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## Gentry Sees Reason To Reprimand School Administrator

The following was the statement of dissent filed by Des Moines School Board member Nolden Gentry concerning the action by the school board on whether to reprimand Goodrell Junior High School Assistant Principal Roger Aceto for using a racially derogatory remark.

The board voted 4-3 not to file the letter of reprimand and Gentry wrote this statement of dissent explaining why he thinks the letter of reprimand should have been filed.

"This case requires the Board to determine whether the use of the racially derogatory word 'Spic' by an administrator violates School District Policy No. 410. The majority of this Board concludes that use of the word 'Spic' when referring to the two Mexican-American students is not violative

of District policy. I disagree.

"In the late 1960's this Board amended the Discipline Policy for students to define 'displays of racial bigotry or intolerance' as breaches of student discipline. On the 5th day of August, 1969, Mr. A. Arthur Davis sought to amend Policy No. 410 to

include 'displays of racial bigotry and intolerance' as grounds for separation of staff persons. Action on said amendment was referred to the administration and was approved by the School Board.

Policy No. 410 states: The Board of Directors may discharge any teacher for just cause by majority vote.

One of the concerns of this school system is to improve intercultural, intergroup relationships and to assist in the development of brotherhood and desirable human relationships. At times, an individual may say or

do things which reflect unkindly upon another's race, religion or national origin.

Act of intolerance toward another's creed, color or ethnic background are subject to reprimand. If the act of intolerance is sufficiently serious, the

administration may consider it as just cause for dismissal from employment. In such cases, as in all other administrative recommendations, the final decision is made by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors, by majority

vote, may discharge a classified employee of the District. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the employee may be given the right to appeal the dismissal. (Emphasis added.)

'In May, 1980, Joe

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## "For Colored Girls..."

The Langston Hughes Company of Players a fine arts repertoire based in Des Moines, has successfully toured for three years with the controversial choreopoem by Ntozake Shange, FOR COLORED

GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF.

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Christiana Martin enjoys reading at the library. Photos by Cathy Carroll.



Librarian Rose Marie Webster shows an electric piano available for loan.



Left to right: Kimberly Johnson and Jackie Person participate in a ceramics class.



# IEWS and REVIEWS

by Allen Ashby

I would be willing to take bets that the present scheme of the conservatives in Congress will fail, not because the whole deal is wrong, but because a reversal of the school desegregation laws and the rest of the civil rights laws would cause too much confusion.

It has now come out that the black haters who have had to lay low for twenty years are ready to make their move to repeal the whole bit. First it will be busing on the excuse that people should attend neighborhood schools. That wasn't considered when black kids had to walk past white schools to get to their black schools which were so far inferior that there was no comparison.

So now we have to have quality education in our neighborhood schools, which the government helped furnish the money to build. But nobody thought that black kids would some day be bused into these plush white schools, and that's when integration became a

bad thing and forced busing became a dirty word.

What kind of busing was it called when black kids had to go from five to fifteen miles because they had better not get caught in the vicinity of a white school.

Then, after we get the school situation straightened out, we will go after the job situation. Affirmative action will have to go because an employer should have the right to hire anybody he wants, and not on the color of their skin.

Then we will go after these law breakers and establish capital punishment for as many crimes as we can and you don't have to be told who that will get.

And, do you know, we just might be able to repeal the voting laws of the country, and that will get rid of all these black sheriffs, judges, mayors and such. Oh, we keep some of them from voting now by force, but we have to be sneaky about it, and this time we won't have to even pretend anything.

If we can stay in power for as many years as the liberals did, we can get the country back to the days when you could shoot down black people and not get very much time for it. Do you reckon we can get back to the plantation days?

But, in all the face of this changing of the guard, do you know the people we will probably get the biggest trouble from? Not the churches, and the dogooders, but the athletic directors and coaches. Where would schools like Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and the rest like that be if they had to give up their black stars in all sports.

I don't know if they get their degrees or not, but the

Southern schools really use them for all they are worth. Last spring I watched schools like Grambling, Texas Southern, Prairie View and the like compete in the Drake Relays against Texas University, Baylor, and the likes of them.

The white schools from the South had so many blacks on the track in the short relays that it looked like University Avenue on Saturday night. The blacks divided the races, winning some and losing some for the schools on different sides.

Then there were guys like Harvey Gance of Georgia and the boys from Texas Southern along with the girls from Prairie View, and they were black too. Now, do you think for one minute that people like Bear Bryant and Johnny Majors are going to let this black talent get away.

Why, they would fight the Civil war over again, and this time it wouldn't be to free the slaves, but to keep these fine black athletes in all of these Southern schools. And that goes for just about all of the major sports all around the country.

Surely there are some great white athletes, but do you think they would want to compete against Jackson State, Grambling, Alcorn and the rest in front of all of the people who would be attending those events?

No, Southern conservatives, I'm afraid you have lost this battle before a shot was fired because if you mess up the Southern athletics—the Reagan vote will look like a precinct election compared to the vote that will run you guys out of power before you could say "Pass the biscuits, please."



## Thoughts and Comments

By James B. Morris III

The facts in this case may be summarized as follows:

Following the escape of these nine slaves from the plantation of Ruel Daggs in early June of 1848, they proceeded northward towards freedom via the "Underground Railway." This group was able to evade the patrols of armed southerners who patrolled all roads around cities and towns suspected of harboring the black escapees until they were approximately a mile from the Quaker village of Salem.

While hiding in the bushes, they were discovered by two Missouri slave catchers, Samuel Slaughter and a Mr. McClure, who were acting on behalf Daggs and his son. Immediately upon discovery, these two proceeded to return these escapees to Missouri. Shortly after they started, they were confronted by three male Quakers from Salem, Elihu Frazier, Thomas Clarkson Frazier, and William Johnson.

One of these men demanded that the slaves be returned to Salem where the slave catchers would be given the opportunity to prove their claims before the

local Justice of the Peace. Although the slave catchers obviously were unwilling to do this voluntarily, but agreed finally to do so. Another of the men, in preventing the slave catcher's departure with their capture, put aside his Quaker permissiveness and said that he would "... wade in Missouri blood before the negroes should be taken..."

Before a determination was to be made by the local Justice of the Peace, the Missourians agreed to abide by the outcome based upon "due process of law."

By the time of their arrival in Salem, nearly the entire town had been informed of the situation, and nearly everyone joined the procession towards Justice Gibb's office located in the home of Henderson Lewelling.

Because the office was too small to accommodate the crowd of interested citizens, the meeting was adjourned to the Anti-Slavery Meeting House. There, Gibbs and two attorneys, Button and Street, were prepared to inquire into the right of Slaughter and McClure to seize the blacks located as fugitives from labor. Slaughter then offered to prove by McClure, who had hired him to assist in the chase, that the blacks in question actually belonged to Daggs, but was not permitted to do so.

Gibbs' requested Slaughter to produce a certificate from the Clerk of Court in Missouri with his seal to prove ownership of the blacks, but was unable to do. Gibbs was then requested by Button to discharge the captives, which he refused to do, saying the case was not properly before him. He was then requested to declare the captives to be free, and said that they were as free as himself for all that he knew. For a moment, everyone seemed at a loss to know what to do next.

Suddenly, Paul Way, another Quaker, shouted "... If

anybody wants to foller me, let him foller... and two of the captives immediately mounted horses and rode off with him to freedom. The remaining blacks in the party were taken in charge by other Quakers, and Slaughter and McClure left the village in great anger promising to return to wreak vengeance upon the village.

A few days later a large number of well-armed Missourians paid the village a visit. They essentially besieged the town and sent armed search party to every "nigger-stealing house" therein. Thomas Frazier's home was the first to be singled out for detailed investigation.

