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## Banquet Honors Rights Activist Davis

by Karl Schilling

Leola Davis was presented last Saturday night with a trip for her and her husband, John, to Washington, D.C. for the Cherry Blossom Festival. The gift was in recognition for her 28 years of service to the Des Moines Human Rights Commission and the Des Moines community.

Over one hundred and fifty people came to the banquet at the Izaak Walton League Hall to pay tribute to Ms. Davis.

Perry Hooks, a past Executive Director for the Des Moines Human Rights Commission, came from Washington, D.C. to be part of the tribute as did Robert Sweet, also a former director, who came back from Wisconsin.

Allen J. Correll, the present Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission served as Master of Ceremonies and Rev.

Allen C. Harris gave the invocation.

Tributes were given by the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission, A. Jane Molden; past commissioners Bo Cleveland and Silas Ewing; Vincent Chapman, President of the NAACP in Des Moines; Catherine Williams of Iowa Social Services; Evelyn Davis; the Rev. Henry Bevel; past staff member of the Human Rights Commission Cecilia Johnson; present staff member Vicki Dickinson; and Ms. Davis's brother Sylvester T. Hardiman.

Edward Bayles sang "My Tribute" and Niambi Webster recited the Langston Hughes poem "Life for Me Ain't Been No Crystal Stair" and was accompanied by Norma Jackson of the Human Rights staff who sang portions of

"Summertime."

A slide show developed by Pam Nickerson and Mike Jackson, both of Des Moines, was presented shortly after the steak dinner. The first part of the slide show was a spoof on "Mission Impossible" but as the show shifted from comedy to pictures of the staff and the previous retirement reception with the music "Three Times A Lady" tears were in evidence at the front table and in the audience as well.

Tributes from government officials included personal appearances by the Des Moines City Manager, Richard Wilkey and the Parks and Recreation Director William Foley.

Senator John Culver sent a message inviting Ms. Davis to his office when she came to Washington and offering her a preferential tour of the halls of Congress.



City Manager Richard Wilkey stops at the head table to congratulate Leola Davis and commend her for 28 years of service to the Human Rights Commission and the City of Des Moines.

Seated from left to right are Allen J. Correll, Exec. Dir. for the Human Rights Commission, Leola Davis, and her brother from El Cerrito, Calif. Sylvester T. Hardiman.

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## Senior Citizen Center Now Open

by Mary Jo Lloyd

A former disco lounge on Des Moines' north side has become a central meeting place for senior citizens. The building — located between Harding Road and 19th Street — used to house Uncle Sam's disco. Polk County

bought the property and uses half of the building as office space. The other half, several thousand square feet, has been turned over to the Des Moines congregate meals program for senior citizens.

"This location

provides a central meeting place for senior residents of the Des Moines area," said Carl Webster, a worker at the center. Webster estimates the center will provide services to 150 people and says other congregate meal sites may be combined with

the center at this location. Presently more than 60 senior adults attend the congregate meal, served each day at 11:30 a.m.

Because of the available space and the center's central location to most Des Moines residents, Webster feels

the center will be able to provide many services that have not been available. He has contacted the Veterans Administration and hopes to have a VA representative coming to the center on a regular basis to explain benefits that are available to many retired people who have served in a branch of the armed forces or who are widows of a serviceman. "I predict 70 percent of the men who come to this center and many of the women are entitled to a VA benefit," said Webster.

Nurses from Methodist Hospital have been coming to the center twice a week to give medical advice and do volunteer craft projects with the senior citizens. December 19th the nurses are helping with a Christmas party at the center.

Webster hopes to arrange for regular visits by a doctor or intern, and has contacted an area hospital regarding dental referrals. Legal assistance is also a goal for the center.

It was this sort of centralized service plan which drew young Joe Kennedy to the center December 5th. A

Kennedy spokesman said, "The Kennedy family has always had an interest in the needs of the elderly." The spokesman said, the Kennedy campaign group was invited to see this center because it plans to provide legal, medical and nutritional assistance — a concept that interested the Kennedy team enough to make a first hand visit.

The center's renovation plans are several months behind schedule, according to Webster, who blamed the delay on "funding problems". By the end of October a new kitchen, dance floor and stage were supposed to be finished. Meals would then be served in the large dance room and

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### HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Because of the Christmas and New Year Holidays the news and advertising deadlines for the Iowa Bystander will be noon on Monday, December 24 for the December 27 newspaper and noon on Monday, December 31 for the January 3 newspaper.

## CORE To Celebrate Kwanza

By Ora McQueen

The Des Moines Chapter of Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) will celebrate Kwanza on Sunday, December 30, 1979 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gold Coast Lounge at 9th and University Avenue. This is the first Kwanza celebrated by the Des Moines Chapter.

Kwanza is traditionally an African holiday that is celebrated from December 26 to January 1. Kwanza means a first fruits celebration. That time of the year is set aside to give thanks to God and ancestors in order to insure good crops for the next season. Since traditional Africa is a farming community, the

ceremonies relate to rural living.

In the United States, the first fruits celebration (Kwanza) is a symbolic event. Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga was the first to introduce Kwanza in the United States. He borrowed the idea from Africa, the motherland, and mixed it with the black experience in America creating Matunda Ya Kwanza, commonly known as Kwanza.

During the festival Black Americans come together to celebrate African heritage, give thanks to ancestors, reaffirm the belief that elders should be respected, to reinforce the value framework for their children and celebrate the seven

principles of Nguzo Saba (The Black Value System).

These principles are:

1. UMOJA-Unity — To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

2. KUJACHAGULIA — Self-determination — To define ourselves, name ourselves, create ourselves and speak for ourselves rather than let others speak for us.

3. UJIMA- collective work and responsibility — To build and maintain our community together to make our sisters and brothers' problems our problems and solve them together.

4. UJAMAA - Cooperative Economics — To build and maintain our own stores, shops

and other businesses and to profit from them.

5. NIA-Purpose — To make our collective vocation the building and development of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

6. KUUMBA — Creativity — To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it.

7. IMANI -Faith — To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and

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# IEWS and REVIEWS

by Allen Ashby

I got a surprise telephone call followed by a letter from a former Des Moines resident, J. Nelson Thompson, now a Kansas City, Mo. attorney. He said he was partially retiring from the practice of law, and was going to spend his time writing for magazines and maybe some books.

The fellow was in high school about the same time I was, so you know he isn't a kid. He has carved out what would be a full career for some people, being

at one time the assistant attorney general for Missouri, and being named in Marquis' Who's Who in American Law, the only black lawyer from Kansas City to be honored, and having his name in the Best Lawyers of America in its first edition published in 1979.

He is an accomplished writer for travel magazines under the name of Jack Nelson, which happens to be his name. John Nelson Thompson. He taped some thoughts about his life in Des Moines during his high school and college days at Drake. One of the things he brought up was the fact that his dad, John L. Thompson, was one of the earlier owners of the Bystander from the late 1890's until he sold the paper to Lawrence E. Jones, who in turn sold it to J. B. Morris in 1921.


John L. built the only black hotel, because we could not stay downtown, on the spot where the National Traveler's building is now, and called it the Thompson Hotel. He later built one on about third and Keo and called this one the Des Moines Hotel.

As I get the story, the builders of the Ft. Des Moines Hotel wanted to call it the Des Moines Hotel, and tried to buy the name from Thompson, and when they couldn't, came up with the present name Ft. Des Moines.

Nelson devotes quite a few pages to our football games against each other, he for old West High and me for East, along with his days as a member of the Drake band. If I can catch up with him, Thompson plans to send me some more of these stories, and I think they will be especially interesting to some of the older readers, even if you young sprouts can't get anything out of them.

I remember John L. Thompson because he tried to get a group of blacks to pool their money and buy the half block of Grand between the alley and Eighth Street. I was told that the coalition had the dough, but wouldn't put it out.

