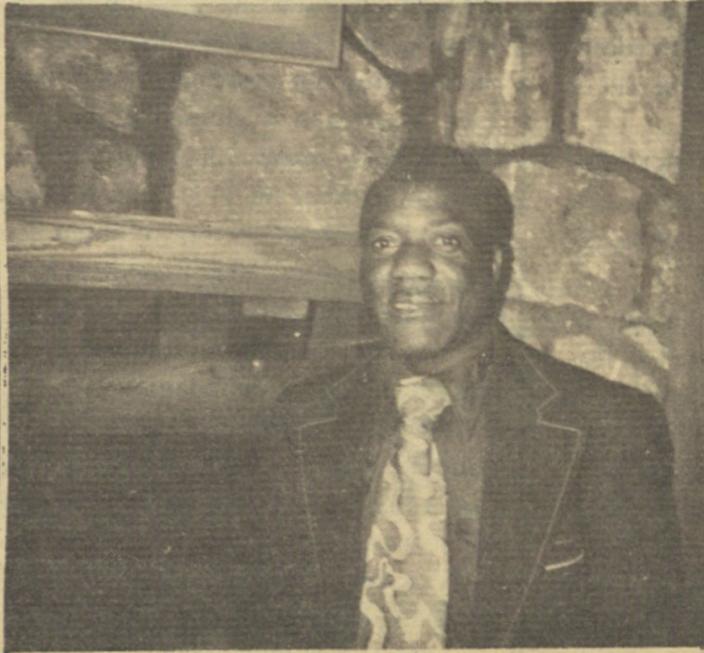


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FATHER OF THE YEAR



[JOHN R. MILTON, SMYRNA, GEORGIA]

Mr. John R. Milton, of Smyrna, has been named the Cobb News Father of the Year. And for some very good reasons.

Mr. Milton is the father of eleven(11) children, ranging in ages from 27 years old down to five years of age. They are: Mrs. Marilyn McHenry; Mrs. Bobbie Gail Sparks; Pearl Ann, John Robert, Jr., Sandra Denise, Linda, Karen, Angela, William, Randy and Clayton.

John Milton has been married for 29 years, and, says he, it has been a good marriage. Our Father of the year works for the Kelly Chrysler/Plymouth Company on the Furlane Highway. At his company he has been the top salesman for the past 37 months out of the 43 months that he has been with the company. He leads in sales among salespersons throughout nine(9) states in his zone. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, JOHN!

POWDER SPRINGS

Going through the Powder Springs area one comes upon the kinds of contrasting conditions that seem to characterize the Cobb County community, but to an extent not common in other areas of the country. For all over America there are the real and contradictory social conditions of poverty on the one hand and plenty on the other, but the spread is oftentimes so matted until the sharp and contrasting points are not so outstanding. Such is not the case in Cobb County, and more especially in Powder Springs.

Traveling from one community to the next in the Powder Springs area, this reporter came upon those neighborhoods with the low and swank bungalows and ranch style homes, and those areas with out houses, no facilities and leaking roofs. There were communities with swimming pools and fantastic libraries and playground equipment and communities with nothing to be read, no pools and no where to play.

In the communities with pools, playgrounds and libraries the people were joyful, happy, out in the fresh air and having a good time with life, while those in the other community were looking-down, sad, angry, destitute and seem not to be enjoying life at all.

In one community the streets are well lighted, paved, with appropriate sidewalks. The other side of town is dark and unkept.



[Mr. & Mrs. William Watts of Powder Springs]

A further contrasting situation in Powder Springs is that there is a Black man serving on the Powder Springs City Council. One would think Mr. William Watts is a member of the Powder Springs City Council. He is a young man with ideas and a direction and he has a lovely wife posing with him that seems to make the perfect duo. Mr. Watts gave a general review of conditions in Powder Springs as he was making another engagement when this reporter went to his home. A more in-depth interview will take place in next weeks issue of Cobb News.

News In Brief

KVTA

Tenants at Kennesaw Village Apartments have organized themselves into an official tenants association. Officers elected were: Gloria Weems, Chairperson, Elizabeth Benkowski, Vice-Chairperson, M.C. & Shirley Grogan, Secretary, Barbara Dorris, treasurer, Wendy Watson, Etta Owensby and George Hinton, Ways and Means Committee, Willie Weems, Jimmy Sam and Freddy Moore, Teen-agers representatives.

