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For Colored Girls Choreopeom To Be Performed

The Langston Hughes Company of Players will perform Ntozake Shange's controversial choreopoem, **FOR COLORED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF** at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa in a 3:00 p.m. matinee, Saturday, December 1, at the I.W.C. Chapel. The performance is being sponsored by the Black Awareness Board (B.A.B.) and the event is free and open to the public, contact President Janet Wynn for further information, 319-385-8021.

A 3:00 p.m. matinee is also scheduled to be performed at Drake University, Sunday,

December 2, 1979 on Drake's campus. The performance is being sponsored by the Black Student Union, contact President Gregg Jones at the Black Cultural Center 271-3150 or call 271-3235 for place and ticket information.

Performance credits of excerpts of the choreopoem include, "The Happy Ending Workshop for Young Black Women," Drake University; The Woodlawn-Willkie Board Community Festival; Tiny Tot Child Care Center; The 3rd Annual Women's Days, University of Northern Iowa; The 2nd Annual Iowa Black Christian Student Leadership

Conference, Simpson College and a full company performance at the University of Iowa.

The COMPANY is a non-profit organization, founded and directed by Niambi D. Webster, then an artist apprentice for the Iowa Arts Council, in April of 1978. This group of diversified artist, musicians and dramatists were assembled to create and present the medium of black drama and the works of literary artists relating to the black experience, to the greater Des Moines area and surrounding communities.

Their purpose is to keep alive the black aesthetics. They are committed to bring to audiences the works of black artists, both past and present. The opportunities to view professional companies is limited in our area, the COMPANY strives to make it possible for people to witness the black experience on stage by educating them as well as entertaining.

The COMPANY is basically comprised of students, teachers, career minded individuals and qualified arts consultants in various fields, i.e., dance, music, puppetry, etc.

Webster graduated from Roosevelt high school in the late sixties. She was an active participant in the little theatre department in high school and was a **Choreopeom**
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FOR COLORED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF Cast front left to right, Antonette Jones, Lucia Howell, Donna Graves, back 1. to r. Niambi D. Webster, Dee Anne Davis, & Deborah J. Titus, not pictured Beverly Lowery.
 photo by Robert Connor

Sorority Honors Act-So Winners

The community is invited to share with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Chapter the honoring of the 1978-79 ACT-SO Winners.

These young people competed with and were selected from our 100 talented youth in the Des Moines Area, demonstrating excellence in the various field of academics.

The winners being honored at a reception on November 24, 4:00 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, University and McCormick are: Performing Arts: Anthony Turner, Kevin Green, Julie James, Stevie Fields, Ernesta Manson and DeLora Jones. Literary Arts:

Ann Kong, Sylvia Henry and Darryl Michael. Social Science: Cheryl Carl. Applied Science: Julie McNear, Kevin McNear and Pheune Lovan. Visual Arts: Mark Galbreath, Rod Becton and Kevin Saunders.

The winners in Performing and Literary Arts will perform and there will be a visual display.

There shall also be information available to those youths seeking college financial assistance, and/or scholarships. The Delta's are pushing academic excellence among the youth and encourage the total community support.

Conference On School Integration Nov. 29-30 At Drake

A keynote address by Thomas F. Pettigrew, professor of social psychology and sociology at Harvard University will mark the opening of the state-wide conference, "From Desegregation to Integration: Outcomes for Children" on November 29-30 at Drake University in Des Moines.

The conference is for teachers, school administrators, students, parents and interested community members from Iowa and surrounding states.

The conference will address issues and concerns relevant to educating children in the desegregated/integrated setting. It will also provide participants with strategies and/or models of successful integrated educational programs, practices and policies.

The keynoter, Dr. Pettigrew, held a Guggenheim Fellowship to work on problems of public school desegregation in 1967-68 and served as a consultant both to the United States Commission on Civil



Walter Farrell, Jr.

Rights and the United States Office of Education. He was also an expert witness in numerous school desegregation cases in federal courts and Congressional hearings.

Dr. Walter C. Farrell Jr., the second keynoter will address the conference participants on November 30.

Dr. Farrell is chairperson of the Department of Community Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has worked with the Desegregation Planning

Unit in the Milwaukee Public Schools and Benton Harbor Michigan Public Schools conducting workshops in all areas of school desegregation and multicultural education.

In addition to the two keynoters, conference participants will hear speakers from throughout Iowa and the United States. A conference highlight will include tours of some

Des Moines schools which have quality integration programs.

The conference is sponsored by the Educational Equity Section of the Iowa Department of Public Instruction; the Midwest Race Desegregation Assistance Center, Kansas State University; and the College of Education, Drake University.

Registration is \$8.00. For further information, contact Mary Lynne Jones, Educational Equity Section, Iowa Department of Public Instruction, (515) 281-8582.

IEWS and REVIEWS

by Allen Ashby

Glad to hear that Judge Joseph Howard made it to the federal bench. Joe had a distinguished career in Maryland as a public prosecutor and a district judge. Part of his judicial philosophy was to give almost everybody a second chance, but don't be

back because that was all she wrote.

Joe was a graduate of North High and was a star athlete, end on the football team, center on the basketball team, and could have probably made the tennis team if he had gone out for it. It wasn't very well known but the guy was an excellent gymnast, and learned enough judo and karate while in the army so it would be dangerous to fool with him.

He started to Iowa U. but had to go to war, but before he went it was evident that he would have been a star there if he had been able to stay there. Six feet or a shade better, and two hundred pounds, he was a good end even as a freshman.

His dad was Charles P. Howard, one of the finest criminal lawyers around these parts. It was said that in thirty years Charley Howard never actually

lost a criminal case. He either got a compromise or an acquittal. He was one of the fiercest civil rights fighters I knew in his day.

He would take a civil rights case for nothing and battle to the last ditch. I guess he had suffered in his young days in the South and was determined to do all he could to upset Jim Crow.

I can recall a scene in a trial involving the Katz Drug store in a civil rights deal. Charley looked the store owner squarely in the eye and said, "I have heard that you insult black women who come in your store. I want you to know that if my wife ever comes in your store and you insult her, I will get a gun and blow your damned brains out and die and go to hell for it. I mean every word of it, and not as a lawyer, but as one man to another."

And that is part of Joe Howard's background.



Thoughts and Comments

By James B. Morris III

Most observers agree that the Klans' recent growth in membership is primarily a reaction to busing for school desegregation and affirmative action, which most Klansmen feel gives Blacks an advantage over them in competing for jobs, and that its strength will decline only when the people who are now attracted to its cause, generally blue-collar white men between 20 and 40 with no more than a high school education, get a larger share of this nation's economic resources and rewards. Although it is said that a vast majority of Klansmen live in the so-called "New South" (including Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas), white supremacy groups with a similar racist philosophy exist nearly everywhere, including Iowa.

Although the existence and activities of the members of such groups are currently well concealed to all but the most inquisitive, the economic downturn which is likely a major factor in this increased Klan activity may spur these to violence as well. Not only must Blacks pay close attention to this situation, but Hispanics, Native Americans, Orientals and, most recently, Iranians, have no less to fear.

We who live in Iowa have become complacent about and detached from the bloody and violent actions against our brothers and sisters elsewhere in the United States because, I think, we have come to believe that things like that could not happen here and that our economic, social and political position in Iowa is too concrete to be affected thereby. It is clear, however, that the nation's economic difficulties and court decisions dealing with school

busing and affirmative action will make such action a probability here; a recent cross burning and other activities in the Iowa City area are ample evidence of that.

We can look to the Greensboro incident as a random occurrence if we choose, viewing that small party's dead and wounded "martyrs" and their willful and deliberate attempts to incite the Klan to action as unnecessary but provoked results of a futile campaign, but an example has been set which we cannot afford to ignore. Open and sadistic violence of this sort has occurred but once before (that I know of) in the civil rights struggles of the past two decades, and this incident would seem to be an indication that nowhere in this country where people work for changes in this system or the way that certain ethnic and racial groups are treated within it are they safe from racial harassment and violence.

Opinion

Edna Griffin

A new national campaign has been launched for the immediate release of the Rev. Ben Chavis, imprisoned leader of the Wilmington 10. The campaign is sponsored by the Southern Organizing Committee and the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.

Rev. Chavis, framed by North Carolina and federal officials, has been under attack for this entire decade, and has spent about half of these years in prison.

Chavis' nine co-defendants are on parole, but Chavis will not be eligible for parole until January, 1980. His supporters fear that even after he becomes eligible, parole may not be granted, or may be so restrictive that it will be another form of persecution.

The two organizations are asking for petitions to North Carolina Governor James Hunt and Pres.

It would also seem to indicate that the organizations and institutions which work to protect and further our racial identity will increasingly need and deserve our support in these difficult times, and that we will have to work together as a people to have a chance of preserving our heritage and making the concept of equality a reality in the future.

More than anything else, it would seem to indicate that the challenge which the Klan and its offspring does and will likely continue to make to American minorities is one which will shape not only the lives of individuals but the destiny of races, and, unless we are willing to face the realities of the issue now and pitch in to help our brothers and sisters to find a remedy to the threats posed, our future in this white-dominated United States may be open to serious question.

Carter demanding that these two political leaders take immediate action to release Rev. Chavis.

Rev. Chavis and the Wilmington 10 were sentenced to a total of 282 years in prison in 1972 for their alleged role in the fire-bombing of a store during a racist seige of the Black community in Wilmington, N.C. The two main witnesses against the Wilmington 10 have since admitted that they lied on the witness stand in return for favors promised by the prosecutor.

In November 1978, the U.S. Justice Department filed an unprecedented brief concluding that the constitutional rights of the 10 were violated and that they were denied a fair trial. Despite this, judges and public officials have refused to act in the case.

While in jail, Rev. Chavis has received many awards - the Letelier - Moffit Human Rights Award, and honors from the Black Congressional Caucus, Southern Leadership Conference, National Conference of Black Lawyers, the William L. Patterson Foundation among others.

