcorn 108, Southern U. 89.

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# Black Pioneers in Business: A Brief Interpretive History 1650-1900

by Clarence L. Holte  
(for Amalgamated Publishers, Inc.)

Continued From Last Week

**Biddy Mason** (1818-?), realtor. Miss Mason was taken from Texas by her master, but gained freedom through the California Court in 1856. She settled in Los Angeles and worked as a midwife and practical nurse. She saved every penny possible and purchased some real estate on the outpost of the city. The city moved in that direction, and the muddy land for which she paid \$250 increased to \$200,000 in value. Miss Mason became one of the most successful financiers and property owners in the states. She founded a nursery school; initiated welfare work among children; aided the poor and unfortunate in the slum areas; fed people left destitute from the flood; visited men in jail; and made her home the refuge for all in the early settlement—irrespective of race or national origin.

**Mary Pleasant**, boarding house proprietor, housekeeper, civil rights activist. This controversial lady, generally referred to as "Mammy Pleasant", was born a slave in Georgia. She was freed by her master and provided passage to Boston. She married a well-to-do Cuban whose home was a meeting place for abolitionists. He died and the Miss Pleasant married again, and joined those enroute to California to find gold. She opened a boarding house which became the most popular of its kind in the city, attracting the most influential men in the area. Later, she became the housekeeper and confidante to Thomas Bell, a very wealthy businessman. All the family funds were entrusted her, including deeds which had been transferred to her name. She became the most influential black voice in San Francisco. She used it and her other resources to fight racial discrimination. Her suit against the street car company made it possible for blacks to use the facility. She played a vigorous and successful role in the fight for the right of blacks to testify in the courts. She earlier had occasion to return to the East Coast to give John Brown \$30,000 for furthering his work in connection with emancipation.

**Freedom's Journal**, published in New York City March 16, 1827, was the first black-oriented newspaper produced in the United States. It marked the beginning of black journalism in this country. John Brown Russworm and Samuel E. Cornish were the co-founders and co-editors. Russworm was an 1826 alumnus of Bowdoin College, the second black American to graduate from college. Cornish was pastor of the African Presbyterian Church in New York, the first black church of this denomination in the city. In announcing its purpose, the editors wrote: "We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us. Too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentations in things which concern us daily". Its editorial contents were directed to gain support for emancipation and full citizenship rights for black people. It also advocated unity of blacks and whites, and universality of mankind, and the elevation of all races and peoples. Between founding of the Freedom's Journal and the signing of the Proclamation of Emancipation, some two dozen of these newspapers were published in various northern cities and since emancipation, the number rose considerably and, of course, some fell by the wayside. They did their job as no other force could. They are continuing to do so.

The position of free blacks through-

out the country became even more untenable and uncertain as southern planters gained control of the national economy through production of cotton, with slave labor. So carried away with adding this economic success to their already political clout, they maneuvered to take over northern industry, enslave white factory workers and re-enslave free blacks.

Northern industrialists, having an economic stake in the slave system, had not opposed slavery, but the turn of events necessitated abandonment of that position. To protect their interests from intrusion by the planters, they had to make abolition of slavery a key issue of their differences with the planters. The Civil War, therefore, was unavoidable.

As the war progressed and victory of the federal troops was in the balance, President Lincoln felt it expedient to issue an executive order on January 1, 1863, which freed slaves in areas of states which were in rebellion. This action was followed by passage of the Thirteenth Amendment by Congress on January 31, 1865. It was ratified by the states and slavery was abolished throughout the country. (The northern states had already abolished slavery by the end of 1790. The amendment simply made it constitutional).

The proclamation led to official acceptance of blacks in the armed forces. Before the war ended, some 200,000 of them, free and slave, served as troops. The Confederacy, having no illusions about blacks being unwilling to defend slavery, did not attempt to press them into service as troops, but in desperation they decided to experiment with the idea on March 13, 1865. The war ended before it became a reality.

The Reconstruction period which followed the war was a fruitful transition of blacks "from slavery to freedom". The Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution were enacted, granting them civil rights and use of the ballot, respectively. Federal troops were stationed in strategic areas in the South to protect blacks in the exercise of these rights, and the Freedmen's Bank was specifically created by the federal government to serve the needs of the race. But these conditions were short lived. By 1874, the bank, administered by conniving whites, closed in 1874 with losses of some \$3,000,000 by depositors who could ill afford to lose what little they had. In 1876, the planters conspired with Rutherford Hayes, made him president, and in return, he recalled the federal troops and the Ku Klux Klan assumed freedom to commit atrocities against blacks to the extent that they feared to vote; thereby, state rights were reinstated and practically all the gains made by blacks went down the drain. Historian Rayford W. Logan aptly described the period as "the nadir", the lowest point of a situation. Despite these obstacles and competition by experienced merchants who had begun to immigrate from Eastern Europe and settle mainly in the North, blacks were able to make commendable business progress. Andrew F. Hilyer, U.S. Commissioner to the Paris Exposition in 1900, analyzed the census of 1890 and made the following statistical report of blacks in business:

Agents and collectors, claims, real estate, etc . . . . .	1,172
Auctioneers . . . . .	13
Bankers and brokers, money, stocks,	

commercial . . . . .	114
Boarding and lodging house keepers . . . . .	2,323
Builders and contractors . . . . .	596
Dealers in drugs and chemicals . . . . .	139
Dealers in dry goods . . . . .	135
Dairy keepers . . . . .	666
Grocers . . . . .	1,829
Hotel keepers . . . . .	420
Hucksters and peddlers . . . . .	2,516
Journalists and publishers . . . . .	154
Liquor dealers (11), wholesale . . . . .	996
Livery stable keepers . . . . .	390
Manufacturers . . . . .	461
Merchants and dealers not specified (524 wholesale) . . . . .	5,014
Newsboys . . . . .	291
Officials of insurance, banking and trust companies . . . . .	213
Photographers . . . . .	190
Restaurant Keepers . . . . .	2,157
Undertakers . . . . .	231
	20,020

In addition, there were 17,480 barbers, more than 5,000 of whom were proprietors; 2,510 butchers, many of whom were proprietors of large butcher shops; 718 printers; 10,762 blacksmiths; 61 watch and clock makers; etc.

The following individuals and businesses were among those that made outstanding contributions to the economic progress of Afro-Americans between 1865 and 1900:

### NEW ENGLAND STATES

**A. C. Howard** (1863-?), Mississippi, manufacturer. Mr. Howard went to school only briefly before he went to work at the age of ten in order to help support his mother. They finally settled in Boston where he worked first as a steward on a yacht, and then as a porter for the Pullman Company. He observed that there was a need for improving the blacking used for polishing shoes, and he began to experiment in making a more satisfactory shoe polish. He succeeded in doing so and started a business with \$180. By 1907, he was producing 7,200 cans of polish a day, with his picture on it, and shipments were made all over the United States.

**J. H. Lewis**, Heathsville, North Carolina, merchant tailor. Mr. Lewis spent the first eighteen years of his life on a farm. In 1875 or 1876, he went to Concord, New Hampshire. There he learned tailoring, after which time he settled in Boston and opened his own shop with a capital of \$100. By 1896, the business

was grossing \$150,000 a year. He became the second largest merchant tailor in Massachusetts, and the fourth largest of the business in the United States.

**Jan Earnest Matzeliger** (1852-1889), Paramaribo, Surinam (Dutch Guiana), inventor. Matzeliger's father was a Dutch engineer and his mother was black. Around the age of ten, he became an apprentice in the government machine shop, and at nineteen became a sailor for two years. He quit the ship in Philadelphia, worked on odd jobs, including one on which he learned to put shoe parts together. Tiring of Philadelphia, he went to Boston and then to Lynn, the largest shoe manufacturing center in the country. There he worked in several of the factories and familiarized himself with most of the machinery. His English was halting and he was subjected to racial discrimination, even in churches. He carefully studied the technique employed in connecting "uppers" to the soles of shoes, and went to evening school to improve his English and to learn something about physics and related subjects. Convinced that a machine could make the whole shoe, he worked diligently for six months to produce his first model, for which he was offered, but declined \$50. Several years passed before he produced the second model, for which he was offered, but refused \$1500.