In this first series of thoughts, Nelson came up with my name too often to please me, so I shall look forward to seeing some without the name of Allen Ashby so prominent.



## Thoughts and Comments

By James B. Morris III

### "BUXTON"

The story of Buxton, one of the most prosperous and vigorous of the various mining camps located in southeastern Iowa in the last century is a relatively short but interesting one. Buxton, which was never legally incorporated as a town, was and is an important and noteworthy part of the social history of Iowa; not only was its population at one time almost completely Black, but many Black Iowans can this day trace their roots there.

Of the nearly 6,000 inhabitants of Buxton at one time, some 5,500 were Black, many of them brought to this state from Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and other Southern states to ease the shortage of able miners. Buxton, at its height, was also abundant with Black professional men and women, including doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers, pharmacists, undertakers, business people and a Justice of the Peace.

The "town", however, lived and died with the coal mines which were the basis of its existence, and now is little more than a ghost town. All that remains of this once proud and popular camp are two disintegrating buildings and a number of old foundations, among which cattle now graze and wander. The hills and pastures which once marked a settlement of nearly 9,000 residents with thousands of houses and businesses now are broken only by an occasional set of modern farm buildings.

Its story is one of which few are aware, due not only to the fact that white historians have rarely avoided or ignored its importance, but also because there are now few people alive today who had some part in its momentary existence. It is a story which I think someone should tell before the last vestiges of its history are covered forever by the shifting sands of time.

The story of Buxton begins in the early 1860s in southeastern Iowa. There is a little creek which rises

in the northwestern part of Mahaska County near the town of Leighton which the Indians of the area call Muchakinock ("bad crossing"). It flows southeastward toward where it empties into the Des Moines River near Eddyville.

During the drier summer months, it is a mere trickle, often hidden by willows and reeds, and, even during the wettest months, not a significant or conspicuous stream. But, because of the extensive beds of coal that lined its banks, it has a distinctive place in the social history of Iowa.

Beginning in the 1860's, mining was begun in exposed parts of these beds near Gavin by the Iowa Coal Company, and continued at other points in a southeasterly direction toward Eddyville. Soon after this mining began, the little village of Muchakinock was organized and it spread out from a spot two or three miles south of Oskaloosa and grew along both sides of the creek on a line currently followed by Iowa Highway 137.

It was not until the McNeill brothers, H. W. and W. A. (locally known as Big Mac and Little Mac), came into the picture that the camp rose to prominence.

The McNeill brothers, in 1873, backed by promoters from Keokuk, Davenport and Iowa City, abandoned their earlier mining venture at Coalfield in Monroe County and organized the Iowa Central Coal Company, which rapidly bought out the other small companies mining in the Muchakinock Valley. Coal from the Muchakinock mines was transported over the rails of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad on a spur which ran south from the main line at Belle Plaine.

For the first two years after the mines were opened, their output was great and the operation profitable, but labor troubles began in 1875 and a strike shut them down for nearly three years. The McNeill brothers then decided to sell their interest in the mines to the railroad at an agreed upon price of one-half million dollars. The railroad, at the suggestion of the McNeills, formed a subsidiary company to manage the operation: The Consolidation Coal Company.

Organized by the McNeills and run by the railroads appointed superintendent, John Emory Buxton, the new company faced a number of problems, including the need for a large number of new miners. This need for miners was satisfied by a number of the company's agents, including H. A. (Hobe) Armstrong, a prominent Black businessman, who were sent to the South to find unemployed

Blacks and persuade them to come north to work in the mines.

These agents promised those they found wages of \$20.00 a week plus keep until they learned the mining trade with an increase thereafter, and nearly 3,000 accepted the offer. With this rapid influx of available laborers, Buxton ordered new areas opened for mining, but even this did not prevent the output of the operation from gradually declining.

With this decreasing productivity, Buxton requested the railroad to extend its tracks farther south into what was considered to be better mining territory in Monroe County. In 1900, the railroad purchased 8,600 acres in Monroe County and 1,600 acres in Mahaska County to be opened for mining, and leased additional land for its mineral rights. The Company then moved the entire settlement of Muchakinock, which was largely Black, to the woods and hills of Monroe County where they founded the "town" of Buxton, named after their superintendent.

Shortly thereafter, J. E. Buxton retired and turned the "reins" of power over to his son Benjamin who, although but 25 years of age, had his father's mining knowledge and leadership qualities. By 1906, the Regal Coal Company, the Ackers Coal Company and Mines number 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Consolidation Coal Company were all located in the vicinity of Buxton.


The output of these mines, 1,183,143 tons in that year, made Monroe County, in which Buxton was the major mining center, the greatest coal-producing county in the state.

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### ADDENDUM

Information for this series of articles about Buxton come from these sources:

- "Studies in Iowa History: The Negro in Iowa" by Leola Nelson Bergmann, a book published by the State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, in February of 1969.
- "Coal Mining in Iowa" by Dr. Hubert L. Olin, published by the State of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1965. The section in question here was credited to Beverly Shiffer and was taken from the summer of 1964 edition of the "Annals of Iowa" published by the Iowa State Department of History and Archives.
- "The Rise and Fall of Buxton" by J. A. Swisher, which was published in 'The Palimpsest', Volume XXVI, pp. 179-192, issued in 1945 by the State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.



## Opinion

Edna Griffin

It is a relief to read that Pres. Carter has cancelled his order for the immigration authorities to examine the visas of all Iranian students in this country. This will be of little consequence in the face of the fact that all Iranian bank accounts have been frozen.

Even those students with up to date visas are unlikely to be able to find jobs to support themselves! They will be unable to stay here or go home. How this impossible predicament for Iranian students helps free the hostages is a reasonable question. Has it not occurred to the President or the State Department that the students might be viewed at this time as a liability in their own country at this moment.

There are disturbing reports from California that Iranian businesses and restaurants are being boycotted by their regular customers. How will this gesture help the hostages? In recent years a minority of Iranian students wearing masks have demonstrated in support of the Iranian people's efforts to depose the Shah. These courageous students were apparently aware of a possible connection between the SAVAK secret agents and our undercover agents.

We have learned only recently what a good friend of the American military-industrial complex the Shah has been. Do Americans feel a need to punish the students for their beliefs concerning their own country?

There is another problem of thoughtlessness. What does an Iranian look like? There are American super-patriots insulting anyone assumed to be Iranian. I shall be equally as overjoyed to hear of the release of the hostages as anyone, including their families, because the difficult situation is becoming

an acceptable excuse for overt racism.

Quite frankly, my anxiety is such that I want to believe that Black students will find ways to help the uninvolved to become involved in maintaining the best traditions in our democracy. No sad stories, please.

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## A Black Look At Politics

William S. Morris



What can black Americans expect in the way of economic advancement, as the 1970's draw to a close, and the 1980's approach? Can economic growth be expected to continue, or will alternating (and combined) periods of inflation and recession sink the U.S. into a protracted period of economic stagnation?

And, even if the Gross National Product (GNP) reveals "real" growth (after inflation), what can blacks expect to encounter in the way of employment opportunities? Will minority students possess the necessary marketable skills to obtain tomorrows more complex and highly technical jobs? All these questions allow for wide and varying answers, as well as differing interpretations of current data and economic/political forecasts.

I will devote the next several columns to this all-important question of the U.S. economy, and what black Americans have to look forward to in the next decade. Thus, it would seem in order to analyze the pertinent data.

First off, this nation has been in a slow, but steady, economic downturn since the early 1970's, after the Vietnam war. Inflation, which, had not been much of a factor in the early 1960's, began to inch up year after year, and really began to take off after the Arab oil embargo of 1973.

Similarly, while near "full" - employment had been one benefit of the wartime economy of the 60's, unemployment, particularly amongst blacks, continually worsened after the U.S. withdrawal from Southeast Asia in 1972-73.

The nature of the job market in America changed markedly by the 1970's, as U.S. businesses continued to shift from labor - to capital - intensive technologies. Machines (particularly computers) literally eliminated the need for human labor in thousands of jobs.

