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African Editor Told Suburban Publishers Grab Big Share Of Minority Press Profits

Says Free Papers Printed In Sub-Urbs Get Benefit

By STAFF REPORTER

John Spicer, of Swaziland, which is just Northeast of South Africa, visited the United States, at the invitation of the U. S. Department of State.

He is Editor of the Times of Swaziland and is president of the Rotary Club of Mbabane. The population there is 500,000; 18,000 whites.

His knowledge of English is excellent, and he also speaks French and a limited amount of Italian.

Some of Mr. Spicer's honors and memberships are: the Commonwealth Journalist award, Belgium Red Cross Decorations; the Astor Award and the British MBE.

His travels abroad are: intensive travel in Africa, the United States, Europe and Japan.

Mr. Spicer is the co-author of "The Price of Freedom," and author of "Sabi Legend" and other poems.

He is a native of Umtali, Rhodesia, is married and has four children.

Mr. Spicer, upon visiting the Criterion's Plant, compared it with his—and highly praised and admired it. He was shocked when Editor Merriweather stated: "Many citizens of color either grew up and found this voice here, or found it here when they came to Buffalo. Although this is the only minority press that is totally a minority product, big banks, supermarkets, Main Street stores, and soft drink firms are helping to create two unnecessary free distributed medias, by giving them the benefit of the doubt."

Mr. Merriweather further commented: "This is the same pattern used by South Africa against Blacks." The local editor told the stunned visitor, Merriweather, who is dean of area minority civil rights leaders, pointed out: "The Buffalo area is the only major city in the nation that is subtly and benignly killing off the Black press. Once publications are given away free, people never buy them like they should, which is an age old fact involving newspapers. Every week, someone or group asks for free Criterions which we as a newspaper can't do, because of the postal regulations."

Mr. Merriweather reasoned: "Anytime a business man, company, or corporation is talented enough to establish a wealthy firm, these men are also intelligent enough to know that if they support free bootleg circulation by dabblers, which syphons more than $1,000 per week from the black neighborhood, for big wealthy suburban presses, owned by whites, that is not helping the black press, but is hurting it in the long run.

"The reason we think this," Mr. Merriweather said, "is because when the black press started its journey here, years ago, the advertisers, firmly trying to hinder its establishment, insisted on paid circulation, and didn't bite their tongues in letting minority publishers know of this requirement before placing adverisement."

"This omission in Buffalo, is where one of the main benign evils exist."

Merriweather told Spicer, in conclusion, "we have acquired this medium despite loads of criticism and stumbling blocks by many blacks—and the big white advertisers giving the benefit of the doubt to free throwaways."

Mr. Spicer's trip was arranged by John R. Bietz, Program Officer, of the Governmental Affairs Institution.

While here, he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willard A. Morse.

Hardworking Frank E. Merriweather, II, of the Buffalo Criterion, is chatting with Editor Spicer of Africa, in the press section of the Criterion. He told the visitor that at present, only one-third of the plant is in operation because of the lack of capacity advertising.
— Photo by Will Morse

Memorial Rites To Honor Late Rev. R. Mitchell

A special Memorial Service will be held in honor of the late Rev. Roscoe M. Mitchell, former pastor of Faith Baptist Church, 626 Humboldt Pkwy., Buffolo, on Sunday Oct. 22 at 3 p. m.

At the conclusion of the service, the chapel in the Martin Luther King Memorial Center will be dedicated to the "Roscoe M. Mitchell Fellowship Hall."

The Rev. E. D. McNeely, vice president-at-large of the Empire State Baptist Convention and pastor of the Greater Friendship Baptist Church and the Rev. J. H. Moore, president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of WNY and pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, both of Buffalo, will be in charge of the service.

Rev. Mitchel' recently resigned as pastor of Faith Baptist Church because of his health, and moved to Los Angeles to reside with his son, Scoey Mitchell.. Rev. Mitchell succumbed there recently.

The public is invited to share in the memorial service here.

William Simms is chairman of tre phogrom.

