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U of Iowa Students Host Kwanza

by Niambi D. Webster

Kwanza is a word meaning "first." In our case, it means the First Fruits.

Celebration at the end of the harvesting of the first fruit is traditional in Africa. At this time of year our people in Africa come together to make joyful noises, give thanks and enjoy the blessings of living and acting together for the community. Everyone brings what he or she grew or made to contribute to the Karimu (feast) that takes place at the peak of the celebration. Songs are sung, dances are danced, food is eaten and drinks are drunk, in a word-life is lived in sheer enjoyment.

The following meaning has implications in Africa, but here in America Maulana Karenga recreated the Kwanza ceremony. In Iowa City, the Black Student Union and the National Association of Black Journalists celebrated Kwanzaa before leaving the University of Iowa for the Holidays.

The festivity was held for seven days. A spiritual leader was asked to conduct the Nguzo Saba (Seven

Principles of Blackness) in their respected areas. On the first evening and for those to follow the celebration begun with each participant entering the House of Kwanza quietly, while in the background one could hear playing words from Malcolm.

The kinara was then placed between the eldest Brother and Sister in the community symbolizing the circle of light. The 360 degree circle of Light represents positive people and is formed by the women seated in the east and the men in the west. The circle is formed from the oldest to the youngest member of the community.

In a traditional celebration of Kwanza the participants engage in the following activities.

The participants sing The Black Anthem, followed by a minutes meditation of silent prayer for those children unborn, our ancestors and/or a deceased loved one. Then the Unity Cup (Kikombe) is passed around the circle beginning with the eldest Brother, with each participant repeating "Harambee" after

drinking from the cup.

The Muhindi (the ear of corn) should be displayed, it represents the offspring or produce. It signifies the ability or potential of the off-spring themselves to become stalks, i.e. parents.

The Kinara (candle holder) holds seven candles. The seven candles represent the seven principles on which the first born set up our society in order that our people might get the maximum from it.

The spiritual leader lights one of the candles each night, followed by a question, Habari Gari, (what's happening?) and the participants repeat the principle for the evening, i.e., Umoja.

The Spiritual leader says something inspirational about Kwanzaa and usually leads a group discussion or facilitates a group planning project for the upcoming year. Finally the spiritual leader leads the group to the refreshments or meal.

The dates when Kwanza is usually celebrated is December 26 thru January 1. This should also be the period that black people commit themselves to

work and study for the World Liberation of African People.

An important point that the students at the University of Iowa learned was that Kwanza does not take the place of Christmas, nor should it be labeled the black man's Christmas, it is a period of time set aside for

re-dedicating, re-viving and teaching our children the importance of giving mentally as well as spiritually.

Christmas is a period in which the Christian church celebrates the Birth of the Christ Child. With all due respect to the celebration of Christ, Kwanza does not prositute nor commercialize a

celebration as does gift giving at Christmas. On the 31st of December, the Karamu feast is held. The family should rejoice in music, dance, conversation, laughter and ceremony. On January 1st the last day of Kwanza, the Zawadi (gifts) are presented to the children. The

Kwanza

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Jubilee Day Proclaimed

Robert A. Wright, president of the Iowa - Nebraska conference of NAACP branches and Vincent C. Chapman, president of the Des Moines branch NAACP announced that January 1, 1980 has been officially designated as a special day of observance throughout the state of

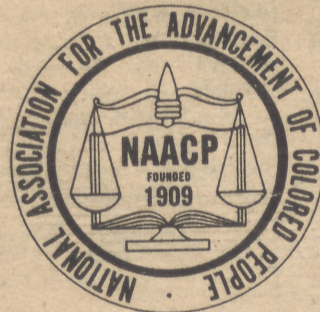
Iowa and the nation.

Jubilee Day is a concept promoted by the NAACP wherein black Americans will observe January 1 as a day of reflection and rededication. Special remarks are planned within religious services which will be conducted by members of the Des

Moines Ministerial Alliance.

Wright also announced that Governor Robert D. Ray will sign a proclamation further recognizing the occasion at the Capitol on Wednesday, December 26th.

The NAACP plans to make Jubilee Day an annual observance day.



Jubilee Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, many of our people, especially our youth, are unaware of their rich cultural heritage, including the magnanimous contributions and arduous tribulations of their families and ancestors;

WHEREAS, this lack of knowledge contributes to family disintegration and diminution of the awareness of the struggle and role of Blacks in overcoming adversity and racism at large, with much personal sacrifice;

WHEREAS, many of our people are aware of and have participated in the struggle for equality and first-class citizenship for Black people; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has called for the observance of January 1 as "Jubilee Day"—a day for commemoration of the black heritage, rich history, and for the celebration of our hard-won victories;

THE NAACP THEREFORE PROCLAIMS January 1 as "Jubilee Day"—a special day for reflection, rededication and celebration of our heritage and further calls upon all Blacks to join the NAACP in this annual event.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we call upon parents to talk with their children on "Jubilee Day" about the history of their own families, and provide children with oral histories and any other available information about the survival and heritage of the family and to especially relate to the children the experiences of Black freedom fighters, historic Black heroes and heroines for the express and laudable purpose of instructing their children about the value of hope and perseverance overcoming adversity and despair.

AND, we call upon the host of Black pastors throughout the nation to assist the NAACP in recognizing and promoting "Jubilee Day," and ask the ministers to contribute personally and collectively by holding special services on that day linking the civil rights struggle, the NAACP's role, and the mission of religion to the vitality of family life, and at such services special collections be taken up for the benefit of civil rights;

AND, we urge our families to consider "Jubilee Day" a day of spiritual renewal and service, attending houses of worship;

AND, we further proclaim and designate "Jubilee Day"—a day for NAACP Branches and leadership to convene, reassess, and plan strategies for the speedy attainment of specific short-range and long-range programmatic goals, to include sponsoring special fund-raising events to build an adequate Freedom Chest and increase the membership roll, which is the lifeblood of the Association. Likewise, solicit cooperation from civic, fraternal, labor, business and other groups and organizations which appreciate and identify with the goals of the NAACP;

AND, finally, we call upon all citizens of goodwill, black and white, to join in and participate so that they will become knowledgeable and understand the plight of Black Americans.



Ayo Dayo co-ordinator of U of I Kwanza celebration with a traditional setting of symbols of Kwanza.

IEWS and REVIEWS

by Allen Ashby

Since this is the end of the 1970 decade, I began to wonder about things that related to black Des Moines. To my mind, the biggest happening was the demise of old Center Street.

That three and one half block stretch of drug store, barber shop, pool halls, bootlegging and gambling joints along with restaurants and cleaning places was the core of the Des Moines black business community. When that fell to progress, the oft heard prediction of the forties was fulfilled. "This street is too valuable to remain in black hands much longer."

So, as one guy put it, it was bought by the block and sold by the foot. One guy saw where the business that didn't locate up on University was going, and

moved down on Sixth and College with his pool hall. The people in that area just weren't ready to accept a black business in their midst, so Mr. Wells was about six years too soon.

Then went the houses along Tenth and Eleventh streets, and they are replaced with places that the former occupants couldn't afford to rent, let alone buy. So the black business was relocated on University between Ninth and Thirteenth, and it was just left alone until it became a real jungle, and the rule seemed to be do whatever you want, just so the victim is black.

Now, in the late seventies, they are trying to undo some of that neglect, but they make one step forward and take another one back, so things are about the same.

This decade saw a lot of young blacks who were well educated, articulate, and good at the jobs they were holding, but most of the older people didn't know them very well, and they were too busy at their jobs to relate to the entire black community, largely, I suppose because we are spread out over so much of the city in different sections. But they are here and will likely be heard from in the future if they don't move onto greener pastures.

These people came here in the seventies, and had to be good at what they did or they wouldn't have

gotten here.

This decade should be remembered because a fellow ran a night club for a number of years without even a liquor license, had numerous appearances on TV shows and nobody bothered to check on him I would have to say because it dealt with blacks. It wasn't until whites began to frequent the place that it was uncovered. It couldn't happen anywhere else in the city, I would wager. As if that wasn't enough, crime really flourished on University but now I guess they are trying to hold it down, but I wouldn't advise an old person to walk through that area around the first of the month.

The Hinky Dinky store on nineteenth and Carpenter talked about closing, and we have to think that they will some day, and where will the people around there go for their groceries if they don't have cars? One of the black community's most prominent families passed on, first Braddie Morris, then Mrs. J. B. Morris, long a mainstay in the state NAACP, then the editor of the Bystander, J. B. Morris. People wondered what would become of the Bystander. So do I. At present it is still coming out.

Braddie Morris was the last black to serve on the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board. We didn't quite cover all things, but maybe some more will come up for a later edition.



