



Southside gal on the go, Anne Johnson, received an elegant, 18-karat gold Valentine pendant from one of her better heeled admirers, we're told....Fast-talking **Kenneth Marshall** the driving force behind "Community Digest," a black-oriented mag set to bow April 15. Among the community leaders tapped to write for the book are: artist **Ben Bey**, the Rev. **Jesse L. Jackson**, sculptor **Richard Hunt** and the Rev. **George Riddick**...Roger Brown had a couple come into his **Afri-Kingdom Fried Chicken** and while waiting for their order, the wife was championing **Women's Lib** and said: "Any man who would put me behind a stove would lose me." Her husband then added: "He'd also starve."

Two Chicago area churches - the **Baha'i Temple** and **First Unitarian** in Hyde Park --are singled out as the most integrated in the nation in an article in **Sepia** magazine. Titled "America's Most Mixed Churches," the **Sepia** article points out that **First Unitarian** was all white 20 years ago, now has 40 per cent black and other minorities. Its pastor, the Rev. **Jack Mendelsohn** says: "If I left, I should hope that the next senior pastor is black." The magazine reports that the ruling **Baha'i** national spiritual assembly has nine members with three of them black.

**Richard "Shaft" Roundtree** is rapidly becoming one of the hottest merchandising gimmicks in the country. Not only is **MGM** double-billing "Shaft" and **Shaft's Big Score** around the country, but radio contests are being used to promote the move. Prizes? "Shaft" wristwatches and "Shaft" musk oil, what else?...**Margaret Williams** was just one of the estatic sisters invited to see the midwest preem of "Wattstax," at the **Oriental theatre**, the other night. She was so moved by the documetary film, she bought a batch of the sound track **LP** albums...Next Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of **WLS-TV's "Jubilee Showcase,"** host **Sid Ordower** proudly tells us. Starring will be the energetic Rev. **James Cleveland**, who reigns at the very top of the gospel ladder, and **Dorothy Norwood**. The show promises to be a biggie...More and more brothers are complaining about the shoddy service one must accept from black cab firms. We're told about two buddies who played chess in buddy number one's Hyde Park apartment until the wee hours. After placing an order for a cab at about 3:30 a.m. so buddy number two could go home, the two of them waited for three hours before a lumbering vehicle finally arrived.

One happy note amid last week's blistering blizzards was the announcement of the engagement of the Rev. **Eddie Thomkins** and **Miss Carol Fortenberry**. The couple plans a September wedding. Star of the party given by **Albertine Gay**, was Carol's boss, **Jimi Anne Lawrence**, who recently resigned her state office to become a sociologist-consultant...The quote of the week will have to be the paragraph read in **The Sorenson Report** on adolescent sexuality. **Sorensen** says "Thirty-four per cent of all adolescents agree that having sex together is a good way for two people to become acquainted." Hard to disagree with that, huh chums?

Charlie tips his hat to **Charles L. Brown**, president of **Illinois Bell Telephone co.** who was named to preside over the **1913 Crusade of Mercy**. The Crusade, of course, is the city's largest single fund-raising efforts...**Ben Vereen**, who starred as **Judas** in "Jesus Christ Superstar," followed the long path from chorus boy to superstar in his own right. Currently, Ben's on **Broadway** in a new vehicle.