

# What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

Well, the new year celebrations are over and things are settling back down to normal. The normalcy being disturbed only by occasional memories of the super good times or possibly the excruciating bad times had during that season of light-heartedness. However, the moving finger writes and having writ moves on.

## VISITING TIME...

One couple that's glad in a way that the holiday season has gone is June and Delores Barnes of Sargeant Drive.

These two lovely people spent the entire holiday season entertaining friends and relatives from far and near.

It was cool though, because they are very outgoing people who like to cook and make people feel very welcome at their place.

Some of the folks who were made to feel at home during the holidays were Frank and Ann Hughes, George and Ernestine Yellidell, Mitchell and Maggie Smith, James Walker, Milton Yongue, David and Jean Caldwell, Betty Finney, Bleaker Blake, Arnetta Moore, Anna Maria Springs, Robert Miller, Tony and Jackie Barnes, Doris Crawford, Sharon Phillips, and Bernice Henry.

Now June, tell me again, to make a good rum pudding, you put.....

**DARBY ACRES JAM...** Darryl Wilburn, whose sister lives in Darby Acres, decided to enliven his New Year's with a little party. So Brother Wilburn proceeded to get the paraphernalia needed for a successful set, and invited the people needed for such a happening.

Around 4 the following morning, you could tell by Darryl's smile that Jackie Wilburn, Tony Wilburn, Nickie Wilburn, Gerald Wilburn, Donovan Stevenson, Levi Dixon, Bernard Falls, Terry Grier, Carl Johnson, Dell Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Gordon Tucker, Frankie Stevenson, Charles Crawford, Rudy Falls, William Crawford and Margaret Ann Crawford, had a very nice time.

**HUNT CLUB PARTY...** The club house of the Hunt Club Apts. was the spruced up scene of a very frolicsome New Year's party.

This affair was sponsored by Humphrey Cummings, Wayne Alexander and Arthur Griffin. These 3 people made sure that their guests had plenty of good food, plenty of good music, a lot of refreshments and a lot of time to get into all three.

Among the young lawyer's guests were Kenneth and Beverly Simmons, Sandy Upperman, Phyllis Wingate, Vanessa Gallman, Jerry and Brenda Springs, Earl Torain, Mac Walls, James and Gloria Frederick, Marnite Shuford, Esta Bruce, Dorothy Burgess, Lula Ann Jones, Ed Flowers, Michael Crawford, DeForest Ray, and Pamela Jones.

**INSTALLATION SERVICES...** The Deborah Chapter No. 424 order of Eastern Star held its installation of officers - service, Sunday, Jan. 2, at the New Stonewall AME Zion Church, 1729 Griens Grove Road.

Brother James Mungo, who was installed as Worthy Patron by Grand Benevolent Secretary Brother Fred D. Alexander, installed the officers: Worthy Matron - Sister Marion Nesbit, Associate Matron - Sister Mattie Caldwell, Associate Patron - Brother Lewis Clawson, Secretary - Sister Louise Roseboro, Assistant Secretary - Sister Maxine Watts, Treasurer - Sister Bobby McCoy, Conductress - Sister Connie Reddic, Associate Conductress - Sister Elizabeth Taylor, Ada - Sister Joyce Shipp, Ruth - Sister Violet Robinson, Ester - Sister Louise Gregory, Martha - Eva Wiley, Electra - Sister Versie Craig, Marshall (East) - Sister Rosa Richardson, Marshall (West) - Sister Elizabeth Neal, Warden - Sister Ida Smith, Sentinel - Sister Maggie McCauley, and Parliamentarian - James Mungo.

Other members of Deborah Chapter present were Annie Aery, Theodora Jackson, Leslie Miller, Sallie Cochran, Lucy D. Young, Nancy Branch, Selene Stitt, Eva J. Wiley, Georgia M. Smith, and Louise Gregory.