Thoughts and Comments

By James B. Morris III

"BUXTON"

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The mining company rapidly began to build accommodations for the miners. A number of 5-6 room frame houses were constructed, each with a quarter acre of ground so that the miners and their families could keep a small garden, a cow, pigs or chickens if they wished. The mud streets of the settlement followed no set overall pattern, and tended to follow the lay of the land. There were no sidewalks or other municipal constructions because there was no city government, city council, mayor or police force.

Order (such as there was) in Buxton was maintained by township and county officers: constables, deputy sheriffs and Justices of the Peace. There were no formal hospital facilities, so medical care for the sick and injured was provided by three doctors paid by the company.

Three schools were built, each with four classrooms, and a dozen teachers were hired to take care of the growing number of pupils until they progressed to a high school level, at which time they were sent to larger cities like Albia or Des Moines to complete their schooling. In 1910, some 10 years after Buxton was founded, a large and well equipped high school was opened, which allowed students to finish their education while living at home.

This school was thoroughly mixed racially, with a Black Superintendent of Schools and Principal and teachers and students of both races. The lower level schools were maintained with both Black and white teachers and were not, as a rule, segregated. There were churches in Buxton of various denominations: both Black and white Methodist Churches, a Black Baptist church and a Swedish Lutheran church.

The community of Buxton had more churches than nearly every other "town" its size in the nation and, despite the violence which became a fact of life throughout its history, religion was a vital part of the daily lives of its citizens.

Buxton, which was known as "the biggest unincorporated town in the United States", was subdivided unofficially into a number of smaller "communities" which were given characteristic names. "Cooperstown", located to the north on the Mahaska County line, was named in honor of one of the community's two druggists, a Black man by the name of B. F. Cooper. This was a "rough" part of the settlement, where vices and rackets of various sorts flourished, with assaults and murders as daily occurrences.

"Sharp End", which referred to the sudden termination of the residential district in the southern part of the community, contained Ike Hutchinson's drug store where Mrs. Hattie Hutchinson, reported to be the only Black female registered pharmacist in Iowa at that time, practiced her profession.

"Hayestown", located on the eastern edge of Buxton, was named after the man who owned most of the available housing in the area. "East Swede Town" and "West Swede Town" were named for the Swedish immigrants who came later to work in the mines and who lived in the eastern and western parts of the community.

"Gobblers Nob" was a somewhat mysterious part of the settlement that no one seemed to know the derivation of the name of. Although these areas were informal subcommunities within the greater Buxton

area, residents of all races and national origins were scattered in all parts of "town".

The business district of Buxton contained a bank, a lumber yard, meat markets, hotels, bakeries, drug stores, restaurants, funeral homes, barber and beauty shops, livery stables and a train station, not unlike other Iowa communities of similar size at that time. The difference here was that most of these facilities were owned and operated by Blacks, some of whom had migrated north to work in the mines but were physically or otherwise unable to do so. The largest and most important of the facilities in Buxton was the Monroe Mercantile Store and the accompanying meat market, which were both owned and operated by the mining company.

The general store was operated by W. A. Wells, a brother-in-law of Benjamin Buxton, and the meat market by H. A. (Hobe) Armstrong, a prominent Black businessman of the community. A hundred and thirty five clerks (many of them Black) were needed to operate the general store, whose stock included everything "from caskets to safety pins". An escalator - elevator system was installed, and a unique sort of credit and bookkeeping system was imposed with it (and the large company meat market) which greatly increased its efficiency in serving the community.

The bookkeeping - credit system had a "check-off" feature whereby charges made during each pay period were automatically deducted from the miners pay. No cash was needed to operate the system, in which the store clerks would, as goods were ordered, punch the amount of the purchase on the customer's "credit card", and that sum due was then withheld from the miners next payday. Miners

were not compelled, however, to buy from the company stores, but their extensive stocks and low prices were major drawing cards.

The company maintained a number of expert buyers in major mercantile centers like New York and Chicago to keep the company's stores in the forefront of the commercial community. At night, after the miners had cleaned up and had supper, they used to gather at the general store to talk and smoke, until the store was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin on the night of February 21, 1911.

The value of the store and goods destroyed in the blaze was set at between a hundred and a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and food supplies had to be shipped in from Oskaloosa to meet the community's immediate demands. Although the store was quickly rebuilt and restocked with new goods, it never again was as prominent in the life of the community as was the old store.

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CORE To Host A Kwanza December 30

Members of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) will host the community in the first annual Kwanza. The fete will be held at the Gold Coast Lounge, 9th and University, on Sunday, December 30, 1979 at 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The event has been traditionally celebrated by some African countries as a time of thanksgiving to God and ancestors for good crops and hope for a better harvest in the New Year to come.

Kwanza is a new event for most black Americans. However, it

has been celebrated in some cities in the past as an annual affair. For example, the first Kwanza was celebrated in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1969. Also, CORE has celebrated it in Harlem, New York, for several years.

The celebration will be held in that city on December 28. In general, to most black Americans, it represents a symbolic event. It has been a time when thanks is given to ancestors and the motherland (Africa) for our heritage.

The Kwanza may be compared to Christmas

for some Americans. However, in Des Moines it will represent a symbolic event that will encompass many facets in the black community. The Kwanza places emphasis on the coming together of black people, which has not always existed in the past.

The event will be depicted by black artist who will present their talents and express heritage through paintings and other crafts. There will be food, drinks, music and lots of exciting events.

The seven principles of the Black Value System

will be presented and explained. All segments of the community will be represented such as churches, schools, businessmen, civic leaders, youth and various community organizations.

The Kwanza has evolved from an isolated practice of a dedicated few to a holiday observed within the national black community. Like all national holidays, the Kwanza is a cultural statement of a people conscious of itself and its history.

Kwanza places emphasis on coming

together to strengthen our institutions. These institutions are educational, political, social, economic and religious. The Kwanza period begins December 26 and ends January 1.

Clarence Jackson, Midwest Regional director feels that "this is a very significant event for Des Moines. Hopefully, the community will support this effort and make it a worthwhile event by attending. This will give us a feel of how the community views such activities and give us an outlook on future Kwanzas as an annual

year to year event."

For further information about Kwanza activities, questions should be directed to John Haskins, owner of the Gold Coast Lounge, 243-9652 or Clarence Jackson, Midwest Regional director of CORE, 244-5536.

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presents should represent: the fruits of the labor of parents, and the rewards of the seeds sown by the children. The parents must commit their children to goodness, good thoughts, good grades, etc., for the coming year and reward them accordingly.

All symbols and decoration for Kwanza should be red, black and green and they should be placed on a Mkeka, a mat.

The Nguzo Saba and spiritual leaders celebrated at U of I were:

Umoja (unity) means to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race, conducted by self.

Kujichagulia (self-determination) is to define ourselves, name ourselves, instead of being defined and spoken for by others, lead by Brother James Dodson.

Ujima (collective work and responsibility) is to build and maintain our community together and to make our brothers and sisters problems our problems and to solve them together, lead by Professor Joe Ascroft.

Ujamma (co-operative economics) means to build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit together from them, lead by Sister Imani Drew.

Nia (purpose) is to make as our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness, lead by Brother Jaru Ruley.

Kuumba (creativity) is 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; Sis Estella Sales co-ordinated a Poet-thon as well as served as spiritual leader.

Imani (faith) is to believe with all our heart in our parents, our teachers, our leaders, our people and the righteousness and victory of our struggle, lead by Dr. Johnathan Walton.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES "CHRISTMAS PARTY"

The Ester Lights Court No. 7 club of Des Moines, Iowa gave a complete Christmas party for the residence of Miketony's Retirement Home, 1210 East 13th Street on December 15, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. Club members were Wacile Higgins, Darlene Wade, Jerri

Finny, Beulah Hunter, Erdyene Whiteside, Lucindy Clark, Maxine Long, Darlene Woods, Margaret Hays and Nora Fowler.

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List any special information helpful to the selection committee: _____

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Black Business Owners Form Association

A group of black business owners (entrepreneurs) met on December 22, 1979, to form an industry association. The group will be known as the Minority Business Association (MBA). A spokesman for the group explained that these entrepreneurs organized because of problems confronting each of them that could only be overcome with the collective strengths of the group.

These problems include: inability to develop large blocks of capital; extreme difficulty in capturing

adequate market shares to maintain profitable operations; and the generally unattractive image of minority enterprise as perceived by the public.

The spokesman emphasized that this group should not be viewed as a case of isolation or as a substitute for established institutions that promote business growth. In fact, members of this group must join and participate in their local Chambers of Commerce. They are also encouraged to join appropriate trade associations.