Copies of the petition demanding immediate release for Chavis and a new fact sheet detailing the Chavis story are available from the National

Kalonji Saadiq



Speakin' Out

What I discovered during my pilgrimage to Harlem was that my analysis of the leaders and the state of the Black Liberation movement is entirely correct. And upon my return I found much to my dismay that I was right about Des Moines.

When I lost in my bid for the city council seat in 1977 I stated that "Des Moines is so racist that even Martin Luther King couldn't win in an election here."

Let's be clear about this last election. Tom Mann a very beautiful dedicated, man who happens to be Black lost because of racism. Elaine Syzmoniak a very beautiful sensitive human that happens to be a female lost because Des Moines is too conservative to elect a woman to run the city.

I never held any illusions about Tom Mann winning; to the average racist cracker in central Iowa he's just another nigger.

As for Mrs. Syzmoniak I genuinely feel for her. She felt she was going to win and by rights she should have. The handwriting was on the wall after the primary election when Pete Crivaro came in second I said oh oh we're going to have a carbon copy of Dick Olsen emerge as the winner.

This is one of the reasons I did not involve myself in the election. If either candidate had welcomed my support I would have been used as a scapegoat for their defeat. I can hear the cynics now: "I knew

they shouldn't have aligned themselves with that Saadiq character his reputation has tarnished their image."

Well never the less I was disappointed anyway. And to those that said "If Saadiq didn't have such a big mouth and wasn't so antagonistic he would have done better" I say "I told you so"

Speaking of me what am I going to do now? I've been waiting almost an hour and they haven't called me yet. What does that say about my prospects for employment. Shoot I was planning on makin like Santa Claus just this once.

I don't believe in commercialized Christmas but I met some real good kids that deserve a Christmas for once. I plan to give em one even if I have to

resort to dishonest customs. Oh oh let me hush my mouth.

Forgive the tackiness of this writing, I'm so bogged down with the realities of survival that my ability to think clearly has been impaired.

Next week I plan to write a state of the movement message. With our historic march from Harlem to the U.N., the recent Klan killings, Assata Shakur the soul of the Black Liberation Army escape from prison, and 17 Black men facing the electric chair and 14 others Black and Latino facing life in Illinois - the Pontiac Brothers, there is certainly a great deal happening.

I sure wish something would happen down here; they ain't called me yet. Oh well wish me luck and I'll talk to ya next week.

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A Black Look At Politics

William S. Morris



Des Moines will be the site of a rather interesting event on January seventh, namely, a debate between the two main contenders for the 1980 Democratic Presidential nomination: Senator Edward Kennedy and incumbent Chief Executive Jimmy Carter.

True, California Governor Jerry Brown is an announced Democratic candidate, but he has no more realistic chance of winning the nomination than the Detroit Lions have of winning the Super Bowl (or getting there, for that matter). Brown simply has no viable alternatives to current administration policies, and emphasizes issues that are only of minor significance to Americans, as they enter the 1980's.

Space travel and exploration at a time when inflation is ravaging the economy, and when reduction in the Federal budget deficit is required? Let's be serious. And are we to believe the nation's unemployed will be given jobs in an expanding NASA program? Hardly, since advanced and specialized training is required for these types of jobs.

Eliminate nuclear power? Not when America is in the vise grip of an energy crisis. It may not be very safe, but it's all we've got in the short run. Clearly, this is the thinking of the Carter administration. The big oil companies are certainly not going to allow any sort of alternate energy source to emerge, until they can gain control of it.

Alliance or the Southern Organizing Committee.

The two organizations urge supporters of Ben Chavis to bring the renewed demand for his immediate release to churches, political organizations, even if they have acted before in this case.

They also ask that letters be sent to each judge on the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals - U.S. Courthouse, 10th & Main Sts, Richmond, Va. 23219 - asking that this court reverse the conviction of the Ten.

The names of the judges are Clement F. Hainsworth, John Decker Butzner, Kenneth Hall, James Dickson Phillips, Donald Stewart Russell, H. Emory Widener, and Harrison C. Winter.

In general, then, Jerry Brown has very little national support, and has placed dead last in most every straw poll of state Democrats across the country. Small wonder that the Des Moines Register and Tribune refused to invite him to the January debates.

Clearly, the Republican Party offers black Americans very little, espousing the same old "traditional" American "values" that have no place in a changing world, and have gone a long way towards fostering racism at home and abroad, energy shortages, inflation, disastrous foreign policies, income disparities, and the like.

The Democratic Party must share its part of the blame for our national ills, as well especially as to foreign policy during the Kennedy and Johnson years.

So black Americans are basically left with a choice between Ted Kennedy and Jimmy Carter. Republicans offer little, and Jerry Brown is not much more than a political "flake".

Even in his home state of California, Brown is having popularity problems against the ever-attractive Kennedy. Yet, the Massachusetts Senator has not provided Americans with any policy alternatives to those of the President, nor has he tackled the real issues of the day.

Kennedy seems mired in incoherent babble, and is horribly inarticulate (for a Harvard man). He appeals to a segment of the population that is shrinking in number, and becoming increasingly conservative — college students and young people, in general.

Like it or not, Kennedy is just too "liberal" for most Americans, and will suffer at the polls, accordingly.

Thus, we are left with President James Earl Carter, who has been the most embattled Chief Executive in recent history. He gets absolutely no cooperation from a divided and largely Democratic Congress, who is powerless to deal with the energy and inflation crises confronting America.

Congress must take the blame for our current maladies; it is not so much that they created these ills (actually, the American people did), but Congress refuses (or is unable) to rectify them. The President inherited twenty years of snowballing political and economic problems which previous administrations ignored.

And now Carters own cabinet and former supporters are deserting him like rats from a "sinking ship." No one seems to want to stand with the President against a sea of detractors.

Black Americans must have the courage to stick with Jimmy Carter, who has done one hell of a job,

given the circumstances in which he found himself. If the Democratic Party chooses to "change horses in the middle of the stream" in 1980, then they will suffer defeat, and so will black America.

Betty Carter To Sing

Jazz vocalist Betty Carter is set to appear at the Des Moines Civic Center Nov. 29 as the finale to the "Great Women of Jazz" series.

Ms. Carter has perhaps the longest career of any female jazz singer now performing. She began her singing career at age 16 (1946) and by 1948 she was being featured with Lionel Hampton.

Hampton nicknamed her Betty Bebop and with good reason. Her horn-influenced scat vocals were shaped by the lines of Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie and others in the late 40's modern jazz movement.

Regularly at the top of

critics' polls internationally Ms. Carter exhibits unequalled rhythmic imagination and range.

Her backup trio, led by pianist John Hicks, is outstanding and they will be featured on several numbers themselves.

The main attraction though, will be Betty "Bebop" and anyone who wants to experience one of the last real links to the beginnings of modern jazz will not want to miss this performance.

Tickets are still on sale at the Des Moines Civic Center and Ms Carter's albums are available at most music stores.

—Dartanyan Brown

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Special For Moms: Do your Christmas shopping; bring the kids for crafts, snacks and a movie, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fri., Nov. 23; the film, "Planet of the Apes", begins at 2:00 p.m. For ages 5 to 13; pre-register.

Classes continue: Ceramics, Saturday at 10:30 a.m.; Storytime at

10:00 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays; Art Classes at 9:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays; Sewing Class at 1:00 p.m. and Needlepoint Class at 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Games Night: Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m.

Popcorn Film Festival: Film, "Planet of the Apes" at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28; plus Chiller Theatre.

For preregistrations call 283-4593.

That's Entertainment

Peggy Spates Johnson



Due to a previous engagement, I missed the second fall performance of the Des Moines Symphony Saturday night so I decided to present 3 mini reviews from a collage of the media — an album, an autobiography and a TV series.

White artists who attempt the blues or black oriented music always seem to have their work cut out for them. They are not black and/or have not "suffered enough". Also they have been accused of not knowing the heritage of blues music.

Joe Cocker, Eric Burdon, Eric Clapton, Dave Mason and others have attempted over the years, some more successfully than others, to put their unique stamp on the music of people of color. Rickie Lee Jones, a Joni Mitchell look alike and superb song stylist seems to have come into her own on her first blues / rock album entitled simply RICKIE LEE JONES.

After reading the Oct. cover story of her life in Rolling Stone magazine and then listening to this album, I came away thoroughly impressed with her talent and empathetic with her years of pain and deep heart break. Like black chanteuses before her such as Billie Holiday, Alberta Hunter and Mabel Mercer, Ms. Jones does not have a beautiful and/or powerful voice but she can rivet your attention and blow your mind with her styling, her deep felt traumas and her fantastically intricate lyrics.

She pens all her own tunes and the stories she weaves are phenomenal. I hope this sensitive girl survives the knocks and blows of a cruel world so we can continue listening to her classics such as "Chuck E's in Love" and "Coolsville".

By now you've probably heard of the controversy surrounding Christina Crawford's expose of her tragic childhood with foster parent, film star Joan Crawford. Read this book if you haven't yet.

Tales such as these put to rest the myths that only people of poverty abuse their children. It is a heart-rending dramatic story of a tormented and

psychologically maladjusted woman who nearly destroyed her four adopted children — physically and spiritually. I never found Ms. Crawford a particularly interesting actress but she did have a presence and aura which I suppose kept her in front of the camera for a quarter of a century.

Her insecurities and miserable love affairs unleashed the fury in her which would in later years cause Christina to chronicle the pain and injustice meted out to Ms. Crawford's siblings as a kind of emotional purge, I suppose. You'll really feel sorry for poor little rich kids after reading "Mommie Dearest".

Also you'll see what amazing resiliency and courage most youngsters have in the face of brutal circumstances. Cristina Crawford has written a riveting book — those who have criticized her are full of crap — any "mother" who would treat a child as Ms. Crawford did — needs to be vilified — even after death.