Already the newly-formed tenants association has begun to work to improve the community. The teen-agers will have a general clean-up and live-up campaign on Saturday June 14, 1975, from 10:00 until the work is all done. Refreshments will be served after the campaign. All who live in the complex are asked to take a part in the effort. For information about the campaign, call Mrs. Gloria Weems at : 427-9847.

HUD

Officials in the regional office of HUD are being made aware of the real estate company in Marietta that has taken \$500.00 from a lady on the pretense of building her a house in her income bracket. The house that is being built is in fact beyond her income level. Such malpractices by a real estate company will result in the lost of a license to operate unless corrections are made.

Still no word from Congressman Larry McDonald about a black person serving on his staff.

SUMMER JOBS SUMMER JOBS SUMMER JOBS SUMMER JOBS SUMMER JOBS

As the Cobb County News Bureau is concerned with community development in Cobb County, we are interested in knowing the number of students that are in need of jobs, want jobs and cannot find jobs. If you have applied for work under the Summer Job program and have been unable to be placed, please contact Cobb News and leave your name, age, address and student status with the office.

Local agencies will hire students between the ages of 14 and 21 through a federally funded summer work program. Eligibility requirements for the program include residency, student status, age, and economic factors. Students who are interested should apply at the local labor Department Office, 721 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, Ga. 428-0492.

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The economic climate, according to some reports, is improving. Hopefully the unemployment rate will begin to drop and some of those who have been unemployed will be back on the job.

But while we sit around and hope for things to get better, we must also become a wee bit more sensitive to why some things got out of order in the first place.

We do know that a number of big companies paid government officials to do favors for them in return for positions, money and good times. Some of these things may be directly attributed to the inflation and/or recession we seem to be unable to get out of.

Watergate will be a vain lesson unless we as a democratic society become aware of and sensitive to the fact that democracy exacts a heavy price on those who would maintain it. The price of democracy is that citizens participate.

Lately, we have seen what should be an alarming political apathy set in. Men are winning political races with ten and twenty per cent of the vote in a given political district. Meaning that not only do we have lots of people holding public office without the majority of the people's consent, but we have the majority not really caring a damn who is in office.

While it may seem innocent to say that I know "old Joe" and he ain't

going to do nothing to hurt me, power has been known to corrupt now and in the past, and there is absolutely no reason, from the experiences of Watergate, for anyone in America to feel that those in power will not become corrupted. What we do know is that when we find out about corruption it has become so ingrained into the political process as to be almost impossible to cut out.

As we move toward the year 1976, and remembering the Centennial celebration, we must not become so bogged down in ceremony that we forget that a free people must watch their freedom, guard it, and preserve it, or they will not long have to worry about it, for they will not have it.

Many men and women are already throwing their hats and bonnets into the ring. Some seem to be honest, others are rather obvious rascals, seeking whatever a little national exposure will bring them. But, even the worst of them, under the democratic process, have the right to run. Unfortunately, too many of them win.

And, while an average citizen may get the feeling that nothing can be done, the opposite is true. Good citizens who have a feel for the community, who really want to do something for their political areas, should make the decision to run for

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By Myrian Richmond

A FEMINIST PRAYER —By Irene Davall and others

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A-WOMEN.

FEMINISM: A DEFINITION

MRS. MYRIAN RICHMOND IS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AT WAOK.

THIS IS THE AGE OF THE WOMAN. SHE IS LIVING LONGER; SHE IS APT TO BE A WORKER OR IS PREPARING HERSELF FOR A LIFE OF WORK; SHE HAS DISCOVERED HERSELF. THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, NO DOUBT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASING ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE FEMALE, HER HISTORY, HER OPPRESSION. AND WHILE AN AWFUL LOT IS BEING SAID AND WRITTEN, THERE STILL EXISTS A CERTAIN LACK OF CLARITY WITH RESPECT TO WHAT THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IS ALL ABOUT AND THE DIRECTION IT IS TAKING. AMONG BLACK AND OTHER THIRD WORLD WOMEN THE FIRE IS BURNING A LITTLE SLOWER, BUT IT IS BURNING NONTHELESS. THERE IS NO ESCAPING IT; WOMEN - ALL OF US - ARE REDEFINING OUR FEMALE SELVES.

