

Life Begins At 62½

By George Russ

Miss Madie sang while she worked; going on a shopping spree with Mrs. Emma Lou Perkins wasn't her idea of getting up in the world, in a big way, but the idea of shopping for a winter coat in Millenkin's Department Store whittled her vocal chords to the tune of "Packing up, Getting ready to go."

"Mister Ben" wasn't his gregarious self this morning, therefore, she was able to breeze through her chores with the greatest of ease and save enough time to dress up the way a Millenkin's shopper should look. She had no intention of creating conversational topics for Emma Lou and her South Hill Bridge Club.

Mister Ben was still "catnapping when she went to Charlie-Boy's book shelf to find her pass books. "Better to be safe than sorry." She wasn't going to arrive at Millenkin's house of fashions without enough money to purchase the coat she really wanted, Emma Lou had said the spending was her, but she was not going to risk her own champagne taste for her sister-in-law's beer prices.

Strangely enough, the pass books had not crossed her "little mind" yesterday when the volumes from the book shelf were scattered on the floor. The books she owned were of the old, tried and true variety; sober livery as to binding; and, sin cutting, right and left: "The Harp of God; The Devil Around The Stump; The Pot-Calling the Kettle Black; The Devil's Sifter; Bed too Short, Blanket too Narrow; The Drunkard's Last Offering; Big "I" and Little "You" and Church Crutches." By the time she had gone through the entire eight volumes and not a single pass book dropped out, she was "fit to be whipped." What had happened to her pass books—vouchers for her life savings unstrung her something awful. Two hundred dollars wasn't the end of the world, but the end for her was too close for comfort. Aside from her life insurance and Burial League membership, she was a sitting duck for the poor house. In matter of seconds, her whole life paraded before her watering eyes. She was groping about for a chair when Cora Mae's lethargic voice clued her befuddled brain into a wobbly perspective.

"Miss Madie! Miss Madie! Come on out-ah-there."
"Coming!" Miss Madie shouted as she opened the front door; "hush! Cora Mae!" She hissed as she stepped out on to the stoop. A liquid August breeze engulfed her as she walked toward Emma Lou's powered-blue Chrysler, and, her stiff, achy legs suddenly turned to watery limber-legs. Once more Cora Mae's disconcerting voice steadied her.

"Watch out, Miss Madie, you can't throw it in the creek the way you used to do."

Miss Madie didn't let on that she had been on the verge of folding up in a faint, and wasn't trying to wiggle her hips. She threw her head back and laughed brightly; "you jest keep-ah-on your buddyroe. I might fetch you something real nice."

"You know me! Cora Mae answered with an unaccustomed vigor in her dead-pan voice.

Emma Lou spoke irritably; "get in the car, Madie. I have something to do besides watch you and a welfare recipient chew the fat."

"And good morning to you, Mrs. Perkins. You're looking too nice 'n pretty to be acting like you et razor blades for breakfast."

"My day was bright and full of great promises until I saw Cora Mae—I don't know for sure, but I think I saw the heifer getting out of Curt's car the other night. You can tell her, for me, that I'll play dog and tree with her if I ever catch her in my husband's car."

Miss Madie suddenly went cold inside, and she held her tongue between her teeth until they were well across town. Then she said grumpily; "th' least you could-ah-wid was stop long enough to say howdy to your daddy."

"Saying howdy isn't going to help my daddy... He is a stubborn, old rascal. He doesn't know I am planning to put him in a rest home—he isn't worth the expense of an apartment and a housekeeper."

Miss Madie's body snapped out of the slump she had found most comfortable up to this moment. Her tone was angry as she spoke up in behalf of "Mister Ben:"

"You sound like-ah-fool. Thank your God that your daddy is alive 'n doing as well as he is. You wouldn't be around with your fish-gut airs if it wasn't for your stubborn, old daddy. He did wiff his life what he knowed to do—eat, work 'n sleep—you don't expect-ah-man to do great wonders wiff bat brains."

Emma Lou matched her tone of voice with her father's defense counsel; "you can shout for all I care, but there is nothing you can say or do in the matter of what I do with my daddy. Your gravy train is about to be derailed, Madie Perkins."