United Fund Tea Held At Callahans

The Ellicott District United Fund Committee held their kick-off-Tea, at the home of the chairman, Mrs. William V. Callahan, 42 Johnson St., Saturday, Sept. 23rd.

It was very well attended and pledges were received.

Mrs. Callahan and 15 workers from her district attended the United Fund Luncheon at the Auditorium on October 3rd. Their intention is to go over the top, as usual.

Couple Observes 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene David Thomas will observe their silver wedding anniversary on Saturday Oct. 28th at 5:30 p. m. at Bethel AME Church. The reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the exchange of vows.

AFFAIR SLATED OCT. 28th

You are invited to come to "The Fall Festival", with a Western Flair, Saturday evening, Oct. 28, at the Hallmark Manor, 2701 Main St., sponsored by the Buffalo club of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. Live music, games and dancing will be featured. Tickets may be purchased from any member or at the door.

Mrs. Frances Jennings is chairman; and Mrs. Hern Waite, president

ANOTHER FIRST FOR BUFFALO

Mary Etta Dockery, daughter of Lou and Harrison Dockery, will return to Buffalo this week, from a training session in California and Las Vegas. She is the first Negro to obtain a corporate official job with Holiday Magic.

Her duties as Trainer-General, will be assumed upon her return to Buffalo.

The success story will be run in a later issue.

DOG CLINIC

The Erie County Health Dept. has announced that a free Rabies Clinic for dogs, will be held Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Masten St. Armory, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Immunization is provided free of charge. Dr. Mosher urged dog owners to take advantage of the clinic—"The clinics are provided as a service to protect your dog and you.

U/B President, Robert L. Ketter, left, is shown presenting Gregory Moses, right, a CSEA Scholarship check.

Gregory, 18, of 108 Maple St. a graduate of South Park High School and a freshman pre-medical student at Canisius College, was awarded one of six scholarships presented by the State University at Buffalo, Chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association.

The annual scholarship awards are made to sons and daughters of Civil Service employees of the University and to Civil Service staff members who are attending college themselves.

Gregory is the son of Mrs. Margaret Coffey, a stenographer at UBs Cooperative College Center on Washington St.

Mrs. C. Bryant Visits Germany

Mrs. Connell Bryant, of Otis Pl., returned recently from a 3-week visit abroad visiting her nephew, Clarence Murray, who is a government employee in Munich, Germany.

She arrived there during the Olympics, which she attended.

Other places Mrs. Bryant Carlsruhe, Heidelburg, Stuttgart, Germany; Paris, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Amsterdam, Holland.

The trip was most enjoyable.

ALBANY CHURCH AIDES YOUTH NEEDS DONATIONS

For the past seventeen years, St. John Church Of God In Christ, 71 South Ferry St., Albany, N. Y., thru its pastor, Rev. John Johnson, has played a great part in changing the direction of many young persons, especially in the Albany area, thru their Day Nursery, drum and majorette band, plus an organization — the Youth Circle, much has been accomplished.

The Church is embarked on a $50,000 Building Fund Drive, in order to further the work for humanity. Anyone wishing to make a pledge of any amount to this most worthy cause, will be highly appreciated.

Please contact or write to Rev. John Johnson, 71 South Ferry St., Albany, N. Y., or call 472-9378 or 403-9333.

Harstons Back From Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrston of Brunswick Blvd. have returned from a trip which took in Chicago, Omaha, Neb., Waterloo, Ia.; Denver, Col.; San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.; Las Vegas, Neb., and Flagstaff, Ariz.

En route home they were joined by Mrs. Daisy Estelle, mother of Mrs. Harston, who had been visiting relatives in Omaha.

Oct. 21st Is Day For The Pres.

On Saturday, Oct. 21st, local ladies will be joining women from all over the United States in celebrating "A Day for the President." This impressive display of woman power is designed to gather additional support for the re-election of President Nixon.

In Erie County, the Federation of Women's Republican Clubs will be participating in this drive, in cooperation with such groups as: Democrats for Nixon, Housewives for Nixon, Independents for Nixon, Senior Citizens for Nixon and numerous other groupings which include Factory workers, Nurses, Social workers, Hair dressers and Education workers.