FEMINISM IS THE TERM THAT APPLIES TO THE MOVEMENT'S POLITICAL REALITY AND EXIGENCY; ITS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND BEING. WEBSTER DEFINES FEMINISM AS: "THE MOVEMENT TO WIN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN EQUAL TO MEN". AND THE MOVEMENT TO WIN SUCH RIGHTS FOR WOMEN THEORY IS BEING CHANGED INTO ACTION...AND THAT IS WHAT THE MOVEMENT IS ALL ABOUT. IT IS NOT PREDICATED UPON MAN-HATING. BUT IT DOES REPRESENT A REPUDIATION OF THOSE THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS THAT CAUSE US TO HATE OURSELVES, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WHEN SOMETHING NEW HITS THE FAN THERE IS BOUND TO BE CONFUSION AND A LITTLE FEAR ABOUT WHAT THE EFFECTS WILL BE. WOMEN WHO ESPOUSE FEMINIST THEORY, ARTICULATE ITS TRUTHS, AND MOVE WITH ITS SPIRIT ARE STIRRING THE WATERS AND CREATING WAVES OF DISSENSION. SUCH A STANCE IS UNCOMFORTABLE EVEN FOR FEMINISTS, FOR WE HAVE TO PAY THE COST OF OUR LIBERATION... WHICH CAN SOMETIMES MEAN THE LOSS OF FRIENDSHIPS AND LOVERS. ANY GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT HAS RECOGNIZED ITS OPPRESSION AND SOUGHT TO REMOVE THE SHACKLES HAS HAD TO GIVE UP SOMETHING. THIS IS NO LESS TRUE IN THE CASE OF WOMEN. BUT THE FIGHT CAN BE WON IF COLLECTIVE STRENGTHS ARE USED. IT IS A FIGHT FOR DIGNITY AND FREEDOM NOT AGAINST ANYBODY...UNLESS THE "BODY" IS AGAINST HALF OF HUMANITY.

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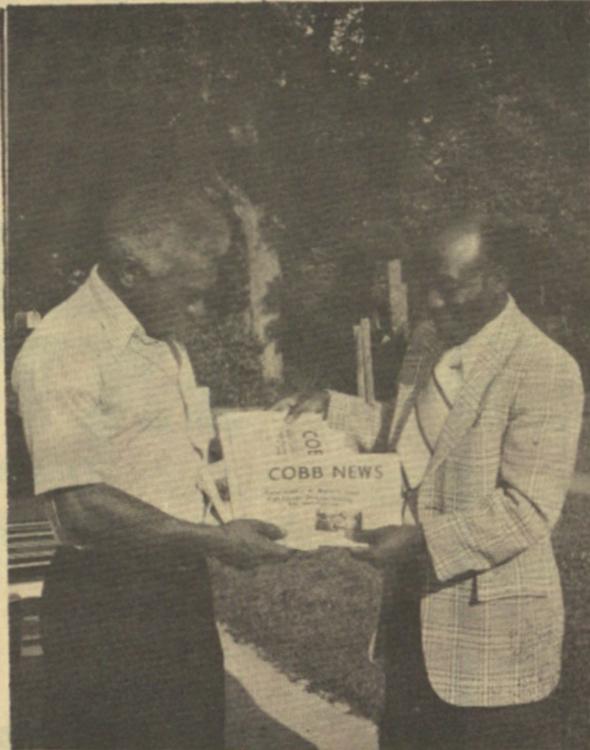
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AROUND AUSTELL

In the Austell area, Mr. George E. Beavers, a community leader expresses concern at the crime and dope problem. Just recently, and not too far from where Mr. Beaver lives, a young woman was cut viciously. He speaks of young boys eight years old smoking dope openly on the streets. One was picked up on the street a week ago and taken to juvenile court for walking and puffing marijuana.

His concern is that something be done to give young people a better way of life; and that facilities be constructed to aid in developing wholesome mental and physical attitudes on the part of the young. When one surveys the Austell scene, it takes a lot of faith to believe that in some areas of the [black community anything at all will be done. But people like Mr. Beaver are people with the kind of hope and faith that in fact moves mountains, when others cannot seem to be able to get past a mole hill.