Last, I always feel embarrassed in my defense of CBS' DALLAS. The saga of the super rich — very immoral, Ewing family is pure, but high class soap opera. It is a Givency and Halston style show every week; there are rarely people of color on the show; grave and traumatic story lines and heart breaking situations are reduced to trivia and mush by the end of the hour, etc., etc., — but I still love it!!!

As quickly as a one hour TV series must be put

together weekly there is some high quality acting even rising above some crummy scripts. The women are lovely to look at — Charlene Tilton, Victoria Principal and Linda Gray adding the glamour and J.R. Ewing (portrayed by a paunchy Larry Hagman) is the meanest man on TV and just heaven to hate.

So if you're free Friday nights at 9 p.m. Central time, and you can let yourself go and momentarily forget about intellectual offerings on PBS you'll have a ball viewing the Peyton Place that is Dallas.

P.S. I've been there and a lot of the rich WASPS do look exactly like JR.

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Udell Cason-A Bootstrap Success Story

by Carolyn King

Success — it's doing your job the best you can and being just to your fellow man; it's making money — but holding friends and true to your aims and ends; it's figuring how and learning why and looking forward and thinking high; dreaming a little and doing much. It's being thorough, yet making speed, it's struggling on with the will to win but taking loss with a cheerful grin.

It's sharing sorrow and work and mirth and making better this good old earth; it's serving, striving through strain and stress; it's doing your noblest — that's success!

Certainly, all of the above describe Udell Cason, Jr. who is an all-around man you seldom encounter. Mr. Cason is Principal at Lucas and Longfellow schools. He graduated from East Des Moines High School and holds a Master's Degree in

Administration and Supervision from Drake University (where he was a great track man) and has completed 36 hours towards his doctorate. Before becoming Principal in 1972, he was Coordinator of the Career Opportunities Program and a teacher at Nash Elementary School.

Mr. Cason is highly skilled in carpentry, electronics, plumbing, heating, masonry, air-conditioning and even painting. "No mechanic has touched the Cason cars in the past 15 years because Mr. Cason handles all maintenance himself."

He holds a second degree black belt in Karate and is an instructor.

However, success has not always been his story. He has never forgotten where he came from, or how he got where he is and he's not bashful about telling the story.

In an article written about Mr. Cason by Mr. C. Offenburger of the Des Moines R & T, Mr. Cason stated — he grew up poor in Des Moines, the oldest of 17 children. "He had to use and exploit, every meager resource possible. Paying someone to fix anything was as unthinkable as it was impossible. It was wits over wallet."

Mr. Cason stated that "all persons have two

great machines — the brain and the heart. Those machines, if you work them right, remove all limits. There's no reason you can't be, or you can't do anything you want."

"I love working with kids, and the main reason is because there's such a thrill in seeing that growth and development. You can really see it in people when they are young. I have also seen some of them go bad, and that just kills me. They are so young and have so many years ahead of them. I try hard to get the point across to them that no matter how poor you are, you don't have to steal or rob."

Mr. Cason has served and is still serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Willkie House, Athletic Council Drake University and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Des Moines Alumni Chapter.

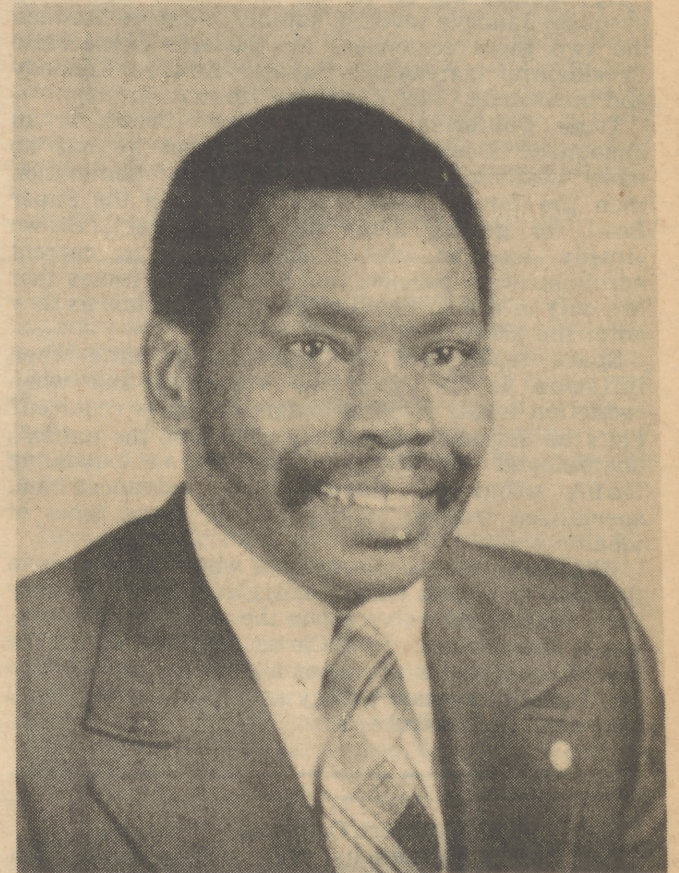
He is Vice Chairman of the Trustee Board and member of Union Baptist Church. His wife Emma, works at an insurance company and they have two children, Carmen 18, a freshman in pre-med at the University of Iowa, and son Quent 3.

So we salute Mr. Cason for the job he is doing and the contributions he has made and continues to make to the community.

"Genius, that power

which dazzles mortal eyes, is oft but perseverance in disguise. Continuous effort of itself implies, in

spite of countless falls, the power to rise. There is no failure, save in giving up. There's no defeat, in truth, save from within; unless you're beaten there, you're bound to win."



Udell Cason

Logan Community Development News

The next Priority Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 29, at 7:30 P.M. in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Logan Community Center, East 17 St. Court and Garfield. At this meeting the decision will be announced as to what area will be selected for the block and neighborhood rehab. We welcome all interested neighborhood residents to attend.

BLOOD PRESSURES will be taken at the Logan Community Center on Friday, November 30, from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

ENERGY HELP PROGRAM

This program just started this week. If you are in need of help and qualify under the income guidelines, please come in and sign up. Be sure and bring in one of your gas and light bills and your Social Security number. The utility must be listed in your name if you are to receive this help.

WELL-ELDERLY CLINIC

Logan's first Well-Elderly Clinic was well received last Thursday by those who participated. The next Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, December 20. Four appointments are available each time. At 9 A.M., 10:15 A.M., 1 P.M. and 2:15 P.M.

If you would like to take one of these time slots call 382-4149 to make an appointment. You receive a thorough physical given by a Public Health Nurse. If any serious problems are found you are referred to your doctor for further help.

A JOB TRAINING CONSULTANT is available through this office. If you want further information we will be glad to answer your questions. Just call 283-4149.

FUTURE EVENTS — PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 9, for children through 12 years of age, 3 P.M.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY, Friday, December 14, 6:30 P.M.

Williams To Visit U of I As Ida Beam Scholar

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Robert L. Williams, author of a controversial intelligence test for blacks, will visit the University of Iowa campus as an Ida Beam Scholar Dec. 3-7.

Williams, professor of psychology at Washington University in St. Louis, wrote the Black Intelligence Test of Cultural Homogeneity (B.I.T.C.H.) to illustrate the cultural bias of intelligence testing. He is also known as expert on black identity issues and on hypertension in blacks. He has been widely interviewed on these subjects on national television and in the national press.

Williams will hold several seminars for U of I students, faculty and staff during his visit and will deliver a public lecture, "Toward an Afro-Centric Theory of Black Personality," Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in Lecture Room 3 of the Physics Building.

The Ida Beam Visiting professors program brings to the U of I prominent professors from the United States and abroad to teach for periods ranging from one week to a year. The program was established with funds from the estate of Ida Beam, a native of Vinton, who died in 1976 at the age of 92.

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Soul... Food and Thought

Aldeen Davis



The thinking that Thanksgiving is truly a new world celebration and a white man's holiday is a fallacy. The Chinese observed such rites thousands of years ago, the ancient Jewish feast of the tabernacle lasted eight days, the Greek feast for the goddess of agriculture (Demeter) lasted nine days, the Anglo-Saxons had their "Harvest Home" celebrations, called Kern in Scotland.

In 1621 fifty-six pilgrims, all that was left of the original hundred and three, planted and fished with the help of the Indian. The harvest proved plenteous so it seemed appropriate to celebrate and to give thanks. A special day was declared by Gov. Bradford — the men went "fowling", returning with wild turkeys, geese, wood pigeons, clams, etc. The ladies, including Priscilla Mullens (Alden), prepared many succulent dishes in the common kitchen. The Indians were invited as special guests to this the first Thanksgiving.

In 1623 the pilgrims faced starvation, because of a severe drought. Gov. Bradford ordered a day of fasting and prayer. They were rewarded with refreshing rains; to show their gratitude the second observance of Thanksgiving was religious as well as social. A custom that has prevailed until today.

Although this is a time for giving thanks for blessings the year has brought the Negro had to search diligently to find such a blessing, but he did

find solace in his religion. For did not the preacher tell them that faith and hope would sustain them until the day of deliverance?

Though most ministers, as well as their parishoners, were illiterate they seemed to possess a quality of leadership and strength that emanated to their followers.

These unlearned men nearly always took their text from the old testament, dwelling up on the great Hebrew leaders. They waxed eloquently as they admonished their flock:

"They was ordered by the king to make bricks out of straw."

"Oh yeah!"

"And then they was commanded to make bricks out of nothing."

"Oh yeah!"

"Hear me this evening, children, they made the Hebrew children bend beneath the lash."

"Oh, yeah, Amen. Bless God."

"And they ordered the midwives to kill the new born boy child on the birthing pots."

"Oh yeah!"

"Well now, listen to me. God didn't like it. No siree! He didn't like it one little bit, no siree. And he let it go on just as long as he was able to stand it. And then he say he can't stand it no more. And Moses was born to some poor persecuted Hebrew slave."

"Yes he was."