One purpose of the

MBA is to provide access to the free enterprise system for minority entrepreneurs. They hope to do this by combining their finances into a venture capital pool. They will market aggressively and professionally to develop an adequate share for the industry.

Once this business opportunity is within the industry, there can be fierce competition among the minority entrepreneurs. Finally, the group plans to establish a rigid Code of Ethics for its members and severe penalties for members who violate this Code.

James Mitchell, of Mitchell & Mitchell Economists, Ltd., was elected President. James Holland was elected Secretary and will also be hired as the Executive Director. John Jewett was elected Treasurer. Holland and Jewett own United Enterprises. Interested minority entrepreneurs may contact Mr. Holland at 515/297-3962 or Mr. Mitchell at 515/223-0790.

Public Library

A REPORT FROM MID CITY LIBRARY:

Mid City Library at 1305 University now has a Junior Girl Scout Troop which meets every Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the library. The troop has visited Med-I-Center on University to sing for the

patients. Leaders are Linda Roberts and Rose Marie Webster. New members are welcome.

Friends of Mid City Library arranged to give Thanksgiving baskets to families in the area this year with the aid of Sherman's Super Valu on 6th Avenue, Cohen Foodtown on Scott and Amend's on Beaver Avenue.

ELK NEWS

Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 and Rose Temple No. 33 are again inviting our many friends to a "Thank You" for your past patronage. Come New Years eve "chew and chat" on us from 5:00-6:30 and continue "Blue Monday" Special prices and Live Music.

Thursday evening is Ladies night 7-9.

Friday night is Rose Temple No. 33 regular meeting and get your instructions for Monday evening.

Enjoy Milton Price's food on week-ends and Live Music Sat. with Al Hill and Combo.

Gladys Stubberfield is on the shut-in list and if you know of others, please let us know and

let us remember them and all persons less fortunate as we enjoy Happy Holidays.

Some two hundred children came and received their "goodie bag" and toys on Sunday morning and Santa was there to greet them. The balance of toys will be given to Tiny Tots. Thank you who participated in this annual.

LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP

A free, four-week workshop for divorced, separated and widowed women will be conducted Tuesday and Friday mornings beginning Jan. 15 at the Community Career Planning Center for Women, 1158-27th St.

The career-life planning workshop is designed for those women wanting to re-enter an educational or work environment after primarily being homemakers for a number of years.

Interested women should contact the Community Career Planning Center for Women-at 271-2916 for further information.

YOUTH WRESTLING

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Department will offer Youth Wrestling for all youngsters in 2nd through 8th grades. There will be nine weeks of organized lessons and meets, followed by a city-wide tournament.

Wrestling lessons begin Monday, January 7th. Interested wrestlers should sign up at the junior high school or community center nearest you. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for awards and tee-shirts.

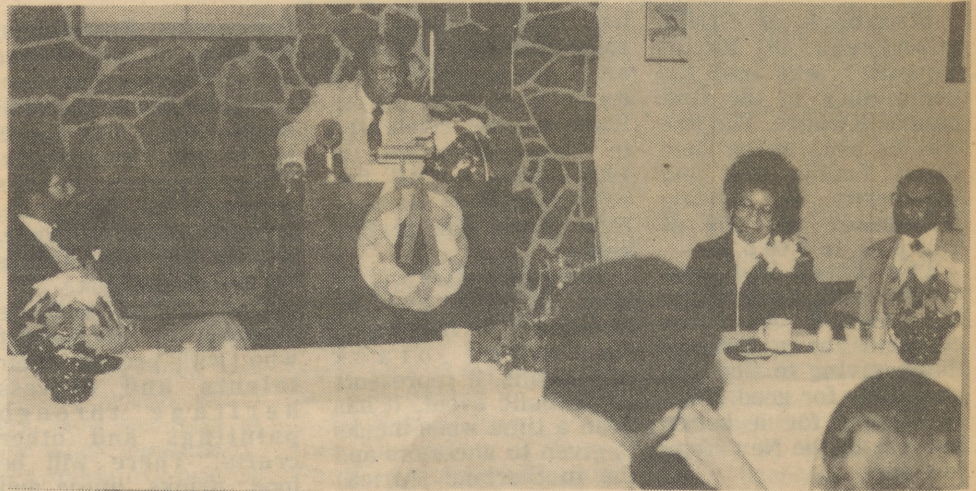
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Davis Honored At Banquet



Last week in an article about Leola Davis' retirement banquet, Rev. Allen C. Harris of Burns Methodist Church was incorrectly identified as Ms. Davis' brother, Syl Hardiman.

By way of correction, in the above photograph from left to right are Allen J. Correll, Executive Director of the Des Moines Human Rights Commission; Syl Hardiman; Leola Davis; and the Rev. Allen Harris.



Additional photographs of the banquet have become available that we thought would be of interest to our readers. In this photograph Allen J. Correll announces that Ms. Davis is to receive an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. At Ms. Davis' side is Rev. Allen Harris.

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Wednesday, December 26, 1979

Chamber of Commerce Special with A. Arthur Davis, President of the D.M. Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday, December 27, 1979

Unionism Debate - Gerald Bogan, Gerald Bogan, Iowans Right To Work vs James Wengert, President Iowa Federation of Labor

Friday, December 28, 1979

Mayor Elect Pete Crivaro and Attorney Steve Rapp

THE WEEK THAT WAS
by Christopher Eckhardt

On Monday, December 17, there was an abortion debate between Margaret Turk and Bob Dopf of Iowans Right To Life vs. Darlene Club and Jan Scolastico of Iowa National Abortion Rights Action League. Also appearing on this show was Rosemary Abbott of Birthright, Inc.

Tuesday, Billie Wallace, Don Knox, Bill Zinzer and Capt. Jack Ness of the DMPD spoke of law and order in Des Moines.

Wednesday, Julie Gammack and Drake Mabry, managing editor of the Des Moines Tribune spoke about the book "Gordon Gammack - Columns From Three Wars." Also appearing on this show from the Iowa State University Press were Ray Fassel and Rowena Malone.

On Thursday, we had a nuclear vs. solar energy debate with Bill Leech, a nuclear engineer with Iowa Power and Light Co. vs. Skip Latiner, Director of the Community Action Research Group.

On Friday Dr. Dwight Davis, superintendent of the Des Moines Schools spoke on the Quality of the Des Moines educational system. Also appearing on this show were Mary May coordinator for Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Des Moines and Larry Clayton a "Big Brother" and his "Little Brother" Richard Whisler.

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OBITUARIES

JASPER LAMBERT

Services for Jasper Lee "Speedy" Lambert, 62, of 12 15-9th Street, who died of a stroke last Thursday at his home, were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Estes and Son Funeral Home. Burial was at Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Lambert was born in New Orleans, La., and lived in Des Moines since 1944. He worked at the Iowa State Fair grounds.

Survivors include three daughters, Anita A. Robinson, Alice M. Taylor and Debra D. Ephriam, all of Denver, Colo.; two sons, Steven L. Jefferson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Nathan L. Jefferson of Davenport and seven grandchildren.

SOCIAL PAGE

Soul... Food and Thought

Aldeen Davis



Another year! What a glorious gift! 365 days, unblemished as the fallen snow. 52 weeks to be unfolded, shaped, and molded as we so choose. 365 new chances (God's will) for fresh starts. What an exciting challenge.

I have no idea who first associated the "reaper" and the "child" with the new year, but a more fitting personification couldn't be found. The vigor, robustness, aggressiveness and wide visioned thinking of youth, with their ability to forget last year's heartbreaks and disappointments. Youth

courageously reckless and unafraid to wrestle with and conquer the challenges of a new year in a glittering world; by contrast, the tragically tired, disillusioned, disappointed and sometimes bitter old man we find at the end of the year. Such a short time in which to live a full life. A completed God given cycle that will include life, tragedy and death balanced with joy exhilaration and stimulating day to day mystery.

This challenge has not always been so universally available. There was a time when a new year meant no more than the preceding year — just a life of regegmented bondage.

Dec. 31, 1862 a group of discouraged people gathered in churches to pray the old age out and the new age in; anticipation was high with the rumors that "Mistah" Lincoln was going to sign the proclamation.

Jan. 1, 1863. — The year of Jubilee. Negroes and whites gathered at Boston's Freemont's Temple, impatiently waiting. As eight o'clock, nine, nine-thirty, and ten o'clock came and still no word about Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation murmurs of

"I told you so," begin to filter through the crowd when suddenly, a man ran screaming into the room, "It's coming! It's coming on the wire!" Just what did this 13th amendment, declaring freedom mean?

