

REFLECTIONS

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By Mary Bohanon

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One's method of fighting can in itself defeat the cause. I once heard an avid militant pleading with a group of clergymen for a large sum of money to help impoverished Afro-Americans. The situation of the latter group was so vividly portrayed that there were tears in the eyes of the audience; some clergymen coughed to suppress an oral expression of the compassion they felt. The clergymen had unanimously decided (this I perceived by their facial expressions). I sat waiting for the motion. It was made and seconded-then came the question. I was sure that the question would be a substantiation of the plight of the impoverished and an affirmative call to action. I was mistaken. Very sympathetically the interrogator asked the speaker what his denomination was.

"I don't think that is any of your business," was the arrogant answer. The vote for assistance was negative.

AUTUMN'S BEAUTY

Great oak trees begin to show their age,
The squirrels hustle to replenish their stock,
The husky mountain goats don their new overcoats,
The birds begin to gather in flocks
For a long journey southward.

In the cool of the morning
Freshness exhales deluging state breath,
The sky swells with brightness,
At night, the moon and the stars seem
To be at one's fingertips.

A brisk, heart-warming chill is in the air,
Lovers hold one another close,
Feeling the warmth of their bodies,
All in the beauty of autumn.

Ronald Harrison

A TOKEN OF BEAUTY

They were beautiful.
Yellow orchids, white and yellow daisies
Trimmed by nature in pale green
Tempting the eyes in a vase of ebony.

Their beauty is willing
day by day,
Yet they refuse to die
for each day another bud unfolds.

Time and their surroundings
shall destroy their sweetness
But they will always bloom for me.

Katie J. Lawson

TO KNOW

I touched the sun,
felt its warmth
and knew the world as it had begun:
A fierce, raging fire
that sizzled, then cooled
with God's desire.

Avon D. Waters

TOO LATE

Tomorrow it may be too late
to tell you this precious thought
-a thought I have mullered over
in my mind on numerous occasions
from many different angles with
varying dubieties of meaning,
-a thought I could not let pass
through my head even one more time
without telling you, for it would
be selfish not to share it with you.
"I think you are a beautiful person!"

That was yesterday. I regret to say
I was so caught up in insignificant
tasks that I did not find time to
relinquish my treasure to your keeping.

Yes today, yesterday's tomorrow,
is too late for that conception
I had dissolved as time has
altered (my perception of) you.

Mark W. Kenas

AN OFFER

I wish I could
convince you.
I would,
if our hearts beat
in harmony.
The discord defies
begging.

Vanzell Woodard

A Put-On That's A Turn-On

New "put-ons" are a real break thru in decorating glass, plastics, metals, or wood surfaces. Functional, safe and yet ornamental, Tex Decors by Meyercoord provide everyone with a choice of decorating any surface, seeing what it looks like - and the choice of changing ones mind.

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Recently introduced by Meyercoord, the Tex Decors are three dimensional decorations that not only enhance the plain glass doors with colorful textured designs that include safety as a feature. Glass, seemingly beautiful, is actually treacherous. The wide expanse of patio doors, glass walls, crystal clear room dividers are an invitation to injury.

With children between 5 to 14 accounting for over one-half of the injuries, with 75% of



Patio doors become "picture-perfect" with attractive addition of new Tex Decor, the removable, reusable vinyl decoration. Translucent, it appears the same from either side and its raised surfaces are 2-dimensional. Note the transformation of plastic container with big bold butterflies.

the victims going from indoors to outdoors, the toll is increasing, according to studies by the U.S. Public Health Service.

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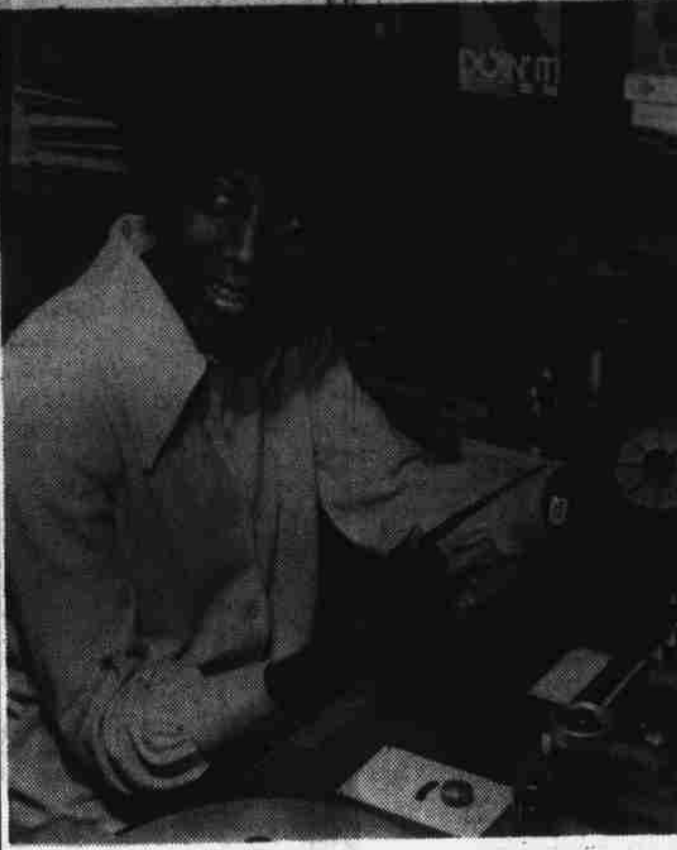
Nov. Essence Woman: Storefront Newscaster

