

WOODY STRODE



SAMMY DAVIS, JR.



IVAN DIXON



SIDNEY POITIER



JIMMY BROWN



OSIE DAVIS



BROCK PETERS



BERNIE HAMILTON

'65 Great Year for Negro Film Stars; Will '66 Top It?

1965 was a big year for our stars of ebony hue. Now, with Christmas gone, and the New Year right around the corner, we pause to reflect on the past and speculate about the future.

In 1965 we saw the addition of many new faces in a variety of fresh appealing roles... and we "dug" it. Along with the newcomers, the old favorites thrilled us time and time again. We are looking forward to the development of this policy of more exposure for black talent by Hollywood film-makers.

Heading the list of performers who were outstanding in 1964 Academy Award Winner Sidney Poitier. It appears as though Mr. Poitier improves (if that's possible) with each new film. "A Slender Thread", "A Patch of Blue" and "Bedford Incident", his most recent releases, confirm what we have known for years. Namely, that Poitier is superb in non-ethnic as well as specifically ethnic parts.

If Poitier heads the list, not too far behind is Bernie Hamilton. No newcomer to screen fans, Bernie really "upset" the critics with his magnificent performance in "One Potato, Two

Potato". A Cannes Film Festival Award Winner, "Potato" highlighted Bernie's fine talent and helped destroy the myth that Poitier was the only Negro actor of "box office value".

Following "Potato", Hamilton turned in another top-notch performance in "Synanon". Starring alongside Eartha Kitt, Bernie Hamilton proved his award-winning "Potato" performance was no mere flash in the pan.

Another fine young actor who is currently lending validity to the box office power of black male actors is Ivan Dixon. Not soon to be forgotten for the lead in "Nothing But a Man", Dixon demonstrated his wide range and ability. Needless to say he endeared himself to fans of all races. So warm and tender was his character portrayal that it is a foregone conclusion he will be seen repeatedly during the 1966 season.

"When it rains, it pours", or so it seems to be the case with Hollywood maturing, and utilizing the talents of non-white actors in diversified roles.

Brock Peters, for instance, an actor of a long standing fine rep-

utation, appeared in "The Pawnbroker" as a gangster leader. Significantly, it was the first time anyone could recall a tan actor in such a role. Much in the tradition of Cagney and Bogart, Brock undertook the demanding part and proved himself a worthy innovator. Still bigger and better things are predicted for him in the coming year.

Ossie Davis, in another instance, "lit" up the screen, next to Sean Connery (James Bond) in "The Hill". Proving again the quality of box office attraction he is, Davis has consistently filled the theatres wherever his movies are showing. Currently filming "A Man Called Adam", (his latest) Ossie Davis certainly promises to be heard from resoundingly in '66.

Sammy Davis, Jr., probably the greatest talent on or off screen returns to the movie scene with Ossie Davis in "Adam". A not too frequent film-maker, Sammy will be a welcome sight in the lead role. The picture will be shot on location in Harlem. Many of the extras are local talent, Ossie and Sam-

my combine to produce a pleasurable team for any movie buff. In other significant developments, Woody Strode, the mountain of talent and muscle, and football great Jim Brown round out what can be described as the most progressive year (for Afro-American actors) in movie-dom's history.

Strode, in Ghengis Khan, was great as usual. Expanding his horizons, Woody will appear in the soon-to-be released film "The Professionals", which also stars Burt Lancaster and Jack Palance.

Jim Brown, on the other hand, an all pro halfback with the champion Cleveland Browns made his film debut this year. Although he won't win an "Oscar", his performance was greeted with enthusiasm by all who viewed the film.

For the Negro, 1965 was a year filled with great movie movements. Hollywood finally recognized the "right" and moved -

Let's hope nothing happens to halt the onward, upward march.



ROBERT C. HENRY

Negro Elected Mayor In Ohio By Five-Member Commission

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Robert C. Henry was elected unanimously Monday night by the fellow five-member commission as the mayor of Springfield. By virtue of his election, Henry, 44, becomes the first Negro to be mayor of a large Ohio city.

Henry led the ticket for the City Commission in the November election but it was the vote of the other members of the Commission which gave Henry the ceremonial office because in previous elections, the top vote getter didn't always become the mayor.

Henry, a funeral director who has been a law director for a year, said the most problems for the ninth most populous city include badly needed capital improvement and more money to hire and maintain adequate personnel.

The new mayor is a native of Springfield where a graduate from high school. He at-

tended Wittenberg University for two years before moving to Cleveland where he graduated from the Cleveland College of Mortuary Science.

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tion last July. McKissick stated that along with his new responsibilities as director of CORE that he hopes to emphasize community organizations such as he recently proposed at the meeting he called in Raleigh, November 13.

AA MEETS
The Hayti group of Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, in the library room of the W. D. Hill Recreation Center on Fayetteville Street in Durham.

—Director

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York.