Visiting members were Fred D. Alexander - Grand Benevolent Secretary, Grand Officer Martha - Osie B. Ferguson, Deputy of the 14th District - Jessie B. McCain. Also members of Golden Hue No. 15 Order of Eastern Star - Sister Dorothy Hinton, Sister Naomi Torrence, and Sister Minnie Thompson were present.

**NEW YEAR'S FUN...** Calvin and Jackie McCullough didn't let the new year sneak up on them either.

They hosted a party at their abode in Royal Orleans that consisted of standing room barely, when everybody got there.

Brick, Earth, Wind and Fire, LaBelle and the Ohio Players were the principle musical characters in a party that started around 10 and ended not too long before Sol made his appearance.

Happiness...The rays of happiness, like those of light, are colorless when unbroken.



Bob Johnson



MICHAEL CONNORS AND DAVID NELSON  
— Afro-American Theatre Program Instructors

## Afro-American Center To Offer Theatre Program

By James Peeler  
Post Staff Writer

The Afro-American Cultural and Service Center will offer a course entitled "Afro-American Theatre Program" during Spirit Square's Winter Session beginning after January 10.

According to instructor Michael Connor, "The course will feature a chronological historical perspective of Black Theatre." He added, "The course will combine theory with practice and will be taught by David Nelson and myself in conjunction with Central Piedmont Community College which will give college credit for the course."

The course will be offered two nights a week.

Registration began Janu-

ary 3 for a fee not to exceed \$5.00. Further information may be had by calling 392-0080 or 596-3492.

"The objective of the course," according to Connor, "is to depict blacks in a chronological-historical theatre perspective. It will be divided into two parts."

"Part one will deal with writing, in three categories: playwriting, theatrical poetry, and critical analysis."

"Part two will deal with performing, in three categories: plays, theatrical poetry, and critical analysis."

The course is open to college students, teachers, and other interested adults.

Connor concludes, "The development of Black theatre in

this area is lacking. To have a better appreciation of this theatre, there needs to be a better understanding of it.

This course, Afro-American Theatre Program, can bridge the gap of that understanding, which is so desperately needed. Theatre being a cultural expression is not limited to one particular people, therefore it must be developed on all levels for all people. The Afro-American Theatre Program will be informative as well as educational to this community."

## Happiness Through Health

# New Deadly Virus Disease

By Otto McClarrin

A new virus disease in Africa labeled by a group of scientists as the gravest threat to human health in more than a quarter of a century may be controlled through strict quarantine and sanitary regulations, sources at the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta stated recently.

New information about the disease and its death toll in Northern Zaire and Southern Sudan was revealed in a report from the Zaire Minister of Health to the World Health Organization and confirmed by the CDC.

The virus ailment causes a severe bleeding fever and kills quickly. Although scientist said it is similar to the Marburg, or Green Monkey virus, it is different antigenically and there is no cure.

**BLACKS AND POOR PEOPLE SHUNNING SWINE FLU SHOTS:**

Blacks and poor people throughout the nation are apparently shying away from swine flu inoculations in large numbers, according to federal and local officials.

The health officials attribute the limited participation by the poor and Blacks to a fear that the vaccine contributed to the deaths of three elderly people in Pittsburgh a couple of months ago.

Those people died hours after taking the vaccine, but federal health officials who investigated the deaths said the people died of heart attacks and other ailments unrelated to the vaccine.

Dr. J.D. Millar of the CDC in Atlanta says clinics throughout the US have reported "spotty" participation in the program by Blacks and the poor while more affluent people are taking the vaccine in

increasing numbers since the Pittsburgh incident.

He said his concern about low participation by Blacks and the poor in the program stems from reports of widespread "scare" reactions to the Pittsburgh deaths. He said the CDC has no specific statistics to support the reports.

Health officials say they think that the low level of education among some poor people and some blacks perpetuated an unfounded fear of the vaccine despite official findings and it is safe.