Mr. John Milton, a man who seems to know everybody, was on the scene when this reporter talked with Mr. Beaver. Mr. Milton is making sure that the Austell area is thoroughly familiar with and subscribing to COBB NEWS. While talking with Mr. Beaver about juvenile delinquency and crime, Mr. Milton tells Mr. Beaver how Cobb News is working to bring about changes in the overall Cobb County community. In answer to questions, Mr. Beaver had this to say of his community:



[Mr. George Beavers of Austell and John Milton]

Q--Are there groups and organizations active in the Austell area?
 A--Well, there is one group, called the EAO, I believe. They are concerned with street lights, garbage pick-up, and things of that nature.
 Q--What are the critical problems as you see them in the Austell community?
 A--Housing and lack of recreational facilities for our youth. The school that used to be the black school before it was closed...we tried to get them to turn it in-

to a community center, but they turned it into a bus terminal. The black youth are turned out into the streets to just get into trouble.

Q--You mean there is absolutely no area for recreation and play?

A--Unless you call that place across from my house a recreation facility. You can see it from here. A space of ground with a basketball goal and that is all. The only place the kids can go is to that club I was telling you about. And that is not a good place for young people to be.

Q--What about leadership in the black community of Austell?

A--Well, there is not a lot of leadership. That is one of our problems. Rev. J. C. Carter, minister of New Hope, in Powder Springs, is quite active in community affairs, and he is a man you should talk with, I feel that he can give you more information on community problems and the kinds of things that are being done to improve the community.

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Late News Bulletins

It has been brought to the attention of the Cobb News Bureau that State Representative Bobby Howard fought against the State of Georgia appropriating money through the Urban League for the purpose of job training programs that would in fact prepare low-income and black persons to become more productive citizens. One begins to question the sincerity of Representative Howard, as he was out in full bloom at the recent anniversary of an all-black church where his presence indicated his support for the heritage and development of the black community.

As we will not assume an indictment of State Representative Howard until we hear from him, we have only to say that we hope our State Representative will have some reason to give for his actions. We have been in touch with his office and cannot reach him, as we go to press. But we will keep trying and should be able to give a full and complete story in our next issue. Please be sure that you pick up the next issue of Cobb News and keep up with what your elected officials are doing for you - or to you!

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THE ROLE OF A BLACK PREACHER

As we pointed out in the "history of religion in the black community" series, the early black minister was a protest leader and a man with a vision to lead his people out of bondage into freedom. But the records of history, not to mention present-day schemers, remind us that the role was altered. When the black preacher decided to accept the role of a "compromiser" he also became a part of the reasons that make for the tragedy black people face at this time in their history.

God has never called a man to be a compromiser with the evils of the world. When he called Moses, he told him to get on back into Egypt and tell the King that he would answer to righteousness or feel the wrath of God. And, while even Moses tried to wiggle out of it, he finally had to go. And God would not have it that Moses would run at the first sign of the King hardening his heart. No, when the Kings of the world harden their hearts men of God get harder. Which brings up the very real question: why are so many black preachers scared to preach the truth and take a position in the world based on that truth? Sermons on Sunday are not translated into action on Monday. Shouting in the pews becomes dead silence during the week when men are still in need of the Word. Could it be that we are in fact suffering from the warning that many are called but few chosen?

Brother pastor you too have a role to play, a calling to live up to, a burden to bear, and a witness to make. And your witness is more than a sermon; it is more than a song; a reading of the Scripture; and the praying of a prayer. Discipleship means that we take on the cross daily and follow in the footsteps of the Master trailblazer. Jesus would not sit idle and satisfied while the hungry go without bread; he would not rest comfortably while the poor run from the weather and have no shelter; he would

By Rev. Isaac Richmond

This column will begin to set forth the historical and existential role of the black preacher in the life and development of the black community.

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not fold his arms while poor people and communities all over this country work and struggle for justice, dignity and a better way of life.