Mrs. Blanche was graduated from the public schools in Raleigh and earned a B.S. degree from Juilliard School of Music in New York.

As less than one percent of the adult members of the Girl Scout program are professional workers, the volunteer members receive their training and guidance from the directors in order to keep the Girl Scout program the successful organization it is for girls.

Mrs. Blanche makes her home on Leesville Rd., Wake County. She is married to Jessie L. Branche, superintendent of services at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh. They have one son, Ronnie, age six. She is a member of the First Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Mrs. Blanche's headquarters in Durham will be the Girl Scout Service Center, Camp Williamson on Glendale Ave.

'Grandma, Let's Talk About Our Heart Operations'

IDENTICAL HEART OPERATIONS saved the lives of Mrs. E. L. Boyce of Fort Worth, Tex., and her grandson, Charlie Glassie III of Tacoma, Washington. Understandably, they are ardent boosters for the 1966 Heart Fund Campaign, being conducted nationally through February.

—M&F Bank

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vealed that two vacancies on the Board, which existed last year, had been filled with the exception of confirmation by the stockholders. In view of this fact, he called for a report of the nominating committee, headed by C. C. Spaulding, Jr., which presented the names of Mrs. V. G. Turner, retiring executive vice president of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company and J. W. Goodloe, executive vice president and secretary of the same company, as the persons selected to fill the vacancies.

Following the report of the president and the nominating committee, a report of the bank's examining committee was made by Wm. J. Walker, Jr., chairman. Walker stated that the committee disclosed that the bank was in a sound condition and that it was experiencing a steady growth.

All directors of the bank were re-elected. Elected to the Board as new directors were Mr. Goodloe and Mrs. Turner

—Seven Retire at Mutual

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to Asa T. Spaulding, president, who awarded the certificates of retirement. Gifts from the North Carolina Mutual Forum were presented by Mrs. Rosemond Cox, president of the Forum. The occasion was explained by Maceo A. Sloan, vice president-home office operations. Short speeches were made by each recipient.

Several relatives and friends of the retirees were present for the program and attended a reception held in the Company cafeteria immediately following the program.

W. Lionel Cook is a native of Washington, D. C., attended the public schools of that city and graduated from Shaw University, Raleigh. He is also a graduate of LIAMA, of LUTC, and for several years served as an LUTC instructor. He was employed by North Carolina Mutual February 17, 1933 as a Special-Ordinary agent on the Raleigh District, located at Windsor. He was promoted to the position of assistant manager of the Raleigh District during the same year, and to manager of the Durham District on December 13, 1938. On January 1, 1964, he was promoted to assistant agency director and transferred to the home office.

His philosophy, "Building Men for North Carolina Mutual" is substantiated by the fact that during his 26 years as manager of the Durham District, he developed 7 managers, 14 staff managers, and 4 representatives on the home office staff. He retires from his position of assistant agency director with 32 years of service with the company.

Mrs. Mary M. Saunders was born in Orange County where she attended the local schools. She also attended the Woman's Institute, Domestic Arts and Sciences, Scranton, Pa. After many years of experience in the culinary arts, Mrs. Saunders joined the home office staff of North Carolina Mutual on January 2, 1961.

With limited facilities and a small staff, Mrs. Saunders did much to develop and bring the cafeteria services to its present status. Upon retirement, she had completed 15 continuous years with the company.

D. Fuller Spaulding began his employment with the company on July 1, 1921 as type operator in the Multigraph Department, now the Printing Division of the home office.

After acquiring a thorough knowledge of the printing operations of the company, he was elevated to the position of chief clerk of the division, and later to the position of manager.

A native of Columbus County, North Carolina, Spaulding was educated in the local public schools of the vicinity, and attended the National Religious Training School, now North Carolina College. He retires with a service record of 44 dedicated years.

James F. Strickland was employed as elevator operator for the company on May 15, 1922. At that time, the new home office building on Parrish St. had just been recently completed. In this position he has had an opportunity to meet many of the prominent people of the world who have been guests of the company.

Strickland is a native of Asheboro. He attended the public schools of Randolph County and later A. and T. College. He retires with 43 years of continuous service.

Mrs. Viola G. Turner completed 45 years of service with the company began her career in the Oklahoma City district office as a clerk. She later served as cashier clerk in offices in Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas.

After transferring to the Home Office in 1924, she advanced through the ranks from Secretary to the Treasurer, Treasurer, Vice President and Treasurer, and Financial Vice President. The latter position is the highest ever held by any woman in the company's history. She is also the first and only woman member of the Board of Directors. A native of Macon, Ga., Mrs. Turner was graduated from Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga. In 1962 this institution conferred upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

The Agency Department sponsored a seven-week sales contest in her honor during the latter part of 1965.

In 1954, the Georgia Planning Committee paid her a tribute with a production program in her honor which included a tour of her native state. Her birthplace, Macon, honored her with a "Key to the City."