"Gravy train!" Miss Madie yelled.—Continued.

NEWS BRIEFS

ADVERSE EFFECT

The General Accounting Office, an investigating arm of Congress, has reported that the failure of nearly half the minority-owned businesses that got loans from the Small Business Administration in Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles has had an "adverse effect on the credibility of the federal minority enterprise effort."

HISTORIC FIRST

Congresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke of California became a "historic first" for the House of Representatives when she was granted a leave of absence for maternity reasons to have her baby.

READY FOR PRISON

Dr. Thomas W. Matthew, the controversial neurosurgeon and advocate of black capitalism says he's ready for prison after being convicted on 71 counts of larceny in the misuse of \$198,000 in funds to the Interfaith Hospital in Jamaica, Queens. Dr. Matthew term his conviction the "price for being a pioneer" in setting up "Industrial clinics" for drug abusers undergoing withdrawal at Interfaith. He faces sentencing on December 19th.

QUITTING POLITICS

Prime Minister Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago is quitting politics and going back to history, his first love because of frustration over continuing political unrest and lack of progress throughout the Caribbean. Dr. Williams is one of the most respected historians of the Caribbean.

MAY LAND POST

Paul Gibson of Jamaica Estates, Queens, former executive assistant to former Council President Frank D. O'Connor may land a commissioner's post in the Human Resources Administration in the new administration of Mayor-elect Abraham D. Beame. Among those from the old Lindsay Administration reported safe in their jobs is Eleanor Holmes Norton, Commissioner of Human Rights of the City of New York.

STOKES' IRE AROUSED

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm did not endear herself to Congressman Louis Stokes when the Brooklynite journeyed into Stokes' own backyard and urged Cleveland voters to support Mrs. Mercedes Cotner for Mayor. Mrs. Cotner lost to Republican Mayor Ralph Perk. Stokes' ire was aroused because he feels he's the nominal spokesman for Blacks in the city, especially on something so local as election of the mayor.

PROMISES OF POWER

"Promises of Power", former Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes' book about his trials and tribulations becoming mayor and being

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE FIGHTING BEARS BLANKS SHAW UNIVERSITY 23-0

SALISBURY — A fantastic defensive performance by Livingstone College enabled the Fighting Bears to claw arch-rival Shaw University, 23-0, last Saturday afternoon at Alumni Stadium and kept their hopes alive for a post-season playoff berth.

Coach Baxter Holman's squad capitalized on four Shaw fumbles and two interceptions to record its seventh victory of the year. The Bears ended the season with a 7-2-1 overall record, while improving their CIAA conference mark to 5-2-0.

"Our defense has been tremendous all year," Holman replied. "Our offense was off a little because of last week." Livingstone suffered a 20-7 showdown loss to Virginia Union last Saturday, knocking it out of the running for the CIAA crown. The Bears, rated ninth in the nation among black colleges, finished second in the CIAA standings.

Livingstone defensive coach Fletcher Jones returned this season to coach the local gridgers, after a year's leave of study at North Carolina A & T University. He returned to Livingstone to resume the leadership of Livingstone's top-rated defense in the NAIA District 26 this season.

"The talent was already here. I just put it together," Jones commented after the Bears had limited their opponents to 13 yards rushing and none passing. "Each man had a certain job to do and he did it."

Jones was a member of the Livingstone coaching staff in 1969. During that campaign, its defense was rated tops in the country. This season among black schools across the nation, it leads in rushing, passing and total defense.

Bernard Hill, William Kimbrough, Johnny Miller and Ronald McCleave sparked the Livingstone defense by recovering a fumble apiece. Teammate Steve Blanton, a

linebacker from Salisbury High, also scored a safety on Shaw quarterback Reginald Bennett in the first half.

Larry Lee, another Bear linebacker, picked off a Shaw pass in the second period and returned the ball 55 yards for his team's second touchdown. The winners notched their third TD when defensive back Lawrence McDuffie snagged a pass in his own end zone and ran 105 yards for the third quarter score.

The season may not be completely over. Holman's crew hopes to receive an invitation to a post-season bowl game, particularly the Orange Blossom Classic in Miami. The team last played in the bowl contest in 1960, when it suffered a 27-7 loss to Edward Waters College in a Gator Bowl Stadium contest.

