

## THEATRE SPONSORS A SCREENING FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN



On Thursday, June 21, 1973, the Yorktowne Theatre will open its doors to the mentally retarded and crippled children of the Durham area for a special free screening of "Charlotte's Web", the animated musical based on E. B. White's contemporary classic.

"We feel that this group of children does not have the opportunity to view the films that other children do and it's our way of showing them that we do care", stated Jim Beaulieu, Manager.

The children will be treated to free refreshments as well as the screening through the cooperation of the theatre, Schneider-Merl Associates, owners, and Paramount Pictures, distributor for "Charlotte's Web".

White's novel has been transferred to the screen by Hanna-Barbera Studios, Sagittarius Productions, and Paramount Pictures with nine new songs by Academy Award winners Richard M. and Robert B. Sherman; the team who scored "Mary Poppins".

White describes his story as a tale of "friendship and salvation, a story of miracles—the miracle of birth, the miracle of friendship, the miracle of death".

The special private screening will be held at 9:30 a. m. and is limited to the above group of children. The picture will be shown to the general public beginning on June 22.

Anyone who wishes to bring a mentally retarded or crippled child is asked to call the theater for reservations.

## Crisis Features Evers Memorial, NAACP Reply to Wattenberg

NEW YORK — In commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the assassination of Medgar Evers, "The Crisis" magazine has devoted a major portion of its June-July issue to the late Mississippi NAACP leader. Also in the issue, Assistant NAACP Executive Director John A. MORSILL, responds critically to the article "Black Progress and Liberal Rhetoric", by Ben J. Wattenberg and Richard M. Scammon, which appeared in the April issue of "Commentary" magazine. The article claimed that 52 per cent of American Negroes have attained middle-class status.

"Medgar Evers knew that wherever he went he was menaced by the grim shadow of death", Henry Lee Moon states in the lead article. "In the ten years since that tragic night (June 11-12, 1963), the State of Mississippi has not attained anything approaching a bias-free egalitarian society. But the climate is now vastly different than that in which Medgar Evers grew up, significantly improved over what it was on that unforgettable night when his young life was so cruelly snuffed out".

A new portrait of Evers, executed in pastels by Joan Baachus, is printed in full-color on the front cover. The same portrait has been reproduced as an 11 x 14 print suitable for framing and may be purchased from "The Crisis".

Dr. Morsell says that "the Wattenberg-Scammon article is almost totally devoid of any consideration of the psychological impact of continuing disparities in employment, income, housing and general well-being upon the attitudes of black Americans who suffer from the disparities".

He says further: "The authors see evidence of phenomenal progress wherever they look. They report, for example, that the ratio of black to white family income moved from 53 per cent in 1961 to 63 per cent in 1971. One may question their 63 per cent figure, since the most recent statistics available to us put it at 61 per cent; but it is undeniably higher than it was ten years earlier. What we are not told, however, is that this ratio is, above all, a fluctuating figure, whose inconsistency renders it unreliable as an indicator of trend. In 1945, a quarter of a century earlier, the ratio was 57 per cent; it dropped thereafter, rose again

Veterans in school are reminded that in order to receive their checks for allowances under the GI Bill, they must make certain that the certificate of attendance is forwarded to the Veterans Administration.

## The Differences In Peat Gardeners Use

By M. E. Gardner  
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Most home gardeners have used peat "moss". However, many readers do not know that there are differences in the physical and chemical characteristics of peat, depending upon the kind of plants from which it originated.

How is peat formed? It is formed by the laying down of successive generations of plants under water. In the absence of air, these plants decompose very slowly.

How many plant groups are involved? Generally speaking, there are four major plant groups: the sphagnum group, composed of various herbaceous plants. This peat has a strong acid reaction (pH 3.5 - 4.5); the hypnum group, associated with the mosses, sedges and other flowering plants. This type is generally neutral or slightly alkaline in reaction; the reed-sedge group, formed from sedges, cattails and grasses; and the shrub and tree group, formed from blueberries, alder and willow. This last group yields a peat which lacks uniformity because of the

coarser material content such as decaying bark, twigs and branches.

Sometimes the term peat and muck are used interchangeably, but there is quite a difference between the two products. Peat usually has a mineral content of about 35 percent while muck soil may range between 35 percent and 75 percent. Much of the "organic soil" you buy from your favorite supplier is muck.