In fact, there had been slaves hidden in the house but, due to advance warning, he was aware of the upcoming visit. Accordingly, he had removed the black fugitives from his house and hid them in some nearby timber. Frazier and his family were quietly eating dinner when the Missourians arrived and with curses and threats announced their purpose of searching his home.

The Quakers quietly assented, but their search was fruitless. Other homes were visited with as little regard to the rights and feelings of the owners thereof, and similar results were achieved. Shortly thereafter, in September of that year, Daggs commenced this action for the purpose of recovering compensation for the services of those nine escaped slaves who were, he alleged, assisted to elude the control and custody of his agents by the defendants, in violation of an act of Congress of 1793.

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# History Of Des Moines NAACP Published

"The Founding and Early Years of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Des Moines, 1915-1930" is a featured article in the fall issue of *The Annals of*

Iowa, a quarterly journal of history published by the Iowa State Historical Department.

Authored by Jack Lufkin, a recent M.A. graduate of Iowa State University, this article

describes the discrimination faced by black Des Moines residents in the early twentieth century and the struggles and successes of the organization they formed to combat racial prejudice.

The leadership of early black Des Moines activists such as S. Joe and Sue Brown, James B. Morris, Elbert Hall, and John Thompson is highlighted. The *Annals'* cover photo is a portrait of S. Joe Brown taken from the February 20, 1920 *Iowa Bystander*.

The *Annals of Iowa* is available by subscription at \$2 per year from the Division of Museum and Archives, E. 12th and Grand, Des Moines. Current single copies

may be obtained for 50cents each.

Other articles in the fall 1980 *Annals* are: "Black Disaffection from the Republican Party During

the Presidency of Herbert Hoover" and "The Social Philosophy of Herbert Hoover."

## ELK NEWS

Hawkeye Lodge No. 160 is continuing their Saturday morning breakfasts from 7:00-11:00 for your patronage. Come and bring a friend!

Both Brothers and Daughters are reminded to get your donations of non-perishable foods this week end for distribution to the needy for Thanksgiving. Do not be on the "short list" with your giving to those less fortunate than you.

For all of those whose interest is in pool, THE POOL TOURNAMENT is being held nightly at 7:00 p.m.

All of the hospitalized have made it home except Calvin Pruitt in Veterans 5W. Reports are that he is doing nicely and is much encouraged by hearing from you. Many thanks for the faithful!

Volunteers are wanted for the Christmas decorating Dec. 4th at 7:00 p.m. It can be a fun thing as well as many things if you will only give of yourself sometime.

Wishing to all of you a VERY BLESSED AND THANKFUL THANKSGIVING.

Rose Temple will cancel their regular meeting next Friday after Thanksgiving. Come prepared for the next regular meeting Dec. 12th. Correspondence should be received before then with full particulars.

Sioux City is hosting the State Council this weekend. Cars are available for those wishing transportation. Call the Club for information.

## THREE PURPOSE CLUB

The Three Purpose Club has resumed their club calendar for 1980-81.

Plans are well in progress for our fifty anniversary in 1981.

The flea market that is an annual affair which was held Saturday was lots of fun and successful.

The next meeting will be at the home of Musette Perkins. Edith Webb - Pres. Grace Wade Secy.

## Project Retrofit

To help persons on fixed incomes cut down on utility bills, community volunteers will weatherize the homes of 40 low-income elderly or handicapped citizens on Sat., Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As part of Project Retrofit, which is sponsored by the Iowa Center for Local Self-Reliance with funds from the Des Moines Office of Neighborhood Development, 10 teams of volunteers will install such energy-saving devices as water-saving shower heads, weatherstripping for

windows and doors and water heater insulation in homes in Prime Service Areas.

Volunteers will be working on homes in their own neighborhoods, where persons on fixed incomes are spending a

larger percentage of their checks on utility costs. Some persons are trading off other essentials, paying their utility bills rather than buying food.

Volunteers contact Marilyn at 255-1200.

## CHAPMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT IOWA-NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

Vince Chapman, President of the Des Moines Chapter of the NAACP was elected President of the Iowa-Nebraska State Conference of Branches of the NAACP.

Robert Morris, President of the Iowa city Branches of the NAACP was elected First Vice-President.

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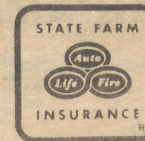
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# Promoted At Post Office

The Postal Service Central Region has recently announced the appointment of Floretta Reed to the position of Manager for the Transportation Management Office in Des Moines, Iowa.



Flo Reed

Reed is a career postal employee with over 15 years service. She started at the entry level position of distribution clerk and progressed up the ladder as window clerk, Data Technician, Data Specialist, and supervisor of mails. She was a supervisor and acting manager of the Worldway Postal Terminal in Los Angeles for a period, one of the largest postal facilities in the world.

She was the first woman to hold a dock supervisor position at this terminal. Her most recent position, which she held for five years, was a Highway Transportation Specialist; 2½ years in Los Angeles and 2½ years in St. Louis, Missouri.

## KIWANIS BASKETBALL JAMBOREE

The Downtown Kiwanis Club of Des Moines will sponsor the 33rd Annual Basketball Jamboree featuring the Des Moines area high schools on Monday, November 24, 1980 at North High School.

The proceeds from this event go to support and provide treatment for crippled children. Since the inception of this Jamboree in 1948, the Downtown Kiwanis Club has contributed \$563,375.00 toward the aid of crippled children. Tickets are available from any Downtown Kiwanis Member or at North High on November 24th.

The game will start at 7:00 P.M. as follows:

- Tech vs Hoover 1st Qtr;
- East vs Roosevelt 2nd Qtr;
- Lincoln vs North 3rd Qtr;
- Valley vs Dowling 4th Qtr.

As Manager of the TMO, Reed has the responsibility for all transportation services in the Iowa and Nebraska Postal Districts. She is the contracting officer for over 480 highway contracts, air taxis and bus routes. These contracts are currently valued at over 18 million dollars.

Reed noted that contract bidding will be open in the spring of 1981 and her office will be seeking minority contractors who can provide the needed services. In addition she has the supervisory responsibility for 12 employees and must ensure the timely dispatch and transportation of mail from Iowa and Nebraska to collection and interception points throughout the entire United States.

Although Reed majored in business administration at Los Angeles City College, Computer Management at East Los Angeles College and Accounting at UCLA, she plans to continue her education here in Des Moines by enrolling in engineering studies as soon as she is situated.

In analyzing her present success in the Postal Service, Reed

attributes much to her own motivation and drive to better herself as a person and to learn as much as possible about the job she was doing, how it affected others and the jobs around her. In her early supervisory positions she learned how to deal with people, how to make decisions, and how to grow as an individual manager.

But more important was the ability of the administration and upper management to recognize her potential and aid her in directing her positive attitudes towards successfully reaching her goals.

Flo Reed, as she is commonly known, resides in Des Moines with her family which includes two daughters who can well pattern after their mother in seeking a role model of black female success. She is the highest ranking black female in her area of responsibility and one of the highest females nationwide.

However she stresses the fact that although it is unfair, women and black women in particular have to work twice as hard and have better qualifications. But, at present, they should accept this and not allow it to deter from their goals, seeing it as a trial period which in

some respect will allow them to prove themselves.

In the words of Flo Reed, "This is a tremendous

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# Joint Center Releases Preliminary Results Of Black Vote

An overwhelming majority of blacks who voted on November 4 supported President Jimmy Carter, but blacks appear to have given Ronald Reagan sufficient votes in several closely contested southern states to provide him with a margin of victory.

These conclusions are based on preliminary findings from a two-part national survey of black voting patterns conducted by the Joint Center for Political Studies. One part of the survey consisted of exit interviews of black voters in randomly selected precincts across the country. The other is based on actual votes cast in randomly selected precincts with 90 percent or more black population.