It was more than the loosening of shackles, Freedom was churches and Bibles, Freedom was gin, Freedom was two names, Freedom was getting up when you wanted and lying down when the "spirit" hit you. Freedom was doing nothing, Freedom was the right to book learning. Freedom was all of this and more. But upon examining the proclamation in the hard glare of daylight it was a disappointing document. It seemed the proclamation in reality did very little emancipating. It did not apply to slaves in the loyal border states or in the sections under federal control in the South. Still there was something about the piece of paper that men could get their teeth into.

It is traditional to serve black eyed peas on New Year's to insure a prosperous, successful and thriving New Year. You prepare them in much the same way as your regular soup or lima beans, serve with corn bread.

Shriners Elect Officers—Disperse Goodwill

Zeid Temple No. 90, Prince Hall Shriners, 1409 Forest Ave., Des Moines, held election on Friday, December 14, 1979. Elected to serve as officers for 1980 were: Arthur L. McCune, Illustrious Potentate; Hercules Payton, Chief Rabban; Walter L. Humphrey, Asst. Rabban; Joseph P. Wallace, High Priest and Prophet; Paul V. Best, Oriental Guide; Frank Hogan, Sr., Treasurer; and Roderick Becton, Recorder. Appointed to complete the Divan were: Robert Wilson, Asst. Recorder; William Riddley, 1st Ceremonial Master; Leonard Hudson, 2nd Ceremonial Master; Felix Williams, Captain of the Guard; and Henry Clayton, Outer Guard.

Back through the days of the Middle Ages and into the early Christian period runs the history of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Originally it was used for the propagation of the Moslem faith and to aid in the enforcement of the law, rendering justice where the usual means were too slow or too uncertain.

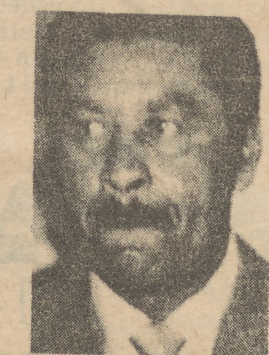
The Order of today, the Order as we know it in this country — practices the virtues of Charity and Brotherly Love. No longer Moslem, nor yet Christian, it is built upon the broader plane that receives all men alike if they believe in a Deity and are of character such as will pass the strict qualifications for membership. The modern Order of the Mystic Shrine insists upon the highest Masonic qualification, thus insuring that none but men of unquestioned character may cross its portals, but the ancient Order required a firm belief in the teachings of a Prophet Mohammed and obeisance to Allah.

Probably the most misunderstood of all the Masonic Orders, the Shriners are by far the most visible. We often

see and hear the Shriners referred to as "The Playhouse of Freemasonry". This is a misnomer and incorrect. Shriners are not the playhouse or a playbody of Masonry. We carry out very serious programs, but just have a little fun doing it.

Universally, Shriners engage in many programs beneficial to advance the cause of humanity: annual Shrine Football games, the proceeds which go to assist the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children and Adults; annual Talent Shows to award scholarships for those desiring to attend college; Fundraising projects for various charitable causes; Support for the Burns Hospitals nationwide.

It should be noted that the average hospital can



Arthur McCune.

only provide minimal treatment for burns. Special hospitals are erected across the United States to deal specifically with burns due to the heavy nature of infections and grafting — problems peculiar to burns and destroyed tissue. These hospitals are in large part supported by Shriners nationwide.

Additionally, Shriners

are ever supportive of community and civic activities, evident by the presence of numerous Shrine units in parades. In the vein of helping to keep a smile on sometimes a not too happy heart, the Shriners are famed for the Clown Units and annual Shrine Circus.

Charitable giving is an integral part of Shrinedom. This aspect

of the Shrine program is evidenced by the usual presentations of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to assist those deserving. Zeid Temple, supported by all the Nobles has been very instrumental in providing these baskets to local members of the Des Moines community throughout the years and will continue to do so —

our thanks to Loyd Hairston and the committee which heads this noteworthy project.

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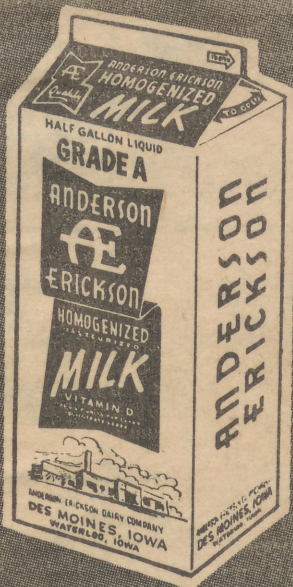
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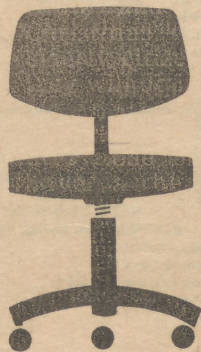
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MONDAY, DEC. 31st
There will be a WATCH NIGHT SERVICE at Kyles starting at 11:30 p.m. Ring out the old and bring in the new year. We will fellowship after the service in the lower level of the church.

JANUARY 2nd thru 5th
There will be a conference of Bishops, Pastors and Laymen to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5th
The Young Women will have a dinner. Please come out and support them.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6th
The Parent Body will sponsor a program starting at 3:00 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 at Kyles starting at 3:00 p.m.

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Our sick and shut-in members are: Venurie Patton, Arthur Flanagan, Georgia Sparkman, George and Francis Turner, Katherine Mullen, Edna Morris and Ozella.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS ONLY AS MEANINGFUL AS WE MAKE IT.

In the immortal words of Charles Dickens' Tiny Tim "GOD BLESS US EVERYONE."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday December 30th, at 7:00 p.m. The youth Department will present the Old Ship of Zion. On program will be youth from various other churches.

Monday night December 31st Morning Star Church will fellowship with other churches in Watch Meeting Service at the Corinthian Baptist Church.

The public is invited. May the New Year bring more unity, love, peace and understanding.

Pastor
Rev. Alex Crawford Jr.
Church Clerk
Sis Doris Woods

NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

The New Friendship

COGIC is yet praising God from whom all blessings flow. Let us remember during this season and coming year, that Jesus paid it all. He only asks that we give ourselves to him.

On Christmas eve, our annual Christmas program was held, with over 30 children participating and many visitors and friends and families were in attendance. Pastor Daye would like to thank Sisters Faulkner, Daniels and McQuerry for the fine Christmas program presented.

Pastor Daye is requesting all members of New Friendship to please be present on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. for a business meeting. On Sunday, December 30 which is the last Sunday of this year, let us all be present this last Sunday of 1979.

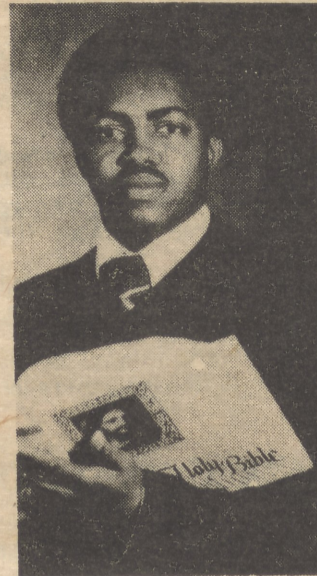
On Dec. 31, 1979 at 10:30 p.m., our Annual Watch Meeting service will be in session at New Friendship COGIC.

A Fellowship Musical Service will follow and delicious food will be available in the Dining Room. Come and let us enjoy Jesus together watching to bring the New Year.

Please don't forget the date of January 2, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.; this will begin our great NEW YEARS REVIVAL at New Friendship. The evangelist conducting this revival will be Elder J. Titus from Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Come and hear this young man expound the word of God. If you need healing, deliverance, power; whatever you need God's got it through the man of God.

The Pastor and members of New Friendship COGIC wish you and yours a blessed holiday season.



James Titus

MAPLE ST. BAPTIST MISSIONARY CHURCH

On Dec. 30, 1979, Reverend Parrish will deliver "Put a little honey in it" for his sermon. The Men's Chorus will be singing.

Installation of Officers will be Jan. 6 at 4 o'clock. Combined with Union Baptist Rev. H. I. Thomas will deliver the sermon and his choir will render the music at Maple Street.

Starting Jan. 13, 1980 we will be holding night services. The time will be at 7 o'clock.

Watch Meeting Service will be at Bethel Church starting at 10:45 Monday night Dec. 31, 1979. Rev. George H. Parrish is scheduled to deliver the sermon.

PILGRIM BAPTIST

Pilgrim Baptist, Our

Savior and Mt. Zion Oralabor, will have combined Watch Services New Years Eve. Beginning at 9:00 P.M.

There will be Ordination services to Ordain two Deacons of Pilgrim Baptist. Bro. John Daye and Bro. Michael J. Booker.