If the world in which we live fails to have standards and principles that people will live by, we as ministers must bear the major blame. We who are most called upon to point the way, have, in many ways, failed to do so. We have failed to call a spade a spade, because it would not be good for the collection, and thus we find a good collection but children on drugs; we are not going to get involved in any "trouble" but we find

that we have a whole generation in "trouble" We fear living by standards because we want to get along with everybody and please everybody, knowing full well that attempting to please everybody is the surest way to not

please anybody. We also know from the New Testament that Jesus always made the folk in charge angry. The scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees were forever grumbling about the

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(From L. To R., back row: Linda Hill; Iris Dorris; Donna Gober; Tracy Eppinger; Janet Arnold; Yolanda Hill; Jereene Bonner; instructor, Mrs. J. Bonner; Naida Durham and Deborah Clark. Kneeling front row left students, Lisa Hill; Cynthia Adams; Valeria Saunders, and Faye Gober. Kimberly Hill is the center front row)

The charm class of the Marietta YWCA presented a graduation and fashion show June 1, 1975, at the YMCA on Henderson Street, at 3:30PM.

The program included 20 young ladies receiving charm certificates for an 8 week course under the instruction of Mrs. Jesse Bonner and YWCA director, Mrs. Polly Colley.

The graduation then proceeded to the display of charm by participants as they held the audience spellbound with their grace of song, dance, poetry and modeling, showing that they truly and sincerely learned and benefited from the classes.

Spring clothes were furnished by SEARS. Mrs. Bonner, a professional in the field of modeling, says that it was

a rewarding experience to see these young ladies so eager to learn and become graceful ladies.

Programs of this nature are well received and should be encouraged by all in the community. The graduates were: Cynthia Adams; Kimberly Hill; Lisa Hill; Linda Hill; Iris Dorris; Cheryl Treyer; Tracey Eppinger; Faye Gober; Mary Nelson; Gloria Montgomery; Sheila Wilburn; Cheryl Allen; Charlene Hunter; Janet Arnold; Valeria Saunders; Naida Durham; Donna Gober; Deborah Clark; Yolanda Hill; and Jereene Bonner.

The program was a first for the Marietta area YWCA, but there will be many more to come.

AMONG THE CRITICISMS HEARD ABOUT THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT IS THAT THE PROPONENTS ARE ABRA-SIVE IN THEIR LANGUAGE AND ACTIONS AND THAT THEY ARE UNLADYLIKE IN THEIR PRONOUNCE MENTS. WELL, JUST AS BLACKS HAD TO YELL BLACK POWER AND SPORT CLINCHED FISTS AS SIGNS OF DEFIANCE AND A SYMBOL OF TOGETHERNESS, SO HAVE WOMEN FELT THE NEED TO SHOW THEMSELVES AND MAKE A POWERFUL NOISE. FLO KENNEDY, THE ARDENT BLACK FEMINIST, EXPLAINED, BY WAY OF ANSWERING THAT CRITICISM, THAT WOMEN HAVE HAD TO OVER-EXAGGERATE IN MANY CASES OR BE PASSED OVER PARTICULARLY BY THE NEWS MEDIA. THE SEXIST NEWS MEDIA HAVE TAKEN THOSE EX-AGGERATIONS AND JESTURES THAT WE USE TO GET ATTENTION AND TWISTED THEM AROUND TO SUGGEST THAT THE MOVEMENT IS BEREFT OF DEEPER MEANING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE IM-PRESSIONS CREATED BY UNKIND PRESS REPORTS HAVE BEEN LASTING ONES IN THE MINDS OF A LOT OF PEOPLE.

DESPITE THE PROBLEMS OF MISUNDERSTAND-ING (INTENTIONAL OR NOT) WOMEN ARE FURTHER-ING THE STRUGGLE AND ARE BEING JOINED BY OTHERS WHO SHARE HOPE AND THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY. BLACK WOMEN ARE MORE AND MORE EVIDENCING THEIR WILLING-NESS TO ADDRESS THE REALITY OF SEXISM AND MALE CHAUVINISM THROUGH ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS. ONE GROUP, THE NATIONAL BLACK FEMINIST ORGANIZATION, IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES THAT CHALLENGE THE RACIST AND SEXIST GAME OF THIS VERY PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY...

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BLACK HERITAGE

JAMES FORTEN

The first and perhaps the greatest of the free black abolitionists was born in the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia, in 1766, and attended, until he was ten years old, the school for black children conducted by the Quaker abolitionist, Anthony Benezet. At fourteen, during the revolutionary War, Forten joined the Navy as a drummer boy on Decatur's ship "Royal Lewis". He was apprenticed to a sailmaker in Philadelphia. He subsequently became the owner of a sail loft, employing some forty black and white men. Eventually he amassed a fortune of more than some \$1000,000.00.