The survey also disclosed that there was a slight decline in the proportion of registered black voters who went to the polls this year as compared to 1976.

The preliminary findings suggest that the black vote followed closely the pattern of 1976 with President Carter receiving about 89 percent of the vote compared to just under 9 percent for Governor Reagan. Independent John Anderson and minor party presidential candidates shared about 2 percent of the black vote. In 1976 Jimmy Carter won 90 percent of the black vote, and incumbent President Gerald Ford won 7.8 percent, according to the Joint Center's 1976 election analysis.

The 1980 survey indicated that very few black voters heeded the call of some black activists to refuse to vote for any of the presidential candidates.

While strong support for Carter was

nationwide, in at least two southern states in the Joint Center's sample, it appears that Reagan won enough black votes to provide his margin of victory. In Arkansas, for example, where he won with less than 5,000 votes, he won over 8,000 black votes. Similarly, in Tennessee, where his winning margin was about 6,000 votes, Reagan won over 16,000 black votes. Indications are that this development may have occurred in a few other states.

The Joint Center estimates that 40 percent of the 17 million eligible black voters went to the polls, compared to about 52 percent for the nation as a whole. This is about two percentage points higher than in 1976 when there were 15.4 million eligible black voters.

Utilizing voter registration data provided by a national opinion poll, the Joint Center concluded that there was a decline in the percentage of blacks who were registered but who did not vote. In 1976 64.4 percent of registered voters went to the polls compared to 60 percent this year. One explanation of this phenomenon may be that some registered voters who stayed home were neither motivated by the Carter campaign nor threatened by the prospect of a Reagan victory.

Commenting on the findings in the Joint Center's survey, JCPA President Eddie N. Williams, said:

"In a landslide presidential election, such as that achieved by Governor Reagan, the black vote has little direct impact on the outcome. However, it might still be crucial in certain localities and

states. Moreover, peculiarities in black voting behavior often suggest important trends for the future and provide unique opportunities for both blacks and a new administration.

"The black support given to Governor Reagan in some states and the decline in participation by registered voters may well suggest such a trend and an opportunity in this election. These factors

provide a basis for a responsive Reagan

Administration to build bridges to the black community."

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## WOODS' AND FRIENDS MOTOR TO KANSAS CITY

On Sunday, October 12, 1980, Gilbert and Darlene Woods travelled to Kansas City in their motor home with friends to the Houston Oilers & Kansas City Chiefs football game.

Prior to leaving Des

Moines the group enjoyed breakfast at the home of G. W. and Josie Williamson. It was a beautiful day in Kansas City and the football game was exciting, before returning home dinner was at Gates Bar-B-Q.

Those in attendance

were: Darlene & Gilbert Woods; Josie & G.W. Williamson; Gloria Burrell; Bobby Wilson; Annette & Rod Becton; Ruth & Walt Humphrey;

Janice & Bill Riddley; Barbara & Eddie Robinson and Elaine & Felix Williams.

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### NAACP ELECTION NOTICE

At the October 28th meeting of the Des Moines branch of the NAACP, the following were elected to a Nominating Committee.

Shirley G. Steele, W. Stevenson Glanton, J. B. Morris III, Roba Turner, Linda Carter, Dian Walls, Sandra Bell, Monroe Colston, Maxine McNair, Rosa Balark, Dorothy Hammitt, Rev. H.I. Thomas.

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to interview persons qualified as candidates for Branch Offices. The committee will submit a written report designating its nominees at the regular membership meeting to be held November 25, 1980 at 5:30 P.M. at Willkie House Community Center, 900 17th Street.

Offices open for election are President, three (3) Vice Presidents Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and members of the Executive Committee. Candidates must be a member in good standing (financial) with the Branch at least thirty (30) days prior to November 25, 1980.

The election of officers will be held on December 16, 1980, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 1206 Day Street. Those elected will serve their terms during 1981 and 1982.

Members interested in being nominated by the Nominating Committee should contact a member of the committee, be interviewed, and give written consent to be nominated.

Des Moines NAACP  
900 17th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50314  
Phone 243-5301

**DATE:** **TIME:**  
Saturday, Nov. 22nd 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 22nd 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**PLACE:**  
Des Moines Community Playhouse 831-42nd St.

**Ticket Information:** Lucia 247-5105  
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**Donation:** \$3.00 Advance  
Tickets also available at door \$3.50

# The Church Page

## MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Alex Crawford  
Reporter Nancy Hickman

Don't forget the sick and shut in dinner at the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 25 beginning at 10:45 a.m. Sister Hickman the president urges anyone able to drive his or her car, to contact her, at her home and give your name to her. The No. is 282-7573. This is an annual dinner held by the East Side Mission in order for many churches to share with the sick, elderly, handicapped and indigent a meal of Thanksgiving on this day.

There will be a bake sale for the Morning Star Sunday School, held at the 27th and Ingersoll HyVee Store. Starting at 9 a.m. Sat. Nov. 22. Please stop by and make a purchase from them on this date.

Don't forget the musical program to be held on Sunday December 14 at 5 p.m. Mrs. Nancy Hickman is in charge. Watch for the names of the musical participants.

Prayers for all our sick are solicited and for those we know of Mrs. Helen Broadus at home not feeling well. Mr. Langston Abbott at Broadlawn Medical Center, Mrs. Justina Holt is at home convalescing nicely.

Remember: Hate is always tragic and there is no good in it.

## MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Nov. 22—Pastor's Harvest 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 23—Annual Senior Choir Program at 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 30—Go to New Bethany C.O.G.I.C. at 1:00 p.m. Sis. Evieleen Green will speak.

Nov. 30—Dec. 5 Out Reach Revival 7:30 each evening.

### Thought for today

You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him or to him.

JoAnne Berth  
(Church Clerk)

## TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ezell Wiggins, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study, Sun. 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study, Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Robert Reno, pastor of Southtown Baptist Church, brought us an inspiring message taken from the book of Acts, Chapter 3.

Our Pastor Wiggins

was the morning speaker at Southtown Baptist. The ministers exchanged pulpits for last Sunday morning services. Please remember the sick. Doug Jones is in Lutheran Hospital, Rm. 365.

Mrs. Ruth Archibald, having undergone surgery recently is recovering at home. Pastor Wiggins speaks over KWKY each Sun. 9 a.m. Reaching Souls for Christ. For the word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. Hebrews 4:12.

## SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

438 4TH AVE. NORTH CLINTON, IOWA 52732  
INSTALLATION SERVICES

The Rev. Lionel M. Davis will be installed as pastor of Second Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. The public is invited.

Officiating at the installation will be Rev. T.R. Edwards, pastor of Union Baptist Church in Quincy, Illinois. Rev. Edwards is the moderator and vice president of Iowa Missionary and Educational Baptist Convention.

Rev. Lionel Davis has been with Second Baptist Church since 1971 serving as chairman of the deacon board from 1972 to 1977. He also has served as superintendent of Sunday School. Rev. Davis was licensed to preach in 1977 by the late Rev. A. J. Thornton, former pastor of Second Baptist Church. In 1978, Rev. Davis was ordained under the leadership of

Rev. Wesley Foster, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Fort Dodge, Ia.

Rev. Davis has resided in Clinton for the past ten years, is employed at Ralston Purina Company. He has seven children and he and his wife Yvonne Bright Davis moved from Ponchatoula, LA.

To further his ministry, Rev. Davis has enrolled for studies with an area Bible Institute.

Dinner will be served at the church from 1:30 to 2:30 P.M. Public is invited to attend.

## BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

"Together, We Love"  
"Together, We Serve"  
"Together, We Build"

Pastor Jones' sermon topic was "Conflict" the past Sunday. Scripture reference: Isaiah 61:3-7. Rev. Jones reminded the attentive congregation "We must show more love and concern to one another, and that our lives can be what we want them to be if what we are doing is pleasing in the sight of God."

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 20 - Pastor's Harvest Night, 7:30 p.m. Elder Reasby will preach.

November 21 - Class leaders meet at church.

November 30 - Bethel will worship with Shiloh Bapt. Church at 7 p.m. for Mission Day.

December 6 - Beginning at 11 a.m. Sr. Usher Board will sell chicken dinners.

7:30 p.m. - A Tom Thumb Wedding, sponsored by the Sr. Choir.

Bethel sends a special thank - you to Dr. Charles R. Cagin, Dept. of Cardiology, Wilden Clinic for his contribution to the church in memory of Mrs. Myra May. We are indeed grateful and very appreciative.

Don't forget to PRAY for the sick and shut - in everywhere.

"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

—Church Clerk

## MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

The Langston Hughes Company of Players will be presenting "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide, When The Rain-Bo is Enuff." The performances will begin Nov. 22nd. Sat. Night at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday Matinee at 4:00 P.M. and Sunday night at 8:00 P.M. at the Des Moines Community Play House. Tickets available now at the Playhouse are \$3.00 in advance and \$3.50 at the door, at the times of the performances.

Lucia Howell is in charge

The Pastor's Award will be given to the Sunday School member who recruits the most new members. The deadline is Nov. 30th. The Sunday school is selling blue and white caps with the church name on them. Please see any Sunday School teacher if you are interested. All the proceeds will go toward

sending delegates to the congress next year.

Nov. 30, 1980 is Mission Day. There will be a program here at the church beginning at 4:00 P.M. Please come out and join us.

A Christmas musical will be given on Sunday Dec. 7, 1980. Please keep this date in mind. Mr. Robert Tate, our Minister of Music will be in charge. Our mass choirs will sing. The public is cordially invited, so please come out and enjoy yourselves in the Lord.

## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH REVEREND H.I. THOMAS PASTOR

"IF YOU MOVE SELF, THEN GOD CAN USE YOU"

Pastor Thomas was in the pulpit last Sunday morning. The Adult voices sang. The congregation read in unison "Ecclesiastes 8:15"

ALL SICK AND ALL SHUT INS NEED PRAYER — WE ALL NEED PRAYER. Our known hospitalized are Sisters Shirley Woods and Ruth Jenkins at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, Brother Henry

Williams at V.A. Medical Center. PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY EACH WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Saturday at 11:00 A.M. the Sunday School will sponsor a dinner for Shut ins and Handicapped People. Sister Betty Cruse is Superintendent, Sister Mary Clark is Chairman.

Sunday Nov. 30th at 5:00 P.M. the Mission Society will present a pageant "Living A Witness". Sister Denise Nichols is President, Mother Deloris Clayvon is Chairman.

Mother Lillie Mae Seigh is Chairman for the church's 69th anniversary services Sunday Dec. 14th.

Think about it "ONE REASON SO MANY PEOPLE NEVER GET TO THE TOP—IS THEY NEVER START AT THE BOTTOM"

## NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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<p><b>UNION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> "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><b>EVANGELISTIC MISSIONARY COGIC</b> 1340 E. 18th Street Rev. Pastor Arthur Bush</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 1:30 a.m. &amp; 8 p.m. YPWW 7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Prayer &amp; Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Thursday Consecration &amp; Healing 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MESSIAH TEMPLE</b> 2643 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><b>NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 1317 Forest Pastor Elder R. L. Daye Sunday Services</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Church Worship 11:30 a.m. YPWW 6:30 p.m. Weekday Services Tues. &amp; Fri. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>TRUE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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><b>EAST UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 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 &amp; Bible Band 7:30 p.m. Friday Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Saturday Youth Services 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1132 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><b>CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 9th &amp; 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><b>HEAVENLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 2110 Carpenter at 21st Des Moines, Iowa Bishop A. B. Carter, Sr., Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. YPWW (Sun. Eve.) 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Tues. Bible Study 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursday Worship 7 p.m.-9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER OF FAITH COGIC</b> 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><b>MISSION TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.</b> 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 &amp; Thursday Nights 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MAPLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH</b> E. 16th &amp; Maple Street Rev. Geo. Parish Minister: 266-8910</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Class 6:30 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service Wed 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> S.E. 4th &amp; Scott Streets Rev. H. R. Fields, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:45 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Fridays 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1213 Scott St. 255-6333 Rev. Sherman L. Brown Pastor 223-9863</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday-Mid-Week Services Mission &amp; Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Prayer &amp; Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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><b>BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH</b> 1522 E. University Rev. Ralph S. Jones, Pastor Rev. Wilbert Coleman Associate Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Youth Service 11-11:15 a.m. Church Service 11:15 a.m. Bible Study -Wed. 8-9 p.m.</p> <p>Pastoral Counseling By Appointment Church Phone 266-1205 Everyone Welcome</p>	<p><b>NEW BETHANY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 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 &amp; Fri 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome</p>	<p><b>KYLES TEMPLE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH</b> Dr. James Milton, 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><b>ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH</b> 1201 Day Street Rev. Lewis E. Grady</p> <p>Church School 9:30 a.m. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Vespers Service 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Wed 7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowships 5:30 p.m.</p>



## Look, Therefore, To This Day

By  
Lynda Walker-Webster

It is sometimes amazing and pathetically interesting to listen to people down grade something or someone that they know little, —or nothing at all about.

And, what is even more interesting is when such folks talk about others, they always seem to know all of the unfavorable things that a person may have done. They find it difficult, if not impossible to let those good things roll across the portals of their mouths. And, should someone else be expounding on someone's goodness, you can usually count on those negative folks to come through with, "yes, but did you know, —etc."

How easy it is for us as human beings to talk, converse, gossip and form opinions on many things and many people. And so often, unjustifiably so!

No matter what town, city, state or nation you may

visit, there will always undoubtedly be individuals who are charter members of the "Latter Day Know-It-Alls".

One of the greatest injustices that people pay to other people is the exchange of unconfirmed and manufactured gossip. And the more degrading and low-down it is, the better that it is enjoyed. Not to mention the insurmountable job that is received in passing on that "juicy" talk.

It is bad enough that people, like a "wild fire" pass on unpleasant truths about someone that they happened to discover or uncover someplace. However, to intentionally manufacture other information to accompany that, is really sick. And even more sick, is if it is manufactured independent of any other information. —just out of the clear blue.

Often, how we see and perceive situations regarding other people, their situations and their lives is not at all how they really are. Too frequently we intentionally, or even accidentally read things into situations that are actually non-existent in reality. Too frequently, the mouths and minds of people have twisted things that were very innocent into things quite unfavorable, not to mention being incorrect.

There will always be individuals around who cannot be comfortable unless they have "started something". We all know such individuals. It is as though that is their special assignment in life.

Everyone at one time in their life no doubt receives and passes on something they have heard about someone else. But, the problem, —and the

pathology, lies in the fact that too many folks become pre-occupied with talk and gossip. They make full-time careers of it, and usually find it hard to say anything good about anybody.

Sometimes it behooves us to be cautious about what we say, about whom and to whom. It may be that while we are so busy "cluttering" up the front yard of our neighbor, —someone else may be busy at work "cluttering" up our back yard.

You never know who it is that you may have to come to, (at some point in time) for an important favor or friendly gesture. In these troubled times, we should be especially careful.

Is it that there is such a void in our personal lives that we must waste time talking about others? There are so many good things in life that we could talk about, that we could easily leave people alone. And, if we must talk about them, —tell about the good things!