NEW YORK, NY - Picture a 26 year-old woman, soft-spoken, but with a firm, articulate manner; multi-faceted, with a strong point of view and a definite direction, and you have some idea of the personality of Sue Booker, profiled by writer Agnes McClain in the November issue of Essence magazine.

Back in 1970, Sue came to Los Angeles as a TV producer for KCET public television, with an idea for a unique, news bureau for the Black community - a bureau which would not only cover the community but be a genuine part of it. Last October, her dream became reality and "The Storefront" opened in South Central Los Angeles with Sue heading a staff of four. Today, "The Storefront" serves not only as the base of a weekly KCET series of Black news and cultural affairs, but as a resource pool for individuals and organizations needing information on the media, as well as a meeting place for seminars and workshops planned in cooperation with

various Black organizations. "Because we're regarded as a part of the community, people walk in off the street

with news stories for us," Sue points out. "This aids us in presenting news that receives very little, if any, coverage in



SUE BOOKER

NEW ACT

North Carolina's and the nation's agriculture is operating under a new set of rules. A four-year (1974-1977) bill has been adopted known as the "Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973." One of the significant features of this bill is that it encourages the production of the basic grains and cotton.

N. C. TURKEYS

North Carolina produced a record 12 million turkeys in 1972. Production in 1973 is expected to total 13.5 million birds, which would be a new record. The state ranks third in the nation in turkey production.

-On Move

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levels for effective performance in a multiplicity of teaching situations involving accelerated, average, disadvantaged and handicapped students, Dr. Charlie Gauden, a recent graduate of Savannah State College and the University of Missouri is the major project investigator at Savannah State College.

-Named

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principally in the Midwest, completing his formal training with a Ph. D. degree from the University of Iowa in 1935.

-Shortage

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citizenry and the economy of all of North Carolina. Middle distillate fuels (kerosene, home heating oil, range oil, stove oil, diesel fuel, gas-oil and jet fuel) all were placed under strict allocation on November 1, 1973 by executive order of the President of the United States. The Department of Interior was designated the control agency. Liquid petroleum gases (propane, butane) are handled under a separate program.

"Sporadic shortages have already occurred," Tolson said, "and if we experience a hard winter, it is anticipated that an even greater pinch will be felt state-wide, and individuals, businesses and institutions will run short of fuel," he continued.

"The Governor's recent appeal to the citizens of North Carolina to conserve fuel, together with his guidelines in other areas which affect the use of fuels: car pools, reduced speeds on the highways, etc.,

should set off a real effort by our citizens to practice good and sensible use of all critical fuels," Tolson added.

-Lewis

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city.

"In the midst of national political scandal, the people of this country want to see change," stated Lewis. "Apparently, there are many whites who feel a sense of hope and faith in the ability of black officials to govern with greater sensitivity and compassion. There is an apparent appreciation for the inner strength of black candidates who have known exclusion and oppression and, despite negative conditioning, demonstrate a very positive and human perspective."

The Voter Education Project is a regional, publicly-supported organization which promotes minority political participation through programs of voter registration, citizenship education, and technical assistance to minority elected officials. The VEP receives tax-exempt support in the form of contributions from individuals. Located at 52 Fairlie Street in Atlanta, Georgia, the VEP operates throughout the 11 southern states from Virginia to Texas.

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the general mass media." A native of Jersey City, N.J., Sue earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and television from the University of Illinois, a master's in journalism from Columbia University, and began her career in New York as a production assistant with CTW, producers of "Sesame Street." She later was co-producer of NET's historical series, "The Black Frontier."