"And his mammy saved him and hid him for three months — yes she did. Bless God, cause she knowed God had him for a purpose. And she made a little basket and stuck him in the swamp water where the king's daughter come to bathe in the cool of the evening. And listen to me preaching this evening. I want to tell you she took him in the big house, yes she done it, she done that very thing. She took him in Pharaoh's house, that cruel slave owner what was

persecutin' God's children, what God didn't like, what God didn't have to stand. And God seen fit to use Moses, yes, he sho-nuff used him. And when he called him he said, "Son, I wants you to go down yonder and tell that cruel hard hearted slave marster to let my people go, And tell him I won't take "no" for an answer. Tell him I say I done run clean out of patience. And you tell him I am the God what am and always was and always will be. And I'm getting awful tird of his foolishness. Tell him all I gotta do is snap my fingers and he won't have no water to drink. And all I gotta do is stretch out my rod over the land and make suffereing the bedfellow of every living man. I can heal the pain and I can kill the sorrow. You tell him I say be quick about it and let my people go."

Once they left the little churches the sermons were never discussed within earshot of the master for obvious reasons. More often than not the ministers worked closely with abolitionists and the underground railroad movement.

I guess as the Thanksgiving season approaches we can thank God we have come a mighty long way — but in reality the journey has just begun.

Our festive Thanksgiving tables will hold many luscious and mouth-watering dishes among which could be a turkey stuffed with the following dressing:

WILD RICE AND MUSHROOMS

2/3 cup mushrooms sliced, 1 C. turkey broth, 2 med. onions chopped fine, 1/2 C. wild rice, 1 C. long grained rice, 2 T. butter, 2 T. snipped parsley.

Drain mushrooms combining liquid with broth. Add enough water to make 2 C. Add onions and bring to a boil. Add washed wild rice, simmer 20 min. Add long grained rice simmer 20 min. or until rice is done. Add remaining ingredients. Mix with about 1 1/2 C. dry bread crumbs. If too dry add more broth. Stuff bird or serve separately with gravy.



Strokes and Folks

Edna Griffin

On my way to the Des Moines River the other day with my dentures I had a vision of what I look like without them. The vision stopped me before I was outside the front door.

How would I eat without teeth? Rage and impatience are probably characteristic of people who have enjoyed good health most of their lives. Such an attitude doesn't make a bit of sense. I know it and you know it. I even know it's time to clean up my act. What better time than Thanksgiving?

Diabetes is a disease that wasted away whole families before the discoveries of insulin and the importance of diet as controls. These controls have been discovered within my lifetime.

I am truly thankful for the opportunity to clean up my act. The combination of diabetes and glaucoma is bad news. I need to remember, however, with gratitude that loss of my eyesight is gradual. Some people are not as fortunate.

The desire, I suspect, to throw my dentures in the river was resentment at the amount of time spent in the dentist's chair in the unreasonable hope that dentures could be made as efficient as my original teeth. An impossible dream in my case. George Washington was much worse off. His dentures were

Mother Of The Year

The Iowa Mother's Association is seeking nominees for the 1980 Iowa Mother of the Year, according to an announcement by Mrs. Stanford Holtan, president of the organization.

The Iowa Mother's Association is an affiliate of the American Mother's Committee, Inc. and the 1980 Iowa Mother will represent all Iowa mothers at the National Award Week which will be held in Phoenix, Arizona in May. Currently representing Iowa Mothers is Mrs. James (Charlotte) Mohr of

Eldridge.

Any Iowa organization may nominate a woman from the local community. Nominees will be judged on their character, personality traits, public service, church work, and their success as mothers, as evidenced by the character and achievements of their children.

Nomination forms and further information may be obtained by writing the Chairperson of the Selections Committee: Mrs. M. E. Goldman, 120 South 8th Street, Estherville, Iowa 51334.

wooden!

It has taken me a whole year to discover that the rules of exercise, diet, and a strict schedule apply to me if I really want to be around a while longer. An insight learned the hard way while saving time by cheating on my diet and exercising schedules. I knew better — just didn't do better. Next Thanksgiving you may meet the new me.

Rejoice with me that the United Nations still endures, especially the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF). Give thanks that more and more Americans are realizing that peace is the Number One issue before the nation.

We need to help Senator Jepsen make up his mind to vote for SALT II. Give thanks for those who reminded N.C. Gov. James Hunt of the Wilmington 10 and the need for setting the Rev. Ben Chavis free. Gov. Hunt was in Iowa last week.

A new nationwide petition campaign is underway. It will be especially helpful if a flood of petitions come from Iowans. Happy Thanksgiving!

V.F.W. AUX 5487

Thanks to all members of V.F.W. who helped with Thanksgiving Basket.

We will be passing out Fire Prevention Literature, for this month.

The Aux. is still working on Americanism.

At the next meeting we will be honoring all past Presidents. Looking forward to a great time.

We do welcome all new members, contact Jackie Williams, Membership Chairman 277-5395, 282-4037, or 243-1014. Let's remember Veterans allyear long!!!

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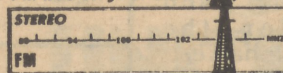
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The Church Page

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

"Lord Teach Us To Pray", was the topic of Rev. Harris' sermon last Sunday morning. The text word, "Give us this day our daily bread", as the message was given we were all blessed with the visitation of God's Holy Spirit.

Mt. Hebron Senior and Junior Usher Board, would like to express their appreciation for those who participated and those who came to their Annual program last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Lewis Grady, Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E., was the speaker, Mt. Hebron Senior Choir rendered the music, with a special request solo rendered by Bro. Everett Mays, Rev. Samuel Wade was the master of ceremonies.

The first Sunday in December, Mother Porter, will present "The Old Ship Of Zion" time 7:00 p.m.

We were privileged to have as visitors, Bro. Jesse Evans, Bro. Ricky Canada. The welcome mat is always out at Mt. Hebron. Also it was nice to see Mother Porter and Mother Wilson, able to be up and about.

Reported sick and shut in: Mother Love, Beulah Patton, Cora Carter, Jennie Ruth Patton, and Bro. Sam Reed. Remember to pray for and visit the sick and shut-in.

Words from the Pastor: Accept Christ today, for we cannot capture yesterday, for it is gone - never to return, and tomorrow has not been born. DO IT TODAY.

Pastor Rev. James Harris
Church reporter Barbara Long

THANKS FOR HONOR

Rev. and Mrs. B. Jamison and family and the 2nd Anniversary Committee, wishes to thank Rev. W. Heath, Deacons, Members of Shiloh Baptist Church and Friends for their loyal support.

All the "Old Ship of Zion" friends, the Rev. and Mrs. G. Parrish, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Fields, Rev. and Mrs. R. Knox, Rev. Carl Lander and Rev. Wade, Thursday evening guest minister Rev. Dave Burgett, his associate ministers, his choir and members of the Grace Assembly Church for their Christian fellowship. The Shiloh Mission Soc. and Matrons for the wonderful food harvest. We thank God for everything.

KYLES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Message of hope by

Dr. Robert R. Bowie Pastor. Music by the Young Adult Choir. Nov. 18.

The drawing was held for a Sylvania 17 inch color television. It was won by an eight year old young man, Master Norman Brown of 1312 Norton, Des Moines. Nov. 25

The Women's Day Committee will sponsor a Fall Tea and Art Showing from 4 until 6 p.m. Dec. 1

The Young Adult Choir will have a dinner at church. Dec. 7

The second Quarterly conference will be held at Kyles. Dec. 8

The Christian Education will have a workshop 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Dec. 8

The Buds will have a dinner at Kyles.

Remember the Sick and shut-in all over the world.

Our sick and shut-in members are: Harriet Diane Banks in Mercy; Brenda Humburd at home; Venurie Patton - home; Tommy McGregor at home; Arthur Flanagan; Georgia Sparkman; George and Francis Turner; Katherine Mullen; Edna Morris; and Ozella Moten.

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLY CONVOCATION MEMPHIS, TENN.

NOV. 6-15
By Sister Bettie Frazier, Member of Holy Ghost Temple C.O.G.I.C.
Bishop O. J. Johnson, Pastor, Des Moines, Iowa.

A dream came true in

my life on Nov. 7, 1979 when I left the city at 6:30 a.m. in route to Memphis, Tenn. Missionary Enis Thompson drove with dignity and assurance. Mother Rena Brown and Elder Eugene Price were with us too. We stopped in St. Louis overnite and lodged with Missionary Thompson's relatives. The stay was delightful. We reached Memphis, Tenn. safely 3:30 Thursday eve. And then — the Holy Convocation!

It was fantastic! Picture 42,000 people (men, women, and children) primarily blacks, gathered at the phenomenal Mason Temple (COGIC Hdqtrs.) and Cooks Civic Center. Nothing but love was displayed; well worth coming to see — for the glory of God! Our sole purpose was to praise and glorify God and learn how to live better from His Holy Word. Our chief Apostle J. O. Patterson delivered a profound message from the Bible. Morning prayers, morning, noon and evening sessions of services at Mason Temple and Cooks Civic Center was truly worshipping in the beauty of holiness. Listening to voices from nearly every state in the U.N. Midnite revivals, Healing services, S.S. Sunshine Band, Purity Class and the Mass Angelic Choir — Parade of Elders, Women's Day (in white) a taste of Heaven in Heavenly places (smiles).

Our Convocation theme was "Standing on the principles of

Godliness and Holiness". Ref. Jeremiah 6:16 and Leviticus 11:14. The words that rang out from the large mike was "Hold Fast to Holiness".

We enjoyed our stay at Ramada Inn. We saw Deacon and Sister Quinn who portrayed Godly love and Iowa hospitality towards us. We also saw Elder Davis, Elder McNair, Missionary Betty Fountain and guests, Sister Mamie Shelton, Sister Vida Allen and State Mother Ruth Robinson and daughter Ruth Ellen and Elder and Sister Daye and son and others. Thank you Jesus for a trip to Memphis, Tennessee where I enjoyed what is said to be the greatest convocation ever held the 72 annual convocation — 1979 — Divine!