There are so many worldly and community concerns, and so many humanistic problems that we could involve our energies into. If we could project that same expounded energy of a month's worth of gossip into problem and issue solving, the world might run a close race with Paradise.

Let us look within ourselves more closely. Let us see that we are far from the perfect person that we imagine ourself to be. Let us give more love — Less lip! Let us live this day to it's fullest, —for we know not what, or whom, comes with tomorrow's morn. Let us look therefore, to this day!

Tn. and returned home safely and rejoicing in Him.

On this past Sunday morning, our Sunday School was taught by Sis. Wilson, whom we enjoyed immensely her great teaching of the Sunday School lesson entitled, "God's Covenant and Paul."

The morning message was brought to us by our own Pastor Elder R.L. Daye, his sermon was entitled "Jesus The Healer" He stated truly if we need a spiritual or natural healing, Jesus is there to heal what ever is needed, if we continue to trust and depend on him.

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM, our Bible Band will be in session. Sis. Margaret Moore is our

president. On Friday nite is family nite, Pastor Daye is looking for you. On this Saturday nite, November 22, 1980 at the hour of 8:00 PM, the Christland singers of Des Moines will be in a musical service at New Friendship. Come and enjoy Evang. Griffin and this fine group of gospel singers, who also include Bro. Rocky Weston, who is such a favorite is so many of the Ole Ship of Zion's. There will be other guest singers also.

On Sunday morning at 9:45 AM, Sunday School will be in session. 11:30 AM Prayer and morning worship. On Sunday Afternoon at 4:00 PM, Sis. A. Boone will be having a special service in behalf of the church

roof. Mother Fountain and Evangelistic Missionary COGIC will be our guests, come and hear this dynamic woman of God expound the word.

Our joint Thanksgiving service will convene on Wednesday nite November 26 at 7:30 PM at the Corinthian Baptist Church. We should take time to thank God that it is as well as it is in these trying times.

Be ready for November 29 at 8:00 PM, when the MICHAEL CHARLES SINGERS OF KANSAS CITY MO will be in a special post-Thanksgiving musical at New Friendship. Pray for Pastor Daye as he goes to Denver over the Holiday Weend to visit his

daughter Brenda and family.

We did enjoy the article in a Des Moines paper on last week about our Pastor's wife, Sis. Daye and her interest in Gospel Music.

**KYLES A.M.E. LION CHURCH**  
Sunday School — 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship — 11:00 a.m.

Message of hope by Dr. James Milton Pastor  
Music by the Young Adults Choir

**SUNDAY, NOV. 30th** — Kyles will be having its 65th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. This will be an all day affair. After morning service there will be a dinner. A reception will follow the afternoon service. Reverend and Mrs. O.M. Peavy will be our guest for the day. Please come out and help Kyles make this day a success.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 7th** — Erdyne Whiteside will present a recital for the Missionary Society starting at 3:30 p.m.

Kyles A.M.E. Zion Church extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Ira Hicks in the passing of his mother, Elizabeth Hicks of Omaha.

**REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN ALL OVER THE WORLD.** Our sick and shut-in members are: Venurie Patton at (Younkers) Iowa Methodist Hospital; Arthur Flanigan; Georgia Sparkman; Edna Morris; Ozella Moten; and Katherine Mullen.

**DO NOT FOLLOW WHERE THE PATH LEADS. RATHER, GO WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL.**

**MT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Rev. Jas. Harris  
Reporter, Barbara Long

The special business meeting will be this Saturday Nov. 22nd at 2:30 p.m. We urge all members to come and participate at this

meeting.

Sunday evening at 7 p.m. on Nov. 23rd the Senior Choir will have their regular request program. Macedonia Baptist Choir will be our guest.

The Mission is asking that all members bring their canned goods Sunday for Thanksgiving baskets. Also, the Pre-Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the East Side Mission Society will be held at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church 1600 E. Capitol on Nov. 25th at 11:00 a.m. All Senior Citizens are welcome.

On the fifth Sunday Nov. 30th at 6:15 p.m. the Mt. Hebron Mission Society will present The Gospel Train, a musical presentation of songs with the participants ageing from 2-40 years of age. Members of various churches thru out the city will be represented on this program. Everyone is welcome to come and worship the Lord in songs.

The first Sunday in December the J.M.H. Choir will present the Prodicol Son Pageant at

6:00 p.m. This pageant will be narrated by Sis. Eva Young.

Second Sunday in December, Mother Porter will be presenting The Old Ship of Zion Pageant at 7 p.m.

From the Pastor: Pastor Harris would like to commend the participants of our Weekly Prayer Service although we have not reached the Goal of 100. We thank God for those who have come to fellowship and pray. Also he is especially proud of the Junior Prayer Service and would like to congratulate those who have achieved awards for Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and Book of the Bible, they are Veronica and Veloria Shields, Lonnie Adair, and Shanon Simmons.

"Be Thankful"  
"We must make a habit of counting our blessings. We must make a habit of being grateful. In the 23 Psalm David said "My cup runneth over." If we could take a trip to some impoverished lands we would indeed cry "My cup runneth over."



The Michael Charles Singers of K.C. will be in post-Thanksgiving Songspiration service at New Friendship Church of God in Christ 1317 Forest Avenue on Saturday, November 29, 1980 at 8:00 p.m.

Many outstanding singers and musicians will participate including, Evangelist and Singers Sis. Carolyn Brandon and sister, Linda Allen, the public is cordially invited.

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Because he lives! I can face tomorrow, ... Because he lives all my fears are gone ... This is the conviction held by all who enjoyed the presence of GOD in their souls on Sunday morning as the golden sunshine filtered through the stained glass windows of the Heavenly Temple Sanctuary.

Bishop Carter came down the aisle lifting his hands toward the heavens and praising God. "REJOICING IN THE LORD" SAINTS! he said "YOU ARE REJOICING IN THE LORD! very few people know how to do that ... many can dance, shout and jump but how many know how to REJOICE in the LORD? The devil himself can shout and buck but! You see if the devil started rejoicing he would be a sanctified devil ...

So be thankful' ... he said that you can feel God to the extent that tears can run down I have to cry sometimes ... I don't know why I have to sigh sometimes but there will be a perfect day as I travel on my way, I don't know why but I'll know by and by ... 1st Timothy 1:15. THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING AND WORTHY OF ALL ACCEPTANCE THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM CHIEF ...

Bishop Carter took his text from that scripture and his subject was, THE CHALLENGE OF THE UNATTAINED: EACH ONE OF YOU HAVE A CHALLENGE OF THE UNATTAINED. THAT PLACE WE ARE GOING SOMEWHERE, THAT JESUS HAS GONE TO PREPARE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.

What does it take to meet the challenge of the unattained? this was the question each one carried away in his /her heart on Sunday ... after the great sermon by Bishop Carter. WORDS OF WISDOM FROM BISHOP CARTER FOR THIS WEEK: IF EVERYBODY WOULD DO AS I DO WOULD IT BE RIGHT? ask yourself this question.

When you think of heaven think of HEAVENLY TEMPLE, AND IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GOING TO THAT PLACE THAT JESUS HAS GONE TO PREPARE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM THEN COME JOIN WITH US AS WE SEEK TO DO HIS WILL ON EARTH.

See You in Church Sunday Warmth-Welcome Friendly Church!

**ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH**

To those that are concerned about our spiritual leader, Rev. Lewis E. Grady, he has been hospitalized at Mercy Hospital, since November 10th, with a malady called an infectious polyneuritis. There's no prescribable medicine, but therapy and rest. Your prayers, visits, cards and flowers are keeping him in high spirits.

Rev. Wilbert Coleman filled the pulpit, last Sunday, using "On Being Thankful" as his sermon topic. The key point, seemed to be, if you believe in Jesus Christ, we should have a personal testimony of our thankfulness to others.