Too, the nation progressed into what experts call a service - oriented economy, characterized by the

creation of thousands of new, white-collar jobs. Blacks did enter this new sector to some extent, and many made considerable gains, but this 1970's phenomenon, which sociologists call a type of "social mobility", came to an end late in this decade.

Blacks who entered the job market at that time were almost always confined to lower management positions, and found competition fierce. The entry of hundreds of thousands of women into the job market during the last several years has meant fewer positions available to blacks, especially black men, who suffer the highest unemployment rates of any group in America.

Clearly then, we are witnessing a continuously shrinking job market, at a time when inflation is forcing record numbers of people into the employment field.

Both private business and government are finding out that creating jobs is increasingly difficult, what with high interest rates, growing budget deficits, more fiscal conservatism, and the like. The economic picture for the 1980's promises more of the same, as energy costs (particularly for oil) skyrocket, offsetting any potential gains in the nation's output or worker productivity ratio.

Black Americans must realize that the 1980's have to be viewed in the context of socio - economic change. All Americans (except perhaps the

extremely wealthy) will simply have to make do with less, and this will be doubly hard on blacks, who have traditionally had the least our society offers, materially and otherwise.

We will have to work within a context of increasing political conservatism, as the "white liberal" becomes a veritable "endangered species". Full employment is, and will be, quite impossible from an economic standpoint alone. Shortages of this or that will become common, and often severe, as supply bottlenecks and economic cartels (i.e. OPEC) continue for most raw materials.

Economic growth will cease to exist, at least for a while, as America experiences financial contraction. In short, not a very rosey picture for the future.

In coming weeks, I will examine a multitude of economic trends, including increasing competition for fewer jobs, "educational inflation" and the need for ever more unnecessary qualifications in the job market, political repercussions, black educational performance and attitudes, the international and social consequences of a "no-growth" economy, and finally some potential solutions to these quandries, including family planning, overhauling the public school system, a shift back towards labor - intensive technologies, and the role of the Federal government in a changing America.

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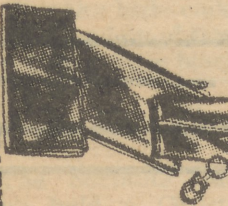
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# Private Industry Council Begins Job Training Program

The Private Industry Council (PIC) program, a newly-established employment program in central Iowa, kicked off its first two job-training projects this week in an innovative effort to close the gap between unemployed, unskilled, job seekers and businesses with job openings for skilled workers.

Gary R. Evans, executive director of the Central Iowa Regional Association of Local Governments (CIRALG), announced today that Building Maintenance Service (BMS), Des Moines, has begun training 11 people in a seven-week training program, and Iowa Methodist Medical Center (IMMC), of Des Moines is training ten others in a two-week session.

"Both businesses are providing training in maintenance-type work, and will offer permanent employment to all trainees who successfully complete training," Evans said.

The PIC is a part of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) aimed at increasing the involvement of private

business in employment-training programs. PIC encourages businesses to set up their own training projects for CETA-eligible trainees.

CIRALG, as central Iowa administrator for CETA, is responsible for planning and coordinating the PIC program in Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk, Story and Warren counties. So far over 20 central Iowa firms have joined PIC.

The PIC program is attractive to business for several reasons. Participating firms develop the kind of training programs most useful to their particular needs. In most instances the business also chooses the instructor, whose wages are paid by CETA. CETA also pays trainees an allowance payment of \$2.65/hr. during training. In addition, participating businesses can take advantage of a Targeted Jobs Tax Credit offered by the federal government when they hire the unskilled or unemployed who meet CETA requirements. The PIC program is designed to keep government red tape and paperwork to a

minimum, with only employee wages to be accounted for.

John Estes, Jr., owner of Estes & Son Funeral Home and chairman of the PIC board said, "Besides creating an effective partnership between business and government, PIC represents an outstanding example of federal, state, and local agency cooperation."

"The Department of Labor, CIRALG, Iowa

Job Service, and the National Alliance of Business are all working together to realize the full potential of this innovative approach to meeting the employment needs of the community while creating the kind of skilled work force in demand by business," said Estes.

Persons wishing to find out more about PIC training (details on signing up, certification and training assignment), and

from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Day Care groups invited, too.

No Ceramics Class on Sat., Dec. 29 and no art classes on January 3rd.

businesses interested in joining PIC may call PIC coordinator Marlon I. Williams at CIRALG, 244-3257.

The following is a list of businesses and organizations represented on the current PIC board: American Republic Insurance, Apprenticeship Outreach Program, Ardans, Bankers Life of Des Moines, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance, Building Maintenance Service, Des Moines Public Schools, Drake University, Employer's Mutual Co., Equitable of Iowa, Estes & Son Funeral Home, Inc., Iowa-Des Moines National Bank, Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Iowa Power, Job Service of Iowa, John Deere Manufacturing, Mercy Medical Center, Meredith Printing Corp., NAACP, National Alliance of Business, Northwestern Bell Telephone, Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel, Preferred Risk Insurance, Red Rock Community Action Program, Riddley Construction Co., Inc. (all located in Des Moines); Bourns, Inc., Ames; Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, West Des Moines; Rolscreen, Pella; and Vernon Company, Newton.

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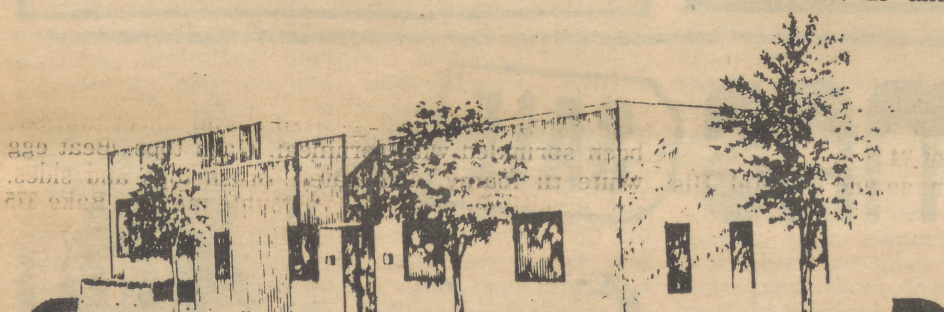
Some late December events at the Mid City Library at 1305 University:

Fun Day: parents drop the kids off at the library for movies, snacks, crafts and games while you do your last-minute shopping; pre-register. Friday, Dec. 21, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Santa will visit between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Christmas films for the family: Saturday, Dec. 22, 2:00 p.m.

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# SOCIAL PAGE



## Strokes and Folks

Edna Griffin

There are two or three lingering thoughts from two weeks ago, I'd like to share. The Desegregation/Integration Conference, some after-thoughts about the final presentation at Drake of "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide ..."

It took two weeks to figure out what was bothering me about For Colored Girls Who have considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf. The performance was well done and moved smoothly. Lucia Howell, technical director, worked wonders. I was moved to tears by Niambi Webster's powerful presentation of A Nite With Beau Willie Brown. Here is a talented, dramatic actress and singer.

For me, the number was a shattering experience that haunted me off and on for several days until I realized what was really bothering me. I am in rebellion against the idea that the rainbow is enough for Colored girls who have or have not considered suicide. Never-the-less, I am a staunch supporter of the Langston Hughes Company of Player.

They are to be commended for their steadfast determination to present Black drama in Iowa.

Perhaps I shall be able to 'flag down' a few of the Langston Hughes Company of Players during the holidays for a rap session about the point of view of the composer, Ntozake Shange. Should it be possible, I'd whip up a meal.

I had intended before 'falling on my face' last week to bring to the attention of parents the front page article about the difference between desegregation and integration and outcomes for all children, especially minorities.