Sister Bettie Frazier

HOLY GHOST TEMPLE COGIC

Sunday School is held each Sunday morning with Brother Robert Haynes in charge. Tuesday evening Bible Study is held at 7:45 p.m. Friday evening Evangelistic services are held, Bishop O. J. Johnson in charge; Asst. Pastor Edward Harvey assisting.

We have been enjoying the presence of Missionary Florence Waltz. We enjoy her God-gifted teaching. We also enjoy Sister Barbara, our new member, as she teaches the Jr. class. Sunday nite we were glad to see Mrs. Beverly Starling and son LeMar James, whom Bishop O. J. Johnson christened.

Bishop O. J. Johnson praised our church Mother Opal Starling for her liveliness and faithfulness to the church as well as her missionary work city-wide.

Mother Starling will be leaving us next week to go and live with a daughter in Rock Island, Ill. Mrs. Ella Dunigan. You have our best wishes and prayers Mother Starling.

We thank the Lord for the Revival services held at our church the week of Nov. 6.

Bishop O. J. Johnson, Pastor

Church reporter, Sister Bettie Frazier

P.S. Prayer services are held daily 9 a.m. till noon at our Mother Church, E. 17th Church of God In Christ. Our leader is Elder Harry Woods. Please come out and be with us. Constant prayer will make anyone be a more effective witness, Pastor, teacher, Bishop, sister or brother in Christ, singer, musician, secretary, Deacon — oh just a better and more spiritual you! Happy Thanksgiving

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CORINTHIAN BAPT. CHURCH NEWS

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Music provided by Fellowship Chorus.

Rev. Strickland presented a special program Sunday that touched the souls of the congregation.

The first portion, he asked each member to give their favorite verse, one that inspires them — response was tremendous.

Secondly, he asked each member to give their favorite hymn and explain why. The congregation sang one verse of each of these songs.

Third, Worship through instruments. Mrs. Barbara Wade and Dee Lenola Allen played "Amazing Grace".

Fourth, We were asked to divide ourselves into groups of fours. Within this group we were to

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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal Fridays 7:30 p.m.

<p>MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH 1600 East Capitol Street Des Moines, Iowa 50316 Rev. James Harris, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELISTIC MISSIONARY COGIC 1340 E. 18th Street Rev. Pastor Arthur Bush</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 1:30 a.m. & 8 p.m. Y.P.W.W. 7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Thursday Consecration & Healing 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MESSIAH TEMPLE 2503 Center Elder Jacob J. Reed, Pastor Order of Services</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal Sat. 2:00 p.m. The Book of Acts 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 1317 Forest Pastor Elder R. L. Daye Sunday Services</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Church Worship 11:30 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Weekday Services Tues. & Fri. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 1440 DeWolf Street Rev. Ezell Wiggins, Pastor 266-8212</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Class 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>EAST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 1639 East University Pastor: Jurisdictional Bishop H. Basset</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Prayer & Bible Band 7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Saturday Youth Services 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1732 Walker Street Rev. Wayland Heath, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Youth Meeting Weekly 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH 9th & School Streets Rev. F. W. Strickland</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. BTU 6:00 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service Wed. 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>HEAVENLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 2110 Carpenter at 21st Des Moines, Iowa Bishop A. B. Carter, Sr., Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:00 p.m. Bible Band, Tues. 7:00 p.m. Evening Service, Thurs. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PRAYER OF FAITH COGIC 131 9th, WDM Pastor Supt. Elder Eddie Davis Asst. Pastor M.D. Eppright Assoc. Minister Jerry Woods</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:15 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Friday Evening Service 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>MISSION TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C. Elder James McNear, Pastor Assistant Pastor Minister E. Bell</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Y.P.W.W. 6:30 a.m. Evening Services 8:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Nights 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH E. 16th & Maple Street Rev. Geo. Parish Minister - 266-8910</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Class 6:30 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service Wed. 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH 1150 W. 13th Rev. Alex Crawford, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Broadcast 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH 1827-4th Avenue South Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501 Rev. Wesley Foster, Pastor YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1213 Scott 255-6333 Pastor Rev. Benjamin W. Jamison 277-9269</p> <p>Order of Services</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>UNION BAPTIST CHURCH "The Friendly Church" E. University at McCormick Rev. Henry Thomas 1200 McCormick</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH 920 31st Street Rev. F. B. Green, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service 11:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. Saturday Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>NEW BETHANY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 16th and Mondamin Pastor Andrew E. Johnson</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. Sunday Youth Service 6:45 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Mid-week Service Wed & Fri 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome</p>	<p>KYLES TEMPLE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH Dr. Robert R. Bowie, Pastor 907-15th Street</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH 1201 Day Street Rev. Lewis E. Grady</p> <p>Church School 9:30 a.m. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Vespers Service 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Wed. 7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowships 5:30 p.m.</p>



Kneeling at the Wailing Wall.

express our concerns, each person then offered prayer among their particular group. The service was inspirational and gave you food for thought. Musicians for morning service were Organist Bro. Terry Shane and Sis. Rose Marie Webster.

Dec. 9, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. The Deaconess Board will present an Evening of Hymns.

Music by the Corinthin-aires and the Fellowship Chorus.

Please keep this date in mind.

Corinthian members remember to fill out your Church Family Member Information. Return to Deacon Charles Robinson, Sisters Leona Webb, Idella Cushingberry or Janice Riddley.

Mrs. Johnella Easter, returned from the Holy Lands Nov. 4th, 1979.

Mrs. Easter summarized her experience as inspiring and spiritual. She was baptized in the River of Jordan. The Lord showered his spirits down upon us. The

'FESTIVAL OF HOLIDAYS', LUNCHEON & SOCIAL HOUR AT ST PAUL ON SUNDAY

The general public is cordially invited to attend the "Festival of Holidays" Buffet Luncheon and Social Hour at St. Paul A.M.E. Church on Sunday, November 25 at 1:00 p.m.

The buffet luncheon is a fund-raising affair sponsored by the Mortgage Liquidation Committee. The affair will be held in the lower level of the church. Tickets may be obtained at the door. Donation is \$5.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for children under 12, and adults over 65 years of age.

There will be tables decorated for holidays of each month of the year. People may sit at the table that their birthday falls in, or at the table of their choice.

There will be entertainment during the luncheon.

Paul Danforth and Barbara Babour are co-chairpersons.



Being baptized.

Ceremonies for the Westbrook Concert, held at the Holiday Inn last Saturday.

Ernesta Lee Manson, also from the church was one of the soloists. Singing "Move On Up A Little Higher."

The Corinthian Youth Choir went in a body.

Last Sunday The Fellowship Chorus sang at First A.M.E. Church. Turkey Dinner was served before the program.

The Corinthin-aires sang at Simpson College. Rev. Ernest Beatty spoke.

NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

We are yet praising God from whom all blessings flow. Pastor Daye and others have just returned from the

Holy Convocation in Memphis, where their spirits were renewed in the most holy of faiths.

Pastor Daye's sermon on Sunday morning was entitled "Take Me Back" He was exalting the Saints to let's go back to the old landmark, in prayer, fasting and total commitment to Christ. New Friendship is in a 21 day consecration leading up to our blessed revival and the holiday season.

Come and join us in our weekly services, where the spirit is made manifest. We praise God for Brother & Sis. E. Beck of Beloit, Wisconsin, who are members of Pentacostal



Kneeling with the goat drinking sacred water.

Tabernacle COGIC to visit our services and worship with us.

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. there will be a joint Pre-Thanksgiving service at New Friendship with Mission Temple COGIC.

Friday nite is family nite, Pastor Daye is looking for you and you.

Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sis. Moore and others will be selling delicious Fish and Chicken Dinners and Sandwiches in our church dining room.

Remember our Holy Ghost Revival will be in session beginning Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. sharp. This revival will be conducted by Elder J. H. Bratton,

Pastor of the Maranatha, the spirit COGIC in Topeka, Ks. Come and enjoy Jesus each nite with us. Bring the sick, lame, those needing all types of blessings for deliverance.

There will be a special program at New Friendship COGIC Sunday at 4:00 p.m. 1317 Forest Avenue. There will be visiting churches and chairs.

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Lord's Supper was taken in the Upper Room together with Terry Service.

Mrs. Easter will give extensive highlights of her trip Nov. 28th between 7 - 8 on K.W.K.Y. AM 1050 on radio dial — **Breakfast With Bill.**

Tues., Jan 22nd. Slides and tapes will be presented by Mrs. Easter at **Mid City Library, 1305 University.** All missionary departments are asked to join her this date — 7:00.

Here are a few pictures of Mrs. Easter's trip.

Members interested in working on the church paper should contact **Deacon Richard Hearold.**

Terry Shane, is to be commended for a job well done as Master of

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH 1201 Day Street Rev. Lewis E. Grady, Jr., Pastor "The little worries which we meet each day May lie as stumbling blocks across our way, Or we may make them stepping stones to be Of grace, O Lord, to Thee."

A. E. Hamilton Presiding Elder, Rev. R. D. Smith, Sr., held a successful Second Quarterly Conference. He was very impressed with the Reports of all the Church Organizations. His Sunday morning sermon, the text was taken from Mark 4:35-39, **Who Cares? - Jesus Cares.** Miss Carla Hayes came forward to join St. Paul. Thanks to the searing impact of the sermon.

Our Pastor, Rev. Grady, also spoke at Mt.

Hebron Baptist Church, last Sunday, at the 4 o'clock services for the Usher Board's **Annual End Of The Year Program.** His text was taken from Psalm 15.

This Sunday, November 25th, our Licentiate Minister, Ms. Barbara Barbour's last sermon will be, "Eternal Life Insurance". She leaves to abide in Washington, D.C. Also, after the church services from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., she is endeavoring to leave a dent in a Mortgage Liquidation Effort. There will be a Buffet Luncheon and Social Hour. Donation \$5.00 and \$3.00 for Senior Citizens over 65 and Children under 12. The public is invited.