Next Sunday, Rev. Marshall Smith will fill the pulpit.

The Sunday School's Carnival was a success, both financially and attendance of youth and adults. Even Hairy, the Beast was there. He patiently was able to make friends with the young ones.

The Sunday School's Outreach Committee Meeting has been changed to Monday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m., at the church. Mrs. Jeanette Spencer, Superintendent of Home Visits, wishes interested St. Paulians to attend.

Rev. Grady's Uncle, Luke Grady of Castle Hayne, North Carolina, was accidentally killed in a car wreck last week.

**KAPPA ALPHA PSI TRIP**

Members from the Des Moines Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi spent an enjoyable weekend in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 8 and 9.

The group stayed at the elegant Marquette Hotel. Saturday night the men and their wives had dinner and were entertained at the Riverview Supper Club. On Sunday, the group went to Metropolitan Stadium to see a football game between the Minnesota Vikings and the Detroit Lions.

Members from the Chapter that went on the

trip were: Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Udell Cason, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chapman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Colston, Mr. and Mrs. Nolden Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Al Watson, Mr.

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**Gentry**  
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Armstrong and Jim Torres were eighth grade students at May Goodrell Junior High School. Roger Aceto was at said time the Vice Principal of May Goodrell Junior High School, having served in said capacity since 1969. Mr. Aceto was initially employed by the District in 1960.

"On or about the 12th day of May, 1980, Joe Armstrong appeared in the Goodrell cafeteria wearing a T-shirt on which was printed the words 'Super Spic.' That at said time and place in the presence of Ben Tillotson, Joe Armstrong, Jim Torres and possibly one other student, Mr. Aceto said to Jim Torres, 'You can't sit with this Spic (Joe Armstrong)' or, 'No Spics (Torres and Armstrong) sit together at this table today.'

"Mr. Aceto freely admits using the epithet 'Spic', however, he claims it was not used in a derogatory sense. Mr. Aceto claims he used the word in an effort to show Joe Armstrong that the shirt bearing the lettering 'Super Spic' was not appropriate dress for school. In explaining how the word 'Spic' can be used in a non-derogatory manner, Mr. Aceto stated: \* \* \*, it is how the word is used and the context (sic) and the inflexion of the voice and what you are trying to present to someone else with your demeanor, and that's how the receiver gets it. That's how I feel about a word."

Mr. Aceto acknowledged that in a 'very narrow scope' some persons might be offended by the word 'Spic' regardless of how or the context in which the word was used.

Mr. Aceto claims that he was concerned that wearing the shirt would cause Joe Armstrong some unnecessary duress and stress, 'Because I thought he'd be asking for people to continue to make comments about.' In other words, Mr. Aceto was concerned that other students seeing the shirt might call Joe Armstrong a 'Spic.' Mr. Aceto used the very word that he felt would cause Armstrong duress and stress.

Mr. Aceto was correct. Armstrong's shirt was inappropriate for school wear. Mr. Aceto's use of the word 'Spic' in correcting Armstrong was not in good taste and inappropriate.

"The stated purpose as set forth in Policy No. 410 is to 'improve intercultural, intergroup relationships and to assist in the development of brotherhood and desirable human relationships.' To that end, words and deeds of School District employees 'which reflect unkindly upon another's race, religion or national origin' are classified by Policy No. 410 as an 'Act

of Intolerance' and are 'subject to reprimand. . .

"Does the epithet reflect unkindly on Mexican-Americans? There was evidence presented that Mr. Aceto's use of the term 'Spic' was not offensive to some. It is clear that the term offended Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Torres.

It is a fact of life that social, ethnic, religious and racial distinctions are frequently drawn. There are Irish who dislike English; English who dislike French; French who despise Germans; Germans who hate Poles; Poles who loathe Russians.

For almost 100 years as waves of immigrants have settled this country, there has been a succession of jokes regarding immigrants and classical comic characters poking fun at national groups. 'Pat and Mike' jokes were as derogatory of Irish 100 years ago as 'Polack' jokes are today.

Stupid German comedians were long a staple of vaudeville, and the sly, grasping, money-hungry Jew has been a classic figure of historical literature.

To this number was added the ignorant, lazy, shiftless, caricature of a B lack, as portrayed by Stephan Fetchit, Amos and Andy, and Eddie 'Rochester' Anderson. That these portrayals were degrading, humiliating, and offensive to the ethnic

groups they purported to represent, has only recently been recognized. The damage, however, to persons of sensitivity was nonetheless deep, nonetheless real. Howard v. National Cash Register Co., 15 F.E.P. Cases 341, 343 (1975). (Emphasis added).

"If Mr. Aceto's position is adopted, a District employee or student could use any derogatory term with a racial or ethnic connotation and not violate Policy No. 410 so long as the statement was made in the proper context and with the appropriate inflexion and demeanor.

Policy No. 410 outlaws statements 'which reflect unkindly upon another's race, \* \* \* or national origin.' It does not require that the author of the statements purposefully intend for the statements to 'reflect unkindly upon another's race, \* \* \* or national origin.' Mr. Aceto acknowledges that some 'buzz' words will be viewed as derogatory by some persons regardless of the 'demeanor' or inflexion of the speaker.

If, as Mr. Aceto concedes, a limited number of persons would be offended by the use of a 'buzz' word, I feel that those persons deserve the protection of Policy No. 410.

"Mr. Aceto points to the local restaurant 'Gringo's' and buzz words used by 'Flip Wilson' on television as examples of terms which are not

considered offensive. What Mr. Aceto fails to consider is the distinction between the role of a comedian on one hand and an educational leader who is in the business of molding our youth on the other hand. I feel that the distinction in roles should be so well understood as to make citation of authority unnecessary.

"The matter presented in this case is similar factually to a case arising in the Montgomery County, Maryland School System. *Resetar v. State Board of Education*, 399 A.2d 225 (1979). In that case a junior high teacher who was being subjected to insulting and obscene remarks by a group of students on the playground responded as follows: Look at those jungle bunnies.

Somebody ought to feed them bananas.

"The superintendent of said system determined that under the circumstances the above remark 'might be interpreted as having a racial connotation.' At page 234 of Atlantic 2d, the Court of Appeals of Maryland states:

Moreover, it is significant here that Resetar does not deny the occurrence of the 'jungle bunny' incident. He merely takes issue with the interpretation which should be put on it. He says he is not racially biased.

The principal of his school said in his contacts with Resetar he found no reason to believe him to be guilty of racial prejudice. Resetar's attorney succeeded in eliciting from the

member of the school staff who was in the immediate presence of the students to whom the 'jungle bunny' remark was addressed an admission that it might have been given in a bantering manner, as has been pointed out in the quotation from the hearing examiner's report. The manner in which it was given, however, does not erase the fact that the statement was made. (Emphasis added).

"For the reasons set forth above, I would find that Mr. Aceto's statement on the 12th day of May, 1980 violated District Policy No. 410. I would direct that a letter of reprimand issue from Administration to Mr. Aceto growing out of Mr. Aceto's violation of Policy No. 410"

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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

### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Iowa

District Court  
In Polk County  
Probate No. 33-12720

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
CAREY S. WASHINGTON

Deceased

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE  
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Deceased:

You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November, 1980, the Last Will and Testament of Carey S. Washington deceased bearing date of the 11th day of April, 1980, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Bobbie Washington 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 3rd day of November, 1980

Bobbie Washington  
Executor of said Estate  
2025 Washington  
Des Moines, Iowa 50313

Robert B. Throckmorton  
Attorney for said Executor  
Dickinson, Throckmorton, Parker,  
Mannheimer & Raife  
1600 Financial Center;  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

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November 13, 1980. Date of second  
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### EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
DEVELOPING THE CITY OF DES  
MOINES FIFTH YEAR COMMUNITY  
ACTION APPLICATION FOR CSA LOCAL  
INITIATIVE FUNDS AND CSA SENIOR  
OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES FUNDS

The City of Des Moines as the Community Action Agency (CAA) for the Community Services Administration (CSA) program, is presently preparing its Fifth Action Year Application for \$294,000 in CSA Local Initiative funds and \$18,000 in CSA Senior Opportunities and Services funds for its 1981-1982 Community Services program year.