It became clear to all attending the Nov. 29-30 conference that the keynote speaker, Dr. Thomas Pettigrew has paid and is "paying his dues" to help make equal quality education a reality for all American children. Pettigrew is one of eight experts appointed by California Superior Court Judge Egly" to report on the Los Angeles Unified School District's progress and prospects" (for integrated education).

The conference committee is to be congratulated for its choice. Dr. Pettigrew reminded his audience of the U.S. Supreme Court 1954 decision against segregated education as "inherently inferior". A check of the dictionary meaning of inherently indicates that 'segregated' and 'education' create a defective or inferior education for all. There is no escape.

Dr. Pettigrew addressed himself to the process necessary to achieving truly integrated education. What he had to say, I'm sure applies to every city and state — not only California. Off hand, the difference between Los Angeles and Des Moines is the counties surrounding L.A. provide suburbs farther away from minorities. The complaints about

time required and distances to be covered conceal real reasons for resistance to integrating education.

It is reported that California has been dragging its heels for at least fifteen years of dispute. It is against this background of propaganda and alarm against busing, we feel compelled to admire the report of the eight experts on progress and prospects for integrated education in California. I am saying that not one of the experts may reasonably expect to be elected in the political arena to be an assistant dog-catcher. Be glad that the experts do their work outside the reach of politics. I recall hearing Howard Jarvis of California, now famous for Proposition No. 13 to lower taxes, say, in answer to the closing of all summer school classes for lack of money. "The children aren't learning anything". Those are his exact words on the Phil Donahue show. See what I mean?

I sincerely wish every parent could have heard what is needed to move from desegregation to integration as an outcome of equal education opportunities for all children. If you can find that paper, cut out and save the front page article as a guide through stormy arguments ahead about lack of money and substitutes for learning to live in one world. It comes closer every day that our country remains at peace.

Progress rarely moves in a straight line or a steady pace.

Hold fast to the guidelines for integrated education for children. Dr. Pettigrew brought encouragement and reassurance to all who had the opportunity to hear him.

## Soul...

### Food and Thought

Aldeen Davis



"My heart is with the poor," so spoke Pope John Paul II, as he made his way from the United Nations, to Harlem, South Bronx, the Ghettos, the parks and to the sprawling hillside of America's heartland. His concern for the poor, suffering, poverty stricken, and lonely occupied a special place in the pontiff's heart as he spoke to statesmen, laymen and street people alike.

His affinity for children was made manifest by his tender concern, warm smiles and special blessings.

Our country has been privileged to host many great dignitaries — both church and state but none has radiated the feeling of peace, tranquility and humility that Pope John Paul II emanated. The crowds that followed and sought after him was reminiscent of another great teacher. He too drew classic crowds as he walked the countryside and blessed many including the poor (in Spirit) of whom He said, "Theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." The children were special to Him also for did not He say "Suffer the little children to come unto me; for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

In 1579 a little black boy was born, personification

of the homily of complete surrender and if living today I'm sure would find favor with the pontiff.

This little boy was Martin dePorres — Blessed Martin de Porres. Born in Lima, Peru, he took a job as a servant when eleven years of age, in the Dominican priory and performed his duties with such devotion he was called "the saint of the broom".

Later he was given the job of the convents Almoner and became so efficient that he was soon collecting an average of \$2,000 a week. This was dispensed as food, clothing and medicine for the sick and the poor. In spite of a color bar, Martin was vested in the full habit and took the vows of a Dominican Brother at the age of 24.

Martin established an orphanage and hospital. His ever increasing humility led him to believe he was not worthy of his many blessings and so, inspired by St. Dominic, he lashed himself three times nightly with a whip imbedded with sharp hooks. Martin ate no meat and fasted from Holy Thursday until Easter noon. His love not only embraced his fellowman but included the animals, taking in all stray dogs and cats. He died in 1639.

May of 1962 the late Pope John XXIII made Martin the Catholic church's first black saint.

In the early days of Christianity communion was celebrated with a common loaf.

A hard crusty loaf similar to the French bread recipe below:

2 pkgs. dry yeast, 1/2 c. water, 1 T. salt, 2 c.

lukewarm water, 7-7 1/2 c. all purpose flour, 1 egg white, 1 T water. Soften yeast in 1/2 c. water. Combine salt, 2 c. lukewarm water, 2 c. flour. Blend in yeast. Stir in 4-4 1/2 c. flour. Make soft dough.

Turn out on floured surface, cover and let stand 10 min. Knead til smooth and elastic. Work in remaining 1 c. flour. Place in lightly greased bowl, grease top. Cover. Let rise until double in bulk. Punch down. Let rise until double again. Turn on floured board and divide in two portions. Cover, let rise 10 min.

Roll each piece into a 15 x 12" rectangle. Roll tightly, beginning at the long side. Place each loaf, seam side down, on a greased baking sheet that has been sprinkled with cornmeal. Gash tops. Beat egg white til foamy, add water. Brush tops and sides. Cover with damp cloth. Let double in bulk. Bake 375 til light brown. Brush with egg white mixture again. Continue baking until done.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HANUKKAH!

## Socialite Queens

The Socialite Queens Club held a Christmas Party at the Imperial House on Saturday, December 8th, with nineteen members in attendance. Dinner was ordered by each member from the menu and all dinners were delicious. After dinner secret pal gifts were exchanged and everyone was very pleased with the gift they received. The dinner and fellowship was enjoyed very much.

Members in attendance were Ellen Burrell, Marzetta Burrell, Clarabelle Caswell, Henrietta

Coates, Catherine Durden, Mary Hardaway, Bertie Hayter, Leona Jordan, Mildred Otis, Barbara Palmer, Mary Parker, Jackie Randall, Janice Riddley, Ollie Sanders, Myrtle Taylor, Maxine Watkins, Martha Wheels, Emma Williamson and Josie Williamson.

The next meeting will be held the second Saturday in March at the home of Mary Parker.

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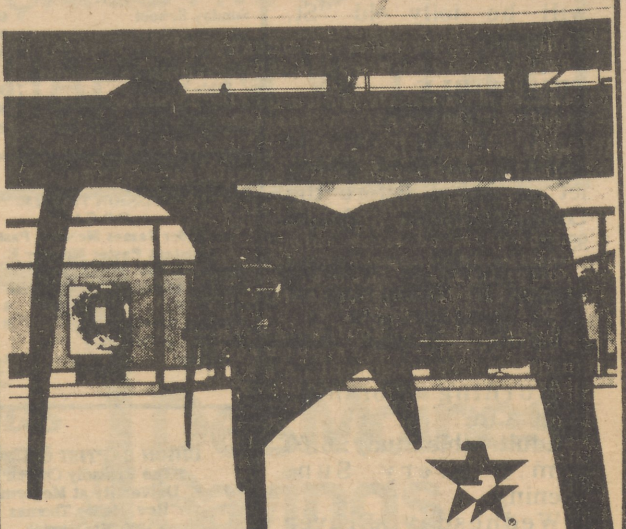
## Merry Christmas



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# The Church Page

## SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

This Sunday, December 23, 1980, 1979, Rev. B. Jamison will preach and the Young Adult Choir will sing.

Last Sunday Rev. Jamison brought us a very fine message taken from the 24th Chapter of Job; 13th verse. His topic, "Rebelling Against The Light."

Prayer Service on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study will follow.

The Annual Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Monday evening, Dec. 24, 1979 at 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Program will be this Saturday, Dec. 22, 1979, at 11:30 a.m. All children that are participating please be present.

**FROM THE PASTOR —**  
THEY ARE OF THOSE THAT REBEL AGAINST THE LIGHT; THEY KNOW NOT THE WAYS THEREOF, NOR ABIDE IN THE PATHS THEREOF. JOB 24:13.

## MAPLE STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

On Dec. 23, 1979 Reverend Parrish will deliver "What Is Your Answer" for his sermon. Gospel Choir will be singing.

Dec. 21, 1979 at 6:00 o'clock will be the day for all heads of auxiliaries to be present to make your dates for the new calendar year.