Matzeliger was in poor health and needed financial assistance to begin the third model. This was obtained in return for two-thirds interest in the undertaking. In 1883, he succeeded, to his satisfaction, in producing a machine that would produce the whole shoe in a matter of minutes. The machine revolutionized the industry. Production cost was drastically reduced and this enabled most people in the civilized world to buy and wear shoes. Matzeliger continued to improve the machine and received four additional patents. He acquired very little compensation for his ingenious effort that resulted in the formation of the United Shoe Machinery Corporation which had a capitalization of over fifty million dollars in 1955.

### MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

**Mrs. Henrietta S. Duterte**, (?-1903), Philadelphia, mortician. Mrs. Duterte succeeded her husband, Francis, who established the business in 1852. He died in 1858. She was, reportedly, the first practicing female mortician in the



Meeting of the Afro-American Press Association, 1895.

United States, if not in the world.

**Lewis Howard Latimer**, (1848-1928), Chelsea, Massachusetts, inventor. Latimer was free born. When he was ten years old, he went to work to support himself and to assist his mother and the four other children. During the Civil War, he served in the Navy. After discharge, he became an office boy for a Boston company of patent lawyers. There he taught himself drafting and was reluctantly upgraded to that position. In due course, he was made chief draftsman. Latimer married in 1893.

He made the drawings and assisted Alexander Graham Bell to prepare the application for patenting the telephone which was granted in 1876. In 1874, Latimer received a patent for his invention of the "Water Closets for Railroad Cars".

As a draftsman for the United States Electric Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut, he improved ways in which the carbon filaments were made and set into the incandescent lamp. It came into wide use. In 1881, together with Joseph V. Nichols, Latimer was granted a patent for an electric lamp, and in 1882, he received a patent for his "Process of Manufacturing Carbons", a superior filament to the one produced earlier. Another of his inventions was the "Globe Supporter for Electric Lamps". Latimer installed some of the incandescent electric light plants in New York, Philadelphia, Canada and London.

In 1884, he was invited to join the Engineering Department of Edison Electric Company in New York. This he did and in 1890, he was transferred to the Legal Department of the company. His work there led to appointment as chief draftsman for the consortium of General Electric and the Westinghouse Companies to protect their patents against encroachments. This operation was discontinued in 1911 and Latimer became an associate with the engineering firm of Hammer and Schwarz.

While with Edison, Latimer became one of the Edison Pioneers, an association of scientists who worked with Edison in development of his electrical inventions. Latimer wrote a book in 1890 entitled *Incandescent Electric Lighting: A Practical Description of the Edison System*.

His later inventions were: "An Apparatus for Cooling and Disinfecting", in 1896 and, in the same year a contraption for a "Locking Rack for Hats, Coats and Umbrellas", and in 1905, another contraption "Book Supports".

A school in Brooklyn, New York, was named after him in 1968. Latimer is also the author of several poems.

**Francis J. Moultrie**, (1842-?), Charleston, South Carolina, caterer. Mr. Moultrie went to school in his home town. He came to New York after the Civil War and worked in various catering establishments before settling in Yonkers. There he started a catering business from his home and sold dishes for social affairs. The latter business prospered faster than the catering end, so he opened a store to sell these dishes to support the catering venture. The idea worked and, in due course, he rented and later purchased a building in the downtown section of the city and combined the two businesses. The building housed a concert hall, the post office and other public offices. His clientele of wealthy people extended to New York City. He became one of the largest tax-payers in Yonkers; the proprietor of the largest apartment house in the city; a stockholder in several banks; an important factor in the commercial life of the city; and the spokesman for the black population.

**Christopher J. Perry, Sr.**, (1864-1921), Baltimore, Maryland, newspaper publisher. Mr. Perry was free-born. He has the distinction of founding *The Philadelphia Tribune* in 1884, the oldest black-oriented newspaper still in existence. He availed himself of the meager schooling provided black children in Baltimore. As a young man, he went to Philadelphia, attended evening school and worked in private homes where he had access to books. As early as 1867, he

began writing newsy and interesting letters to newspapers. In 1881, he was engaged by one of the daily newspapers to write a column about the social events and activities of blacks in the city. Later, he became editor of the Colored Department of the *Sunday Mirror*. The editorial experience acquired led to his establishing *The Tribune*. In addition to operating the newspaper, he served the city as deputy sheriff, and a member of the Common Council.

**James C. Thomas**, (1864-?), Harrisbury, Texas, mortician. Mr. Thomas received very little education. His parents died when he was nine years old and, as soon as he was able, he went to work to contribute to the support of his six sisters. Thomas drifted to Galveston and did odd jobs until he was engaged as a cabin boy on a steam boat. He did this work on several boats shipping out of New Orleans until he was seventeen years old. The boat on which he last worked could not dock in New Orleans because of the yellow fever epidemic. Instead, it came to New York and Thomas remained in the city. Here, he worked as a steward and in similar jobs in Boston and Saratoga from 1881 to 1897. He saved his money and married in 1884.

After learning the rudiments of the undertaking business, he opened his establishment. At the time, there were two other blacks in the business—one in Manhattan and the other in Brooklyn. White undertakers had most of the burials of blacks. Because of the quality of Thomas' service, the economical, careful and conscientious dealings with people, he not only obtained more business than the other black undertakers, but became the second largest undertaker in the city, getting business in greater New York and adjoining towns in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. From 1897 to 1907, Mr. Thomas superintended some 3,500 burials. He became a stockholder in the Chelsea National Bank, and a director and the heaviest stockholder in the Afro-American Realty Company.

**John S. Trower**, (1849-?), Northampton, Virginia, caterer. From sixteen years old to twenty-one, Mr. Trower worked on a farm. After finishing payments on it for his family, he went to Baltimore worked as an oyster-opener and saved his money to come North. He settled in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia, and opened a restaurant. From the very beginning he prospered and added a catering service, appealing to the wealthy and fashionable residents. They responded and Mr. Trower purchased a three-story building. He made it into the most complete business of its kind in the country, employing some twenty-odd people. He became wealthy and conducted a lucrative real estate operation as an avocation.

#### SOUTHERN STATES

**The Alabama Penny Savings and Loan Company** in Birmingham opened its doors for business on October 15, 1890. It was the second pioneer bank owned and operated by blacks. The guiding force behind it was Rev. W. R. Pettiford, who had some business experience as the financial agent of Selma University. The cashier was B. H. Hudson, a graduate of Talladega College, the first black school teacher in the city and a successful grocer. The bank prospered even during the panic of 1893 when 1100 banks in the country failed. In 1904, its assets were \$144,354.45, and deposits were \$118,943.14.

**The Birmingham Grate Coal Mining Company** in Alabama started to mine coal on September 30, 1899. Its capital stock was \$10,000. The guiding force behind it was Rev. T. W. Walker, who served as president. The company leased a rich, idle mine about eighteen miles from Birmingham and operated it under the supervision of a man with little book knowledge but who knew what coal mining was all about. At the start, 25 to 30 tons of coal were mined a day. This was increased to 125 tons per day. When this report was made of the mine's operation, the management stated that it was working towards



**PHILIP ALEXANDER BELL** (c.1800-1889) has been called the "Napoleon of the early Negro press". He was one of the most analytical yet productive publisher-editors of his time.

Bell was a leading Black businessman in New York City in the late 1820's who fought for the rights of his race with his literary abilities, time, energy and finances. He was a member of the New York City Temperance Society, 1829, a delegate to the First National Negro Convention, 1830, and an officer of the New York Philomathian Society. He served on the committee to superintend funds for a Black college, 1831, and was the New York Agent for the *Liberator*, 1832.

Bell was the proprietor of the *Weekly Advocate*, 1837, later called the *Colored American*, until 1840. Before the Civil War he became a spokesman for Black separatism and in the mid 1860's was co-editor of the *Pacific Appeal* before he founded his own paper, *The Elevator*, in San Francisco on April 18, 1865. The motto of his paper was "equality before the law." He served the Black press for fifty-two years. He died on April 24, 1889, an elder statesman of black journalism and publishing. Bell's commitment and tenacity to the black press was for many years an inspiration to Black journalists and publishers.

mining 250 tons per day since more requests for contracts were received from white companies than the venture could accommodate.