Forten was a passionate foe of colonization. In 1814, together with Richard Allen and Absalom Jones, he raised a force of 2,500 black volunteers to protect the city against the British. Like many of the white reformers and Philanthropists of that era, he gave his time and wealth to a wide range of humanitarian causes. He was a major abolitionist angel. It was he who purchased enough subscriptions to enable William Lloyd Garrison to found THE LIBERATOR in 1831; and in 1834 he gave financial assistance to keep the paper going.

It was in the first issue of the LIBERATOR that Garrison's famous editorial appeared: "I will be as harsh as truth, and as uncompromising as justice. On this subject [slavery] I do not wish to think, to speak, or write with moderation

...Urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present! I will not equivocate -- I will not excuse -- I will not retreat a single inch--AND I WILL BE HEARD!"

When not crusading for temperance, peace, and women's rights, Forten worked as an organizer and wrote pamphlets for various campaigns for black progress. In 1831, in Philadelphia's African Methodist Episcopal Church, he presided over a meeting called to denounce the American Colonization Society. In that year he was also responsible for getting together a national convention of free blacks, the first of a far-reaching series, for the purpose of considering the plight of the black man and planning for the advancement of his race.

It is to Forten that historians credit the conversions of William Lloyd Garrison and Theodore Dwight Weld to belief in racial equality--two conversions which might well be considered the most important events in the antislavery crusade.

Forten, as a militant champion of black rights, played an important role in the shaping of our American tradition. At the age of seventy-six in the year 1842, he died in Philadelphia.

DAVID WALKER

The "John the Baptist" of the antislavery crusade, David Walker was born free in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1785. To Walker, this slaveholding community was oppressive and degrading. He said, "If I remain in this bloody land, I will not live long...As true as God reigns, I will be a-

venge for the sorrows which my people have suffered. This is not the place for me--no, I must leave this part of the country ...Go, I must".

He travelled extensively in the South during his youth and finally worked his way to Boston where he became the owner of a second-hand clothing store. During this time Walker first learned to read. He read widely in the literature of human slavery, steeping himself in the history of resistance to oppression.

In 1828 he made his way into the arena against slavery in his public appeal against the institution. A year later he published WALKER'S APPEAL. This pamphlet, which marked the transition from a more restrained period to one of militant antislavery sentiments, exploded with shattering force. Walker scornfully dismissed the slave-holding Christians of "this Republican Land of Liberty..." and urged slaves to "cut their tormentors' throats from ear to ear...Kill or be killed". WALKER'S APPEAL rekindled the fear long smouldering in the hearts of the slaveholders. Benjamin Lundy condemned it as injuring the antislavery cause; even Garrison said it was injudicious.

Walker's mind was neither trained nor disciplined. His APPEAL was, in historian Dwight Dumond's words, "A primitive cry of anguish from a race oppressed which would have come from a million throats could they have been articulate and have been heard".

Two increasingly radical editions followed Walker's first APPEAL. He wrote "We Colored people of these United

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man Jesus. They were grumbling because Jesus was showing them up for what they in fact were: an outside show to the world. They were interested in pleasing Caesar and Pilate and the Governor of Rome, and Jesus was interested in pleasing God. The big question that the black preacher must begin to ask is: who am I trying to please?

An answer to the question will mean that some climbing out of the pulpit must be done. There must be some getting into the community, going among the people, assessing their problems, seeking out their woes, and doing something about healing the community, socially, economically and spiritually. Human beings, while not being able to live by bread alone, certainly cannot live without bread. To stand by and watch a people's material existence deteriorate is to also watch them deteriorate in spirit. When the crowd gets hungry, we as ministers must become fishermen and feed them; when the masses are naked we must also clothe them; when our people are in jail we must preach liberation to the captive!

An answer to the question will most certainly mean that we as carriers of the Gospel must come together. There is too much division among men of the cloth. We put too much emphasis on denomination and not enough emphasis upon consecration. We point out our insignificant differences and overlook our meaningful and significant likeness; we classify too soon and recognize too late that from one blood flows all nations and races of humankind. We are also too quick to say "my people", when we know that the people belong to the Creator - not us. What we must do is set ourselves about the task of changing a world that seems bent on destroying itself and everything in it!

