

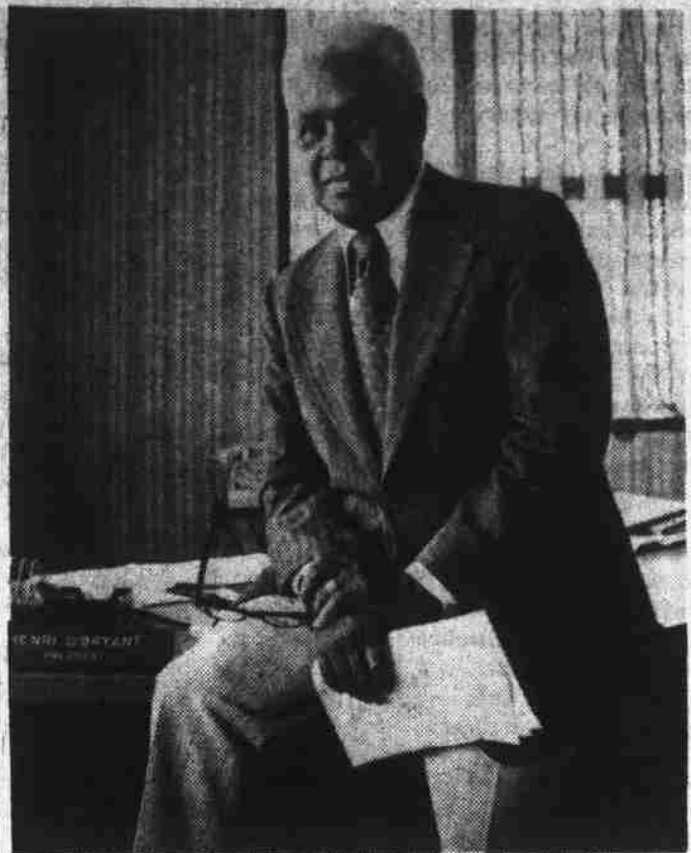
**Noted Robe Designer Opens New Facilities**

Noted religious robe designer Henri O'Bryant has opened expanded facilities in Los Angeles' billion-dollar garment district.

The new O'Bryant Enterprises plant is in the prestigious Textile Center Building, 315 E. 8th St. The company's old plant, at 1164 No. Western Ave. in Hollywood is now headquarters for O'Bryant Sales.

Combined, the downtown plant and the Hollywood showrooms give O'Bryant more than 6,000 feet of floor space in Southern California.

The black-owned firm also maintains sales outlets in Oakland (Calif.) Cleveland, New Orleans, Memphis, Atlanta and Charlotte. O'Bryant, a former Los Angeles fire commissioner, holds exclusive nation-wide contracts from both the powerful Church of God in Christ and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion



O'BRYANT

denominations.

"I should have moved into the garment district years ago," says O'Bryant. "Being here for me is just like a preacher being in his pulpit. Everything I need — workers, fabrics, supplies is right at hand. I'm finally in the mainstream of the business."

O'Bryant employs 30 people in the garment hub and

eight in Hollywood and now can produce, 4,000 robes a month. He has capacity for contract work. Five years ago in Hollywood, he had a work force of 18 and was grossing barely \$100,000 a year. At the company's current rate of growth, however, he foresees a volume of \$4 million annually by 1980.

**Clement Addresses Rotarians During Black History Week**

As a participant in the Black History Week speakers' program, sponsored by the Charleston County Bicentennial Commission, William A. Clement, CLU, senior vice president, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, addressed the St. Andrews Rotary Club in Charleston last week.

Clement told of how the young scholar Carter G. Woodson, born to former slaves in 1875 at New Canton, Virginia, began to realize that the Contributions which had been made by black people (and other ethnic groups) to the development of this country was being either ignored or misrepresented by historians. Woodson therefore took it upon himself to conduct special research into the neglected past of black people. As a result of his efforts, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History was founded September 9, 1915. Eleven years later the Association began to sponsor the observance of Negro History Week, now known as Black

History Week. The findings of the Association have greatly enlarged the scope of American history. But getting this information to the American people at large has been a slow process. Where classroom history books once gave mention of the black men only in relation to the Civil War and George Washington Carver, young Americans are now being told a history that is peopled with black as well as white men.

Clement traced the institution of slavery as it grew from the need for cheap labor. The institution of slavery gave rise to a class of aristocrats who became a law unto themselves. The plight of the slaves turned on the inclination of his master. Some gained learning and skills at the hand of their masters, others gained only degradation and mistreatment.

Nothing that some slaves were able to buy or earn their freedom, Clement observed that efforts were made to restrict contact between these free blacks and the slaves and



YORUBA TRIBAL LEADER Maurice Woods accepts a sacrifice from a kneeling Marlene Clark who hopes to save her possessed daughter's soul in LORD SHANGO, a contemporary thriller set in the American South. The Bryanston release will open soon as a local theatre.

that the method used most often in maintaining this boundary was the embitterment of one class against another.

Meanwhile the strike for independence from England was at hand. "Black people became involved in defending the liberty of their country, despite the fact that it was

impossible to harmonize slavery with the construction that all men are born free and equal." The black people were at last enlisted, for which the free ones earned the same wages as whites while the slaves were rewarded with freedom.

