

## African Spotlight

# Aiyetoro

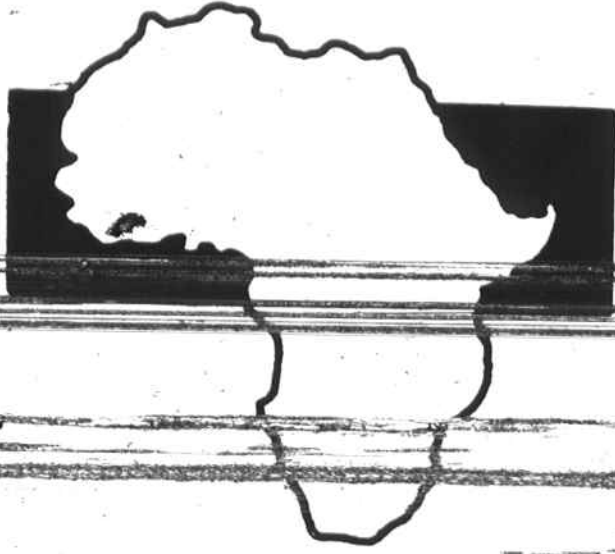
Family life at Aiyetoro is far from normal. The town is divided into two parts; men living to the south and women to the North. Each man of marriageable age has a wife allotted to him by the community elders.

The woman is responsible for cooking his food and for other domestic

allowed to sleep in his house, nor he in hers.

Every interaction between the man and the wife must be during the day, as each partner stays in his apartment during the night. This has been the accepted principle at Aiyetoro since the town was founded and the inhabitants have not been known to complain.

Contrary to the above practice, people from the neighboring villages hold a different view. It is common gossip that a man in Aiyetoro may make love to any woman he



individual members of the system look on the community as a theocracy on earth, where his disabilities would be overcome. Of course there is the Aiyetoro Community Trading Company Limited in which is incorporated all the economic activities of the community.

The community of Aiyetoro built on water had the cleanest streets and produces one of the healthiest, well fed spiritually pious, and law abiding citizens in Nigeria. There is not a single police station in Aiyetoro.

The achievement of the Aiyetoro community is a pride for many Nigerians. It is significant to note that the African, without help from outside, could fashion for himself a way of life, peculiar to himself and organize himself, and achieve much within a short period of time.

**Robena Egemonye**

wishes provided he has the opportunity during the day.

Children born in Aiyetoro are cared for and educated at the expense of the community. There is a nursery-primary school which takes care of educational needs and which has achieved quite a remarkable result. There is no medical services at all the the Apostles will not seek the aid of a doctor or

hospital. One cannot help wondering about what has induced thousands of people, to hand their belonging into a common pool, and work for the community to such a good effect, that they have a reputation for commercial integrity, second to none in Nigeria. Perhaps this is because the community organizes a system which is a meeting point for religion, politics and economy. The

## Boswell To Head Wachovia Personnel

Ben Boswell has been named regional personnel officer for Wachovia Bank and Trust Company's offices in Charlotte, Gas-

tonia and Salisbury. Boswell transferred to Charlotte from Winston-Salem where he has been an equal opportunity sp-

cialist in the Equal Employment Opportunity section of the Personnel Administration Department since May 1977. He joined Wachovia as a personnel officer in 1976 and formerly had personnel responsibility for Wach-

via Mortgage Company. Boswell is married to the former Helen L. Thomas of Danville, Va. He is the son of Mrs. Edith B. Waller of Dry Fork, Va., and the late Bennie Boswell Sr.



**Ben Boswell**

## Time Off

By Naomi C. McLean  
Business Writer



It is a good thing for us to get away now and then from the evrday concerns of our busy lives to commune with the great outdoors. A change in our routine gives us new energy, so that we can meet our daily problems with refreshed minds and lifted spirits.

As we commune, we imagine a picture of the lush meadow. Our

imagination lets us see life. weeping willows bend over the stream like drooping sentinals, and close to the stream is a great oak tree that towers aloft like the mighty work of God that it is.

When we commune with Nature, we tend to forget the problems that continually press upon us and it is well that we do. The ability to forget is one of the major blessings of

For every reader of this column, you are wished a season of vacation and a refreshment. We are all differently constituted. What appeals to one as a good vacation would not appeal at all to someone else. How we invest our time off is for each of us to determine. The important thing is to make some provision for detaching ourselves from our immediate concerns and enriching our lives through new experiences, new scenes, new faces. We'll come back to our work with new vim and vigor.

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Mrs. Sparks was born in Johnson City Tennessee and has lived in Winston-Salem 27 years. She has been active in the field of Real Estate for over 15

years. In 1971, she and Mrs. Madeline McNames formed McNames-Sparks, Inc., a real estate sales firm, which she serves as Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. She is a member of both the local and national Multiple Listing Service and is currently serving as a Director of the Winston-Salem Board of Realtors. She and her husband Arthur, have 3 children.

Mr. Conrad Stone-

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