The Sunday School will have a series of skating parties to help pay for the van. The first party will be February 14, Valentine's Day at Terrace Fun Spot. Tickets are \$2.00 each. Skates included. Keep this date in mind.

Dec. 23, 1979 the Maple Street Baptist Church Sunday School will present their Annual Christmas Program. The theme this year is "A Child Is Born". The program will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the church, E. 16th and Maple. After the program there will be a party in the basement. Special guest will be jolly old "St. Nicholas".

## TRUE BIBLE BAPT. CHURCH

"O Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Psalm 95:6.

The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 6:00 p.m., every Sun. evening.

Wednesday Prayer Service: 7p.m.

Thursday evening: Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

There are attendants

on duty in the nursery every Sunday morning. Bring your little ones and let them enjoy the comfortable nursery while you are attending service.

The inspiring message delivered by our pastor, Ezell Wiggins, Dec. 16, "The Manifested Life" - I John 1:4 was indeed spiritually filling.

Pastor Wiggins can be heard every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. on radio station KWKY, Reaching Souls for Christ.

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

1201 Day Street  
Rev. Lewis E. Grady, Jr., Pastor

"Lord, I have given my life to Thee

And every day and hour is Thine, —

What Thou appointest let them be;

Thy will is better, Lord, than mine."

A. Warner

Last Sunday, Rev. Felix E. Dickerson gave a testimonial for all of the church's St. Paulians for how good the year has been. It was a prelude for Rev. Grady's sermon, "Toward Bethlehem" — hear the voice of Jesus that we may be spiritually inclined. His sermon for this coming Sunday will be, "The Joy of Jesus' Coming".

Many of St. Paul Church's Senior Citizens enjoyed a spirited Christmas Party at The Royal View Manor given by The Model Cities Board and The Park and Recreation Department last Sunday. Also, Sister Trella Perry gave her annual Christmas dinner for the

Sunday School Teachers. Those teachers that failed to attend missed a treat.

The Sunday School will have its Annual Christmas Program Sunday, December 23rd, and all choirs are to sing.

Rev. John E. Hunter's daughter, Cynthia Ethel, who was born here in Des Moines, is marrying the Reverend Thomas William Spann Saturday, December 29, 1979. An open invitation was extended to all St. Paulians.

Do not forget your Budget Claims. See your Class Leader if you are not able to attend church.

Reverend Grady and his family wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that God's blessings will continue in your lives.

Everett A. Mays, Public Relations Director

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 23, 3:30 p.m. Sunday School will have their Christmas program.

Prayer Service every Wed. at 6 p.m.

Thought for the week: May the Spirit of Christmas abide with you throughout the coming year.

Rev. F. B. Green, Pastor

Ozell Williams, church reporter.

## MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday morning, the Sermon was brought to us by our beloved pastor, Rev. Harris. The

topic was "Let God Speak", his text, was taken from the sixth chapter of Deut. verses 22 - 24. We welcomed as our visitors, Terry James, Dick Jones, Denise Townsend, and Patricia Bailey.

That afternoon, we enjoyed the fellowship, of approximately, 150 Bro. and Sis. from Antioch Baptist Church of Waterloo, Ia. The Pastor Rev. Wallace Gaines, brought a powerful message, and his choir sang Zion songs with a feeling.

This program was sponsored by our Pastor, for our Mortgage fund. We greatly appreciate all the efforts, from everyone, who contributed to this cause.

The Mt. Hebron Xmas program, will be Sunday Dec. 23rd, at 6:00 P.M., this promises to be a very special event, and a significant change of pace, since it will involve all ages and not just the children.

Installation services for the J.M.H. choir, will be Sunday Dec. 30th, at 4:00 P.M., Rev. Fred Green, Pastor of Macedonia Church, will bring the message.

The Supt. of Sunday School, Sis. Ruby Coleman, extends a cordial invitation to all Parents and children to attend Sunday School. The number to call if you need transportation is 280-9551.

As we all stand in the need of prayer, let us pray for each other, and ask a special blessing for the sick and shut - ins, they are as reported: Mother Love, Sis. Gloria Jean Harris, Bro. Bill Thompson, Sis. Lue

Alice Smith, Sis. Jenny Patton, Bro. Emmett Butts, Bro. Dalton Lloyd, and Mother Louise Flax.

**WORDS FROM THE PASTOR:** We stand on the threshold of a New Year. Will this new year mean the beginning of a new life? What kind of mark will you press forward to reach? Do you have a plan? For Christians that should be simple to plan, for the strategy of every Christian should be to serve God.

We must enter into the New Year, being thankful, for all our blessing, the peace in our hearts, when the world is in turmoil, thank him for friends and freedom of worship. We should dedicate our hands and feet our hearts and minds, to making this new year of service to our Lord.

The Pastor and family wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Pastor, Rev. James Harris  
Church Reporter, Barbara Long

## 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 Senior Choir.

Kyles members and friends would like to thank the Young Women for a beautiful Christmas Party on the 15th of Dec. A fun time was had by all. Thanks again.

A thanks goes out to the Sunday School for their Coffee Hour after church, Dec. 16th. It was very thoughtful of them. Thank you.

Mrs. Alberta Hunter will be the piano player for the Senior Choir starting the first Sunday in January, 1980. The Senior Choir and Kyles members appreciate the helping hand she is giving.

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Evening Service 7:45 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal Fridays 7:30 p.m.

**MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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.

**EVANGELISTIC MISSIONARY COGIC**  
1340 E. 18th Street  
Rev. Pastor Arthur Bush  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 1:30 a.m. & 8 p.m.  
YPWW 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.

**MESSIAH TEMPLE**  
2603 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.

**NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
1317 Forest  
Pastor Elder R. L. Daye  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Church Worship 11:30 a.m.  
YPWW 6:30 p.m.  
Weekday Services  
Tues. & Fri. 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal

**TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1440 DeWolf Street  
Rev. Ezell Wiggins, 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.

**EAST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.  
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Tuesday Prayer & Bible Band 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Youth Services 7:30 p.m.

**PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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.

**CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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.

**HEAVENLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
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Bishop A. B. Carter, Sr., Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
YPWW 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Band, Tues. 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Service, Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

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Asst. Pastor M.D. Eppright  
Assoc. Minister Jerry Woods  
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.

**MISSION TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.**  
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.

**MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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.

**MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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.

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1213 Scott 255-6333  
Pastor Rev. Benjamin W. Jamison 277-9269  
Order of Services  
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Morning Service 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
920 31st Street  
Rev. F. B. Green, Pastor  
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.

**NEW BETHANY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
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.  
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Dr. Robert R. Bowie, Pastor  
907-15th Street  
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Morning Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.

**ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH**  
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.  
Prayer Service, Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Fellowships 5:30 p.m.

missionary will visit a nursing home to render the Word of God and Christmas to the shut-ins.  
Dec. 31

There will be a Watch Night Service at Kyles starting at 11:30. Following the service there will be a fellowship in the lower level.  
Jan. 2, 3, 4 and 5

There will be a conference for the Bishop's Pastors and Laymen. It will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, Jan. 5th — The Young Women will sponsor a dinner.

Sunday, Jan. 6th — The Parents Body will sponsor a program starting at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 13th — The Young Women will sponsor a program starting at 3:30 p.m. The Young Women are honoring the founder of their board, Vita Richardson.

Sunday, Jan. 20th — The supply captain for the Missionary Board will sponsor an afternoon program starting at 3:00 p.m.

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN ALL OVER THE WORLD.  
Our sick and shut-in

members are: Brenda Humburd, Venurie Patton, Arthur Flanagan, Georgia Sparkman, George and Francis Turner, Katherine Mullen, Edna Morris and Ozella Moten.

A lot of happiness is overlooked because it doesn't cost anything.

If we are strong enough from within, there is nothing from without that can do us harm.

A man goes through three stages: He believes in Santa; he doesn't believe in Santa; he IS Santa.