There will be

installation of officers. Our Deacons are Vernice Gordon, Treasurer and Chairman of the Deacon Board, and Deacon Edward Turner; Sr. Mother Rosie Powers is a Charter Member and our Senior Mother. Lucille Gordon, Secretary and Treasurer of the Mission.

Associated Ministers:

Rev. Carl Sanders, Rev. Tommie Williamson, Rev. Grant Barber, Rev. Harold Dickey and Rev. Kenneth Robbins.

Refreshments will be served following Services.

Pastor: Rev. Wayland B. Heath
Church Clerk: Helen G. Quinn

As If Infancy Were The Whole Of Incarnation

One time of the year the new-born child is everywhere, planted in madonnas' arms, hay mows, stables, in palaces or farms, or quaintly, under snowed gables, gothic angular or baroque plump, naked or elaborately swathed, encircled by Della Robbia wreaths, garnished with

whimsical partridges and pears, drummers and drums, lit by oversize stars, partnered with lambs, peace doves, sugar plums, bells, plastic camels in sets of three as if these were what we need for eternity.

But Jesus the Man is not to be seen. We are too wary, these days, of beards and sandalled feet.

Yet if we celebrate, let it be that He has invaded our lives with purpose, striding over our picturesque traditions, our shallow sentiment, overturning our cash

registers, wielding His peace like a sword, rescuing us into reality, demanding much more than the milk and the softness and the mother warmth of the baby in the storefront creche, (only the Man would ask all, of each of us) reaching out always, urgently, with strong effective love (only the Man would give His life and live again for love of us).

O come let us adore Him — Christ — the LORD.

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| <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. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Y.P.W.W. 7:00 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 - 266-9310</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 Morning Worship 11:00 Night Service 7:00</p> | <p>SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1213 Scott 255-6333 Pastor Rev. Benjamin W. Jamison 277-9289 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 AME 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 AME CHURCH 1201 Day Street Rev. Lewis E. Grady</p> <p>Church School 9:30 a.m. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Vespers Service 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Wed. 7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowships 5:30 p.m.</p> |

Banks Promotes Interracial Understanding

inventive genius, and Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, who pioneered in surgery on the human heart.

Reprinted From The Fort Dodge Messenger
By MAXINE PEET
Staff writer

Mrs. Annell Banks is a pleasant, hard-working woman who became involved in community affairs when she observed the extremely difficult times minorities experienced in obtaining employment and housing. Annell has in her lifetime seen the results of discrimination — in restaurants and even in burials.

"A group of interested citizens shared my observations," Annell said, "and it was then we organized the Fort Dodge Interracial Commission. Its purpose was to combat discrimination and to bring mutual understanding between men and women of different races. It served as a clearing house, and great improvement was realized in employment, etc." The late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bergeman and Mrs. Mary Lockman were also founders of the Interracial Commission.

Annell added "The tide has changed for the better. Qualifications and efficiency in those days meant very little. Now the opportunity is here for the barrier is almost broken."

Annell and her daughter, Gerolyn, live at 1427 S. 24th St. Annell's son, Charles,

with the Georgia-Pacific Corporation in Fort Dodge, has been transferred to Racine, Wis. There are three grandchildren.

Born in New Orleans, La., Annell was the daughter of a Methodist minister and his wife. Annell's mother died when she was 3 months old. Annell attended school and graduated from high school on the campus of the New Orleans University. On the wall of her living room is her photo, taken at the time of her high school graduation.

As a young woman, Annell came to live in Fort Dodge with her brother-in-law and sister, the Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Patterson.

During the time she has lived in Fort Dodge, Annell experienced discrimination in restaurants and in work opportunities.

Annell has been employed for the past 17 years at Friendship Haven, as a nurse aide in the health service area of the East Building. She was given a plaque as an honor employee of Friendship Haven by Dr. Lloyd Latta, former administrator there.

She is a member of the Second Baptist Church, for which she is trustee and treasurer of the building fund. She is currently worthy matron of Golden Star Chapter No. 31, Order of Eastern

Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, State of Iowa; and also secretary of Christina Court No. 7, Grand Exalted Order of Amaranth.

Annell is a board member of the Fort Dodge YWCA and currently the board secretary. She and other board members assisted with the recent used book sale and the annual salad luncheon at the Y. Annell has served on the board for two six-year terms.

A member of the Fort Dodge Women's Club, she is secretary of the Civic Department and towel chairperson for the Iowa Commission for the Blind. This is a Women's Club project where towels and articles made by blind persons are available for sale.

Annell was recently appointed to the Human Rights Commission. She is a former board member of the Webster County Democratic Women and a board member of the Friends of the Library. She serves as an election official for the 9th Precinct.

Annell said "Women, whether they are business executives, or homemakers, no matter what their means, each meets a very different challenge and must prove that challenge in her own special circumstances and surrounding conditions."

In addition to her

organization memberships and involvements, Annell worked as a volunteer in the United Way, for Muscular Dystrophy and for the Heart Fund.

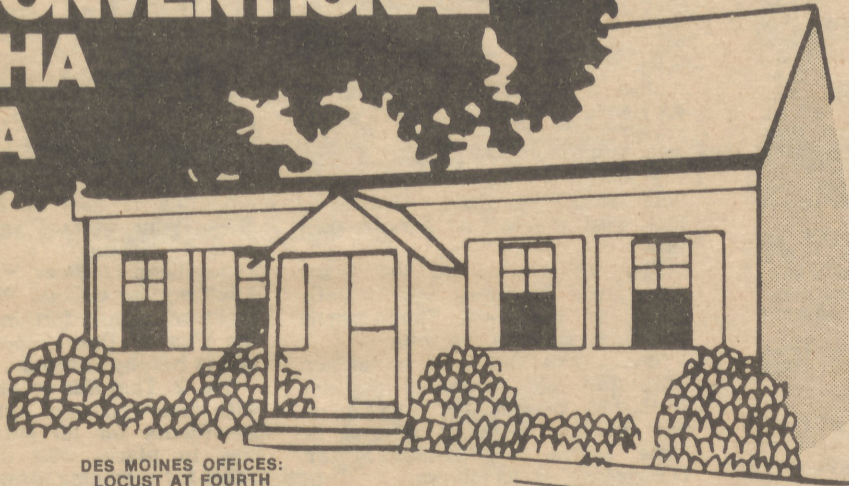
She has a collection of busts of "Ingenious Americans," Black men who have contributed to the world in various fields. She would like to exhibit the busts and speak on the men in the near future. The busts include: Garrett A. Morgan, who invented the gas mask; Lewis Latimer, who improved Edison's electric light bulb with an inexpensive carbon filament; Norbert Rillieux, who developed a process that burned sugar cane juice into a finer grade of sugar; Dr. Charles Drew, director of the American Red Cross Blood Bank; Matthew Alexander Henson, with Admiral Robert E. Peary at the North Pole; Benjamin Banneker, mathematician, astronomer and architect, who served on a committee appointed by President Washington to plan the capital city. Because of his memory, he was able to reproduce layout plans for Washington, D.C., after Major L'Enfant resigned his position and took the



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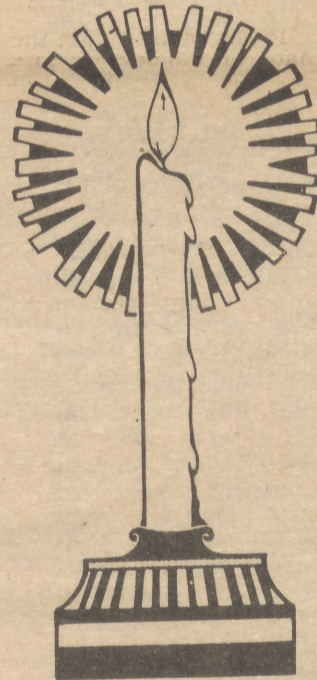


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because our hearts still feel your spirit.

It is not that we haven't visited your bed—
our hearts have grieved over your passing.

We are all looking and watching
your child blossom
We are all much wiser and closer
since your passing
We are all ready for our grand
family reunion in the sky

In the name of our Father we bless you for
the gifts you gave and shared.
In the celebration of our Father's Birthday we
shall remember you in our weakest hours for
strength.

In the Name of our Father we praise your source
of endurance,
trust in God and faith in your family.

For

In the end we shall also taste the
sweetness of earth's soil
In the end we shall feel the withdrawal
of the breath of life
In the end we shall be caught up
to meet you with Him.

Niambi D. Webster

Logan Community Development

Christmas festivities continue at the Logan Community Center and are being enjoyed by the various age groups. Friday night, December 14, the Adult Christmas Party, sponsored by the Neighborhood Priority Board and Parks & Recreation Dept., made for a very enjoyable evening.