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Congressional Black Caucus Reports to the People

By Rep. Mickey Leland

While the supporters of decontrol are hailing their solutions to the energy crisis and legislators are debating the merits of the President's energy program, millions of Americans from all walks of life are asking themselves the question, "Food or Fuel?"

The twin spectre of inflation and galluping energy costs have pushed many Americans; the poor, the elderly, even the middle-income, into making difficult choices. Not choices between non-essential luxury items, but choices between basic needs, like food and fuel.

In the past five years the overall consumer price index has increased by over 50%. At the same time, fuel prices have risen by over 150%. These price increases have far outpaced the growth of consumers' incomes. If these facts alone were not bad enough, the poor and elderly in this country — those whose buying power tends to grow very little if at all — have spent a disproportionate amount of their incomes on energy.

Low income households spend anywhere from 20-50% of their pre-tax income on energy. And because low-income households have a marginal ability to reallocate expenditures away from necessities like food and shelter, they are lease able to absorb the higher costs of fuel.

The poor also bears a disproportionate burden of the price escalation in energy, vis-a-vis those in higher income brackets. For example, in a study submitted to the Community Services Administration, low-income households were estimated to spend \$530 per year on fuel oil, while households earning in excess of \$30,000 were estimated to spend \$722. The actual difference in expenditures of the two groups was small, but the difference in income and ability to re-budget or conserve to adjust for rising energy prices was enormous.

What does all this mean for our black communities? That in addition to chronic high unemployment and underemployment, many blacks and other minorities who live in run down, energy-inefficient dwellings, may also face the choices of "Food or Fuel."

Because there are many poor and minority people in the North, Northeast and Midwest where winters are harsh, and, many who live in the South and the Southwest, in cities like my own, Houston, where incomes of blacks and other minorities are traditionally lower than the rest of the country — concerned elected officials, from the U.S. Congress to the city councils, must make low income energy assistance programs a priority at every level.

The economic hardships of the poor that have been exacerbated by the rising cost of energy will not disappear with the gas lines. As all of us face the prospect of continually higher fuel prices, which are due in part to OPEC price hikes and in part to the effects of decontrol of domestic prices, we must also face the fact that the elderly and poor will need assistance to meet their increased hardships.

With winter upon us, there is little time to act. In attempting to deal with the urgency of the problem, the Administration presented to Congress an urgent supplemental budget request for the community services administration's energy crisis program for this winter which would provide assistance in life-threatening situations.

In addition, the President's interim plan for low income energy assistance seeks to provide "the most vulnerable portion of the low income population with cash to help restore purchasing power lost because of rising energy prices. Those persons who would be eligible under the plan are those who are receiving supplemental security income and families participating in the aid to families with dependent children program. This interim plan is estimated to cost \$1.6 billion and is to be funded by the energy security fund on passage of the Windfall Profits tax.

Other proposals being discussed include "fuel stamps" or a cash assistance program to recipients of food stamps, direct payments to fuel vendors, tax credits to households for energy conservation related expenditures, and many other variants or combinations of all of the above. However, unlike the Administration proposal, funding for the other plans does not depend on the passage of the still-elusive Windfall Profits tax.

The House has already passed its version of the Windfall Profits Tax, but the Senate version of the tax greatly reduced its coverage and, thus, the funding that it could provide. While Congress continues to shape its energy package, and the temperatures continue to drop, we must press continually for immediate assistance to our poor, elderly and those on fixed incomes. We must insure that millions of Americans will not have to compromise their health and well-being so that they can pay their utility and fuel bills — and never be forced to make the dismal choice of "Food or Fuel."

Oldenburg talk at Art Center postponed

The slide lecture by Claes Oldenburg scheduled for November 17 has been postponed due to construction delays in the fabrication of the sculpture "Crusoe Umbrella" to be installed in the Nollen Plaza by the Civic Center.

The talk, under the sponsorship of the Des Moines Art Center, was to follow the installation of the sculpture and has been postponed until further notice.

Seven quarters in length, the program is offered in three major segments: three quarters of electrical tune-up and engines, two quarters of power train and air conditioning, and two quarters of alignment, brakes and accessories.

Number 13 is also considered lucky by the staff of the auto body program, which after moving in and out of facilities in Des Moines and near Ankeny, has now found a home in Building 13. This "home" has 10 stalls for automobiles and two paint booths.

The four - quarter program utilizes modern tools and equipment, is supported by industry and emphasizes individualized instruction. It is unique in that it has the flexibility of enrolling new students each quarter with a maximum of 28 students at any one time, reports Gamm.

Added space for the auto parts specialist program allows for more instructional flexibility, says Gamm. Four quarters covers functions of the automobile and construction of all components, actual experience in the parts lab including the operation of a parts department. The final quarter is a supervised on - the - job training work experience.

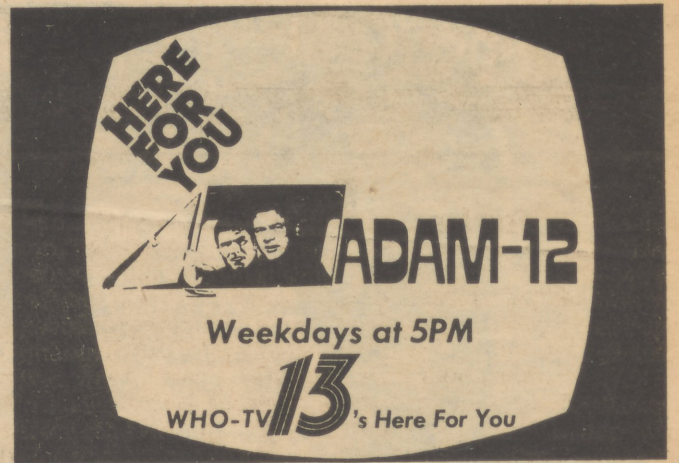
Another program with a "moving" background is upholstery, which is now also at home in Building 13. It's designed to teach students the necessary skills and know - how. New students can enroll at the beginning of each quarter.

Visitors will see all instructional areas and more during the open house, says Gamm. Equipment acclaimed by industry will be on display. There will be student exhibits and demonstrations. Students and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Planned in conjunction with the two - day open house is a reunion of former students in the auto classes — auto mechanics and auto parts. Some 600 are eligible to attend and it

is anticipated many will be present.

"We hope that a large number of our friends, both from industry and interested citizens in the district, also friends and relatives of our students, take time to attend open house in Building 13 Friday or Saturday," concludes the dean of career education at Des Moines Area Community College.



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**ORIGINAL NOTICE
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In the Iowa
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CASE NO. 406 TPR

CONNIE FOSTER,
Petitioner,
IN THE INTEREST OF
BRAGINA LOUISE DIGGS,
A Minor Child
TO SARAH JOANN DIGGS:

Pursuant to an Order of Court entered of record, you are hereby notified that the Petition in the above entitled cause has been set for hearing before one of the Judges of the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa at the Polk County Courthouse in the City of Des Moines, Iowa on the 2 day of January, 1980, at 8:30 A.M. Said Petition prays that the parent - child relationship existing between Sarah Joann Diggs and Bragina Louise Diggs be terminated and that the Court make such findings and orders as may be in the best interest of Bragina Louise Diggs.

For further particulars see the Petition now on file in the office

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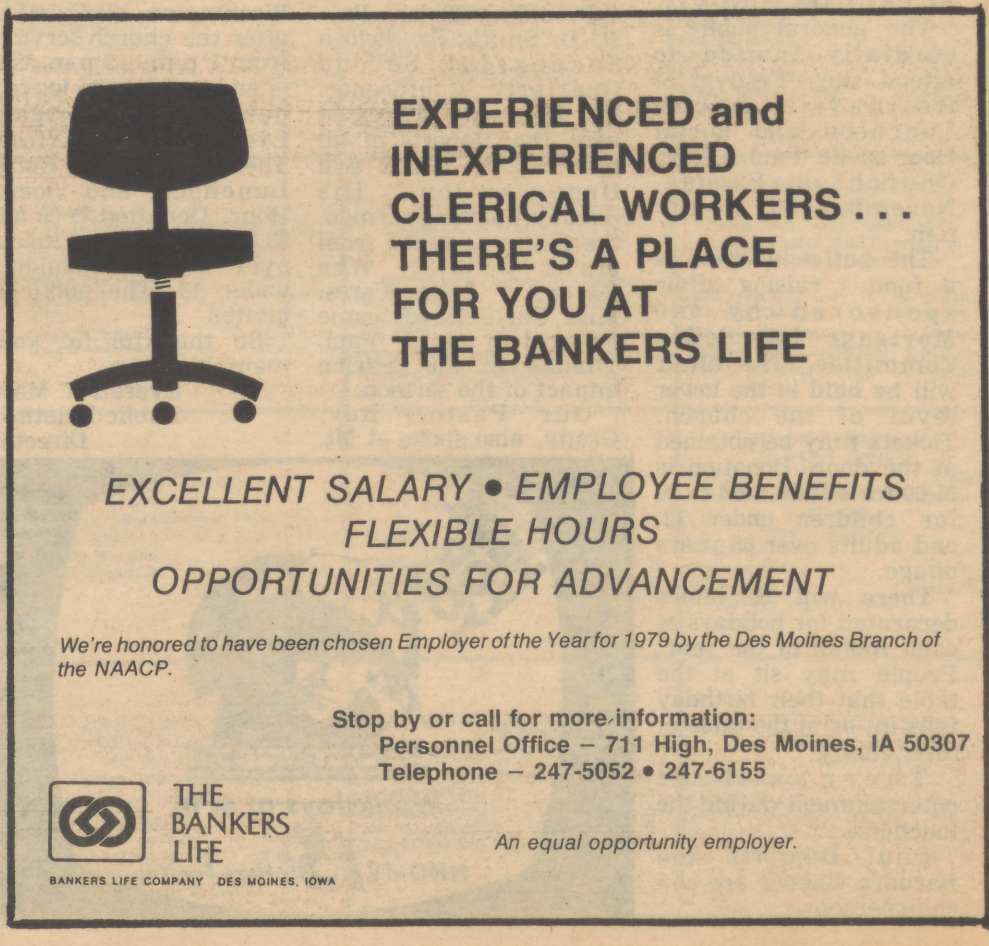
of the above-named Court. The Petitioner's attorney is Naomi Mercer of MERCER AND MERCER, P.C., 4201 University Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50311.