Increasingly, and more so recently than ever, the church and its ministry are under fire. The attack is from all sides. The morals and ethics of the Judaeo-Christian can be said to be under seige. Through an alarming and inexplicable divorce rate, the nuclear family is breaking down, there seems to be no respect at all for the things that were once considered sacred. Answers to the questions of modern life seem to be elusive. Nobody can tell why things are turning out the way they are.

Scientists are not equipped to give the correct answers, they simply follow the going trend, concoct a theory for what is on the present-day agenda and await further developments. Psychiatrists are satisfied to locate all problems in the realm of one's traumatic childhood and attribute negative behavior to the early hating of mother and/or father. Sociologists are overly prone to credit all of man's antisocial behavior to the condition of his environment. Much of what they all have to say may, from time to time, be worth noting, but how are we to square the problems facing society with new and unrealistic theories. For we do know that in the so-called perfect family situation children are on drugs, run away from home,

and tend to disrespect their elders and themselves. We know that those with everything are not happy; that prestige is not the key to a tranquil and happy life; that all the money spent on those who would give us peace of mind is money vainly spent. What, then, one is forced to ask, can make man whole, save him, and enable him to live in a state of serenity and tranquility with himself and his fellow man?

This question should trouble the man of the cloth more than anyone, since it is the task of the minister to administer to a sick and distraught world. But what is being done by the minister to answer the questions of a sick world, a world filled with dope, drugs, gambling and prostitution, war and racism? What is the average black minister doing to heal the plague that grips every congregation from one corner of the globe to the other? What is a minister's role in such a time as this? And, since the black man is faced with a multitude of problems due to his social position in society, what is the role of a black preacher who carries the Gospel each day? What is he to do? How is he to do it? Is he doing it? As a beginning, let us look back at the black preacher's role in the black community.

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public office. Too often the average citizen simply sits back and lets the so-called professional politicians run and win office for no other reason than that no one else had the audacity, gall or desire to make a challenge.

It is said that politics is dirty and mud-slinging business. That may be true for a dirty and mud-slinging person, but that is certainly not the case with all people who seek public office. Politics is no dirtier than the people who practice the trade. Get some clean people in politics and you get some clean politics. But if all the so-called clean people choose, for whatever reasons, not to become involved, then politics, like anything undertaking, becomes a dirty person's job. There are no political vacuums. Either they are filled with those who have the interests of the vast majority of the people in mind, or they are filled with those who have only a self-centered inclination in mind. ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION'. YOU DO HAVE THE POWER TO VOTE.

In the coming months a lot of noise will be made on the part of those who will be making promises about what they will do if elected. Some will have good and well-found intentions, and will lose them in the corrupt process. Others will have no intentions in the first place and will hardly acquire any if elected. The only safeguard that we have as citizens is that we watch very carefully what politicians say and do, what they have said and done, and also what is possible to be done, then make a decision.

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States are the most degraded, and abject set of beings that ever lived since the world began". He stated that this was the result of slavery and not of racial inferiority as Thomas Jefferson had said in his "Notes On Virginia". "The whites, said Walker, "want us for their slaves, but some of them will curse the day they ever saw us... As true as the sun ever shone in its meridian splendor, my color will root some of them out of the very face of the earth... They will have enough of the blacks yet, as true as God sits on his throne in heaven".

After the publication of his APPEAL, Walker was not permitted to live in peace. The Governor of Georgia tried to have the booklet suppressed in Boston. A group of men in Georgia then offered \$10,000.00 for him alive. In 1830, three months after the publication of the third version of the APPEAL, Walker died mysteriously in Boston. Rumors that he had been poisoned were persistent enough to make a martyr of him. After Emancipation, his stature as a hero increased, and thirty-six years after his death, his son was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. Walker's APPEAL was again published in 1848 by Henry Highland Garnet together with Garnet's own appeal for every slave to cease work and walk away.

Walker left a legacy of raging hatred for slavery, for the degradation, wretchedness, and the ignorance of his people. It was onto this stage that Nat Turner, a man of fire and brimstone, strode.