Shaw's defense was also outstanding. It yielded just 27 yards rushing and 42 passing. Livingstone was rated fifth in the conference in team offense entering last week's game.

The winners were playing with three key offensive starters out of action. Halfback Calvin Eley, a league-leading rusher, was sidelined with a bad knee, along with guard David Leaven. Livingstone center Charles Gordon was out with a virus.

The teams waged a brilliant punting warfare against each other. Shaw punted the ball nine times for an average of 33.3 yards per boot. Livingstone kicked the pigskin away eight times, while averaging 37.8 yards per punt.

Each team was stopped cold in the first quarter. Shaw couldn't advance past its own 27 yard line, while Livingstone managed just three first downs. It did drive from the Shaw 47 down to the four before the first period buzzer sounded.

When action resumed in the second quarter, the Bears were halted twice. On fourth down and one yard to go, May Prim banged over the goal line for

Livingstone's go-ahead six-pointer. Andrew Cooney's kick made the score 7-0 with 13:31 showing on the clock.

The Bears increased their slim lead when Lee picked off a Shaw pass and raced 55 yards for a score. With 4:22 left in the second stanza, Cooney's kick made it a 14-0 contest.

A wild package of events helped end the first half, beginning with Miller's fumble recovery on the Shaw three. The hosts took over at that point and with 2:53 left, they were halted by an amazing goal line stand by the visitors.

Shaw got the ball back with 1:20 to go and on its first play from scrimmage, Blanton nailed Bennett in the end zone to score the Livingstone safety, making the score 16-0.

Shaw then kicked-off to the hosts, who lost the ball on their first play from scrimmage. Randy Nichols' pass was intercepted by the visitors' Alvin Wilkes, who ran the ball 48 yards up field to the Bear 42 yard line.

On the next play—you guessed it, McCleave fell on a Shaw fumble and Livingstone took over on its own 30 with 46 seconds remaining in the half. It couldn't move the ball and had its 16-0 advantage at intermission.

McDuffie's sensational touchdown run was the only other six-pointer in the game.

He grabbed a pass thrown by Shaw's Bennett and raced 105 yards for the score. Cooney's

kick was good with 2:11 to go, in the third quarter rounding out the scoring at 23-0.

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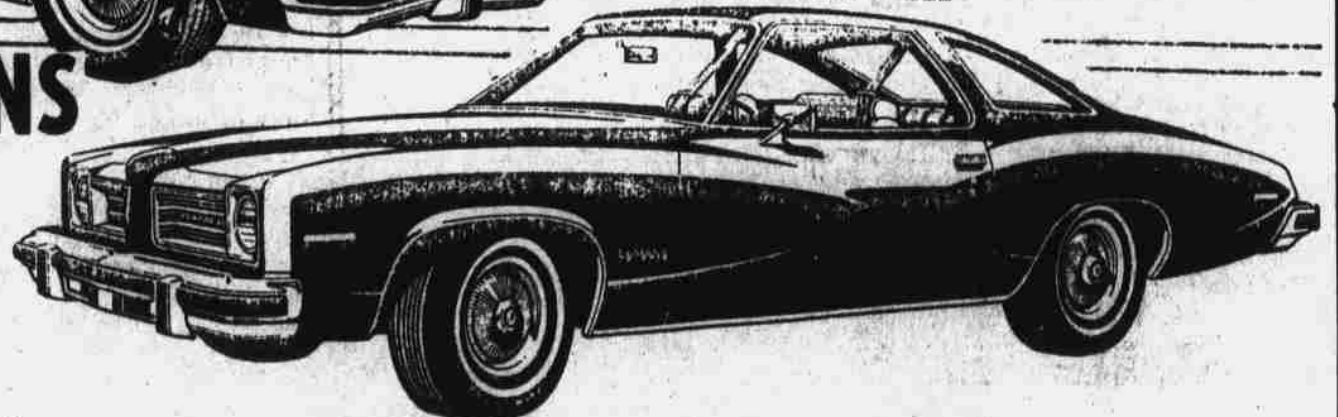
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