Leola Manson was Mistress of Ceremonies and the program consisted of the reading of the Christmas Story from the Bible, interspersed with group singing of familiar traditional Christmas Carols. Special musical selections were rendered by Betty Mash and Rev. Duane Johnson. Elvira Hebron, our 87-year-old Senior Citizen, was prevailed upon to sing a song in her native Norwegian language.

Roberta Lee had planned delicious refreshment which included hot cider, gingerbread, chips and dip, and ham and cream cheese pinwheels. Delicious!

The evening was topped off by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause, (in real life, Tony & Minnie Murray), who gave out sacks of goodies to everyone. Another surprise was having Santa Claus sing two beautiful gospel songs for us.

The Neighborhood Priority Board held their Christmas Dinner and Party following the board meeting on December 20. Along with turkey and all the trimmings prepared by the Coordinator, Geneva Robinson, the members had brought a large variety of delicious

meat, vegetable, salad and dessert dishes. Once again we are convinced that Logan has to have the best cooks in the City of Des Moines. Dinner was followed by carol singing accompanied by Mrs. Alberta Hunter on the piano.

OUR CONGREGATE MEALS Senior Citizens had a real treat Thursday after they finished their dinner. The 5th and 6th grade chorus from Garton Elementary School presented "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in the form of a play with music. We all enjoyed seeing Santa in his sleigh with his reindeer and especially Rudolph with his little red nose. We appreciate these children and their teachers taking time to come and bring some Christmas cheer to our elderly citizens. We hope they will do it again!

Our wish for each and every one of you is to have a beautiful and meaningful Christmas season.

Geneva Robinson,
Logan Area
Coordinator,
and staff.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM is still continuing. If you come in to the Logan Site Office our workers will be happy to fill out the necessary papers. This is for the elderly and low income. If you would like further information on any of our programs, please call 283-4149. We are located in the Logan Community Center at East 17th St. Court & Garfield.

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

The City of Des Moines, Iowa, 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 property located at 1328 - 18th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, the owner of such property being Ruth E. Robinson.

The property upon which the said work is to be done may be 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.

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 a work sheet which specifies 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 Wed., Jan. 9, 1980 at 10 AM, at which time all bids will be opened and reviewed. The Department of Urban Development will recommend that the owner of said property accept the lowest acceptable bid. However, the City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
Lewis V. Pond, Director
Urban Development
Dated December 13, 1979
Published in the New Iowa
Bystander December 20, 1979
and December 27, 1979.

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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: 1161-10th 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
Published in the New Iowa
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ORDINANCE NO. 9672

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of Des Moines 1979, adopted by Ordinance No. 9616, passed July 23, 1979, by repealing Sections 27-1045, 27-1082, 27-1206, and 27-1660.03 thereof and enacting new Sections 27-1045, 27-1082, 27-1206, and 27-1660.03, and by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 27-1441.01, all relating to the regulation of traffic. Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of Des Moines 1979, adopted by Ordinance No. 9616, passed July 23, 1979, be and is hereby amended by repealing Sections 27-1045, 27-1082, and 27-1206, thereof and enacting new Sections 27-1045, 27-1082, and 27-1206, and by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 27-1441.01, all relating to prohibited parking and limited parking restrictions, as follows:

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Sec. 27-1045. EAST BROAD STREET — SOUTH UNION STREET TO SOUTHEAST TENTH STREET (.0347)

East Broad Street, on the south side, from South Union Street to Southeast Fifth Street, no parking any time.

East Broad Street, on the south side, from Indianola Avenue to Southeast Eighth Court, no parking any time.

Sec. 27-1082. CLEVELAND AVENUE — PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TO EAST THIRTY-THIRD STREET (.0606)

Cleveland Avenue, on the north side, from Pennsylvania Avenue to a point 100 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Cleveland Avenue, on the south side, from East Ninth Street to a point 100 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Cleveland Avenue, on the south side, from East Ninth Street to East Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.

Cleveland Avenue, on the north side, from East Twelfth Street to East Thirteenth Street, no stopping or standing.

Cleveland Avenue, on the north side, from East Thirteenth Street to a point 100 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Cleveland Avenue, on the south side, from East Fourteenth Street to Wayne Street, no parking any time.

Cleveland Avenue, on the north side, from a point 75 feet west of East Fourteenth Street to a point 100 feet east of East Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.

Cleveland Avenue, on the north side, from East Twenty-ninth Street to East Thirty-third Street, no parking any time.

Cleveland Avenue, on the south side, from East Twenty-ninth Street to East Thirtieth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 27-1206. EAST GRAND AVENUE — KEOSAUQUA WAY TO EAST SECOND STREET (.1646)

East Grand Avenue, on both sides, from Keosauqua Way to a point 55 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

East Grand Avenue, on both sides, from East First Street to a point 125 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

East Grand Avenue, on the north side, from East First Street to a point 125 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

East Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 125 feet east of East First Street to East Second Street, no parking 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

East Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 255 feet east of East First Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, commercial loading zone.

Sec. 27-1441.01. STANTON AVENUE — FLEUR DRIVE TO SOUTHWEST THIRTY-FOURTH STREET.

Stanton Avenue, on the south side, from Fleur Drive to a point 75 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Stanton Avenue, on the south side, from Southwest Twenty-sixth Street to Southwest Thirty-fourth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 2. That said Code, be further amended by repealing Section 27-1660.03 thereof and enacting a new Section 27-1660.03, relating to time zones in Parking Meter District No. II, as follows:

Sec. 27-1660.03. EAST GRAND AVENUE — KEOSAUQUA WAY TO EAST SECOND STREET (.1646)

East Grand Avenue, on both sides, from a point 55 feet east of Keosauqua Way to a point 125 feet west of East First Street, ten hour meters, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

East Grand Avenue, on the north side, from a point 125 feet east of East First Street to a point 130 feet east thereof, two hour meters, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

East Grand Avenue, on the north side, from East Second Street to a point 100 feet west thereof, two hour meters, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

East Grand Avenue, on the south side, from East First Street to East Second Street, two hour meters, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in

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

Passed December 17, 1979

Signed December 17, 1979

Form approved

R. E. Olson,
Mayor

Thomas P. Slater
Assistant City Attorney
Attest: Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

I, Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held December 17, 1979, signed by the Mayor December 17, 1979, and published in the Iowa Bystander December 27, 1979.

Helen W. Barlow,
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9673

AN ORDINANCE vacating Lots G and H, Amend Place, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

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

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the tracts of land herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That Lots G and H, Amend Place, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

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

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

Passed December 17, 1979

Signed December 17, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:
James Nervig
Assistant City Attorney
Attest:

Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk
I, Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held December 17, 1979, signed by the Mayor December 17, 1979 and published in the Iowa Bystander December 27, 1979.

Helen W. Barlow City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 9674

AN ORDINANCE vacating all of the N/S alley lying west of and adjoining Lot 1 through 9, inclusive, Subdivision of Block N, Holcomb's Addition, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

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

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the alley herein described be vacated; NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That all of the N/S alley lying west of and adjoining Lot 1 through 9, inclusive, Subdivision of Block N, Holcomb's Addition, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, be and is hereby vacated.

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

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

Passed December 17, 1979

Signed December 17, 1979

R. E. Olson, Mayor

Form approved:
James Nervig
Assistant City Attorney
Attest:

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Helen W. Barlow, City Clerk

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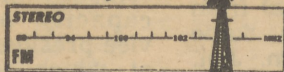
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Officials Meet With CCI To Discuss Rental Problems

On Wednesday, December 12, 1979, at 7:30 p.m., members of Citizens for Community Improvement Tenant Unions and near northside homeowners met with local officials to discuss inner-city housing problems. The invited guests were: Mary Schumaker, City Legal Dept.; Elaine Szymoniak, 1st Ward Councilperson; Dan

Johnston, County Attorney; Jerry Pecinowski, Assistant City Manager; Phillip Riley, D.M. Corporation Counsel; Mr. Fred Collins, Head of the Housing Inspection Dept.

Mr. Collins had met with the Tenant Union on Oct. 27, 1979 and this was a follow up of that meeting.

In Oct. Mr. Collins was

asked to file criminal action against three landlords, Eugene Hiskey, Greg Schlueter and Joseph Grossman. Only one of the properties involved had been filed, one had been given a 30 day notice to meet code and one had complied.

Mr. Collins was also asked in Oct. to use the power granted to him under the Housing Code

to make repairs and assess the cost to the owner. At that time, Mr. Collins said he had doubts about the legality of that part of the Code.