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NBFO TAKES THE POSITION THAT BLACK WOMEN COMPRISE OVER HALF THE BLACK POPULATION IN THIS COUNTRY AND THAT ORGANIZING AROUND THE NEEDS OF BLACK WOMEN WILL AID THE OVERALL STRUGGLE OF OUR PEOPLE AGAINST THE WRONGS PERPETRATED ON THE BASIS OF COLOR AND SEX.

THE ATLANTA AREA HAS A CHAPTER OF NBFO, THE BLACK WOMEN'S COALITION, BLACK WOMEN'S UNITED FRONT AND OTHER RECENTLY FORMED GROUPS THAT SPEAK OUT ON ISSUES OF SPECIFIC CONCERN TO BLACK WOMEN. THE AU CENTER WOMEN AND BLACK FEMALE STUDENTS AT GA. STATE AND EMORY UNIVERSITY HAVE ALSO GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT TO DEMONSTRATIONS, MARCHES, AND RALLIES SPONSORED BY FEMINIST GROUPS. AND MORE SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE YET TO COME.

FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE - FEMINIST ARE MAKING THEIR LIVES WORK AND IDEAS COUNT!

PURCHASE COBB NEWS AT THE FOLLOWING

TERRAL'S BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOP
RED DOT STORE
PAGE STREET SANDWICH SHOP
HAPPY CHARLIE
MARKET BASKET
VIOLET FRUIT STAND
MANN GROCERY
STRICK'S BARBER SHOP
PALMERS GROCERY
HALEY' BARBER SHOP
HALEY' BEAUTY SHOP
DOT'S WASHER
GRADY'S BEAUTY BAZAAR

ONLY THE TRUTH SHALL SET US FREE

SBA Workshop Slated

THE COBB COUNTY NEWS BUREAU HAS REQUESTED THAT THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SPONSOR A WORKSHOP IN MARIETTA ON JUNE 18TH OF JUNE. THE SBA HAS AGREED TO DO SO. NOW THAT THE SBA HAS AGREED TO DO ITS PART, IT WILL BE UP TO BLACK BUSINESSPERSONS IN THE COBB COUNTY COMMUNITY TO FULLY PARTICIPATION IN ORDER TO MAKE THE WORKSHOP SUCCESSFUL THERE WILL BE SPEAKERS AND CONSULTANTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO ALL PERSONS WANTING TO GO INTO BUSINESS, OPERATING A BUSINESS OR SEEKING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MARKETING AND SALES, INVESTMENT CAPITAL AND LEGAL MATTERS RELATED TO BUSINESS OPERATIONS. THERE WILL BE SMALL GROUP SESSIONS AND LARGE GROUP SESSIONS AND DISCUSSIONS. EVERYONE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE COBB COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LOCATED AT 820 ON THE FOURLANE HIGHWAY, NE. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.



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Barry Delay
Michael Grant
Griffin Ensley Howard, 111
Eugene Bernard Huchins
Jerry Lewis Jones
Clyde Donald Keith
William Thomas Kay, Jr.
Floyd Martin, Jr.
Earl Vincent Moss
Larry Eugene Moss
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Quinnard Lewis Phelps
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Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.

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Sunday, 2:00 P.M.

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MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

COBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month meetings on the 2nd Tuesday are on at 2:00PM. meetings on the 4th Tuesday are held at 7:00PM - on the third floor of the judicial building in Marietta.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00AM.

PLANNING COMMISSION: first Wednesday of each month on the 3rd floor of the judicial building at 1:00PM.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: first Wednesday in each quarter, next will be held the first Wednesday in September.

WATER AUTHORITY: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM.

MARIETTA CITY GOVERNMENT
second Wednesday of each month
[7:00 PM.]

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION: 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM.

BOARD OF LIGHTS AND WATER: last Tuesday of each month 7:00PM.

HOUSING AUTHORITY: 1st Monday of each month at 7:30PM.
BOARD OF EDUCATION: last Tuesday each month at 8:00PM.

ACWORTH CITY COUNCIL: 1st Thursday night 7:30PM Council Room

POWDER SPRINGS: 1st and 3rd Monday night at 7:00PM.

AUSTELL: 1st Monday of each month at 8:00PM. at city hall
SMYRNA: 1st and 3rd Monday night in council room of city hall

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