In 1960, the Southern Planning Committee sponsored a sales contest in her honor



MISS DAVIS



MISS EPPS



MISS GARY



MISS HAMM

CONTESTANTS — The above young women are members of the freshmen class at Kittrell College. They have been selected to compete as candidates for the title of "Miss Freshman." The are: Varonica Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis of Richmond, Va., a Business Education major; Rylanda Epps, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Clark of E. Orange, N. J., majoring in Physical Therapy; Jeridine Gary of Pendleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Douglasson, a Home Economics major and Nena Hamm, niece of Mrs. Pauline Waters of Kinston, a major in Elementary Education.

JOINS FIGHT AGAIN



Johnson Publications Publisher, John Johnson, assures 1966 March of Dimes Poster Child, Lori Ann Wagner, he supports the fight against birth defects. 1966 March of Dimes campaign provides funds for patient aid, research and public education to help children born with birth defects.

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If the Appeals Court adopts the government's position, the Albany group will at least get new trails. If it adopts the defense position, the indictments will be thrown out. A new jury would have to be chosen before the group could be indicted and tried again.

—Appointment

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Danville and throughout the Southern Atlantic area. Miss Harvey is a graduate of Howard University Law School, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, member of the League of Women Voters of Danville and is one of the incorporators of Danville's Community Improvement Council.



Play as You Go

By Mary Whitman

Colorful, convenient maps are a magic carpet today.

But it wasn't always so. The story of mapmaking never stops. Men used to carry maps in their heads. The world was smaller then. A caveman could memorize every hill and tree.

South Sea Islanders carried ingenious maps in their canoes. A small framework of sticks represented water, and shells were attached to show where land was.

Early civilized man made maps on clay tablets. Later, primitive woodcut printing evolved. In the medieval period, maps showed three continents — Europe, Asia, Africa — and the world was thought to be a saucer surrounded by a circular ocean. By the 16th century, fine mapmaking flourished in Mediterranean ports and copperplate engraving was well established. But amazing as it seems today, in the year 1700 nearly half the earth's surface was still unknown and unexplored.

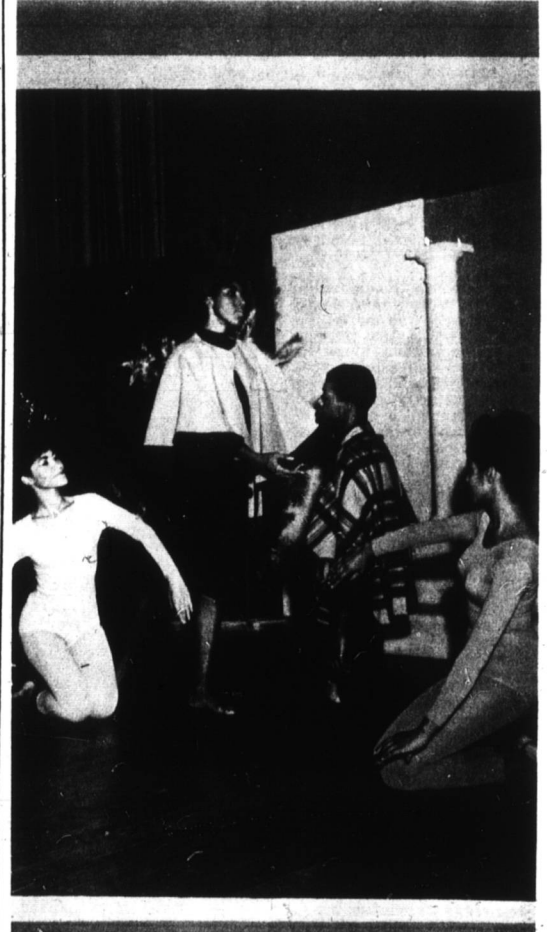
Today the world is so big — and so changing — that keeping mapmaking up to date is still a challenge.

"Maps have always held a special magic for boys and young men," points out James Lyle, president of Whitman Publishing Company, Racine, Wis., world's largest publisher of children's activity items. "A good map seems to call for a good story. That natural combination has now led to a whole new concept in maps to help children study."

Maps have been developed, in full color, with border illustrations. Along with each map goes an adventure book about the special assignment from the Pentagon.

The General travels by plane, racing car, llama, and other lively locomotion in his work as a global trouble shooter. The young student can follow each of nine adventures on a set of matching maps.

Parents and teachers who find a child's interest flagging in exports and imports will see new excitement kindled when boys discover the books. Where the General goes there's bound to be general improvement in grades.



SHINE IN DANCE RECITAL — These performers were among the stars in the recent recital by the A. and T. Modern Dance Group. In the group from left to right are: Cheryl Derrickson, Greensboro; Carol Turner, New York City; Roland Hayes, Boston, Mass., and Jean Saunders, also of the Gate City.