**Coleman Manufacturing Company**, Concord, North Carolina, cotton mill. This company was organized in 1896 or 1897 by seven black men who obtained subscriptions of \$250,000 from blacks throughout the country. For this venture, a large three-story brick building, valued at \$100,000 was purchased. They equipped it with a 270 horsepower Colless engine, the best in Cabarrus County, where there were more cotton mills than in any two states in the country. The mill manufactured cotton goods and yarns, and employed 200 to 250 workers. In its report in 1900, announcement was made that a contract had been signed to supply one of the largest shoe manufacturing companies in Massachusetts with canvas to make shoes.

**Z. T. Evans** (1847-?), North Carolina, bed manufacturer. Mr. Evans was born a slave. After emancipation, he learned to make mattresses while employed in a store in Durham. After working in this line in various cities, he settled in New Orleans and opened a small upholstery shop but failed twice in less than three years. He finally succeeded on the third try and after purchasing an old, abandoned, old-fashioned sawmill run by horsepower, an essential machine for the business, and getting an old horse as a gift. He trained the horse to walk around and around with an attachment so that the machine would generate power. Then he purchased a long-needed hand weaving machine which he learned to operate. His first production of forty beds was faulty and had to be sold at a loss, but Mr. Evans stuck to the business and improved the workmanship until his beds were as good as any on the market. His business prospered and enabled him to install a steam engine to generate power. His reputation grew and by 1900 he was grossing more than \$28,000 annually.

**Junius K. Graves**, (1859-?), Green County, Kentucky, potato king. Mr. Graves was born a slave. His education was meager, but by the time he reached manhood, he could read, write and had some knowledge of figures. In 1879, he walked from his home in Kentucky to Kansas City, Kansas, where he worked

on a farm for forty cents a day. Because of diligent work, he was given several raises and was later allotted nine acres of the farm to cultivate on shares, with the owner supplying a team of horses, seed and tools, in return for two-thirds of the production. Mr. Graves married. He and his wife used this as a stepping-stone in Edwardsville. They purchased 500 acres of the finest land in Kaw Valley to grow white potatoes, onions, carrots, parsnips, turnips, etc. In one year alone, they produced 721,500 bushels of potatoes—121,500 bushels more than any single grower in the world.

To serve his business, he had a private railroad track built leading from his shipping station to the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad. He made shipments to every part of the United States, Mexico and Canada. Besides his farming interest, Mr. Graves had large holdings of mining stock in the Indian Territory and in Mexico, as well as bank stock in the state, and four-fifths interest in a casket and embalming company. These accomplishments by Mr. Graves were made over a period of eighteen years.

**Samuel Harris**, grocer. Mr. Harris started a grocery business in Williamsburg, Virginia, about 1877 with a capital of something like \$70. By 1902, he was grossing about \$55,000 a year. He invested his profits into real estate, acquiring ninety-six building lots in the city; four large farms in the state; and property in Richmond, Norfolk, and Newport News. All the goods sold in the store were brought into the city in his own ship, manned by his crew of black men.

To be continued

# Vernon Jordan

Spotlight  
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budgets...these are essential...the cost of hamburger, meat, children's shoes, etc. is an issue...the inflation rates...too austere, too tight...the generals get more and the cities and social problems get less..."

I then asked him if he felt Proposition 13 - like laws - were inherently racist in nature. He told us that... "it is difficult to say. I feel 65% of those voting for Proposition 13 entertained the mistaken notion it would stop welfare loafing, etc., it was an excellent case of misleading the people..."

Another reporter questioned Jordan concerning the impending Sear's lawsuit. He answered... "Sears may have justification in conflict and in administration of law and has the right (using the proper forum) to file but this only encourages that negativism concerning Affirmative Action beginning with the Bakke decision."

He then listed numerous companies, among them U.S. Steel, ATT and General Electric who have complied with equal employment opportunity commission mandates.

Again Mr. Jordan lamented that unemployment was indeed the major concern of black America now.

Because I felt so many leaders had lost visibility or gone underground or left the struggle just who were the black leaders in 1979? (I asked this more for the whites present than myself.) Benjamin Hooks, Jesse Jackson and others with whom I was not familiar were on the list he gave us.

The country must make choices was another recurring topic of Jordan's. Last, I asked Mr. Jordan if he felt the Republican party was making an earnest effort to recruit minority people. He then smiled sarcastically and noted... "I'm not impressed with any Republican efforts... John Rhodes (minority leader in the house) and John Anderson are concentrating more on the expulsion of Charles Diggs than on a 23% unemployment rate of young black males... it's just lip service to make a call for minority leaders in their ranks..."

After the relatively brief conference (10-15 minutes in length), Mr. Jordan introduced himself to all of us and chatted awhile. When he

discovered my affiliation with the Bystander, he immediately asked if his weekly syndicated column was included in our newspaper. I, very embarrassed, mumbled no, but that Benjamin Hooks' column was indeed included in the Bystander.

Mr. Jordan then looked askance and asked for the Bystander's address and said he hoped to see his

column in the coming months — to which I replied, I'd try and work on my publisher. During the banquet Friday night, Jordan spotted me in the audience and when someone mentioned his article in an introduction, gave me a knowing look, as if to say... "See my column IS nationally known — except here in Des Moines."

The Blacks in

Management banquet was well attended and a pleasant affair. Mr. Jordan seemed rested and in a better mood than at the press conference. His half hour or so speech was stirring, relevant and quite enjoyable. Because my tape recorder refused to function on batteries, I was unable to record his talk.

But he did mention his concerns with the

conservative mood and backlash trends from the white grassroots, the Congress and the national judiciary against poor people and those of color. I feel everyone there thoroughly enjoyed themselves and reaped knowledge from one of our most vociferous leaders, or as Gov. Ray put it... "One of our finest national leaders ... period."

## PUBLIC NOTICES

The legal notices which appear on this page are published under state laws which require that all taxpayers be kept informed as to what becomes of their tax dollars. Secrecy in government is never in the public interest.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PAVING AND STORM SEWER FOR EASTRIDGE SUBDIVISION AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Centerville, Iowa will meet at the Municipal Building, 116 No. 13th, Centerville, Iowa on March 5, 1979 at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place the said Council will consider adoption of plans, specifications and proposed form of contract for construction of paving and storm sewer for the first phase of development for Eastridge Subdivision in the City of Centerville, Iowa. Plans and specifications for said construction are on file at the office of the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 116 No. 13th, Centerville, Iowa. At said meeting the Council will consider any objections to the said plans, specifications and proposed form of contract.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Council at the Municipal Building at the above address until 7:00 P.M., March 5, 1979 for construction of paving and storm sewer for the first phase of development for Eastridge Subdivision in the City of Centerville, Iowa, as shown on the plans and as called for in the specifications, consisting, in general, of the following:

- Schedule A: 9482 S.Y. of 6" Concrete Pavement  
6945 L.F. of 6" Integral Curb  
3805 C.Y. of Excavation
- or
- Schedule B: 2870 Tons of 5 1/2" Asphaltic Concrete Pavement  
32,415 Gal. of Asphalt Cement  
6945 L.F. of 30" Curb and Gutter  
3805 C.Y. of Excavation
- plus
- Schedule C: 374 L.F. of 24" RCP Storm Sewer  
245 L.F. of 18" RCP Storm Sewer  
766 L.F. of 15" RCP Storm Sewer  
11 Curb Inlets  
2 Storm Sewer Manholes  
86 L.F. of 2' Conc. Low-Flow Liner

Bids for construction will be acted upon at the time of said meeting, or at such later time as then may be fixed. Said plans, specifications and form of contract may be examined in the Office of the City Clerk and copies may be obtained from Hoskins - Western - Sonderegger, Inc., 825 "J" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, upon payment of \$25.00 none of which will be refunded.