One of her first projects upon joining KCET was to co-produce the first documentary probing into the violence at California's Soledad Prison; a one-hour show carried nationally on public TV which won the Gold Medal and Grand Jury award at the Atlantic Film Festival.

With the "Storefront" bureau now well on its way and operating smoothly, Sue has left to become a freelance producer. Her deep and continuing interests include young people, teaching, writing and photography, and weekends often find her cruising the streets of Los Angeles in search of photographic material to illustrate a book of poems she's putting together, "Close Your Eyes and Look at Me." Says Sue, "It's about what 26 years on this planet has done to me and for me. The title, like life itself, is a paradox." Sue Booker, however, is not!

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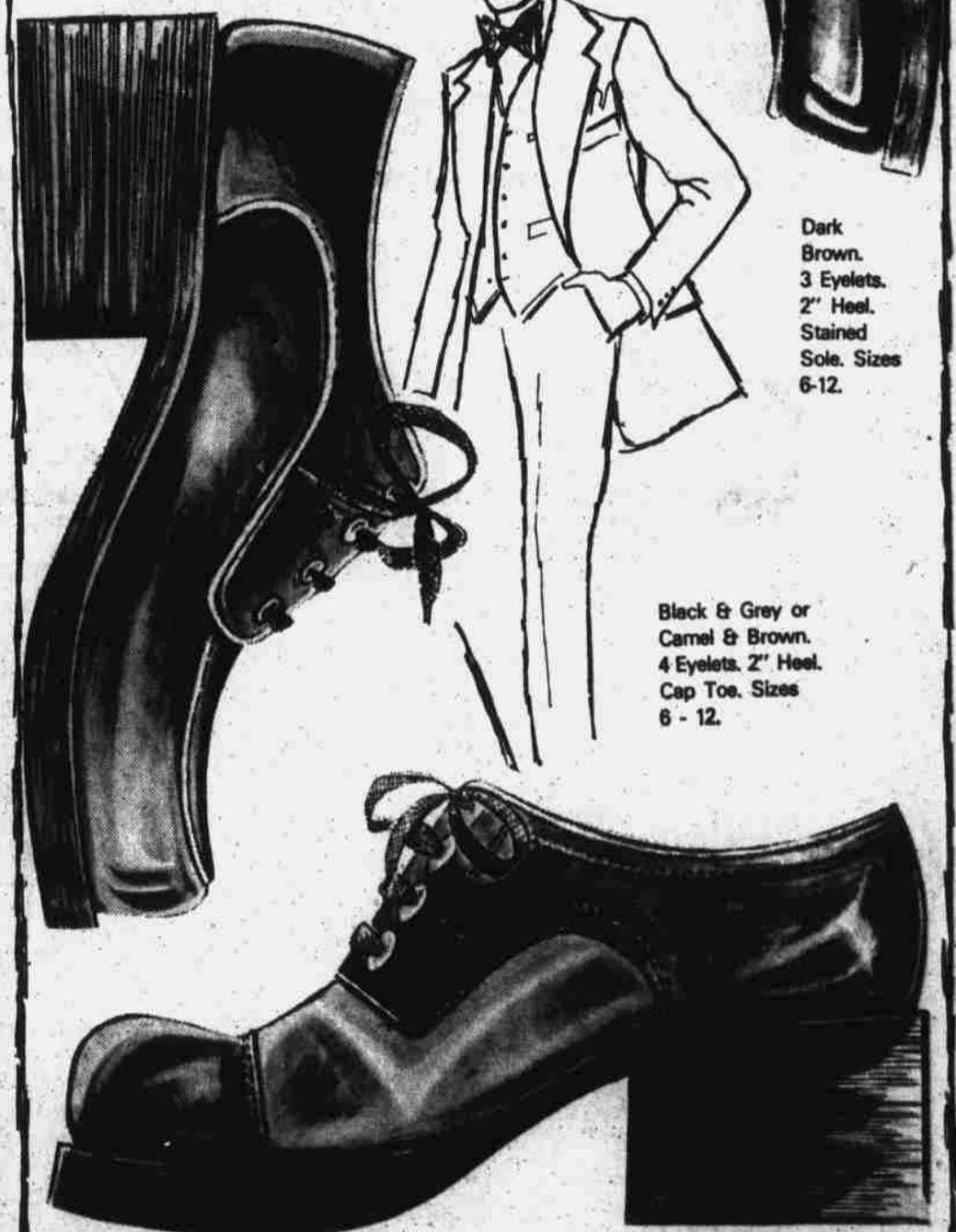
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