**E. 17TH ST. COGIC**

E. 17th Church of God in Christ, Christmas program Dec. 23, 1979. Time - 3 p.m. Theme: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for he shall save His people from their sins.

Four Christmas carols from the choir: directed by Sister Ben Bell, pianist Bro. Butler. Solo by Sister Burse also Mother Robinson will sing because he LIVES.

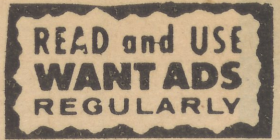
**ATTENTION CHURCH NEWS WRITERS:**

Because of the Christmas and New Year Holidays, the news and advertising deadlines for the Iowa

Bystander will be noon on Monday, December 24 for the December 27 newspaper and noon on Monday, December 31 for the January 3 newspaper.

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Sister Earlon Bell. Bishop H. Basset pastor.



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You don't really appreciate good children's theatre until you have an active toddler with nothing to do. The Des Moines Community Playhouse not only regularly performs plays for the younger set but also has popular classes for children, which I hear are quite interesting and beneficial. We witnessed a delightful version of Hansel and Gretel last Sunday at the Playhouse.

To my surprise the house was full and some friends and our children barely got a seat. The story of the German children who are almost dinner for a wicked witch is a well known fable and all the actors in this version were capable, enthusiastic and seemed to enjoy their roles.

After a rather slow start, the performers, particularly Barbara Ferguson as the wicked witch, came to life and tickled their audience with the performances. The costumes, set designs and scenery were all well done. After the play, the actors in full dress and makeup lined up to greet their audience. A nice touch.

My daughter who at first felt the ugly 'ole witch was going to eat her was "bewitched" by Ms. Ferguson who calmed her fears and had her

laughing after the show in the lobby.

For anyone interested in signing up their children for classes, dial 277-6261 and ask for a Ms. Taylor.

My husband's going to be mad, but I really couldn't get into STAR TREK — THE MOVIE. In fact, I dozed off a few times during the flick. Although not a Trekkie, I did enjoy the 3 year NBC series and felt it was a cut above the usual in the "vast wasteland of public TV" as Newton Minnow put it.

But although the theatre was packed and Paramount studios claim Star Trek has grossed more \$ than any other pix in its first 3 weeks; I guess I was one of the few who thought — Why was this film made????? Did it really need a \$50 million budget??????

Artistically, the film had pretensions of grandeur and deep philosophical questions on the meaning of life and the universe — YAWN!!!!!! CBS and other network critics such as Rex Reed hinted that the film was so over budget and behind schedule that some of it was rushed through completion to please the Trekkies and Paramount executives — I think they boo-boomed.

A plot, sense of continuity, pep, excitement fun, and/or interest are all missing. As Reed, Women's Wear Daily's critic, stated, the actors all look lobotomized. They do come to think of it. I think they were striving for a sense of earnesty and seriousness and came up with deadly dullness.

The holdovers from the TV days, Shatner, Nimoy, DeForrest Kelly, Nicholle Nichols, etc. look pretty good — thinner and well preserved for an 11 year duration. They just don't convey the sense of family and kindred spirit that the TV version did. They

simply don't fare as well as the newcomers Stephen Collins as the temporarily deposed Captain of the Enterprise and Persis Khambatta as his beautiful long lost love, Liet. Leola.

In fact this lady, may be the best thing about the film. She is beautiful to look at, and although not given much help from the script, seems to be a promising actress and does some nice things in the way of conveying changes of persona with her facial expressions. I think Khambatta is an Indian, or maybe an exotic Caucasian, but she is interesting whatever.

Although STAR WARS didn't aim at any intellectual pretensions of heavy fantasizing, the special effects were better than in this one. Also the actors did seem to be more honest and ALIVE.

At least there are a number of different racial groups represented in STAR TREK — THE MOVIE, whereas STAR WARS gave the impression all people of color had vanished from our universe.

Robert Wise should stick to directing corny musicals where all the actors have to do is lip sync, smile sweetly or cry on cue. But to the millions of loyal Trekkies who travel the world in search of conventions, paraphernalia and a burning to desire to reek havoc on former NBC executives who cancelled their favorite show, I suppose there is no way I can keep their \$3-5 admission price from Paramount's greedy pockets.

STAR TREK isn't a bad film or a vulgar one— just more of the same — the Enterprise out of moth balls to destroy alien, evil life forms or at least reason with them before they rip us off.

I left the theatre with the old "SO WHAT???" on my lips.

**Elk News**

The Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 & Rose Temple No. 33 were very pleased with their First combined Christmas party. It turned out so well that it should be considered for an annual. Think about it.

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It is nice to have both Amos Holt and Corrinne Carter back in circulation.

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Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all but let us be mindful of the other fellow as we enjoy it to the fullest.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Inner Urban Alcohol Program located at 1909 Cottage Grove, is sponsoring a Christmas party for children Dec. 22nd at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. Gifts for the kids and Santa will be there. For information call 244-3444.

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Christopher Eckhardt

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Rosemary Abbott—Director, Birthright, Inc.  
Abortion Debate  
Margaret Turk — Director, Iowans For Right To Life  
Bob Dopf—Legal Counsel, Iowans For Right To Life  
vs.  
Darlene Clubb—Coordinator, Iowa/ National Abortion Rights Action League  
Jan Scolastico Field Representative  
Iowa/ National Abortion Rights Action League

**Tuesday, December 18, 1979**

Billie Wallace—Chief DMPD  
Don Knox—Assistant DMPD  
Bill Zinzer—Assistant Chief DMPD  
Tom Teal—Assistant Chief DMPD

**Wednesday, December 19, 1979**

Julie Gammack  
Drake Mabry—Managing Editor-R & T  
Discuss Gordon Gammack's book  
"Columns From 3 Wars"  
Marilyn Seeline—Iowa State Press

**Thursday, December 20, 1979**

Solar / Nuclear Debate  
Bill Leach—Nuclear Engineers,  
Iowa Power & Light Company  
vs.  
Skip Latiner—Director,  
Community Action Research Group

**Friday, December 21, 1979**

Dr. Dwight Davis,  
Superintendent Des Moines Schools

**NEXT WEEK DON'T MISS  
UNIONISM DEBATE**

Gerald Bogan—Executive Secretary  
Iowans For Right To Work  
vs.  
James Wengert—President  
Iowa Federation of Labor

**THE WEEK THAT WAS  
by Christopher Eckhardt**

Last Monday (December 10, 1979), Judd Golden, Legal Director of Iowa NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) told why he wanted pot legalized. Steve Axiotos, a Vietnam Veteran told of black market days in Nam.  
Tuesday, Steve Brown, Director of the Iowa Civil Liberties Union, spoke of the recent Popes' visit & division of church & state. Ken Quinn, Director of Iowa Shares, spoke of the starving in Cambodia & showed slides taken by Governor & Mrs. Ray on their recent trip to the boarder of that country.  
Wednesday, Dale Paulsen, a munchkin from The Wizard of Oz delighted children & adults with answers to their questions. Chief Patrolman Officer Gary Ventling & Assistant Chief Bert Aunan spoke of juvenile delinquency alternatives in dealing with it.  
Thursday, Esther Walters, Education Director for Planned Parenthood of Iowa, spoke of her concerns regarding sex education. Russ LaVine, Des Moines City Councilman, told why he called me a Communist years ago, & why he hopes I'll be Des Moines newest Russ LaVine.  
Friday, Dr. James Gould, spoke on his new book, "When I Eat I Hurt". Matt Rosen, Coordinator for the Botanical Center, spoke about the Center on the eve of its opening.  
This is a Call-in talk show, so if you have a question for the guests, just call in & ask them directly.  
That was last week, don't miss this week on Eckhardt's Enquiry.

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At the end of the program Ms. Davis' family and friends crowded around to congratulate her. Photos by Karl Schilling

From left to right, John Davis, Allen J. Correll, Leola Davis, and Syl Hardiman.