Dr. Millar said there is still a threat of an epidemic, and added that the indigent and Blacks, who typically live in urban areas, are particularly in need of the vaccine.

"All the factors that make for central city problems - poverty, inadequate nutrition, alcoholism - all those factors would make any infectious disease exact a heavier toll

there (in central cities)," the doctor said.

Dr. Millar said officials in several states have begun to contact prominent Blacks and make plans for campaign aimed at bringing more poor people and Blacks into the inoculation clinics.

## CONTRACEPTIVES:

The average woman who has all the children she wants is about 31.5 years old, according to national surveys. This means she has about 20 years before menopause, during which there will be a need for effective contraception.

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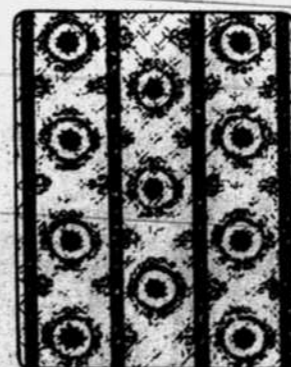
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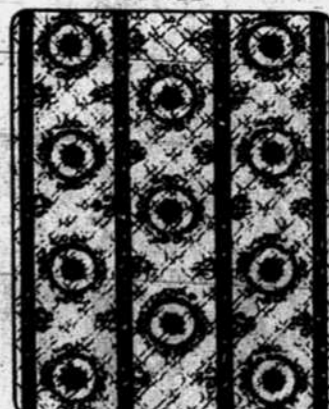
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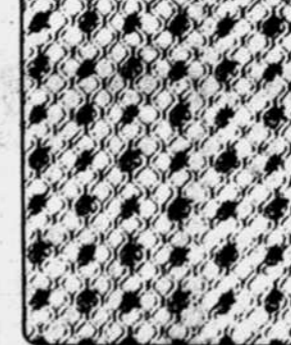
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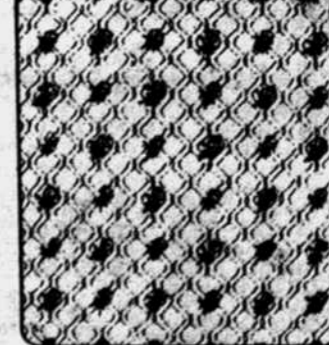
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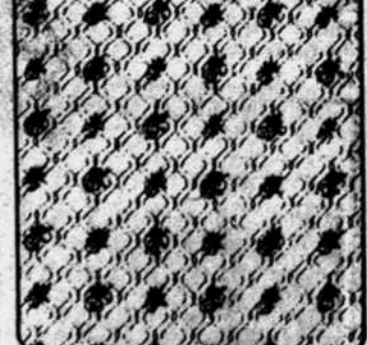
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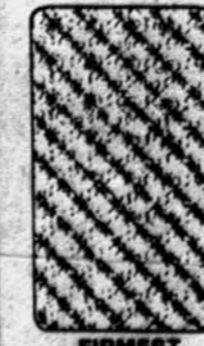
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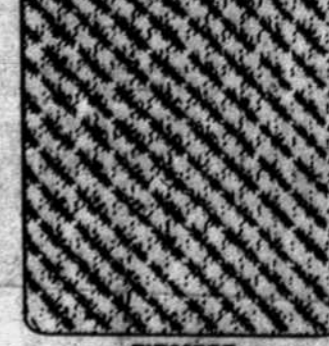
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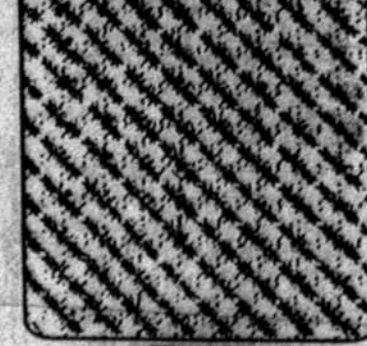
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