Mr. Phil Riley advised Mr. Collins of the Attorney Generals opinion, which said a City could make the repairs and assess the owner, as long as the owner was given an

opportunity to appeal. But the officials all agreed that the repair and assess method was not really the answer to improving rental housing in the inner-city.

Mr. Dan Johnston and Phil Riley said tenants have one of the best tools available to bring attention to their demand for better housing, and that is rent withholding.

Jerry Pecinowski said that the City could use injunctive relief to force slumlords to comply to City Code and it would have more effect than the slap on the wrist that

they receive in Court.

Mr. Johnston agreed to send the remaining cases he has pending for criminal action, back to the City for injunctive relief.

Stronger Code enforcement was another avenue the City could use to make landlords comply to City Health and Safety Standards.

A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 18, 1980, to see what progress has been made. If you have questions about starting a Tenant Union, contact CCI at 282-9412.

Wolder Returns To Help Recruit For Army

Gordon E. Wolder of Des Moines, Iowa has returned to his hometown area as a recruiter aide to help the volunteer Army get a boost and to assist the local Army representative for a 30-day period while enroute to his first permanent duty station at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Recruiter aides are soldiers who have

recently completed basic and advanced individual training and have been nominated by their Army recruiters for this program.

Gordon, a 1979 graduate of Tech High School, attended basic and advanced individual training at Fort McClellan, Alabama as a Military Policeman.

PVT. Wolder will visit

local high schools and discuss the many opportunities available in Today's Army. According to SFC Sargent Station Commander of the Des Moines Downtown Recruiting Station, "The key to our success is that we supply the training and experience, and the recruiter aide provides the willingness to learn — plus enthusiasm about

his recent Army experience."

Individuals interested in talking to Gordon should visit the Des Moines Downtown Recruiting Station located in Room 141, Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, phone; 284-4385.

Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wolder, 1155-19th Street, Des Moines.

Ad agencies announce merger

Two of Iowa's major advertising/public relations agencies, Creswell, Munsell, Schubert & Zirbel, Inc. of Cedar Rapids and Fultz, LaCasse & Associates, Inc. of Des Moines, today announced the signing of a letter of intent to merge their organizations.

The newly formed firm will be one of 15 agencies that make up Young & Rubicam USA. CMS&Z has been part of Young & Rubicam Inc., the nation's largest advertising agency, since 1974. Annual billings for the new company will be in excess of \$30 million.

The two firms will begin operating as one company immediately. Merger will be finalized as soon as practicable.

The new company will be known as Creswell, Munsell, Fultz & Zirbel Inc. (CMF&Z).

CMF&Z will maintain offices in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, and serve numerous advertising and public relations clients throughout the midwest, the United States and the world. More than 115 communications professionals will be employed at the two locations. The Dubuque office of Fultz, LaCasse & Associates will be merged into Cedar Rapids.

Bill Munsell, currently president of CMS&Z, will serve as president and chief executive officer. William J. Fultz, now president of Fultz, LaCasse & Associates, will be executive vice president and managing director, Des Moines.

Bob Schubert, who had earlier announced intentions to leave CMS&Z in 1980, will remain in the new company in his present capacity as executive vice president until July, at which time he will form a private company in an unrelated field. Robert P. Zirbel will continue as senior vice president of the new organization.

Commenting on the new agency, Munsell

said, "The scope of our merged capabilities will offer clients a unique broad range of communications services, including worldwide resources of Young & Rubicam Inc. We will provide full advertising services, of course, from both Cedar Rapids and Des Moines."

"Additionally," Munsell stated, "our Public Relations Division will now offer full services on a regional, national and international basis from two locations. Through Signal Design, Ltd., a division in Cedar Rapids, clients' corporate identity and special graphic design needs will be met. Our Special Services Division, headed by Wes Ritchie in Des Moines, will offer a broad range of sales training, dealer communications and special promotion services."

According to Fultz, "Our association with Young Rubicam and CMS&Z will provide us with expanded resources for current clients and will be a major impetus for the growth of our business in communications services. We're also pleased with the expanded career opportunities this makes possible for our professional people."

Edward N. Ney, chairman and chief executive officer of Young & Rubicam Inc., said, "The formation of CMF&Z in our central region, through the addition of Fultz, LaCasse talents and resources, furthers our efforts to provide a full range of comprehensive Y&R communication services to highly respected clients throughout the world."

Young & Rubicam Inc., with corporate headquarters in New York City and 96 agency offices throughout the world, ranks as the largest advertising agency in the United States, and is largest among U.S. agencies operating worldwide.

Literature

For Black Children

by Bobbretta Elliston Williams

(Part VI)

Literature is a delicate form of communication. For children it is a personal invitation to come, join in, and get involved! Pleasure is derived from the interaction between the child, the author and his/her creation.

Children's literature represents the past, present, and future. Through print, time stands still and allows

heroes like Amos Fortune and Harriett Tubman to come to life any day of the year. Children's literature is now! Through real life experience themes, the author provides an opportunity to identify with the characters, allowing the child to discover something new about life. It is these discoveries that the child molds into beliefs, attitudes and values upon which future

decisions will be based.

Consequently, in these times of rapidly changing values and family styles, good literature for Black children is a must! The objectives of children's literature are these:

1. To encourage a reverence for life, recognizing its significance and preciousness.

2. To expand the child's knowledge of self, learning more about one's past, present and future.

3. To demonstrate an appreciation for people and places outside of one's own realm.

4. To reveal unknown worlds, i.e., nature, animals, space, sea.

5. To foster social maturity, manners, morals, and how to get along with family, friends and foe.

This series has attempted to provide some meaningful information regarding good literature for Black children. By no means is it the "word" to be engraved in stone. Do not hesitate to let the child be the critic. In some cases, one of the greatest books may be the one that you are requested to read for the 100th time. Perhaps it is the dog-eared little golden book that the child chooses to sit in the corner with, reaping personal enjoyment from each tattered page.

BOOKLIST

ABC's of Black History, by Deloris L. Holt. Profiles of twenty-six Black Americans and their contributions to our nation and the world. Included are Ira Aldridge, Benjamin Banneker, George Washington Carver, Charles Drew, etc.

Josefina February. Living alone with her grandfather in Haiti,

Josefina decides to buy her grandfather some shoes for his birthday but when she meets a baby burro something happens. By Evaline Ness.

Crow Boy. A story of friendship by Japanese author, Taro Yashima. Illustrations as well as story are inviting.

Umbrella. Given boots and an umbrella for her birthday, Momo is excited to see the rain. The beauty of the illustrations makes the book invaluable. Also, by Taro Yashima.

When I Have a Little Girl, by Charlotte Zolotow. A little girl fantasizes about the kind of mother she will be, certainly not the kind she lives with. Her daughter will be allowed to play dress up with mommy's scarves and eat all the snow she wants. An interesting treatment of gender role identity.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Public Library of Des Moines has some opportunities for persons wishing to donate volunteer assistance; the activities in which volunteers are needed are varied. Persons wishing to offer help should call 283-4102.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Coming up at the Mid City Library at 1305 University:

"School's Out!", fun activities with films, games, books and crafts on Dec. 28 and 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Same events at 2:00 p.m., Jan. 2 and 3.

No art classes on Jan. 3 and no Ceramics class on Jan. 5.

All Des Moines Public Libraries closed at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 31st and all day January 1st.

Info Wanted On Women Owned Businesses

In the first governmental attempt to find out how many businesses in this region are owned by women, the General Services Administration is seeking information to compile such a directory.

In June of this year the first "Women and Business Midwest Regional Conference" was held in Kansas City.

The conference, which was jointly sponsored by General Services Administration, the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri - Kansas City, was attended by more than 400 women from various walks of business, industry, government and education.

As an outgrowth of the conference, GSA is compiling a directory of women-owned businesses in the four state region of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska.

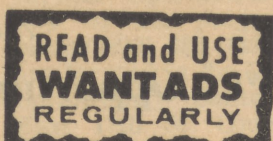
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not needed, just the name of the owner, the name and address and phone number of the company and a brief description of the type of business involved.

Entries for the directory will be accepted until January 15th, 1980.

The information should be sent to the Business Service Center, GSA; 1500 E. Bannister Road; Kansas City, Missouri, 64131.

According to Luella L. Kranz, Coordinator of Women and Business of the Midwest Regional Conference, this directory will not be made available for solicitation purposes. Each business listed will receive a copy and other copies will be distributed to universities.



ALLEN ASHBY with a LOOK ON SPORTS



Everybody comes up with a review of the past year, so here comes mine. I never expected to see three high school titles come to this city almost at once — wrestling and basketball to Dowling and the girls' basketball crown, which many believe is the biggest prize of all, to East.