Bids shall be on blank forms furnished in the Contract Documents and must be accompanied in a separate envelope by a certified check, cashier's check or bidders bond satisfactory to the said City Council and payable to the City of Centerville, Iowa, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the bid, as security that the bidder, if his bid is accepted, will enter into contract therewith and will furnish a performance bond in the full amount of the contract price. No bidder may withdraw a proposal within (30) days after the date set for opening bids.

Payment will be made on monthly estimates of work done with 10% withheld until work has been completed and accepted.

The Contractor will be required to comply with the wage and labor requirements and to pay minimum wages in accordance with a schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor and shown in the Special Provisions.

The Work under the proposed project is subject to Executive Order 11246 dated September 24, 1965, and any order amending or superseding such order and to the equal employment opportunity clauses set forth in the Special Provisions, for nonexempt contracts exceeding \$10,000.

The Contractor or Bidder must supply all the information required by the bidding or proposal form.

A Contractor who will receive a nonexempt contract exceeding \$10,000 will be required to certify on his proposal that he will maintain non-segregated employee facilities. The Contractor will also be required to obtain from all subcontractors on the project a certification that they will maintain nonsegregated employee facilities.

Contractors receiving contracts of \$10,000 or more and his subcontractors will be required to maintain an affirmative action program that identifies and provides methods for alleviating employment inequities caused by past discriminatory treatment of minorities.

The work to be performed under the contract is on a project assisted under a program providing direct Federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is subject to the requirements of Section 3, of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended 12 U.S.C. 1701U.

It shall be a condition of the contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract entered into pursuant to the contract, that the Contractor and any Subcontractor shall not require any laborer or mechanic employed in performance of the contract to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the United States Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (83 STAT. 96).

Upon acceptance of bids and awarding of a contract, a Notice to Proceed on construction work will be issued. The Notice to Proceed will be issued within 45 days after the date of the Taking of Bids. It shall be a condition of the Contract that the work will commence within 10 days after a Notice to Proceed is issued and that the work will be completed within a construction period of 60 calendar days.

The right is reserved to waive all technicalities and irregularities, reject any or all bids, and enter into such contract as it may deem to be in the best interest of the City of Centerville, Iowa.

The engineers estimate of construction is \$217,500.  
City of Centerville  
By Harold W. Fowler, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Tom W. King, City Clerk  
Published in the New Iowa Bystander March 1, 1979.

### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Iowa District Court  
Polk County  
Probate No. 28-9694

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
Ira R. Lowe,  
Deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS  
INTERESTED IN THE  
ESTATE OF Ira R. Lowe  
Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of February, 1979, the Last Will and Testament of Ira R. Lowe deceased bearing date of the 21st day of March, 1956, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Marie A. Lowe was appointed executor of said estate.

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

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against said estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance; and unless so filed within six months from the second publication of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) such claim shall thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1979.

Marie A. Lowe  
Executor of said Estate  
2110 E. 13  
Des Moines, Ia.

Stewart, Heartney, Brodsky,  
Thornton, Harvey & Butters  
Attorney(s) for said Executor(s)  
1000 Central National Bank  
Bldg.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Printed and published in the  
New Iowa Bystander March 1,  
1979 and date of second  
publication 8th day of March,  
1979.

### NOTICE NOTICE OF THE 1978 REPROGRAMMING OF CARRYOVER FUNDS AND THE 1979 PROGRAMMING OF UNALLOCATED CONTINGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as a part of the implementation of the 1978 and 1979 Comprehensive Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program funds, which program is funded under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1977, intends to hold public hearings on March 19, 1979 and April 2, 1979 for the purpose of receiving recommendations for the reprogramming of carryover funds for 1978 and the programming of unallocated contingency funds from 1979. The funds available for reprogramming and programming amount to \$412,158.

The funds to be reprogrammed consist of \$201,858 in amounts carried over from the implementation of 1978 Community Development Block Grant Program. The funds to be programmed consist of \$210,300 set aside in the 1979 Community Development Block Grant Program as contingency funds.

Any persons or organizations wishing to express their views as to the range of Community Development Block Grant Program needs and to make recommendations as to how the funds referred to above should be reprogrammed, may do so at the public hearings referred to above, which hearings will commence at City Hall located at East 1st and Locust Streets in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. on March 19, 1979 and at 6:30 P.M. on April 2, 1979.

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## Willkie House

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Open gym recreation — Monday - Friday 10 am - 9 pm excluding class or reserved time, contact center.
- Game room — Monday - Friday 10 am - 9 pm
- Tennis fundamentals class — Monday and Wednesday 7 pm - 8 pm. Instructor, Kizzie Strother. New members register during class hours.
- Tennis court reservations — Monday and Wednesday 8 pm - 9 pm and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm or by appointment.
- Martial Arts (Kung Fu) — Tuesday and Thursday 4 pm - 5:30 pm. Instructor, Oliver Grant. New members register during class hours.

### MEMBERSHIPS REQUIRED

For information contact Dennis Jones — 243-7817  
Funded by United Way

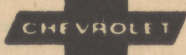
## GOOD, OLDER MODELS

'74 OLDSMOBILE.....\$4195  
DELTA 88 CONVERTIBLE,  
V8 engine, automatic trans-  
mission, power steering,  
power brakes, tilt steering  
wheel, cruise control,  
AM/FM stereo, factory air  
conditioning.

'74 CHEVROLET.....\$3195  
MONTE CARLO LANDAU,  
V8 engine, automatic trans-  
mission, power steering,  
power brakes, factory air  
conditioning, power win-  
dows, vinyl roof, AM radio.

'72 CHEVROLET.....\$1295  
VEGA, 4 cylinder engine,  
automatic transmission, AM  
radio. BLUE!

'69 OLDSMOBILE.....\$1395  
CUTLASS, 4 DOOR, V8 en-  
gine, automatic transmission,  
power steering, power  
brakes, factory air condi-  
tioning, AM radio, vinyl  
roof.



## CRESCENT CHEVROLET

15th TO 16th ON LOCUST  
PHONE 247-8040

OPEN 'TIL 9:00 MON., WED., THURS.  
OPEN 'TIL 6:00 TUES., FRI., SAT.

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

The City of Des Moines, as Local Public Agency for Urban Homesteading, Concentrated Neighborhood Rehabilitation, 312 Loan Administration, which projects are implemented pursuant to Chapter 403 of the 1977 Code of Iowa, as a part of the City's Urban Renewal Program, hereby invites bids on home improvement/repair work to be done on property located at:

714-24th Street, James Sloan, owner

1513 Walker, Lonnie B. Johnson, owner

1902 School, Eddie & May Davis, owners

1544 E. 19th Street, Mildred Otis, owner

The properties upon which the said work is to be done may be inspected with the assistance of Construction Specialists from the Department of Urban Development, Division of Rehabilitation March 2 through 12, 1979 at the above addresses.

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

All Bids must be received in the Department of Urban Development Rehabilitation Division located at 102 East Grand by March 13, 1979 at 10:00 AM, at which time all bids will be opened and reviewed. The Department of Urban Development will recommend that the owners of said properties accept the lowest acceptable bids. However, the City reserves the right to reject all bids.

CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

By Lewis V. Pond, Director

Urban Development

Dated February 19, 1979

Published in the Iowa Bystander February 22 and March 1, 1979.

ORDINANCE NO. 9542

AN ORDINANCE vacating the 16 foot north/south alley lying west of and adjoining Lots 11 and 12, Vander - Cook's Addition, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the 16 foot north/south alley lying west of and adjoining Lots 11 and 12, Vander - Cook's Addition, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right - of - way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication, as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:  
Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

I, Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held February 19, 1979, signed by the Mayor February 19, 1979 and published in the Iowa Bystander March 1, 1979.

Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9543

AN ORDINANCE vacating all of the N/S alley, and that part of the E/W alley lying south of and adjoining Lot 7, Block 5, Fort Des Moines, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

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the alleys herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

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ORDINANCE NO. 9544

AN ORDINANCE vacating the north - south alley right - of - way located west of and adjacent to the following described property: Lots 7 and 8, in the Official Plat of Lots 1 and 4, Block 43, J. L. Lyons Addition and Lot 9 in the Official Plat of the north 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 8-78-24, west of the 5th P.M., an Official Plat; and Lots 5 and 8, Block 43, J. L. Lyons Addition, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the north - south alley right - of - way located west of and adjacent to the following described property: Lots 7 and 8, in the Official Plat of Lots 1 and 4, Block 43, J. L. Lyons Addition and Lot 9 in the Official Plat of the north 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 8-78-24, west of the 5th P.M., an Official Plat; and Lots 5 and 8, Block 43, J. L. Lyons Addition, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right - of - way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9545

AN ORDINANCE vacating the E/W alley right - of - way located south of and adjacent to Lots 1 through 3 and the west 21 feet of Lot 4, Block C, in the Subdivision of Lot 6 of 13.06 acres of Pursley

Estimate, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that

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the alleys herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That all of the N/S alley, and that part of the E/W alley lying south of and adjoining Lot 7, Block 5, Fort Des Moines, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the E/W alley right - of - way located south of and adjacent to Lots 1 through 3 and the west 21 feet of Lot 4, Block C, in the Subdivision of Lot 6 of 13.06 acres of Pursley Estate, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right - of - way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:  
Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

I, Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held February 19, 1979, signed by the Mayor February 19, 1979 and published in the Iowa Bystander March 1, 1979.

Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9546

AN ORDINANCE vacating the E/W alley right - of - way located south of and adjacent to Lot 6, Block 3, Davies' 2nd Addition, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the E/W alley right - of - way located south of and adjacent to Lot 6, Block 3, Davies' 2nd Addition, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right - of - way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:  
Assistant City Attorney  
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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9547

AN ORDINANCE vacating the north - south alley right - of - way located east of and adjacent to Lot 13, Fourteenth Street Place, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City

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Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the north - south alley right - of - way located east of and adjacent to Lot 13, Fourteenth Street Place, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right - of - way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:  
Assistant City Attorney  
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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9548

AN ORDINANCE vacating the N/S alley right - of - way located east of and adjacent to Lot 1, Woll Bridge, (except the north 20 feet thereof), an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the N/S alley right - of - way located east of and adjacent to Lot 1, Woll Bridge, (except the north 20 feet thereof), an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right - of - way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same; also subject to retention of the north 20 feet for the future widening of Hickman Road.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:  
Assistant City Attorney  
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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9549

AN ORDINANCE vacating the N/S alley right-of-way located west of and adjacent to Lot 7, W.T. Smith's Grand Avenue Addition to Grant Park, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the N/S alley right-of-way located west of and adjacent to Lot 7, W. T. Smith's Grand Avenue Addition to Grant Park, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right-of-way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:  
Assistant City Attorney  
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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right-of-way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

Form approved:

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9550

AN ORDINANCE vacating the N/S alley right-of-way lying east of and adjacent to Lots 9 and 10, Block 72, and the E/W alley right-of-way lying south of and adjacent to Lot 7, Block 72, and also including the intersection of said alleys, all in the Town of De Moine, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alleys herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the N/S alley right-of-way lying east of and adjacent to Lots 9 and 10, Block 72, and the E/W alley right-of-way lying south of and adjacent to Lot 7, Block 72, and also including the intersection of said alleys, all in the Town of De Moine, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right-of-way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:  
Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9551

AN ORDINANCE vacating the N/S alley right-of-way located westerly of and adjacent to Lot 8, and the north 25 feet of Lot 9, Block 16, Town of De Moine, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

WHEREAS, all prior requirements of law pertaining to the vacation of streets and alleys have been fully observed; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the N/S alley right-of-way located westerly of and adjacent to Lot 8, and the north 25 feet of Lot 9, Block 16, Town of De Moine, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right-of-way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:  
Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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25 feet of Lot 9, Block 16, Town of De Moines, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

Sec. 2. That this vacation is made with reservations of right-of-way easements for all public utilities now in place, with the right of entry for servicing same.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

Form approved:

R. E. Olson, Mayor  
Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 9552**

AN ORDINANCE to amend Ordinance No. 7226, passed by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, on July 12, 1965, as amended, being an ordinance to regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, commerce, residence or other purposes; to regulate and restrict the height of buildings hereafter erected or altered; to regulate and determine the area of yards and other open spaces about buildings; to regulate and determine the density of use of land and lot areas and for said purpose to divide the City into districts; to provide for enforcement and a Board of Adjustment, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of its provisions, by rezoning and changing certain property located in the vicinity of East Twenty-sixth Street and Easton Boulevard, more fully described as follows:

Lot 1 of the Subdivision of Lot 9 and the East 278.5 feet of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Subdivision of Lot 9 in the Official Plat of the East Half of Section 31, Township 79 North, Range 23, West of the 5th Principal Meridian; now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

from "R-2" One and Two Family Residence District classification to "R-6" Planned Residential Development District classification.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 7226, passed by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, on July 12, 1965, as amended, being an ordinance to regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, commerce, residence or other purposes; to regulate and restrict the height of buildings hereafter erected or altered; to regulate and determine the area of yards and other open spaces about buildings; to regulate and determine the density of use of land and lot areas and for said purpose to divide the City into districts; to provide for enforcement and a Board of Adjustment, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of its provisions, be and the same is hereby amended by rezoning and changing certain property located in the vicinity of East Twenty-sixth Street and Easton Boulevard, more fully described as follows:

Lot 1 of the Subdivision of Lot 9 and the East 278.5 feet of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Subdivision of Lot 9 in the Official Plat of the East Half of Section 31, Township 79 North, Range 23, West of the 5th Principal Meridian; now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

from "R-2" One and Two Family Residence District classification to "R-6" Planned Residential Development District classification.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in

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full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved

Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 9553**

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of Des Moines 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 9255, passed April 18, 1977 and Ordinance No. 9289, passed June 27, 1977, by repealing Sections 27-936 and 27-1164 thereof and enacting new Sections 27-936 and 27-1164, and by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 27-1525.01, all relating to the regulation of traffic. Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of Des Moines 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 9255, passed April 18, 1977 and Ordinance No. 9289, passed June 27, 1977, be and is hereby amended by repealing Sections 27-936 and 27-1164 thereof and enacting new Sections 27-936 and 27-1164, and by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 27-1525.01, all relating to prohibited parking and limited parking restrictions, as follows:

Sec. 27-936. THIRTY-FOURTH STREET - JOHN LYNDE ROAD TO SENECA AVENUE. (.7231)

Thirty-fourth Street, on the west side, from Ingersoll Avenue to a point 75 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Thirty-fourth Street, on the west side, from Woodland Avenue to a point 50 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Thirty-fourth Street, on the east side, from University Avenue to Forest Avenue, no parking any time.

Thirty-fourth Street, on the west side, from University Avenue to Clark Street, no parking any time.

Thirty-fourth Street, on the west side, from a point 350 feet north of Clark Street to Urbandale Avenue, no parking any time.

Thirty-fourth Street, on the east side, from Hickman Road to a point 60 feet north thereof, no parking any time.

Thirty-fourth Street, on the west side, from Douglas Avenue to Seneca Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 27-1164. FOREST AVENUE - THIRTIETH STREET TO SIXTY-THIRD STREET. (.1380)

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from Thirtieth Street to a point 75 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from a point 75 feet west of Thirtieth Street to Thirty-second Street, no parking 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from Thirty-second Street to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from a point 50 feet west of Thirty-second Street to Thirty-fourth Street, no parking 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Forest Avenue, on the south side, from Thirtieth Street to a point 145 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the south side, from a point 145 feet west of Thirtieth Street to Thirty-second Street, no parking 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Forest Avenue, on the south side, from Thirty-second Street to a point 125 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the south side,

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from a point 125 feet west of Thirty-second Street to Thirty-fourth Street, no parking 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from Thirty-fourth Street to Forty-eighth Street, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the south side, from Thirty-fourth Street to a point 225 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the south side, from Thirty-ninth Street to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the south side, from Beaver Avenue to a point 200 feet west thereof, no parking Monday through Saturday.