You are further notified that you have the right to legal counsel in this case and that if you desire legal counsel and are unable to hire a lawyer, one may be appointed for you by the Court on application made to the Juvenile Court prior to the aforesaid day of hearing.

You are further notified that unless you appear thereto and defend at the time and place specified above, that termination of your parental rights may be decreed as prayed in the Petition.

Witness the undersigned Clerk of this Court with a seal thereof hereunto affixed at Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa on the 15th day of November, 1979.

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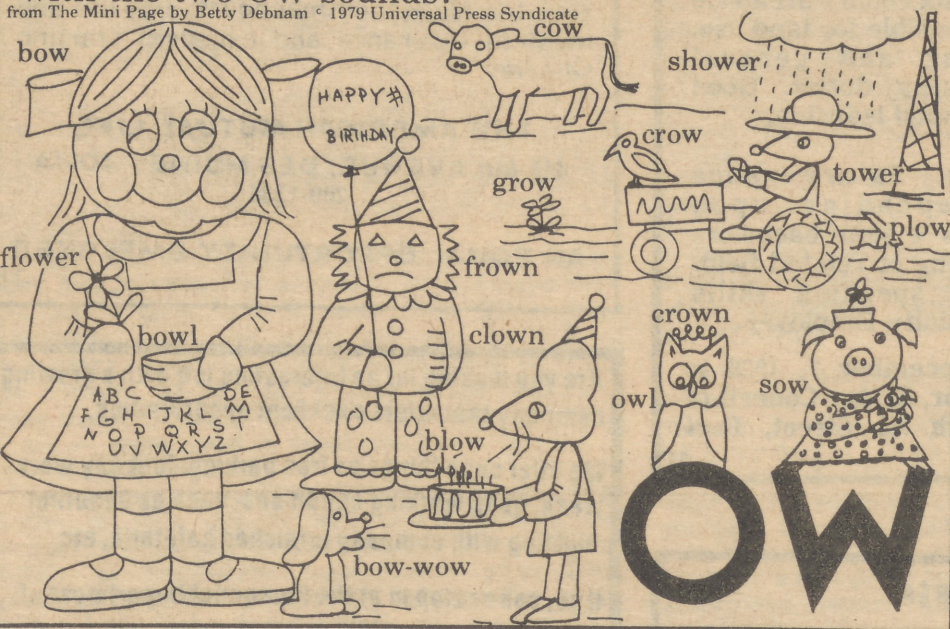
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Puzzle-le-do

This puzzle is about Thanksgiving.



- ANSWERS
 ACROSS
 1. Fall
 2. pumpkin
 3. family
 4. corn
 DOWN
 1. Pilgrims
 2. Pilgrims
 3. Mayflower
 4. pie
 5. dinner

ACROSS
 1. Season of the year between summer and winter.
 2. _____ pie.
 3. You and your _____ will celebrate Thanksgiving.
 4. _____ husks.

- DOWN
 2. The _____ landed in Plymouth.
 5. The name of the Pilgrim ship.
 6. We'll have _____ for dessert.
 7. You'll eat a special _____ on Thanksgiving Day.

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Camp Fire's annual candy sale, to raise money to finance local and area activities and Camp Hantesa, the organization's year-round camp near Ledges State Park, will end Thursday, Nov. 29.

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I remember one Dad's day when Iowa played the Spartans and they were supposed to lose by a big score, but they came up and did them in. Duke Slater said that they would be in the Rose Bowl the next year, and the Duke was right.

Let's hope this happens in 1980, but don't bet on it. Frye turned the team around with almost the same personnel that was there the year before. He dug the star quarterback out of the discard heap, and turned

Mosely loose. The guy had not played in very many complete games before.

I remember seeing him inserted in one game for one series of plays and then taken out. I wondered why, but that was the pattern at times. As soon as he got to play throughout the season, you knew that Mosely would be a star.

And another thing, Frye was his own boss. He would have taken the job under no other circumstances, just as Evashevski did when he was hired. People said the Iowa board was looking for a cheap coach when they hired Commings who wanted the job so badly because he believed he could handle it, that he would have probably worked for nothing.

The people who run the policy didn't care too much about a losing team just as long as the stadium was filled every home game. When that was threatened, they thought they had better get somebody else, because they knew that after a 11-0 year, the stadium would not be filled very often.

So hats off to the Hawkeyes and Coach Frye.

Iowa State would probably not have gotten a bowl bid, but they would have done considerably better if they had not lost so many key players so soon and had no replacements. So they battled gallantly, they just didn't have the people to fill in all the weak spots.

Next year things should be better for them, but still don't look for a league title. However, a first

division finish would be fine.

Drake had its share of problems. The Bulldogs seemed to be short on stamina, because they lost so many games after having a good lead going into the final fifteen minutes. Maybe next year the Drake coaches will come up with some capable reserves, and if they do they will have a good year. If they could have hung on in five games, they would have had a mark worthy of a bowl bid. Well, maybe next year.

And the high school season rang down with Valley taking the place of Dowling in the final 4A game final with the same result. It just could be that the Metro teams beat each other's brains out to get to the final and don't have anything left. It is maybe pretty hard to keep a team up after they have scuffled through a tough league season.

The other teams seem to have their league title stowed away earlier, and can maybe let down for at least a week before going into the playoffs. Whatever it is, I bet the Metro teams are sick and tired of it.

THE LIST GETS SHORTER EACH WEEK

Delaware St. 26, Livingstone 10. Morgan St. 27, Howard O. North Carolina A&T 23, N. Caro. Cent 20. C.W. Post 25, West Chester St. 19. Northeast Mo. 20, Lincoln (MO) 6. J.C. Smith 16, Va. St. 16. Tenn-Martin 23, Livingston 18. Va. Union 41, Hampton 12. Tex. Southern 42, Prairie View 8.

Black Folks In American Civilization

The Evolution and Meaning of the Ku Klux Klan

Baltimore, Maryland; Caddo Parish, Louisiana; Camp Pendleton (Marine base), California; Clinton, Tennessee; Columbus, Ohio; Cullman, Alabama; Dallas, Texas; Dearborn, Michigan; Decatur, Alabama; Ft. Hood, Texas (Army base); Greensboro, North Carolina; Houston, Texas; Middleton, Ohio; Montgomery, Alabama; Pasadena, Texas; Pensacola, Florida; San Diego, California; Stockton, California; Sylacauga, Alabama; Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and many, many other hamlets, towns and big cities — "from sea to shiny sea; from the mountains, to the prairie, to the ocean white with foam" on naval ships such as the

America and the Concord, the Ku Klux Klan is alive and growing, no matter who refuses to believe otherwise.

This terroristic element, almost a tradition in American society, had its beginnings at the close of the American Civil War, and was one of the key factors in bringing down the curtains on the Era of Reconstruction — the most significant attempt up to that point in American history of giving true meaning to the principles of democracy, human rights, liberty, justice and freedom upon which America had supposedly been built.

Ku Klux Klan is the name used by several organizations to symbolize their unity on the issue of white supremacy. The words Ku Klux are a bastardization of the Greek word kuklos meaning band or circle. Klan might allude to the homonym clan, referring to family or brotherhood. Therefore, the words Ku Klux Klan might refer to a circle of "brotherhood" — a circle of brotherhood built upon white supremacy and the keeping of black Americans down-trodden by using such tactics as murder!

Allen Trelease, in his book, *White Terror*, a history of the KKK, says that this group which began as a social club, "whipped, shot, hanged, robbed, raped," and anything else it considered to have been

"necessary" to control black people and their friends after Reconstruction began.

Most often it is reported that the group had its beginnings in the fall of 1865, but Trelease accepts 1866 as its birth year. The probable founders at Pulaski, Tennessee were Judge Thomas M. Jones, Confederate States of America Army Captain John C. Lester, C.S.A. Major James R. Crowe, John B. Kennedy, Calvin Jones, Richard Reed and Frank O. McCord.

The legal profession was not only represented by Judge Jones, but also by Reed and Lester. Lester was not only a lawyer, but also later served as a state legislator. These early founders indicate that it is a tradition for the law enforcement, law making, and law interpreting communities to be very cozy with the Klan.

The original officers consisted of a Grand Cyclops (president), Grand Magi (vice president), Grand Turk (marshal), Grand Exchequer (treasurer), and two Lictors (guardians of the meeting place). The meeting place was called the den.

When they appeared in public wearing their robes (bed sheets of every color in the rainbow, and not simply white ones — although white sheets probably dominated), conical cardboard hats, and masks, they communicated by using metallic whistles to send coded messages to each other.

(to be continued)

Howard James Jones

Urban YMCA News

YBA at East High School is off and running. Youth Basketball, the joint basketball program between the YMCA and the National Basketball Association players has found a new home at East High School.

The league which was established by Urban Director Jock Johnson and East High Head Basketball Coach Chuck Sutherland now has six teams. The league has already participated in a Jamboree program that was held November 17th. At the Jamboree parents, coaches and players watched films on fair play and the National YBA program.

Discussion was held on the philosophy of YBA — Fair Play, Developing Skills, Physical Conditioning and Having Fun. After the talk each team played a 12-minute half of basketball. Officially, the league starts December 1st at 9:00 a.m. at East High School.

Also, there will be a YBA League at Edmonds for 5th and 6th graders only, with games being played on

Tuesday's starting November 27th. There is still room for more registrations. Call right away, 288-0131.

WINTER PROGRAMS BEGIN NOVEMBER 26TH! The winter session of Urban YMCA programs begins Monday, November 26 with some twenty outstanding programs offered. The program variety ranges from a progressive swim instruction to our popular activity program "Good Times Club" (formerly Saturday Super Sports).