**JONES AWARDED LETTER**

Troy E. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Jones, 3009 Vilura Parkway, has been awarded a varsity high school football letter for outstanding performance on his team this season at Kemper Military School and College,

Boonville, Mo.

Jones, a high school sophomore attending Kemper for his first year, played halfback for the Kemper Yellowjackets this season.

He was given high recognition for his playing ability by his coach, Tim Walley.

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Applications for entry into Bricklayer Local No. 2 Joint Apprenticeship Committee's four-year apprenticeship training program leading to Journeyman status as a Bricklayer will be accepted January 28 through February 1 and February 4 through February 8. Anyone meeting the minimum requirements may apply:

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The recruitment, selection, employment and training of apprentices shall be without discrimination because of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

Applicants should apply, in person, on any of the above dates between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at: Bricklayers Local No. 2, 124 Washington, Des Moines, Iowa.

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1. The name of the corporation shall be Transworld Investments Company, organized under the Iowa Business Corporation Act, Chapter 496A, Code of Iowa 1979.

2. The date of the beginning of its corporate existence shall be December 7, 1979, and shall continue in perpetuity unless terminated sooner by agreement of the shareholders and directors.

3. The corporation shall have unlimited powers to engage in and to do any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful businesses for which corporations may be organized under the Iowa Business Corporation Act, and is specifically organized to act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 172C, of the Code of Iowa 1979.

4. The aggregate number of shares which the corporation is authorized to issue is seventy-five thousand (75,000) shares, consisting of one class: Common at ten dollars (\$10.00) par value.

5. The address of its registered office is 404 Equitable Building, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa 50309, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Jerry P. Alt.

6. The name and address of the initial Director as designated in the Articles of Incorporation is Robert G. Riley, whose address is 404 Equitable Building, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa 50309.

Jerry P. Alt  
Incorporator  
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### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

The City of Des Moines, as Local Public Agency for the 312 Loan Administration which project is implemented pursuant to Chapter 403 of the 1977 Code of Iowa, as a part of the City's Urban Renewal Program, hereby invites bids on home improvement/repair work to be done on properties located at: 1181-10th Street

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, 12-28-79 through 1-15-80 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 1-16-80 at 10:00 A.M., 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 any or all bids.

CITY OF  
DES MOINES, IOWA  
By Lewis V. Pond,  
Director  
Urban Development

Dated 12-19-79  
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1. The name of the corporation shall be Decorating Contractors, Ltd., organized under the Iowa Business Corporation Act, Chapter 496A, Code of Iowa 1979.

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3. The corporation shall have unlimited powers to engage in and to do any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful businesses for which corporations may be organized under the Iowa Business Corporation Act.

4. The aggregate number of shares which the corporation is authorized to issue is ten thousand (10,000) shares, consisting of one class: Common at ten dollars (\$10.00) par value.

5. The address of its registered office is 404 Equitable Building, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa 50309, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is J. D. Hilmes.

6. The names and addresses of the initial Directors are David D. Guyer, 1042 66th Street, No. 2, Des Moines, Iowa 50311 and Michael W. Snodgrass, 1698 N.W. 100th Place, Des Moines, Iowa.

J. D. Hilmes  
Registered Agent  
Decorating Contractors, Ltd.  
404 Equitable Building  
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### NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF M-T-V-T FARMS COMPANY

1. The name of the corporation shall be M-T-V-T Farms Company, organized under the Iowa Business Corporation Act, Chapter 496A, Code of Iowa 1979.

2. The date of the beginning of its corporate existence shall be December 7, 1979, and the period of its duration shall be until the year 2279, unless the shareholders agree to continue its existence thereafter.

3. The corporation shall have unlimited powers to engage in and to do any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful businesses for which corporations may be organized under the Iowa Business Corporation Act, and is specifically organized to act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 172C, of the Code of Iowa 1979.

4. The aggregate number of shares which the corporation is authorized to issue is one hundred thousand (100,000) shares, consisting of one class: Common at ten dollars (\$10.00) par value.

5. The address of its registered office is 404 Equitable Building, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa 50309, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Jerry P. Alt.

6. The name and address of the initial Director as designated in the Articles of Incorporation is J. D. Hilmes, whose address is 404 Equitable Building, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa 50309.

J. D. Hilmes  
Director  
M-T-V-T Farms Company  
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inspected with the assistance of a Construction Specialist from the Department of Urban Development, Division of Rehabilitation on December 28 thru January 8, 1980, at above address.

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CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA  
Lewis V. Pond, Director  
Urban Development  
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### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OR APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Iowa District Court  
Polk County  
Probate No. 30-1121  
IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
Ervin Fredrick Behrens,  
Deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Ervin Fredrick Behrens Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 30th day of Nov., 1979, the Last Will and Testament of Ervin Fredrick Behrens deceased bearing date of the 21st day of June, 1973, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Central National Bank and Trust Company, 6th and Locust Streets, Des Moines, Iowa 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 30th day of Nov. 1979.  
Central National Bank and Trust Company  
Executor of said Estate  
6th and Locust Streets,  
Des Moines, Iowa

Robert G. Riley  
Attorney(s) for said Executor  
Duncan, Jones, Riley & Finley  
404 Equitable Building,  
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### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In The Iowa District Court  
In And For Polk County  
Probate No. 30-11129  
IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
Galen Max McCreary,  
Deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Galen Max McCreary Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of December, 1979, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of said estate. Notice is hereby 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 claims shall thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1979.  
Jo Ann Reed  
Administrator of said Estate  
5579 NW 66th Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa 50323

Sidney C. Levine  
Attorney for said Administrator  
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**Senior Citizens**  
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community entertainment groups could be invited to the center. "It's awfully hard to work when your center isn't ready," said Webster. But he said he was optimistic about the center in general. "We want to be for anybody of any station in life, who's over 60," said Webster. Money is not the biggest obstacle facing the elderly according to Webster — "Loneliness is the biggest obstacle."

Webster said he'd like to get some community people involved, providing square dancing and maybe some theatrical productions. A group of 30 students from Edmunds school visited the center last month, and Webster said, the people really enjoy visits from the children.

As of yet, the center on Harding Road has no official name. Mrs. Rose Johnson, a retired school teacher who's been attending meals for senior citizens in this area since they began in 1973, says many of the area residents had been attending a congregate meal program operating at Trinity United Methodist Church, at 8th and College. That center,



Helen Lynch ate beans and corn bread with Joe Kennedy when he visited the meal center.

which closed in June, was called the "Model City" meal center. Johnson is also a member of the senior citizen's council that will try to decide a name for the center.

Persons interested in congregate meals or additional information can contact the center at: 286-3677.

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Coming from New York to be featured in the program will be Nancy Mikota. Dancing under the team name of "Rose and Rick," they

will premier "In Passing a duet coreographed by Jorge Samaniego, director of the Des Moines Ballet.

The program will be held in the Levitt Auditorium of the Center and begin at 2:30 p.m. It is open to the public free of charge.

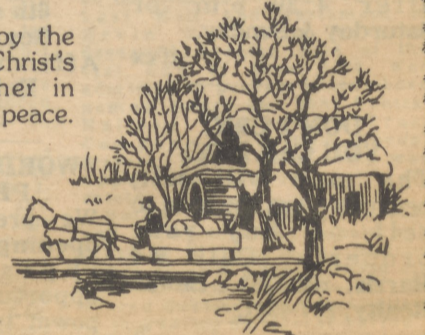
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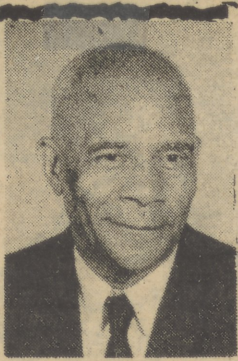
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# LOOK ON SPORTS



I was hurrying through the Merle Hay Mall the other day when I ran into Eddie Saunders who used to play quite a bit of defensive tackle for one of our better Bulldog semi pro football teams.