But it happened, and if you were within five hundred miles of the state you knew about it. Then there was the city basketball show which was really dominated by Dowling with the rest scrambling for second place. From that we went to the track season and the Drake Relays. This show saw the black schools which usually ran in the college sections competing in the university division and doing all right.

For the first time I got an answer to the question I had always wanted to ask the black runners from places like Brigham Young, and some of the

southern schools. I wanted to know about their social life and how they got along with the student body. Some of them said it was not bad, and some let me know they didn't think much of it.

But the surprise came from the Africans. They said they were too busy training to have any social life. I answered, "Oh, yea."

I was glad to see Juan Farrow who played here a few years back in the Missouri Valley junior tennis tournament. This time he led his team, Southern Illinois, to the Drake Relay team crown, and I got in a few words with him.

Came our section of the Younker's Kodol meet, and that was won by Harold McCullom, and I think it was the first time he had made the final sixteen, and you never saw a happier man. From that to the Hawkeye with its usual gang of divisions, but there was a scarcity of women in the open division, and it was like that all around the state.

Then came our Hilltop meet that wasn't quite as big as former years, but we had around three hundred entrants. Arden Stokstad and Greg Russell retired the Bill Ashby Memorial doubles cups which had been in competition for seventeen years, and I have a feeling that John Stauffer will be back for the Louis Myles singles mug on which he has two legs.

Perhaps the greatest day in my tennis career was my induction into the Iowa Tennis Hall of Fame. Our Hilltop Closed was just a bit smaller than last year, but it was run off in good time without the usual delays. Russ Saunders became the first one to win the singles title two years in a row. He also won the doubles crown. The setup caused us to do some thinking about a different format in 1980.

The football season was one to remember, because Iowa came up with respectability, even if they did lose one more game than they won. They were never really out of any ball game but the Ohio State game. Iowa State had their share of troubles, but they look forward to better days next year. Drake had to set some sort of a record for losing games in the last quarter. They would get a big lead, and then the roof would fall in.

In our high schools, I thought Dowling was the best team in the city at the end of the season, and I still think so, even if Valley did run them out of the stadium in their final game. Valley was either red hot or cold, and if they were hot, it was tough. They could break runs of from ten to eighty yards, and kill the opposition.

They they could have trouble finding the scrimmage line, and that happened in the state title game. I refuse to believe the other team was that much better.

North still has to win one, and Tech seems to be gaining some respect around the league. We thought East had a shot at the metro crown for a while, but it was just that, a thought.

Now we are heading into another basketball season, and Iowa University seems to take up where they left off last year, while Drake is really rolling. Maybe the defending Big Ten champs are for real this year, too.

Iowa U. may not have had much of a football team in 1978, but they came on in wrestling, winning both the Big Ten and the NCAA team titles, and finishing in a three way tie for the league basketball crown in 1979.

Affirmative Action

The Fair Employment Practices Committee, which took the threat of a massive March on Washington to establish, noted in 1941 that proposals made by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen to the industry 1150 greatly impaired the seniority rights of Negro firemen and inflated those of junior white firemen that the better jobs have become or are rapidly becoming the monopoly of the white firemen.

Black workers did not accept this discrimination silently. Hill mentions Black brakemen employed by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, who noted in their complaint, "As brakemen we are restricted and cannot become Flagmen although the white brakemen have this privilege. The white brakemen can be advanced or promoted to flagmen and conductors but such advancement is not open to the colored brakemen."

The railroads made no bones about the fact that their collective bargaining agreements "restrict the proportion of Negro locomotive firemen and helpers to 50% or less in each class of service (and) eliminate the hiring of Negro locomotive firemen and helpers until such proportion or percentage is established." In other words, quotas were used to

exclude Blacks.

Such actions were not peculiar to the railroad brotherhoods. Hill's book is littered with examples of systematic efforts to exclude Blacks from the economic mainstream. For example, the union of present AFL-CIO head Lane Kirkland (who, by the way, flashes his "Old South" credentials by calling the Civil War "The War of Northern Aggression"), the Masters, Mates and Pilots — a maritime union — excluded Negroes by a clause in its constitution; this practice unfortunately, was the rule and not the exception in many major unions. When the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers became the collective bargaining agent at the Bauer Electric Company in Hartford, Connecticut, it demanded that all Black production workers be dismissed that all Black production workers be dismissed from there because they could not be admitted into union membership. Again, this was an isolated episode and only space limitations prevent a complete recitation of the sorry litany.

It should be noted, however, that Hill does not pay sufficient attention to the major force involved in discrimination against Black workers — i.e. employers. He does mention in a footnote a now famous quote from AT & T Vice President Walter Strally: "What a telephone cinoabt needs to know

about its labor market (is) who is available for work paying as little as \$4000 to \$5000 a year ... It is therefore just a plain fact that in today's world telephone company wages are more in line with Black expectations ... It is therefore perfectly plain that we need nonwhite employees. Not because we are good citizens. Or because it is the law ... We need them because we have so many jobs to fill and they will take them."

In other words, employers by using under - paid Black employees can drive down the wage scale for all employees — and the less wages paid out the more profits taken in.

Some unions, to their credit, have recognized this basic fact of life for decades and thus, have rushed to include Blacks in their ranks and their leadership. Hill, on this score, deserves a pat on the back door highlighting the path-breaking work of the United Packinghouse Workers and the United Auto Workers — both heralded pioneers in the field of race relations.

At any rate, with the coming recession and the expected lay-offs of minority workers ("Last hired-first fired"), we must begin to explore alternatives to such a course. Though some would deceive us into thinking so, seniority as a basis for lay-offs has not been the rule always and there is nothing necessarily sacred about this principle. Moreover, the principle was erected during a time when millions of Black workers and other minority workers had either not entered the labor market or had been barred from it altogether. New realities require new solutions and we should not condemn the thermometer just because it registers a different temperature when the room climate changes.

On the other hand, quotas to include Black workers must be more aggressively used as an antidote and corrective to quotas used for decades to exclude Black workers. Our high unemployment rates and low incomes are directly attributable to such policies and simple justice, if nothing else, requires that our system accept the vaccination of "inclusive quotas".

Herbert Hill, who did yeoman duty on our behalf during his years with the NAACP, must be congratulated and praised for his incisive, penetrating analysis that constitutes one of the best arguments for affirmative action to come down the pike in many a year.

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Apply Now For Fuel Bill Aid

Iowa Senator Gary Baugher, R-Ankeny, urged today that lower income persons who believe they are eligible should apply for special federal aid as soon as possible to help pay for this winter's fuel bills.

"With the state receiving \$27 million this year, six times more than last winter, workers have been going at a fast pace to serve those applying," said Baugher. "The State Office of Planning and Programming estimates that 50,000 Iowans will receive some kind of aid, compared to 19,000 last year. That's quite an increase! The maximum supplement has increased from \$250 to \$400, also."

Baugher stated that people wishing to apply should call their nearest Community Action Agency to find out if they are eligible and make arrangements for completing necessary application forms. If they are uncertain which one to contact, they may call, toll free 1-800-532-1532 during the day Monday through

Friday.

"It's important that people who are unable to leave their residences know that a worker will come to where they live to help prepare the forms," commented Baugher. "They should also be certain they ask what kind of information they will have to have available to use in the application. The forms include a place for breaking down the total household income into sources, such as salary, unemployment insurance, Social Security payments, pension fund, Supplemental Security Income, certificates of deposit, interest from investments, etc."

"There are also forms for proof of income documentation and for authorizing waiver of privacy for obtaining information regarding eligibility under the program. It would save a good deal of time to have the information gathered before going to fill out forms," he concluded.

Baugher mentioned that there is also a plan

to help renters, which will necessitate figuring the cost of energy used from November 1978 to March 1979 and November 1979 to March 1980. Landlords will have to indicate what increase their fuel / utility bills experienced, since the winter of 1978 - 1979, that required a rent increase of a specific monthly amount, including how much of it was due to energy hikes.

In conclusion, Baugher called for people to "contact me in Ankeny or at the Capitol if they do not get proper help when applying. Additionally, I caution that while Iowans are fortunate to receive this

hefty grant, it is imperative that it not be counted on annually. Federal funds can be most helpful in providing short - term relief for problems or creating impetus for getting projects rolling, but we can never depend they will be around in the long haul."

Community Action Agencies in Senate District 31: West Des Moines Center, 612 Walnut, West Des Moines, Ia. 50265, 515-223-3236; Delaware Center, 2666 N.E. Broadway, Des Moines, Ia. 50313, 515-265-5357; Neighborhood Development, 102 E. Grand, Des Moines, Ia. 50309, 515-283-4468.

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