

## Operation Breadbasket's Gospel Orchestra On Tour

CHICAGO - Conductor-arranger Ben Branch and the celebrated SCLC Operation Breadbasket Gospel Orchestra and Chorus begin a long awaited national tour this month following several weeks of intensive recording sessions here.

The orchestra, which plays gospel, jazz and blues arrangements, is based in Chicago as an official component of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headed by the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy of Atlanta. The Rev. Jesse Jackson is national director of SCLC's Operation Breadbasket program for economic and political development of black and minority communities.

Saxophonist Branch who organized the unique gospel-jazz music ensemble at the request of the late SCLC founder Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said the tour is being arranged to help raise funds for SCLC chapters throughout the country and aid local voter registration drives.

The 21 piece orchestra and

chorus of three to 12 voices scheduled a preview of its tour last weekend at a gala benefit dinner performance for Mississippi gubernatorial candidate Charles Evers at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. The SCLC orchestra is aiding Evers in his campaign for election as governor of Mississippi.

Branch and the gospel aggregation will stage a filmed spectacular for Mayor Richard Hatcher in Gary, Ind., September 26 with guest stars Roberta Flack, The Jackson Five, Aretha Franklin and a host of local performers.

After another benefit for

black mayoralty candidate Charles Joseph in Benton Harbor, Mich., the Operation Breadbasket Soul Caravan moves into Philadelphia's Spectrum, September 29, for the City of Brotherly Love's SCLC chapter. Guest stars Flack, Danny Hathaway, Nina Simone and Dick Gregory are scheduled to join the Soul spectacular in Philly.

On October 17, Branch and the Operation Breadbasket Gospel Orchestra will present a Gospel to Blues festival at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. The event will also feature B.B. King, Muddy Waters, Lowell Fulsome Koko Taylor and Gregory.

Following later engagements at Chicago's Palmer House and Conrad Hilton again, the soulful entourage is scheduled to move to New York City's SCLC Black Exposition November 4-5-6 at

the Americana Hotel and then to the Boston Garden, November 25th (Thanksgiving) for the Boston SCLC chapter.

Branch and the orchestra and chorus then take a brief break to fill a 10 day engagement with Sammy Davis Jr. at the Mill Run Theater in Chicago's north shore area before staging concerts in Indianapolis and Illinois for local SCLC and Voter Registration campaigns at the close of the year.

The tour will be continued early in 1972 in a series of memorial concerts in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday tributes January 15, Branch announced. Dates are already being considered in Washington, D. C. and New York.

The orchestra is also considering college and concert dates in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia for this fall and winter, Branch said. The group recently completed three record albums on the Chess label, including The Last Request, On The Case and Watering The Flowers.

Information can be obtained by writing SCLC Operation Breadbasket Gospel Orchestra, 5036 South State St., Chicago, Illinois, 60613.

## Win Victories In The Black Belt Of Alabama

BUTLER, Ala. - After 15 weeks of mass demonstrations, arrests, and the killing of a 19-year-old woman here in the Alabama Black Belt, the power structure has finally been forced to yield to the demands of the black community.

The Choctaw County movement here, organized by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, built up a momentum that brought the white establishment to the bargaining table last Friday and ended Saturday with agreement to 95 per cent of the black community's demands.

Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President, personally directed the movement from his jail cell here, refusing to post bond until the settlement was reached and charges against him were dropped.

Terms of the settlement include:

Dropping of charges against the hundreds of arrested black demonstrators, except for about 100 who were charged with disorderly conduct and who now face fines.

Creation of a bi-racial advisory group to the County Board of Education. The advisory group will have an equal number of blacks and whites, chosen by their respective communities.

Restoration of three black teachers to their jobs, with the case of the fourth pending in court.

An end to lily-white government in this city and county. By October, the city of Butler must hire blacks in the mayor's office and at least one black policeman, and the sheriff's office must hire at least one black deputy.

Hiring of black employees in such positions as sales and cashiers at all downtown businesses. October 15 is the deadline.

Re-admission today of black students, without penalties and with special "catch-up" help from teachers, to the Choctaw County schools. The students had boycotted the schools during the mass actions.

The movement reached a critical stage on September 11 when a white man, Gladden Smith, drove a car into a group of demonstrators, striking and

killing Margaret Ann Knott. The daily marches were expanded and intensified, with hundreds of arrests.



## Employment In The Federal Government

BY ROBERT I. WILLIAMS

The next definition to get clear is "register of eligible." A register is a listing of names of persons who have passed an open competitive examination, arranged in order with the highest grades at the top of the list. A score of 70 is required for passing for all Federal examinations.

Any person who served in the armed forces for six months or longer and was not a part of a training unit, and was separated under honorable conditions receives five additional points to his rating.

Any person that presents proof of a wound received while on active duty -- an official statement that he is drawing compensation for a service-connected disability; the widow of a veteran or the wife or mother of a totally disabled veteran unable to support his family will have ten points added to his rating. The additional points are reserved for veterans. This will be discussed later.

After the examination has been given and the register established and an agency wishes to hire from the register, they send a request for a certificate of eligibles. The certificate is a list of the highest eligibles on the register. The personnel officer then ordinarily takes his choice of any one of the top three names on the certificate.

Following along with our definitions, a transfer is a career employee serving in an agency and moves to a job in another agency. Transferees do not have to be on a list of eli-

gibles to be selected for a job. He must however, meet the qualifications of the job he is transferring to.