The peat you buy is, for the most part, imported from Germany or Canada and is formed by the decomposition of the sphagnum group. It has an acid reaction and a nitrogen content ranging from 1 percent to 3 percent. It is low in both phosphorus and potash and is relatively free of weed seed and fungi.

Peat has many uses. It increases the water-holding capacity of sandy soils and provides better aeration in closer textured soils. It is a must for successfully growing the acid loving plants and is used in large quantities by the nurseryman and florist for seed germination, rooting cuttings and in the preparation of soil mixtures for potting plants.

## World of Work

### Workers Can't Be Fired For Reporting Violations

By PETER J. BRENNAN  
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B.R. of Toledo, Ohio, writes: A few weeks ago, my finger was cut off in an unguarded punch press. Before the accident, I asked the boss for guards on the machine, but didn't get them. So I complained to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and an inspector came and found my machine and several others in violation of safety standards. Now my boss says I can't work without the finger and has fired me. But I think it's because I called in OSHA. What can I do?

Dear B.R.: The Occupational Safety and Health Act protects employees against discrimination for exercising their rights under the Act. To obtain this protection, you should file a complaint immediately with OSHA, describing the facts as you know them. OSHA will investigate and within 90 days will notify you of its decision on whether your employer discriminated against you. If he did, and he declines to take action, OSHA may take legal steps to have you reinstated.

R.C. of Tacoma, Washington, writes: Can you tell me what it means when an area is listed by the Labor Department as having "persistent" unemployment?

Dear R.C.: Each month employment security agencies of each State submit reports to the Labor Department covering employment and unemployment developments

and outlook for labor areas within their jurisdiction. The Labor Department classifies an area as having "persistent" unemployment when its jobless rate has averaged 6 percent or more of the work force during the past calendar year and the rate of unemployment has also been: (1) at least 50 percent above the national average rate for 3 of the preceding 4 calendar years, or (2) at least 75 percent above the national average for 2 of the preceding 3 calendar years, or (3) at least 100 percent above the national average for 1 of the preceding 2 calendar years.

Firms in areas of "persistent" unemployment that agree to hire disadvantaged workers are eligible for preference in bidding on certain Federal procurement contracts. Areas of "persistent" unemployment are potentially eligible for all types of assistance under the Public Works and Economic Development Act. An area may also qualify for limited assistance for public works activities if it had an unemployment rate of at least 6 percent for the most recent calendar year.

Editor's note: If you have a question regarding job training and placement, labor-management relations, job health and safety, equal employment opportunity, wages and hours, employment and



Isaac Hayes and Albert King performing in current movie, "Wattstax".



## ECM Erects Barriers To Imports

BRUSSELS — Leaders of the European Common Market took two steps Thursday designed to keep up barriers against imports, including goods from the United States. Finance ministers, led by Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France, turned down a proposal to reduce tariffs on manufac-

tured goods by 20 per cent for a period of six months. Giscard told newsmen that together with the devaluation of the dollar — which makes U.S. goods cheaper in Europe — a tariff cut would give the United States an undue advantage in European markets.

The purpose of the proposal was to bring in cheaper goods and hold down prices in Western Europe. Prices are rising at what the Common Market Executive Commission called the "alarming" rate of 6 to 7 per cent a year. In a second move, the commission proposed an increase in minimum prices for farm products.

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A Vietnam Era veteran from Lowell, Mass., has become the holder of the 8 millionth GI home loan processed by VA since the beginning of the agency's loan guaranty program in 1944.

## The Sportsman's Corner

by Clark Webster, Remington Wild Life Expert



COULD YOU SHATTER 1,572 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 1,659 MOVING CLAY TARGETS IN 60 MINUTES? DAVE BERLET DID JUST THAT AT THE CAMP TROY GUN CLUB NEAR TROY, OHIO—AND SET A NEW MARATHON RECORD IN THE PROCESS.

TARGETS WERE ALL THROWN STRAIGHT AWAY FROM A TRAP HOUSE LOCATED THE REGULATION 16 YARDS IN FRONT OF HIM. HIS SCORE IS ROUGHLY EQUAL TO SHOOTING AT A CLAY TARGET ONCE EVERY TWO SECONDS FOR A FULL HOUR...AND BREAKING OVER 95% OF THEM.



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