Forest Avenue, on the south side, from a point 50 feet east of Forty-first Street to a point 50 feet west of Forty-second Street, no parking any time.

Forest Avenue, on the north side, from Sixty-third Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 27-1525.01. WOODLAWN DRIVE - FORTY-SECOND STREET TO FOSTER DRIVE.

Woodlawn Drive, on the south side, from Forty-second Street to a point 100 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

Form approved

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 9554**

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of Des Moines 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 9322, passed September 6, 1977, by repealing Sections 2-205.16 and 2-205.19 thereof and enacting new Sections 2-205.16 and 2-205.19, relating to site plan review.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of Des Moines 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 9322, passed September 6, 1977, be and is hereby amended by repealing Sections 2-205.16 and 2-205.19 thereof and enacting new Sections 2-205.16 and 2-205.19, relating to site plan review, as follows:

Sec. 2-205.16. PURPOSE.

(a) It is the intent and purpose of this article to establish a procedure which will enable the city to plan for and review certain proposed improvements of property within specified zoning districts of the city in order to accomplish the following:

(1) To implement community policies on physical development; and

(2) To provide for efficient, rational allocation of scarce facilities and resources; and

(3) To promote economy and efficiency in the provision and improvement of municipal services through the regulation of development; and

(4) To assure the orderliness, quality and character of the development of property in the city, prevent foreclosure of future development opportunities, and facilitate coordination of land usage with planned and available facilities and resources.

(b) The site planning review requirements of this article are designed to insure the orderly and harmonious development of such property in a manner that shall:

(1) Promote the most beneficial relation between present and proposed future uses of land and

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the present and proposed future circulation of traffic throughout the city; and

(2) Permit present development of property commensurate with fair and orderly planning for future development of other properties in the various areas of the city with respect to the availability and capacity, present and foreseeable, of public facilities and services. The factors to be considered in arriving at a conclusion concerning proposed present development of property shall include the following:

(i) The maximum population density for the proposed development, the proposed density of use, and consideration of the effect the proposal will have on the capacity of existing water and sanitary sewer lines to the end that existing systems will not become overloaded or capacity so substantially decreased that site use will inhibit or preclude planned future development;

(ii) Zoning restrictions at the time of the proposal;

(iii) The city's comprehensive plan;

(iv) The city's plans for future construction and provision for public facilities and services; and

(v) The facilities and services already available to the area which will be affected by the proposed site use.

(3) Encourage adequate provision for surface and subsurface drainage, in order to assure that future development and other properties in various areas of the city will not be adversely affected; and

(4) Provide suitable screening of parking, truck loading, refuse disposal, and outdoor storage areas from adjacent residential districts; all in accordance with the design standards established by section 2-205.19 of this code.

Sec. 2-205.19. DESIGN STANDARDS.

The standards of design provided herein are necessary to insure the orderly and harmonious present development of property in such manner as will safeguard the public's health, safety, and general welfare and to insure that the future development of property in the city will not be foreclosed by such present development.

(1) The design of the proposed development shall make adequate provisions for surface and subsurface drainage, for connections to water and sanitary sewer lines, each so designed as to neither overload or to substantially decrease the capacity of existing public utility lines in a fashion that will serve to inhibit or preclude the planned future development of other property within the city and so as not to increase the danger of erosion, flooding, landslide, or other endangerment of adjoining or surrounding property. The city's comprehensive plan shall be the principal guide in determining the prospective use and population density of other properties. However, the factors to be considered in arriving at conclusions on standards of design shall include those set forth in section 2-205.16 (b) (2) of this code.

(2) The proposed development shall be designed and located within the property in such manner as not to unduly diminish or impair the use and enjoyment of adjoining property, and to this end shall minimize the adverse effects on such adjoining properties from automobile headlights, illumination of required perimeter yards, refuse containers, and impairment of light and air. For purposes of this section, the term "use and enjoyment of adjoining property" shall mean the use and enjoyment presently being made of such adjoining property unless such property is vacant. If vacant, the term "use and enjoyment of adjoining property" shall mean those uses permitted under the zoning district in which such adjoining property is located.

(3) The proposed development shall have such entrances and exits upon adjacent streets and such internal traffic circulation pattern as will not unduly increase

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congestion on adjacent or surrounding public streets and in a manner which will conform to the proposed future circulation of traffic throughout the city.

(4) To such end as may be necessary and proper to accomplish the standards in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) above, the proposed development shall provide fences, walls, screening, landscaping, erosion control or other improvements.

(5) All electrical, telephone, and cable television transmission systems shall be placed underground whenever reasonably practicable.

(6) The proposed development shall conform to all applicable provisions of the 1977 Code of Iowa, as amended, and all applicable provisions of the 1975 Des Moines Municipal Code, as amended.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

Form approved

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 9555**

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of Des Moines 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 9509, passed December 4, 1978, by repealing subsection (b) of Section 17-37.07 thereof and enacting a new subsection (b) of Section 17-37.07, relating to the Scott Street Dam and Logan Center Redevelopment Areas Building Moratorium, and repealing Ordinance No. 9509.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of Des Moines 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 9509, passed December 4, 1978, be and is hereby amended by repealing subsection (b) of Section 17-37.07 thereof and enacting a new subsection (b) of Section 17-37.07, relating to the Scott Street Dam and Logan Center Redevelopment Areas Building Moratorium, as follows:

Sec. 17-37.07. SCOTT STREET DAM AND LOGAN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREAS BUILDING MORATORIUM.

(b) This moratorium shall be in full force and effect from November 2, 1978 to March 15, 1979 or until such time as the council shall have selected either or both of said areas as redevelopment project areas in conformance with chapter 403, 1977 Code of Iowa, whichever shall last occur, in which event this moratorium shall continue in full force and effect in those areas so designated until the Urban Renewal Plan for same is adopted by the council.

Sec. 2. That Ordinance No. 9509, passed December 4, 1978, be and is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed February 19, 1979

Signed February 19, 1979

Form approved

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Assistant City Attorney  
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

# classified ads

## RENTALS

**APT. FOR RENT**  
1 bedroom,  
**FURNISHED**, utilities paid, private bath, children welcome, no pets. For information call William Jones, 244-7723 or 255-9254.

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**APT. FOR RENT**  
2 room apartment, furnished, utilities paid, wall to wall carpeting. No children or pets 282-0650.

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## HELP WANTED

**NURSE — INSTRUCTORS:**  
Madison Area Technical College satellite Associate Degree Nursing Program in the Reedsburg - Baraboo area. Position open August 1979. Qualifications: Licensed R.N., Master's degree, teaching experience desirable. Required: Two years' occupational experience. If interested, contact Mary E. Flowers, Chairperson; AD Nursing Program, Madison Area Technical College, 211 N. Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703, (608) 266-5062. Application Deadline: April 1, 1979. Equal Opportunity Employer Affirmative Action Employer

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**COOKS**  
Polk County is seeking experienced cooks. Must have considerable knowledge of planning, preparation, cooking, and baking large quantities of food. Salaries will vary depending upon experience. Excellent benefits. Interested applicants contact Sue 284-6433. AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.

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**HELP WANTED**  
Grady Contracting Corp. currently taking applications for construction supervisors and skilled craft trainees. Apply at 7598 Hickman Rd., Des Moines. An equal opportunity employer.

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**HELP WANTED**  
Northern National Gas Company, Ogden, Iowa needs one regular full time employee to maintain, operate and repair machinery and pipelines. If interested apply at the Odgen Office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before March 9, 1979. Northern National Gas Company is an equal opportunity employer.

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## SECRETARIAL POSITION

Polk County has a secretarial position available for someone with the ability to type 50 wpm. Shorthand and dictaphone skills may be required. Salary \$8,199 Excellent Benefits Qualified applicants contact Sue at 284-6433. An Affirmative Action Employer.

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## COOK

Polk County Jail is seeking an experienced cook to assist with the preparation of large quantities of food. Must have knowledge of the care and cleaning of kitchen equipment. The ability to lift heavy pots required. Flexible hours — Some weekend work required. Salary \$4.17 per hour. Interested applicants contact Sue 284-6433. An Affirmative Action Employer.

