



TEESEE'S TOWN

by Theresa Fambro Hooks

DINNER TIME! . . The David Kellums (she's Kathelynea; he's the original "Bud Billiken") hosted a delightful dinner party in their Michigan Ave. apartment the other evening for former Chicagoans, Ruth and Elsworth Blackwell, Baha'i pioneers. The guests of honor, just returned from Haiti after teaching the Baha'i faith there for the past 15 years, were received with much enthusiasm and rewarded their friends with interesting stories of their years away. Among those enjoying the festivities and the Kellums' warm hospitality were Marilyn Bierman, who recently returned from pioneering in Mexico; Marilyn Cartiero, administrative assistant to the Chicago Baha'i Assembly, and Benjamin Mashaw. The Blackwells leave soon for the Republic of Madagascar, Africa to continue their Baha'i activities.

AWARD TIME! . . General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., of the U.S. Air Force, the highest ranking black in U.S. military history, will receive the Par Excellence Award when the Blackbook Minority Business and Reference Guide hosts its annual awards dinner on Saturday, Jan. 17 at McCormick Place. Gen. James, a four-star general, is commander in chief of the North American Air Defense Command. Other award recipients are Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, who will receive the Black-book's Humanitarian Award for his efforts in promoting the advancement of mankind, especially in the minority communities and for his dedication and active participation in the fight against injustices to all mankind, and Thomas G. Ayers, chairman and president, Commonwealth Edison, who will receive the Community Conscience Award, presented annually to a major corporation whose policies and practices include, rather than exclude, minorities at all levels of their company, and who aggressively support minority businesses and community organizations via purchases of goods, services and contributions. Proceeds from the dinner, which will also honor Chicago's 10 Outstanding Business People, will benefit the United Negro College Fund, Inc., says Dempsey J. Travis, chairman of the affair.

MEMBERSHIP TIME. . . Defender Club Set columnist, Doug Akins, proprietor of the Park-Palladium Ballroom (remember the Parkway?), has joined the many Chicagoans who are coming to the forefront for the NAACP in its mighty push for 20,000 memberships this year. All members of clubs are invited to come to a special meeting this Monday, 6 p.m., to plan a gigantic affair he's scheduled for late December, which is being chaired by Donald Pitts, the NAACP's chairman of clubs and organizations and president of the Juggs Club.

LAS VEGAS FUN. . . Squire Lance, executive director of the South Shore Community Center, is revving up for a good time when the center sponsors "A Night in Las Vegas" on Friday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., at the center, 7601 S. Phillips Ave. The evening of fun, games, refreshments and prizes is the major 1975 fund-raiser for the non-profit organization. Benefit co-chairpersons are Jane Brown and Sandra Kelly, who promise a most exciting event. The center, which serves all residents of South Shore, provided programs and activities designed to make meaningful contributions to the quality of life of the area's residents. Activities include the Home Club Nursery School, arts and crafts, sports, drama, dance, photography and other recreational and educational programs for youth and adults. Memberships are available; family participation is encouraged, says Jackie Moore, who's handling the publicity for the benefit.

Originally, she says, the facility was a youth center, operated by the Young Men's Jewish Council. As the neighborhood changed, the responsibility was transferred to the present South Shore residents, who assumed full responsibility in 1972 as the South Shore Community Center Organization. To get your tickets for "A Night in Las Vegas," visit or call the center, 731-0444.

NEWSY NAMES. . . Theodore A. Jones is chairing a special NAACP committee planning "A Salute to Otto Kerner" coming up in January. Others on the committee are James Kemp, Josie Brown Childs and Al Brooks. . . Willie Critendon, assistant principal at CVS High School, is one among 4,000 listed in the 1975 edition of Outstanding Secondary Educators of America. She was recommended by her principal, Reginald V. Brown, Jr.. . . "Happy birthday" wishes to Clotee Best of Johnson Products (she's the George E. Johnson Foundation assistant), and to Bill Purdy, Channel 7 cinematographer. . . Jim Tilmon's "Tilmon Tempo" will examine the issues of rape through the eyes of the victim this Saturday midnight, on Channel 5. . . Edmonia Swanson, district advisor and tour promoter for Wholesale Tours International, Inc., will show a film of a Caribbean Cruise this Saturday morning, 10:30 to 1:30 a.m., at Park Manor Fellowship House, 7000 S. King Dr.. . . WBEE's Larry Smith is spinning jazz sounds every Wednesday night in the Bamboo Room of the South Shore Country Club Hotel. . . Pastor Henry O. Hardy of Cosmopolitan Community Church is inviting friends to join him on Friday, Dec. 5 at a special \$25 per person Commemorative Celebration in honor of the 50th Anniversary of his church to be held at the Continental Plaza. Guest appearances will be made by Paul Collins, the nationally known artist, and Ramsey Lewis. . . Samuel L. Young, Jr. will receive "Man of the Year" honors at the fifth anniversary Dinner Dance staged by the National Black Benevolent Society on Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Ramada Inn in Dolton, Ill. . . Charlemae Rollins, internationally known author of children's books, will talk about her works this Friday morning, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., during the final day of a week-long Book Fair at the Hiram Kelly Branch Library, 6151 S. Normal Blvd.

HOLIDAY FUN. . . In celebration of the coming Christmas season, the Dearborn Real Estate Board, paced by Alice M. Quinn, the president, will host a Pre-Holiday Dinner Dance on Friday, Dec. 5, 7 to 11 p.m., at Club Allegro, 11731 S. Halsted St. Mrs. Quinn is serving as the holiday hostesses, assisted by Frank J. Williams, DREB's chairman of the board of directors, who will be the evening's host, says LaVena M. Morris, the publicity chairman. The evening is being planned by Lerlene Barber and Evelyn Lang, co-chairmen of the party, which features unlimited cocktails, raffles and door prizes.

MERCI BEAUCOUP. . . William N. O'Neil, president of the Chicago Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable League, will host a thank you gathering at the DuSable Museum this Sunday afternoon for members and those persons who served as program participants at their successful annual dinner, which was held earlier this month. Homemade goodies and Dr. Margaret Burroughs' films from her recent trip to Cuba are special treats in store for party guests.

RECORD BREAKING TIME! . . The CVS High School band, led by Harold Bray, band master and instructor, along with the drum majorettes and pom-pom girls will attempt to break a world record this Friday afternoon by making and then eating the largest ice-cream sundae ever! The promotion, sponsored by Baskin & Robbins and the Guinness World Book of Records, will be held in the Marina Towers swimming pool (empty, of course!)