The City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, has determined that a public hearing should be held on December 1, 1980 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, East 1st and Locust Streets, Des Moines, Iowa, for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views on the Central Advisory Board's (CAB) recommendations for the utilization of the \$294,000 in Local Initiative funds and the \$18,000 in Senior Opportunities and Services funds for which formal application to the Kansas City Regional CSA Office shall be submitted by the City no later than January 1, 1981.

The federal regulations which govern the procedure for applying for such funds are found in Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations (45 CFR) Subpart 1067.40 and Subpart 1067.41. Activities which may be conducted

with CSA Local Initiative Funds include projects with particular concerns in such areas as housing, manpower, education, health, day care, consumer affairs, economic development and general social services as well as support of general administration and management of central staff, facilities, and equipment of the City's community development efforts. Activities which may be conducted with Senior Opportunities and Services Funds include personnel costs to identify and meet the needs of older low-income persons above the age of 60 in projects serving or employing older persons as the predominant beneficiary or employee group. Such projects may seek to develop and provide new employment and volunteer services, effective referral to existing health, welfare, employment, housing, legal, consumer, transportation, education, recreational, and other services; stimulation and creation of additional services and programs to remedy deficiencies in existing projects, participation in public services, development of all-season recreation and service centers controlled by older persons themselves, and such other activities and services as are necessary to meet the needs of the older low-income and to assure greater self-sufficiency of such persons.

All citizens wishing to express their views as to the activities proposed by the CAB to be included in the City's Fifth Action Year CSA Application will be given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing to be held on December 1, 1980. A copy of the CAB recommendations will be available for review and copying after 12:00 noon on November 28, 1980 in the City Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Des Moines, Iowa.

Published in the New Iowa Bystander on November 20, 1980.

### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

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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 November 21 thru Dec. 1, at above address(es).

All bids must be sealed and submitted upon Urban Development Bid Proposal Documents which may be obtained at the Department of Urban Development, Neighborhood Conservation 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 Neighborhood Conservation Division located at 102 East Grand Avenue by Tuesday, December 2, 1980, at 10:00 A.M., at which time all bids will be opened and reviewed. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

CITY OF DES MOINES  
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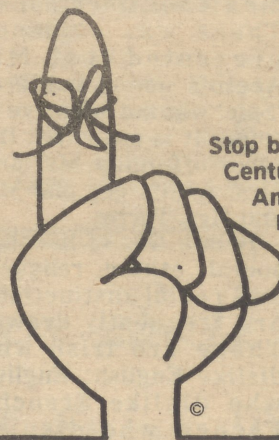
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There were some rather bitter disappointments at Iowa State and Iowa U. Last year the Cyclones were held back by injuries, and most of the fans were looking to this season. But, again, the Cyclones had more than their share of bad luck in the form of injuries, so their fine start was eclipsed by five straight losses.

When they were beating the early season opponents, fans were either saying they had a hell of a ballclub, or "Wait till they play somebody." We will never know what might have happened if the State coach could have kept his entire lineup in the games intact or had enough replacements.

Maybe instead of five and five, it might have been seven and three. But they do have the core for a good 1981 team.

Iowa U fans were looking at 1980 with high hopes, largely because Coach Hayden Frye had made such great promises to have a winner. You would have to say that if the gridiron season had been a political campaign. Frye would have won in a walk, and then they would have tossed him out.

But he sure had the fans expecting great things. And especially, after the Indiana game, we thought there was nowhere to go but up. The Iowa State game was viewed as a fine defensive battle instead of what it was, a game between two weak offenses.

The Nebraska game did away with any notions anybody might have had about going to bowls. By the way, the Huskers put an end to bowl dreams of both teams. Nobody says that Frye or Duncan is a bad coach, but, one must have the players, and neither Iowa or Iowa State have enough of them.

They both have some fine players, but if they have to leave the game, forget it. Oh, well, wait till 1981, and maybe State and Iowa might surprise their final opponents.

Drake is enjoying the finest season the Bulldogs have had in years. The worst they can do is have an eight and two record, and may end up with a nine one mark. And most of us didn't give them much of a chance to do very much when things started.

This has to help them in recruiting for next year, and may help in getting good crowds out to their games. There is some talk of having games between Drake

and Iowa and Iowa State, but this year, Drake might have embarrassed both clubs.

They had the horses, and could have gotten fired up and made things rough for the Cyclones and Hawkeyes. I can remember when we used to look forward to the game between Drake and Iowa State, but we called it Ames then. Those games were always fiercely fought battles and nobody ran away with any of them.

There was another game that attracted lots of attention; Drake and Grinnell. That was a tough game too, and was well attended. Grinnell freshman footballers were given a set of Drake plays to work on from the first day of practice, and used them against the varsity every time there was a practice scrimmage.

Now we can look forward to the bowl games. You know that if neither Notre Dame or Georgia stumbles that the game will be billed as for the national title. But I can recall when Southern California dusted Alabama good in Birmingham, and was unbeaten. Penn State had one tie, and just about every sportscaster said the game between them and Alabama was for the national title. How?

Albany (GA) 3, Savannah 0. Alcorn 38, Prairie View 11. Fla A&M 17, Kentucky 15 Ft. Valley 75, Fisk O. Fla. A&M 13, Southern U 7. Grambling 26, S. Caro. St. 3 J.C. Smith 26, Fayetteville St. 7. Liberty Baptist 51, Hampton 18. Morris Brown 19, Bethune-Cookman 18. Arkansas (Pine Bluff) 27, Tex A&M 24. Tuskegee 22, Alabama A&M 20. Tennessee St 25, N. Caro A&T 22. Va. St. 21 Morgan St. 19.

## Census Reports Black Median Family Income

Median family income for Black families in 1979 was \$11,650, according to a report from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau.

The 1979 median for Blacks was 6.7 percent higher than the 1978 median of \$10,880, but when adjusted for inflation the 1979 figure showed some evidence of a 4-percent decline in real dollars even though the year-to-year change was not statistically significant.

The 1978-1979 changes in real dollars for Whites

and Hispanics were also not statistically significant. The 1979 median for Whites was \$20,520 and for Hispanics, \$14,320.

In 1979, Black median family income was 57 percent of that for White families. This was not significantly different from 1978 ratio of 59 percent. According to the report, the 1979 income figures do not reflect the influence of the recession which began in the spring of 1980.

The report also shows that an estimated 25.2 million persons of all

races were below the poverty level in 1979, of whom 7.8 million were Black. The number of Black married-couple families below the poverty level increased from 370,000 in 1978 to 440,000 in 1979, reversing a decrease for this group between 1977 and 1978. However, the apparent increase of 200,000 between 1978 and 1979 in the total number of Blacks below the poverty level was not statistically significant.

At the beginning of the decade, 56 percent of all

poor Black families were maintained by women; by 1979 the proportion had grown to 72 percent. Although the report notes no significant change in the overall number or proportion of persons below the poverty level since the 1975-76 period, certain population subgroups showed changes between 1978 and 1979. For example, the number of poor persons 65 and older increased from 3.2 million in 1978 to 3.6 million last year.