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# Transportation Official Encourages Small Enterprise

DES MOINES, IOWA — Wilbur Williams, Program Analyst and University Affairs Coordinator with the Office of University Research, part of the Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, invited America's small enterprise to do business with the Federal government during a keynote address at the grand opening of the firm of Mitchell & Mitchell Economists, Ltd., a midwestern scientific research group.

Mr. Williams stated that the Carter administration strongly insists that a portion of all government contracts be set aside for small businesses. "However," Mr. Williams cautions, "you should ensure that your company has sound financial management, good marketing skills and quality services or goods." He urges small enterprise to organize so that they may develop an effective and competitive marketing unit to serve their collective needs at a reasonable cost.

## Rodgers From page 1

to view dance as effeminate, for women only. Choreographer Rodgers assured the young people dance did not turn men into women or turn women into men. "If you play a tune on the violin, and play the very same tune on a piano, saxophone, the tune has a different quality, doesn't it?"

The Flower, performed by Tamara Gullibeaux, illustrated a different dance style, and the quality a woman dancer creates. It was a creation of images of a swaying flower as petals opened in full bloom.

Both children and adults present were spell-bound by Percussion Suite, a solo by Rod Rodgers, self-accompanied with cymbals. There are no words to describe the experience.

Visions of a New Blackness, inspired by a passage from writings of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, is a work-in-progress, choreographed by Rod Rodgers. Time permitted only a second example of Jazz style.

The musicians together with Chaka Khan, vocalist, created an atmosphere and mood of romantic longing. The dance was performed by composer/director Rod Rodgers and Shirley Rushing.

The children seemed impressed with the sharing of a grown-up expression of romance through modern dance. They were a bit giggly!

Williams further stated that their financial bases must be composed of a greater portion of venture capital and lesser portions of borrowed capital. He admitted to them that their size and less attractive "track records" often prevented them from getting a positive response from investment bankers. Therefore, they must collectively support the development and maintenance of a venture capital resource similar to an exchange system.

He urged them to seek technical assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration if they choose to pursue this concept. He remarked that Mitchell & Mitchell Economists, Ltd., is currently providing leadership in the development of a similar effort among small firms in the midwestern states — especially Iowa.

During Williams' trip to Des Moines, he visited many small firms and local government officials. He received a key to the City from Councilman George Nahas. Nahas informed the transportation official that the city of Des Moines is actively seeking to do business with minority firms.

During a luncheon with some black leaders within the City, Mr. Williams stated that an effective solution to the problem of joblessness among blacks may be to pool their resources and form new businesses in highly-feasible markets or to invest in quality black firms that have the potential to become competitively viable.

"We should become job producers, not just beggars for jobs," stated Williams. "Just as your votes have led to blacks being employed in government, enough

shares purchased in any corporation can lead to blacks being employed in corporations," Williams stated. He encouraged the black leaders to develop realistic strategies that work in these times and not to frustrate their constituents with objectives which may be unacceptable to the general public.

"We must become an integral part of the free enterprise system. It 'ain't' easy and it does not come on a silver platter. We must do our homework," Williams told the group. Williams told them that Federal contracts can be a very feasible marketplace.

Williams was in the City as a guest of Mitchell & Mitchell Economists, Ltd., a local scientific research group that provides services both in the public and private sector.



Left to right: J. Robert Schaefer, Katherine P. Mitchell, George Nahas and Wilbur Williams.

## Books For Brotherhood Awards

The Annual Books for Brotherhood Awards were made at a tea on Wednesday, February 21, at the East Side Branch Library.

The winners of the awards for each grade, four through nine were 1st Place - a cash award, framed certificate and a book presented to the winner's school library; second and third place, a framed certificate.

Winners were Renee Talarico, fourth grade, Hubbell School, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Talarico; Kim Myers, Phillips School, daughter of Kathy Hussman; Danny Pidgeon, Des Moines Jewish Academy, son of Mr. & Mrs. Barry Pidgeon; Julie Jones, fifth grade, Park Avenue School, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Jones; Ophir Prusak, Des Moines

Jewish Academy, son of Dr. & Mrs. Yechiel Prusak; Tom Clarke, Perkins School, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Clarke; Linda Brown, sixth grade,

Fairmeadows School, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Brown; Micki VandeKamp, Delaware School, son of The Rev. & Mrs. Gary VandeKamp; Leslie Fingerman, Hanawalt School, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Louis Fingerman; Greg

Burgus, seventh grade, St. Pius School, son of Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Burgus; Margie Egan, St. John's School, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John G. Egan; Michelle Brooks, Amos Hiatt Jr. High, granddaughter of Mrs. Maratha Walden; Theresa Schmidt, eighth grade, All Saints School, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack N. Schmidt; Jon Muller, Meredith Jr. High, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Muller; Lori Barnes, McCombs School, daughter of Mr.

& Mrs. L. I. Barnes; and Heidi Grosch, ninth grade, Meredith Jr. High, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth G. Grosch.

Members of the Books for Brotherhood committee are: Diane Llewelyn, Myron Bear, Pat Davis, Ben Haller Jr., Shirley Pidgeon and Katie Walsh. The committee screened the entries from each grade. The Juvenile Book Selection Committee of the Des Moines Library made the final selections.

## MCNAR Reorganization Planned

The Model Cities Neighborhood Association of Residents (MCNAR) Board has recently decided to become incorporated. The decision was made to incorporate in order to become a more structured group in planning and organizing.

The Article of Incorporation reads as follows: MCNAR Inc., is planning and funding the needs of residents of the Model City area and preparing annual program plans and funding proposals to implement recreation programs in the Model City area.

A committee was selected by Mr. David Pickett to write up the Bylaws. The committee, headed by Mr. Jock Johnson, Executive Director of the Urban YMCA, is now in the process of selecting a MCNAR, Inc. Board. Anyone that has an interest in becoming a board member, please write a letter stating your interest in the Model Cities and in membership in this reorganized group.

The Board will consist of a total of seven members — one member under age 18, one over age 62 and five at large. There will be one - and

two-year terms of office. Please send letters to Mr. Jock Johnson, 101 Locust, Des Moines, Iowa 50309 if you are interested in being actively involved.



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# Black History Minutes

by Connee L. Bowman

(While the Black man was still a slave he lived close to the earth. He learned how to make medicines from roots and herbs. He was successful in treating the sick with these

“concoctions and remedies”. From time to time he was asked to provide treatment for his masters. As time went on his skill in treating illnesses grew and he gained a new respect from his slave master.

James Deyham, a slave who was born in 1762 in New Orleans was America's first Black doctor. Since that time Black Americans have been among those who have become outstanding American physicians)

**CHARLES DREW**  
(1904-1950)

(A Pioneer in Research and Blood Plasma)

Charles Drew was born in Washington DC on June 3, 1904. He was the oldest of five

children. His father, Richard was a carpet layer and his mother, Nora was a teacher. He grew up in the black slums of Washington and attended Dunbar High School. He had a good scholastic record there and he was also skilled as an athlete. He excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track. He earned many cups and statuettes for his outstanding athletic ability.

Drew went on to Amherst College in Massachusetts with an athletic scholarship and he became a star athlete. He came close to being able to participate in the 1924 Olympics as a trackman. In fact he was so closely rated in ability with another athlete at Amherst — that the coach had the two toss a

coin to see who would go to the Olympics. When Drew graduated from Amherst he was awarded a trophy for his outstanding work in scholarship and athletics.

With such great skill Charles Drew was tempted to consider being a professional athlete. Instead he decided to pursue the study of medicine. Lacking the funds for medical school he became a biology and chemistry instructor for two years at Morgan College in Baltimore, Maryland. He also served as the school's athletic coach and was responsible for producing many good athletes during his tenure at Morgan.

When Drew was ready to go to medical school

he applied to Howard University (Black medical school) and to his great disappointment his application was rejected. But he was offered work as the athletic coach for the school! This was a great let-down in the personal life of Drew. But he decided to try elsewhere and began writing letters to various medical schools in the United States and Canada.