On "A Day for the President," these thousands of ladies will be going door-to-door, in what they call a "Woman to Woman Crusade," distributing specially designed literature outlining the achievements of the Nixon Administration, as well as Mrs. Pat Nixon's favorite recipe, campaign buttons, bumper stickers, etc.

In this area, this Nixon Alert will take place from 2 to 5 p.m.

Honorary Chairman for Erie County, and Chairman for the State of New York is Mrs. Phyllis Kelly, of Amherst, Assistant Chairman of the Erie County Republican Committee. General Chairman is Mrs. Joseph Bass, of Buffalo.

Coordinating the women of the city, will be Mrs. Frederick Lask, also of Buffalo. Mrs. Vincent Rutecki, of Lancaster, will head the "A Day for the President."

Women in the city are: Mrs. Cleo Reid, Mrs. Mitchell Simpkins, Mrs. Perry Finley, Mrs. Daniel L. Wiggins, Mrs. Quinton Westbrook, Mrs. Williard Morse, Mrs. Michael J. Reith, Mrs. Edward J. Burou, Mrs. John L. Kostin, Mrs. Mary Antkowiak, Miss Rermine Winfied, Mrs. Lucille Neel, Mrs. Bernice Rvohek and Mrs. Stanley J. Helowicy.

The local crairman is Mrs. Emile Gostonski.

In photo from left to right are: Mrs. Mitchell Simpkins, Mrs. Jessie Dray Klein, and Mrs. Cleo Reid.

Talbert Mall Nursing Offices In New Home

The Talbert Mall Nursing Office moved recently from 485 Clinton St. to the Towne Gardens Shopping Center, 431 William St., at Jefferson, it was announced by William E. Mosher, M. D., Commissioner of Health.

Dr. Mosher said the move was made necessary by a series of incidents over the past few years. There have been incidents of damages to staff peronnel cars, building break-ins resulting in theft of property which have culminated in a threatened rape of a staff member recently. Dr. Mosher indicated every attempt has been made to provide security and measures to protect personnel, property, materials and supplies.

Dr. Mosher indicated the nurses will be moved to the new headquarters for a period of 3 to 4 months until the Health Center at William and Emslie St. has been completed.

Dr. Mosher emphasized there will be no curtailment of nursing services to the residents of the area, and he praised the nurses for their dedication and willingness to continue providing services, make home calls, conduct clinics and serve the needs of the area residents.

Dr. Mosher olso praised the residents of the area who have shown respect and cooperation to the nursing staff serving in this area.

Elected President

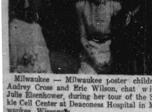
MOODY PUGH, JR.

At the annual meeting of the East Side Young Men's Democratic Club, Moody Pugh, Jr., was recently re-elected to a second term as president. He is a long-time civic worker and organizer of youth on the East side.

Bobby McRae, who has for the past six months unofficially served as vice-president, was elected to a full term as vice president.

Other officers elected were: Donald McReynolds, secretary; Johnny Pugh, treasurer; Clarence Brown, financial secretary; Roy Hicks, Sgt-at-Arms. Henderson Bussey was elected to serve on the Executive Board as a member-at-large.

Officers will be installed at the annual affair on Sunday, Oct. 22, at Carpenters Hall, when they will crown their queen. A show and dance will also be presented.



Milwaukee — Milwaukee poster children, Audrey Cross and Eric Wilson, chat with Julie Eisenhower, during her tour of the Sickle Cell Center at Deaconess Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Eisenhower, younger daughter of President Nixon, praised the program at the Deaconess Hospital which started in 1968, before the disease drew national attention.

In 1971, federal spending for sickle cell programs totaled $1 million dollars. This year, the federal government is spending $9 million dollars. President Nixon has asked for $15 million in 1973.

ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

I am retiring from the practice of medicine as of October 31, 1972.

All patients under fy care are advised to pick up their file and arrange for services under another physician

DR. E. F [illegible]ELSON

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