As part of an effort to improve the quality of its

income and poverty statistics, the Bureau introduced several important modifications in the collection and presentation of the data. These changes included a larger sample, a more detailed income questionnaire, use of a new household classification concept, more detailed income intervals for high income groups, and a new farm definition.

As in all sample surveys, the data in the report are subject to sampling variability and

errors of response, including underreporting and nonreporting.

Single copies of the report, **Money Income and Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the United States; 1979**, P-60, No. 125, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 or from Commerce Department District Offices in major cities throughout the United States. The price is \$2.25 per copy prepaid.

## Handel's Messiah Offering Of Choral Society

The newly-formed Des Moines Choral Society, under the direction of Dr. Marion Hall, will present as their first official musical offering, Handel's "Messiah", Saturday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Civic Center. Handel's most beloved work will be performed with the Des Moines Symphony, Dr. Hall conducting.

Soloists for the performance will be: Soprano, Nancy McConeghey; Alto, Barbara Martin; Tenor, James Schmitt; and Baritone, Mark Rucker. Ticket prices have been set at \$7.00 and \$5.00, with a \$2.00 discount for senior citizens and area students high school age or under. Tickets can be purchased at the Civic Center or by calling the box office at 243-1120.

For a number of years, Dr. Hall, Chairperson of the Voice Department, Drake University, has envisioned the formation of a Choral Society, with membership consisting of interested singers from throughout the greater Des Moines area. The express goal of the Society is the performance of some of the finest choral works of

the great composers. His dream became a reality recently when well over 100 area musicians accepted the invitation to join the Society.

Ideally, the Society would like to number between 200 and 225 singers, and Dr. Hall extends an invitation to

other singers to join. Yearly membership dues are \$12.50, which help defray music and other operating costs of the Society.

Anyone wishing further information on membership and future plans of the Society are invited to call Dr. Hall at

Drake University, 271-2154 or 271-3131. The next performance of the Society will be Orff's "Carmina Burana" with the Des Moines Symphony, under the direction of Conductor Yuri Krasnapolsky, on February 28 and March 1, 1981.

### MUSICAL SERVICE

Bro. Rocky Weston of the Christland Nation are sponsoring a Pre-Thanksgiving Musical Service at the New Friendship C.O.G.I.C. 13th & Forest Nov. 22, 1980 — Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Special guests are: The Exciting Simmons Sisters, the Soulful Gospel Messengers, the Fantastic Revelation Singers, the Dynamic Christland Nation in full, the Heavenly Harmonettes.

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The Christland Nation are taking donations for canned foods, used toys and clothing for the needy for Christmas, please call 288-6500 or 287-7326 for pickups.

Thank you Evangelist Etta Griffin

### DES MOINES OMAHA BOXING

Des Moines Boxing Team will host the Omaha Boxing Team Saturday, November 22, 1980 at 7:00 PM in the Model City Neighborhood Recreation Center (old Dowling Gym), 1000 College.

The evening's boxing card will include preliminary bouts of junior novice, novice, and open divisions. The main

event will feature the best fighters from the Des Moines metropolitan area against fighters from the Omaha area.

Advance tickets will be on sale for \$3.00 at the Des Moines Westside Boxing Club, 612 Forest. This event is promoted by the Des Moines Westside Boxing Club, a non-profit organization.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY

At the Mid City Library at 1305 University:

Storytelling at 10:00 a.m., Monday, Nov. 24.

All Des Moines Public Libraries will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

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# Black Voting Participation Hits New Record

As many as 65-70 percent of all registered Black voters took part in last Tuesday's national election according to projection figures released by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks, speaking the morning after the elections noted, "No other single interest group, including the elderly and women, demonstrated the great strides that Blacks showed in realizing their full voting potential. These gains are especially important, since most political observers had expected a continuation of the downward trend that had been evidenced over the past 15 years."

"Even before the election," Hooks noted "NAACP data revealed a keen interest in the presidential race among Black voters. After checking the almost 200 branches involved in voter registration, we discovered that we had managed to raise the number of Blacks registered to almost 11.5 million, or 67 percent of Black eligibles. This represents the highest percentage of Blacks registered in our history, and is even better than the 63.8 percent registered among the 133 million white eligibles."

Joe Madison, National Director of the NAACP Voter Education Department, noted also that Black voters maintained their tradition of supporting the Democratic Party. "Preliminary results show that in spite of Catholics, blue collar workers, ethnics and women going heavily for Ronald Reagan, President Carter received a solid 80 percent of the Black vote. Those same figures showed Ronald Reagan and John Anderson splitting the remaining difference."

"More importantly," Madison maintained, "these preliminary results illustrate the political maturity developing within the Black community. That maturity and motivation must be continued in future elections."

Hooks pointed out a serious departure from the record Black turnout statistics, when he talked about results from key precincts on the West Coast. NAACP officials there reported the Black turnout was 10-15 percent lower than the national average, and as much as 12 percent lower than the turnout in 1976. The Executive Director said, "This was clearly the result of the news announcements of Carter's defeat, and a few minutes later the

President himself conceding."

According to an NAACP official in Los Angeles, many community canvassers reported their turnout had been almost 50 percent, with three hours left to vote, when the news was broadcast. "Thereafter, the turnout was light. Canvassers who were contacting Blacks, were met with a response that the race was over and their vote was not necessary."

"With the exception of the West Coast, Blacks not only turned out in record numbers, but showed up at the polls much earlier in the day than in previous years," Madison said. "Our findings show that in many cities, such as Detroit, New Orleans, Atlanta, Miami and Raleigh, almost 50 percent of the registered Black voters had cast their ballots before 3:00 p.m. Helping to swell this figure was the unusually large increase in the Black youth vote on college campuses in Atlanta and at Howard University."

Additionally," Madison said, "reports from selected precincts in Black communities throughout the country indicate a 70 percent turnout among registered Black voters in Miami, an 82 percent turnout in Detroit, an 84 percent turnout in Chattanooga, an 80 percent turnout in Atlanta, a 70 percent turnout in Washington, D.C., and an 83 percent turnout in New York City."

All of the preliminary reports and findings were the work of the NAACP Election Watch headquarters, established for the first

time to chart and assess the election, and the NAACP Voter Education Department. The complex network of field representatives in precincts throughout the country providing interviews to newspapers, radio and television stations —

Madison said the work of the Election Watch was made easier through the efforts of technical consultants, field coordinators, volunteers manning telephone banks, transportation coordinators getting senior citizens to the polls and the continuing neighborhood get out the vote canvassers. These activities represented the final phase of the NAACP's massive Registration/Get Out The Vote campaign which impacted upon over 11 million Black voters.

Other efforts in this NAACP half-million dollar campaign included field coordinators and volunteers who directly registered 49,000 in New York, 40,000 in North Carolina, 40,000 in Tennessee, 43,000 in Indiana, 65,000 in Illinois as well as thousands of others in many additional states. "The NAACP effort, combined with Operation Big Vote, the National Urban League and other organizations, made this the most successful Black registration campaign ever undertaken," announced Hooks.

In addition, local NAACP branches in Tennessee registered hundreds of prison inmates, who gained the right through a court order less than two weeks before the registration deadline. Former

Congressman Charles Diggs, presently incarcerated in an Alabama prison himself, was the chairman of the NAACP Inmate Registration Program, and played a large role in placing registration booths in prison waiting rooms.

"You can count on me,

can we count on you?", the slogan adopted during the Registration/Get Out The Vote campaign, became a familiar phrase among many households in both the Black and white communities. Radio and television stations fed a steady diet of NAACP public service announcements on

voting, in over 100 cities across the country months before the election.

The entertainers used in the campaign, such as Aretha Franklin, Della Reese and Alex Haley, "were varied enough to appeal to all segments of the American population," concluded Hooks, "and we owe each one of them a great debt of gratitude."



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