Eventually he received a good response from McGill University in Montreal. It was the practice of most medical schools to sustain good athletic programs. So this would be another opportunity for Drew to display his great athletic skill.

He won many honors for McGill and set some track records there. He also won the first prize in physiological anatomy.

Drew's plans to continue medical school with summer work and other part time jobs were thwarted with the coming of the depression. Although he had some work as a referee and umpire — this was not enough for him to continue as a medical student. However, his success in obtaining a Rosenwald Fellowship kept him from having to drop out of school.

One of Drew's

instructors was Dr. John Beattie. He was an Englishman who had done special research in blood chemistry. He was very influential in Drew's decision to pursue research and teaching instead of practicing privately as a doctor. Drew had a very light complexion and from time to time it was suggested that he use this and “pass” so he could gain entrance into the white world.

But he found the idea distasteful and felt it was too convenient. He was determined to pursue a career in research as a black man. His scholastic efforts enabled him to graduate from McGill in 1932. He was ranked second in his class and was a member of honorary scholastic fraternity called Alpha Omega Alpha — a special fraternity for medical students.

Drew soon discovered that in Canada he would not have the problem of American black medical school graduates in obtaining an internship. He received an appointment as intern in Montreal General, an outstanding place for any Canadian medical school graduate. Thus Charles Drew was ready to begin his “track record” in the field of medical research.

To be continued ...

## Urban Mission

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include:

- The Bidwell-Riverside Center, which works with pre-school children, senior citizens and provides emergency food and clothing outreach and referral;

- Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, which provides personal and family counseling

services and works with other community programs;

- Inner City Cooperative Parish, which gives nutritious breakfast to urban children and provides tutoring programs;

- Wesley-Center City Parish, which supports handicapped children at the Capitol Hill Children's Center.

Now, Council officials

are eying other programs, including services to the blind and deaf, as well as Indo-Chinese and other refugees who have been forced to leave their home.

Chester L. Guinn, Urban minister, said the main aim of the Council is to be a catalyst in the urban communities. Officials go into a community, pinpoint the problems and get local residents involved in finding ways to solve the problems, then pull out and look for other people who might need their

help.

“Our program changes according to the needs that are there,” Guinn said.

Long added, “People usually are surprised and shocked that the church is behind this. They really express that over and over again. We don't pressure people into joining the church. Some even try to pay us. But, we tell them, ‘it's just can we help you.’”

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## Thoughts & Comments

From page 2

that white - dominated institutions are truly committed to full equality; (3), that a feeling of alienation is constantly increasing among the blacks surveyed; and, (4), that the problem of unemployment is the most crucial one facing black Americans today.

This survey's conclusions simply do not seem believable in light of my understanding of the realities of life in these difficult times. In a period when high rates of inflation and concerns over governmental spending are the dominant topics of discussion in white America, it is highly unlikely that whites are any more disposed toward needed job and housing programs than they were in the 1960's.

Further, it would seem that during a period of time when discrimination has adopted more subtle forms in which to manifest itself, the belief of whites surveyed that there is little discrimination today should be discarded in the face of the conclusion of blacks surveyed that it remains as frequent and intense as it was before. As whites are not the ones to face it, they should not be the ones to be questioned about its existence.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, this poll, or any poll for that matter, can form its conclusions only on the basis of what the people surveyed are willing to say publicly, rather than what they really believe or do. Perhaps the only thing one can conclude from this survey is that a majority are so insensitive to and out of touch with the needs and problems of American blacks that the announced results of this poll are indicative of no real change at all. What do you think?

Contrast the results of this poll with the conclusions reached in an article which appeared in last month's 'Ebony' magazine titled “The Myth of the 'New South': Its the 'Old South' with a Smile”. It concludes that “. . . Despite all of the talk about the new 'right thinking' South, about 'racial change', about the increased number of Black elected officials and 'smooth integration of schools' and 'more Black employment' — despite this, to be Black in the South is, for a majority of Black people, still to be poor, undereducated and socially isolated from the White community; to live in substandard, segregated housing; to be underrepresented on juries; to be shut out from meaningful participation in the elective process, and to be excluded from employment in all but the lowest paying, most menial jobs.”

Although this conclusion was specifically applied to the South in this article, it is probably applicable to Blacks living in other parts of the country to one degree or another. Thus, the question would seem to be which of these articles (or their conclusions) is the most reasonable and therefore believable. To me the answer is obvious.

# Black Folk In American Civilization

## A Reminder

Now that the celebration of Black History Month has once again come to a close, and so many challenges have been issued to young black men and women, it is perhaps time that we again look at a peculiar area of the Afro-American experience, that is the laws under which black Americans, slave and free, had to live during the antebellum (pre-Civil War) era.

One can understand the frustrations that young black Americans might feel today when told what they have to do in order to make the American dream a reality, while at the same time being told that black Americans have been so close before only to have it squeezed by force, chicanery and apathy out of their grasps. However, when we view the laws that governed antebellum black Americans and realize that, not because of these laws, but in spite of them, they not only endured, they achieved.

Maybe this can serve as a reminder that black folks, “today, you can not afford to become frustrated and give up hope! You should! You can! And, you must continue in the struggle so that once and for all, all Americans might be free!”

A random sampling of the laws governing black people in the antebellum era would have looked like this: (Virginia) For robbing a house or a store, a slave was given sixty lashes by the sheriff, placed in the pillory with his ears nailed to the posts for a half hour, and then his ears were severed from his head. (Maryland - 1681) Children born of white indentured women and black men were free. (Maryland - 1671 and New York - 1706) Conversion of slaves to Christianity doth not change their status as slaves.

(Carolinas) For offenses such as stealing hogs and chickens, slaves were to be branded on the right cheek with the letter “R” and chronic offenders were to suffer death. (New York - 1722) The number of slaves at a burial was restricted to twelve. (New Jersey) Punishment for petty theft by a slave was whipping; for grand larceny, it was branding; for rape, it was castration; and for murder, punishment was death. (Pennsylvania - 1726) Interracial marriages were forbidden.

(Rhode Island - 1750) Forbade the selling of cider to black people. (South Carolina - 1882) All black seamen had to be imprisoned during the stay of their vessels in ports in the state. (Virginia - 1793) Free blacks were barred from entering the state. (Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina) Free blacks

could carry arms only if granted an annual license by the state. (Maryland) Free blacks could not have lyceums, lodges, fire companies, literary, dramatic, social, moral or charitable societies. (Georgia, 1829) Free blacks were prohibited from becoming typesetters.

(North Carolina - 1831) Free blacks who were traders and peddlers had to be licensed by the state. Free blacks were disfranchised (Maryland, 1810; Tennessee, 1834; North Carolina, 1835; Pennsylvania, 1838; Indiana, 1851).

As general laws throughout the slave states, the following laws applied: Under no conditions were slaves to be taught to read and write. A slave had no standing in the courts, he could only offer testimony against other slaves and free blacks. A slave could not enter into contracts. A slave could not own property. A slave could not strike any white, even in self defense. A slave could not leave a plantation without a pass. A slave could not own or possess a firearm.

A slave could not conduct himself as a free man. The avenues of manumission were greatly restricted. All business dealings of slaves had to be done through their white masters. Slaves could not buy or consume alcoholic beverages. Slaves could not vote. Right of free speech was non-existent.

A free black had the burden of proving that he was not a slave. A free black could be reduced to slavery if he failed to pay his debts, fines, taxes, or court fees. A free black could not vote in most states. A free black could not hold public office. A free black could not purchase liquor without a recommendation from a “reputable” white.

Free blacks were forced to observe curfew laws. Free blacks had to post security bonds against becoming public charges. Slaves found guilty of murder or rape were to be hanged and their masters were to be compensated by the colony or state.

In 1859, Arkansas passed a law ordering free blacks to remove themselves from the state. That same year (1859), in Baltimore, Maryland, a free black person, according to the law, had to pay a school tax of \$500 but black children could not attend public schools.

The corner stone of most of the aforementioned laws rested on the supreme law that declared black persons held in slavery to be chattel property, which could be bought and sold at the will of the owner.

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