Our Jr. High Basketball League will start December 1st and our Senior High League will start December 9th. Swim programs are available from pre-school age to 12 year olds. Karate, Judo with Udell Cason and Earnest Baty are available.

Vince Lewis is once again the wrestling coach.

If you need further information, please call 288-0131 and ask for Walt Knox, Bob Hejkal or Dwight Reed.

H A P P Y THANKSGIVING FROM THE YMCA STAFF!!!

The Black House

THE BLACK HOUSE

The black house is when they have you in a room so dark that nobody can tell who you are, but everybody knows that you're in there.

ORNETTE COLEMAN

The Black House by Stanley Crouch

If one happened to be "revolutionary", one tended to reject everything that wasn't "revolutionary". Being "revolutionary", included advocating violent overthrow of the country, some form or another of socialism or communism, spouting a simplified goulash of Quotations from revolutionary successes like Mao Tse Tung or Fidel Castro, passing out posters of martyrs who were described as "the best humanity has to offer" and cursing or waving one's fist a lot.

Those two descriptions are, in themselves, simplifications, but they point out the problems of the 60's in that cultural nationalism and the motions of the "revolutionary" vanguard too often had more to do with fads than forms of substance and, consequently, helped to pave the way for the rash of sentimentality we now find ourselves surrounded by.

It seems to me that both of those camps became so popular among the younger Black generation of the 60's because it was a generation that came of age in the middle of a domestic conflict that had cost many lives and dominated the media month after month. It was a generation that had to define its manhood and its personhood in a time when the lines were being drawn and nobody wanted to be out of place, seem backwards or out of date.

As with the Black generation that had worked with the Civil Rights Movement in the late 50's and early 60's, its most serious members were trying to choose between innovative directions that would further the cause of African-Americans and whatever shortcomings had historically gotten in the way of progress. It quickly became obvious that action was

part of the answer and education was another part. Which actions one should take and what kind of an education one should get became major issues and whether one would duplicate the struggle as it had been fought or would try other solutions became the choices.

To duplicate the struggle as it had been fought meant to embrace Martin Luther King and non-violence, a difficult and demanding strategy if there ever was one. In many ways King's strategy was the most brilliant of the era because it allowed Black people to make aggressive moves, block progress in cities, foul up things and still appear as victims because they were non-violent in that they didn't physically defend themselves against attack. But sentimentality it was, images of Black and White children marching hand and hand and what have you, and no more than an extension of the pastel sugariness of Sunday school fans. That he was to be defined by those shortcomings rather than the wiliness of his tactics and moral play on White guilt, his suggestion that America would be most forward looking by becoming what it claimed to be, his continual reference to the role of Black people in building America and his division of White America into camps that were either in favor of democracy and fair play or racism and oppression was one of the tragedies of the decade.

Malcom X had a great deal to do with the distorted definition King was to get. Speaking with a combination of street smarts, brilliance, bluster, half-truth and fiery, yet slick, indignation, he captured the ears of a generation of young black men who admired the rhetoric of the pool hall and the admired street corner hustler harnessed to military.

With the limousines, the three button suits and a confident poise, Malcolm X assailed King and non-violence and white America with an attack that often had more to do with the "dozens" than politics. In effect, it was a new form of political speech that hooked up one liners and sometimes brilliant, sometimes superficial insights that were at least as entertaining as they were informing and inspiring.

To Be Continued

Willkie House Classes

243-7817

CERAMICS is gearing up for the Christmas Holidays, by encouraging the making of Christmas Gifts of Ceramics. Classes for adults are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 2 p.m. The youth have classes at the present time from 3:30 to 4:30 also on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Due to the large number of participants, we are planning on splitting the youth into two groups, thus allowing for more individual attention, and possibly allowing for more youth to participate. The only requirement is the membership of \$2.50 for those 17 and older and \$1.50 for those under 17.

TENNIS is getting ready for another winter session. Kizzie Strother will again be the instructor. Sign up now before classes begin. Adults are being scheduled for Monday and Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 and the youth

from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Requirements are membership (\$2.50 adult and \$1.50 youth) and your own racquet. We will furnish the tennis balls.

A D U L T BASKETBALL is taking registrations until November 28. We plan for the adult league to play their games on Saturday mornings from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will be holding a draft session on Saturday, December 1 for all those wishing to participate in the basketball league, but are not as yet on a team.

Anyone interested also in being player/coach, please contact us. Or, if you know of someone who would coach a team, please contact us. Membership fee of \$2.50 required.

Y O U T H BASKETBALL will also be taking registrations until November 28. We are scheduling these games on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. We will also be

holding a draft session on Saturday, December 1, for those youth wishing to participate, but aren't on a team.

This gives you the opportunity to "show off" your skills. Everyone will be placed on a team and given the opportunity to play. Requirement is a Willkie House, Inc. membership \$1.50.

S A T U R D A Y ACTIVITY CAMP is continuing. Come and join the fun the youth are having. They are going to the Holiday on Ice November 23. A hayride is scheduled for November 21.

Lots more activities planned. The cost is only \$5.00 for each session, this includes a Willkie House, Inc. membership. The group meets each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rose Temple

Rose Temple No. 33 will meet this Friday at 8:00 p.m. Business of importance, weekend eat with Milton Price. Enjoy the music of Rose Marie and Spouse Sat. eve.

Take time out and enjoy Thanksgiving and give thanks for the many blessings we have all received and let it last all year!

Saturday we attended the funeral service of our own Brother John "sepia" Roberson. We will all miss the dear friend that he was to all who knew him.

Sun., Nov. 18th election was held in Sioux City of the Iowa State Councils P.E.R. officers Chief Antler Samuel H. Latham D.M. - Vice N.E. Tillman - D.M. Left Ant. Moses Robinson Sr. - Rock Island - R. Antler - Raymond Wright - D.M. 1st Scribe - Luther Witt - D.M. 2nd Scribe Wallace Wilson - Ottumwa - Busar - Charles Freeman - Dav. - Forrester - Adolphus Edwards - D.M. - Tiler Leonard Perry and Inner Guard - Linford Willis both of D.M.

P.D.R. Elected Loyal Dt. Ruler - Bessie Ewing - Dav. - Vice Dt. Ruler - Annie Pearson - Sioux City - Asst. Mary Ann Schurlock - Dav. Chaplain - Delores Davis - D.M. - Rec. Sec. Frances Wells - Ft. Dodge - Fin. Sec. Voncille Tellie - Dav. Treas. Bernice Carter - D.M. - Escort - Clara Schexnayder - Sioux City 3 Yr. trustee - Betty Williams - Dav. 2 yr. trustee - Doris Tucker - 1 yr. trustees Arretta Butler - Sioux City - Thelma Calderon - D.M. and Norvelline Mash - D.M. Gatekeeper - Marjorie Monroe - Dav. and M Lucille Wellington Dav.

Winner of the Queen Const Elsie Robinson - D.M. and runner - up Mary Pitts Dav.

Des Moines will host the spring state council

Playhouse, but acting roles are minimal and most work on production crews, the same would be applicable to The Drama Workshop.

To record the only predominately black plays produced on and about the total black experience was Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun." Past Director Ted Keyhoe and current Director John Robinson share that this is partially due to the availability of black performers when parts do come up, but mainly due to the majority of season ticket holders, they still aren't ready to witness the black experience on stage.

In most predominately white colleges students experience the same problems, except where there are organized black acting groups. In most theatre departments black students are able to increase their awareness of Greek & Modern playwrights and experience intensive training in costume design, stagecraft and movement, but are unable to perform roles of leadership, distinction and/or significance, that would enable them to develop their acting potentials. Most blacks lack stage experience in leading roles. The only way to achieve personal goals in acting is to formally organize a group of individuals who want to present some of the contributions of black playwrights and artists. Opportunities to act and personal self-development are the goals of the Langston Hughes Company of Players and community residents must respond to their quest by supporting their performances.

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member of the National Thespian Society. She feels the roles she played in high school were demeaning and offered her little room or space for personal development. Most of the parts she and others like her who were interested in theatre as an extra-curricula activity were servant or walk-on roles. The possibility of black plays and or plays with significant roles for blacks being produced in a predominately white school was remote. Obviously black playwrights did not begin writing in the sixties, the list of accomplished black poets, playwrights authors, musicians and singers is long.

Several people in Des Moines are interested in acting, but are still experiencing the same dilemma as Webster. Although a few have produced plays in community centers, such as school teachers, Ruth Ann Gaines-Rhone and Phil Wiggins and several black churches have presented either their own creations or works by other playwrights.

The Langston Hughes Company of Players is attempting to change the complaints by black actors and actress' in Des Moines and surrounding areas by offering them the opportunity to display and perform their talents. Currently there are no other formally organized groups, except the active Gateway Dance Theatre, but more emphasis is placed on dance and not drama. Several blacks have participated in productions at the Des Moines Community

Receive NAACP Award

Vincent C. Chapman, President of the Local NAACP Des Moines Chapter, presented a Life Membership Award to the Delta Sigma Theta Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Chapter at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting November 10, 1979.

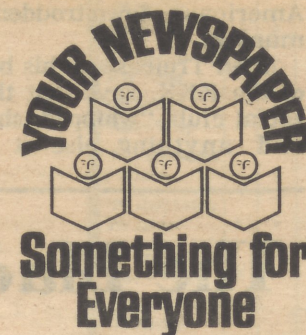
In a brief message, Mr. Chapman commended the organization on their community work and financial support of the NAACP. He described the projected programs for the year and announced the opening of the NAACP Office located at the Willkie House, Inc., 900 - 17th Street.



Pictured are right to left: Sandy Bell, Immediate Past President, Vincent Chapman, and Carolyn King, President.

meeting.

Direct your cards and prayers to Gladys Stubberfield, Corrine Carter both at home and Amos Holt Mercy No. 661.



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