The 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments were subsequently passed," said

Clement and "we the people means all of us although it has taken the Supreme Court on several occasions to explain its meaning.



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**Rigsbee Tire Sales**

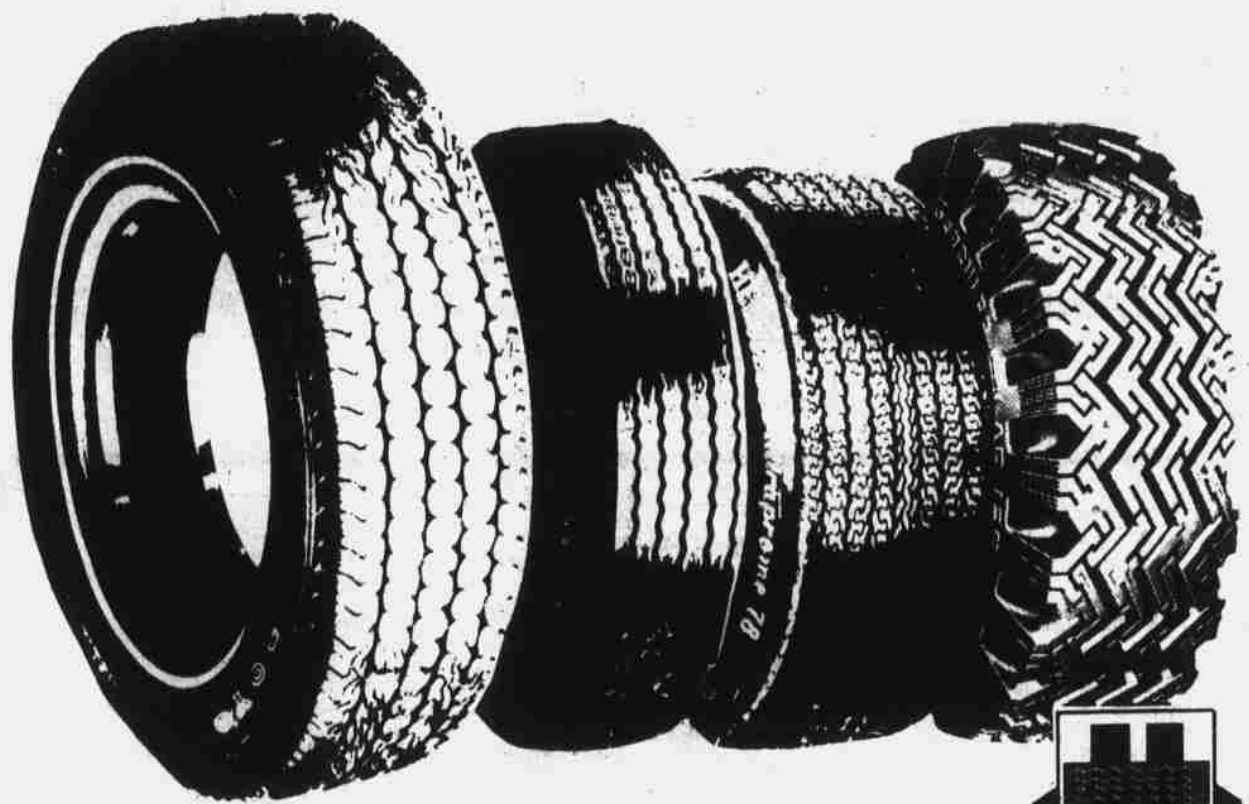
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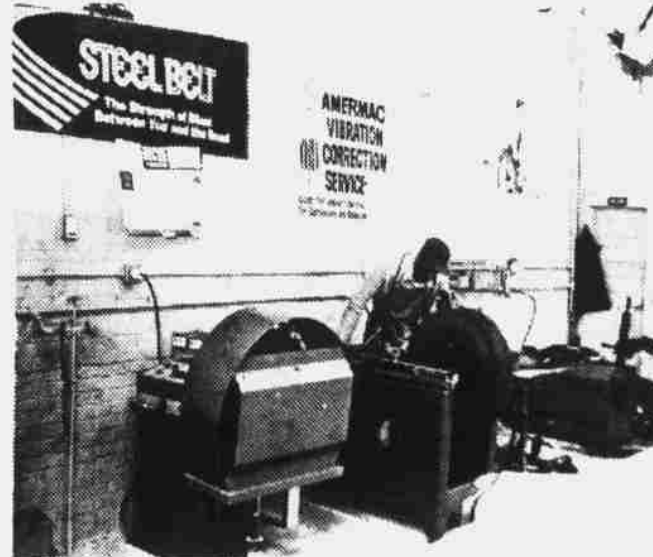
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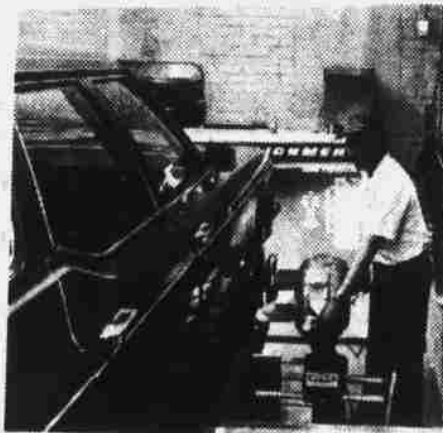
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