A reassignment is the selection of an employee to serve in a different position of the same grade or salary in the same agency to the vacant position.

A reinstatement is effected when a former government employee who resigned from a position within three years of his appointment and with three years of the date he resigned is selected to fill a position. A reinstatement is also effected when a former employee who served three years under a permanent type appointment served in government without a break applies for a job in government and is selected. Any persons who serve three years without a break are eligible for reinstatement for the rest of his or her life.

Direct-hiring occurs when there is an urgent need to fill a position and eligibles are not available on the registers, the Civil Service Commission may authorize an agency to recruit and hire any person qualified for a position.

In direct hiring, the agency accepts applications and makes selections from them on the basis of qualifications for the position to be filled.

Veterans must be considered before nonveterans. The direct hire method is the least used of all methods in filling jobs.

Next week we will begin to discuss the various announcements and forms needed to apply. If you have any questions, send them to Post Office Box 26115 and we will attempt to answer them in the next week's article.



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## Your Weekly Horoscope

October 9 through October 15, 1971

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Try not to teeter during first two days, Ari, or by midweek you'll be a tottering wreck. It is good to keep moving, pet, but there is more than up and down. There is back and forth, and around and around -- not to mention over and out. Use your noodle and by end of week you will be moving in the right direction -- AHEAD.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): If you're an older Taurus, you wonder what has become of yesterday, don't you? When you and the world were green. Well, cheer up, dear, the sun will shine again, and the moon, too. And when that time comes you will be in an even better position to take advantage than when you were younger. You'll warm in the sunshine and bask in the moon glow.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Love is on its way. Gem, and Olga's advice is to accept, accept. A little love will certainly raise your sagging morale, and at the same time it may prove healthful, by lowering your blood pressure.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You run, Moonlove, but there is no escaping one who pursues. There are not enough places left to hide. Perhaps a confrontation is in order, on neutral ground, of course. To protect your best interests, invite a third party to accompany you. One whose judgment and sense of fair play are respected by your daily associates.

**LEO** (July 23-August 22): Don't be depressed in week ahead, Leo honey. Leo is NEVER a loser, at least not in the final shuffle. Check carefully into your affairs(?) and no doubt solution to what's bugging you will be found. Week in general is rather tacky. Sorry, love, but you can't expect to lick the frosting bowl EVERY time a cake is baked, you know.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 22): If last few days have been lemons, Virg, perk up. Weeping and wailing won't help one whit. However, if put on a cheery face and go forth and spread a little joy, you may be in for a nice surprise. Like maybe finding someone rather jazzy across a crowded room.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): Ideal week for you, Lib, to take care of broken fences, and promises. Key to success is tenderness. You are at heart a gentle, loving person. In days ahead, give. But give without reserve, as the beautiful autumn flowers give of their fragrance, asking nothing in return.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): Memories haunt in week ahead, Scorp. Stabs of pain are relieved from time-to-time by tiny stabs of pleasure. Do not lean on daily associate for emotional support. This oaf has the backbone of a piece of cooked spaghetti. YOU are the strong one, Scorp. Share your strength with weak-kneed buddy.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): Now look, Saj, you had your little fling last week. But your fling has been flung and now it's back to business. And not the monkey type either. REAL business, baby. Otherwise, Good Time Saj will be in a mess beyond compare. So knuckle down.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 19): Cap, if you have not been taking good care of yourself, not getting enough rest, or not eating properly, prepare to accept the consequences. You may deceive your family and friends, but CRASH, RUMBLE, BAM. It's not NICE to fool Mother Nature.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20-February 18): If romantic involvement appears to be withering, cut it from the vine, Aquari, thus you salvage your pride, at least. And though your heart may be heavy, walk away. Quickly and with style.

**PISCES** (February 19-March 20): Don't ever worry about drowning in your own tears, Pisces. There is not a chance. Being a fish, you're an expert swimmer. In week ahead, you'll float like a cork even though domestic waters may be rough. In fact, when December 31 rolls around, you'll look back on 1971 as a vintage year. Wait and see.

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**LOCAL SORORITY INDUCTS THREE-** Upsilon Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. pledged three new members to its Lomepa Pledge Club on September 25, at the home of Soror Shirley P. Hunt. Iota Phi Lambda is a sorority for business and professional women. Accordingly, these young ladies are actively engaged in the field of business. Mrs. Doris Bennett, left, is Intermediate Clerk in SMD Receiving Control Center-IBM, Inc. at Research Triangle Park (a temporary assignment). Mrs. Joan Peacock, right, is Secretary to the Chief of Job Corps, North Carolina State Department of Social Services. Mrs. Dianne W. Laws, not shown, is Secretary to the Deputy Regional Director, Meat and Poultry Inspection, a division of the United States Department of Agriculture Consumer and Marketing Service. Sorors conducting pledge ceremony were: Delores H. Clements, Shirley P. Hunt, Joycelyn C. Homeblue, Mary M. Newton and Macine A. Powell.

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**OPENED CONVIVATION** PETERSBURG, Va. - Dr. Keturah E. Whitehurst, chairman of the faculty senate at Virginia State College, will be the keynote speaker at the 1971 formal opening convocation of the college, October 7.

According to Dr. Wendell P. Russell, president of VSC, the theme for the October meeting is "Accountability." Staff, faculty, and students are invited to attend the October 7 meeting.

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