Eddie said that I was always talking about Chet Brewer being the only black from Des Moines who had made it big in the old Negro National League. He reminded me that there was a fellow named T. J.

Brown who played in that league and was one of the best infielders around. Then I remembered the little bow-legged guy who was a pretty good running back for our unbeaten and unscored on IDK football team. The fellow went away from here and never came back, as far as I know.

When the major leaguers were trying to come up with a player to try to break the color line in organized baseball, the name of Brown came up quite often, because people like F. A. Young of the Chicago Defender and Bob Vann of the Pittsburg Courier thought Brown was better than Jackie Robinson. But, Young said, Brown had that fierce temper, and if he had gone to organized ball, the first time someone called him a name he didn't like, T. J. would have whipped out his knife and carried the guy's head home in his pack bag.

Don't know why I didn't think of that fellow. It never fails. Whenever Iowa or Iowa State meet each other, the underdog team, especially in basketball, plays much better than they are supposed to.

**CORE**  
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victory of our struggle. Each day the Kwanza is celebrated represents one of the seven principles. CORE, however, has chosen to make it a one day event and celebrate it annually in keeping with the black tradition. The event will be celebrated at the Gold Coast Lounge which is named from an independent state (Gold Coast) located along the west Coast of Africa. John Haskins, owner and proprietor, of the lounge is an African scholar and well versed in black heritage. The Kwanza colors are the traditional red, black and green. Red representing continuing

struggle and the blood of our people. Black representing people and race. Green representing land of hope. Various black artist will perform and display talents for day. All sections and age groups of the community will be represented.

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## Black Folk In American Civilization

**AFRO-American Yuletide Traditions**

If black Americans were still in the "Motherland", they might expect to see a lot of children wearing masquerades celebrating the yuletide season. They might also expect to eat Egusi Soup which is made by greasing the inside of a pot with palm oil and adding egusi (melon seeds) but not frying it, just melting it before adding water.

Then add meat and fish which has already been boiled in a separate pot. When the soup has boiled for at least ten minutes or so, season to one's taste with pepper, salt and onions. Just before the soup is almost done, add vegetables. This soup is served with pounded yams, garri or any other suitable food.

Traditionally in Nigeria, the preferable meat would be from a freshly killed goat. It is a season of traditional dances, traditional dress, inter-village visiting, and outside of the urban centers, one might find women painting their bodies with indigo dye for Christmas. Usually, no cassava except yams can be cooked during the Christmas season. For New Year's, one of the traditions involves taking the ashes from the fire place and throwing them out across the gate of the home on New Year's Eve (midnight) to mark the end of the year.

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

Although Christmas carols are sung the world over by all people, black folk in America have come up with a few carols all of their own. In church, one hears the familiar Negro Spiritual "Go Tell It On The Mountains". Then since the 1950s, the gospel "Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child" usually is wailed until there is hardly a dry eye to be found.

If, however, one doesn't make it to church to show off one's Christmas frocks (new dresses, new hats, shoes, etc.), on the streets, especially near the bars and down in the bottoms, one can hear Charles Brown doing his thing with "Please come home for Christmas, and if not for Christmas, by New Year's eve." Another tune being blasted across the sound waves would be B. B. King singing "Merry Christmas Baby, May the Christmas Bring You Happiness".

One finds a central theme of these tunes — a man having trouble with his woman and sort of pleading with her that of all times, please be his during this season. Intellectuals are well aware that Christmas is a very depressing season and usually carries with it an increase in suicides.

Folks suddenly discover an inner emptiness. Black folks too have felt this, but for the common man, the love of his woman was usually one means of filling this void. However, if this and all else failed, then one went out and got knee-buckling drunk.

When one becomes somewhat "seditty" and Lowell Folsom, B. B., and Charles Brown are beneath them, he or she has always had Nat King

Saturday night, the Cyclones were shooting from distances that would have gotten them jerked out of the game if they hadn't been hitting. Seemed as if everything the State boys threw up went in, and there were a couple of shots that went in and came out, or you might have seen a big upset.

The clash between Drake and Iowa U will likely come down to who gets the last shot. The Hawkeyes have the Big Ten race assessed about right when they say they are better, but so is the rest of the league. They won't need to feel bad if they don't get another tie for the top this year, because there are at least three teams who could win it all and if you count Iowa, four.

What can you say about the high school race that hasn't been said? Just when one team gets tabbed for the top, it gets knocked off, and we have another. Tech has a mark of 2-0, at this writing, but they haven't tackled the big end of the conference yet. If they can hold their own against Hoover, Lincoln, East and Roosevelt, they will have made some really big strides toward respectability. Won't guess on how the thing will come out, and neither will I guess on the girls race, although I still think East is the team to beat, but they won't be in the final sixteen at the State meet. Not this time.

I watch the black boys playing for Roosevelt, and I have to recall when I was playing in the Rider gym against the first cage team they ever put out. There was no limit on what you could say to players, and you can bet that I wasn't called "Allen" or "Mr. Ashby". But I think I left a few of my calling cards around in places, so it wasn't all one-sided. Didn't think I'd ever see anyone who wasn't white playing anything for Roosevelt. How wrong can you be?

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Cole to croon to them about chestnuts roasting on an open fire and jack frost nipping at their nose.

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

And somehow you forgot about those songs you had heard in town— "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas", or "Silver Bells". Dad sat around the wood burning heater eating "nigger heels", and occasionally nodding as he read the Bible and called you in every now and then to help him pronounce some word that neither of you quite understood.

On Christmas morning, everybody slept late, but you finally got up and helped finish the cooking while nibbling on apples, oranges, bananas, candy and nuts. Finally, everybody sat at the table and daddy prayed until he went into tears. You didn't quite understand why he cried.

As you grew older, you realized that, in part, he cried because he began thinking about how inadequate he was as a man in that he was unable to give his family the material things he had wanted to give them, but at the same time he was thankful to God that all of the members of the family were in good health, were warm, and had plenty of food. Therefore, tomorrow, there was hope.

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

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

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

Merry Christmas! Happy Kwanza! Happy New Year!

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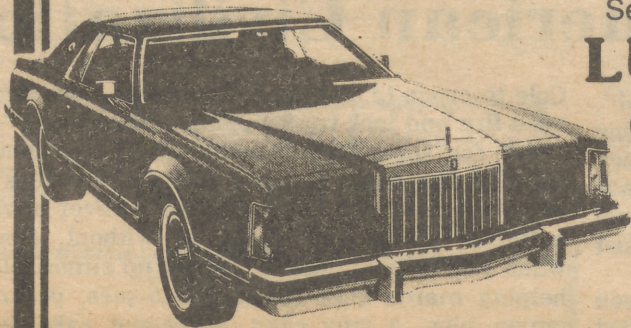
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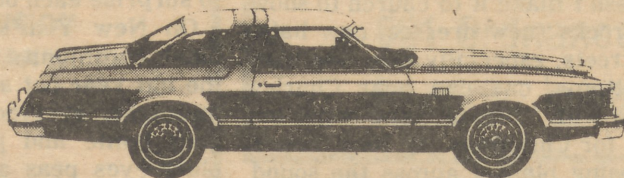


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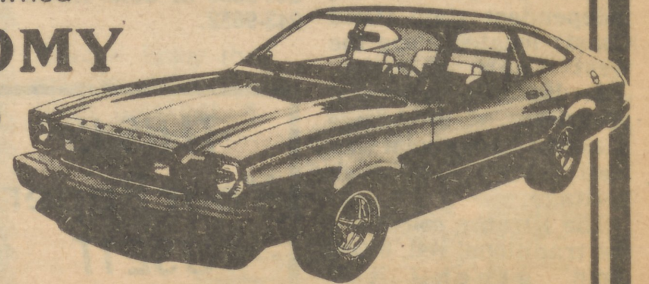
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