

**Black Movies, TV**

**News Briefs**

Melba Moore, who's spokesperson for "Big Blue Marble", the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning children's TV series presented as a public service by ITT, thinks many of the time slots it gets are inappropriate for children.

Black-oriented films on the "50 Top-Grossing Films" list



Thelma Houston  
...Popular soul singer

**Thelma Houston**

**To Rock Soul**

**Train Saturday**

This Saturday Soul Train will spotlight the spirited O'Jays, popular purveyors of "message" tunes, along with Thelma Houston, featured vocalist on the soundtrack of Universal-Motown's movie, "The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings," starring Billy Dee Williams, James Earl Jones and Richard Pryor.

The O'Jays perform "A Message In My Music," "I Love Music" and "Stairway to Heaven" from their latest albums, "Survival" and "Family Reunion".

During their 17 years in show business they have achieved recognition by Billboard for "Top Soul LP" for their 1974 album, "Ship Ahoy" and were named "Best Male Vocal Group" at the Eighth Annual NAACP Image Awards Banquet in Hollywood.

Thelma Houston, a budding actress as well as innovative song stylist, sings "The Bingo Long Song" and "Razzle Dazzle."

last week were "Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars & Motor Kings," holding on to the No. 21 spot it was in last week, and "J.D.'s Revenge" in No. 43 spot, a three-point drop. "Drum" had disappeared.

Mobil Oil is one of the underwriters of the Children's Television Workshop's (CTW's) adult series, "American Families," to be seen this season. CTW's "The Electric Company," produced since 1971, will cease production after it completes 130 episodes for the 1976-77 season.

A new advertising theme keyed to the hit songs by Aretha Franklin is held accountable for the remarkable business "Sparkle" racked up in Detroit, according to Warner Bros. The company reported that the Howard Roseman musical drama grossed \$42,753 in 13 days at the Madison in Detroit, a figure regarded as exceptional for this theatre.

Cicely Tyson and Paul Winfield, the stars of "Sounder" will be reteamed for the upcoming independent production of "A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich," Alice Childress' adaptation of her book. Robert B. Radnitz will again produce. He's already completed "Part II, Sounder," to be released in October.

Friends were shocked to hear of the death in NYC of former dancer Billy Barnes. He once appeared on stage with Josephine Baker.

Former singer Johnny Rainbow is the new president of the Duke Ellington Society, New York Chapter. He says he hopes to gain more members (there are now 173) and promote more activities and programs in the memory of the Duke. Other chapters are in Rochester, N.Y., Washington, D.C. and in Canada.

Samuel Goldwyn, Jr., who produced "Cotton Comes To Harlem," is planning an all-black film version of "Guys and Dolls," now a hit Broadway musical with an all-black cast.

Check the ads in the Charlotte Post each week for outstanding buys.



MASTER TAILOR James "Jimmie" Grier, right, watches his son, James Grier, Jr. press out seam in customer's trousers. The highly competent tailor has been in business at 3000 Seymour Drive since 1951.—Photo by Peeler

**Master Tailor James Grier Has**

**2,000 Well-Dressed Customers**

By James Peeler  
Post Staff Writer  
Master tailor James "Jimmie" Grier, 51, of 3000 Seymour Drive says he has "at least 2,000 well-dressed customers" who patronize his shop regularly and have brought him so much business he can "hardly get it done."

One of those 2,000 customers, Rev. H. O. Graham, Grier's pastor at Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, was chosen one of the "Ten Best Dressed Men" in Charlotte in 1972 or 1973 by fashion experts at the Charlotte Observer, according to Mr. Grier.

Grier went in business for himself in 1951 after having worked for Robert Hall clothing stores for 18 years.

He specializes in clothing alterations, fitting, re-styling furs and leather, and says "It's the only way to make money in tailoring - not many people want to pay \$300 for a suit now and that's what I have to charge."

Grier says "I love tailoring but its becoming a dying trade because young people won't take it."

He is presently assisted part-time by his sons, James Grier, Jr, 26, who studied one year at a Fashion School in Detroit, Michigan and is attending Belmont Textile School; and Terry Grier, 17, a Freshman at Shaw University.

Grier says he needs additional help badly and has to work many days from 7 a.m. until midnight. "I've got more than I can do," he insists.

He says he plans to expand his tailoring business in about two years when his son, James Grier, Jr., finishes Belmont Textile School.

Grier is a graduate of Loving School of Tailoring in Richmond, Virginia where he studied for four years. He also studied at Hampton Institute for one year.

An Elder in the 5-year-old Metropolitan Presbyterian

**CPCC Launches "The Adams Chronicles"**

Beginning Wednesday, September 22, CPCC launches "The Adams Chronicles," a college course of prime television, from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. on WTVI (Channel 42). The program will be repeated from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. each Sunday. By sponsoring "The Adams Chronicles," Central Piedmont joins some 30 other 2 and 4 year colleges across the nation which have-run-or are currently sponsoring the series. Developers of the PBS series expect that enrollment will double that of last fall; eventually it is expected that as many as 700 colleges will offer "The Adams Chronicles."

This thirteen week TV series will offer three hours college credit at Central Piedmont Community College. Tuition cost is \$9.00. CPCC will provide class discussions and supportive materials. The course is listed as GEN 1310. Interested enrollees may register by mail from CPCC newspaper schedules of courses, on campus at the Registration Center, or at the first class meeting, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Mecklenburg Hall, Room 304. For more information on this college credit course, phone 373-6423.

"The Adams Chronicles" consists of 13 TV dramatizations based on primary source material from the Adams family diaries. The series has been widely acclaimed and is the largest and most significant original drama series completely produced by non-commercial broadcasting in America.

The Washington Star said recently: "The series is terrific, well worth anyone's time watching and endlessly instructive in the beginnings and evolution of America."

Teaching by means of television, probably the noblest use of the medium, is nothing new. College courses on TV date back to the early 1950's.

To working students, mothers at home and others unable to be locked into rigid

classroom structures television instruction at prime time offers a unique opportunity for flexible learning.

"The Adams Chronicles" is not CPCC's first use of television instruction. The college offered "The Classic Theatre" Children Theatre's

Season Tickets

Go On sale

Season tickets for Children's Theatre productions will go on sale from September 20 to October 1, according to a recent announcement. There will be four productions and season tickets cost \$4. After October 1, season tickets will be \$5. Individual tickets will be sold at-the-door, when available, for \$1.50. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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Most recently, Winter, 1976, CPCC scheduled "The Adams Chronicles" via television.

The current GEN course is but the beginning of future television instruction programs which are part of CPCC's long range plan.

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