Two famous Rochesterians passed away last week of February, one a minister and the other, the oldest living person in the United States, Cynthia Fitzpatrick, daughter of slaves who lived to be the ripe old age of 118 years. She died in her sleep at her home on Reynolds St.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick lived with her granddaughter ever since 1955. She was born in Mississippi, the daughter of slaves who she remembered raised hogs and other produce. She was about nine when she lost her parents. She was honored by many organizations while living here. She was spry up until December, when she began to show her age. Those who knew her were given a lift by the cheery manner she obtained. She will be missed by many friends of the Rochester community.

The other famous person was the Rev. Canon St. Julian Simpkins, pastor of St. Simon’s Church, located on Oregon Street. Cannon Simpkins was the inner city minister of the Episcopal Church. He dedicated his life to the poor and downtrodden of Rochester. He helped spearhead the founding of the F.I.G.H.T. organization. He was instrumental in the building of the St. Simon’s Housing Development on St. Paul Street and the day nursery on Oregon Street, next to St. Simon’s Parish.

Canon Simpkins was a graduate of St. Augustine of Raleigh, North Carolina. The President, Prezell R. Robinson, attended the funeral. Also, the Suffragan Bishop of Chicago, Ill. The Right Rev. Quentin E. Primo, who served as Pastor of St. Simon’s Church prior to Canon Simpkins.

Canon Simpkins devoted his ministry working with and for those disadvantaged people throughout the Diocese. In honor of and in thanksgiving for his ministry, the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester are setting up an endowed scholarship fund in memory of Canon Simpkins. The Rochester Diocese selected March 14, 1983 for this one day of giving.

He leaves his wife, Adrienne, and daughter, Bertha Simpkins.

Canon Simpkins will be greatly missed by the entire Rochester community.

Dick Gregory at his best...

‘Kept Crowd at U of R Laughing’

Dick Gregory was at his best last night at Hubbell Hall of the University of Rochester. He kept the crowd of over three hundred laughing. On the serious side he was very critical of President Reagan and the two parties. He urged the students to use more of their powers they were born with and stop letting the system motivate them. He was on his way to Virginia to speak at a college there. He advised those of the white race to start following the blacks around, because they can learn from us many worthwhile things that will enrich their lives. He said to visit the ghettos sometime and have a look around. He said we blacks won’t hurt you, we will probably stare at you a bit, but that will be all.

Mildred Johnson's Roast

Urban League Sponsors Roast

More than four hundred people attended the Roasting of Wm. A. Johnson, Jr. sponsored by the Urban League held at the Mapledale Party House last Friday. The Roasters were: Ogden Dumas, Jr., Immediate Past Chairman, Urban League Board, Rochester; Theodore H. Freeman, Jr., President and CEO, Hudson County Urban League, Jersey City, N.J.; Virgil H. Hodges, Deputy Commissioner, SYS Department of Labor, Albany, N.Y.; Mrs. Jean Jones, Community Health Activist, Rochester, N.Y.; William Kelly, New Bethel C.M.E. Church, Rochester; David A. Lovetheim, Esq., Legal Counsel, Urban League Board of Directors; Mrs. Elizabeth N. Mills, EEO Officer, City of Rochester; Paul Wellington, Smith, President, P. Wellington Ltd., Washington, D.C.

Presentations: Jean Pryor, President of Rochester Urban League Guild.
**Black Unemployment Rate Unchanged**

WASHINGTON — The unemployment rate for black workers, at 20.8 percent, was unchanged from December to January, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

However, during this period, the unemployment rate for black adult women increased to 18.2 percent, up from the 16.5 percent rate of the previous month.

Among adult black males, the 19.7 percent rate was about unchanged from the previous month's rate of 20.5 percent. The rate for black youths also showed little change at 45.7 percent in January, compared to 46.2 percent in December.

Among white workers, the overall unemployment rate was 9.1 percent, down from the 9.7 percent rate in December.

Among white adult males, the unemployment rate was 8.4 percent (9.2 percent in January); for white adult women, 7.8 percent (8.1 percent in December) and for white youths, 20 percent (21.6 percent in December).

On a national basis, the bureau reported that unemployment declined in January after seasonal adjustment, and the number of nonfarm jobs increased.

The overall unemployment rate which includes the resident Armed Forces in the labor force, introduced with this report, was 10.4 percent, down from 10.8 percent in December.

Total employment was unchanged in January, at 100.8 million, seasonally adjusted. Both civilian employment — as measured by the monthly survey of households — and the resident Armed Forces (1.7 million) were unchanged over the month.

Nonfarm payroll employment — as measured by the monthly survey of establishments — rose by 340,000 in January, after seasonal adjustment, with trade and construction accounting for most of the increase. In addition, both the total private and factory work weeks advanced sharply.

The new overall unemployment rate, 9.1 percent, was unchanged from the previous month.
Counting and correlating photons isn't exactly a sport. But it's an area of research that Tom Gonsiorowski spends many hours studying as a doctoral candidate at the University of Rochester.

And, as a participant in the Kodak Fellows Program, Tom's tuition for three years and a monthly stipend are paid by Kodak. He's one of 20 Fellows we currently support across the nation. The program was initiated two years ago with the sole purpose of encouraging scientific inquiry. It's an important effort, but only one of several programs demonstrating our concern for education.

Last year, we invested $5 million in higher learning. More than 25 percent of that went to students and colleges right here in Rochester.

In addition to our numerous scholarship programs, extending from bachelor to postdoctoral levels, Kodak incentives also encourage some of the nation's best to stay on campus as teachers. To schools themselves, we grant both funds and materials in support of specific curriculum.

Our educational aid program is a commitment to excellence. It is an investment that benefits all of society. Now, that's worth rallying around!

Doing more than meets the eye.
Congressman Barber B. Conable, Jr. (New York) with album of 25-cent Frederick Douglass stamps presented by Assistant Postmaster General Richard J. Murphy (right) at First Day Ceremony of the 25-cent Frederick Douglass stamp at Washington, D.C., on February 14, 1967.

Walter DuBois Richards (Designer of Stamp); Frederick Douglas O'Neal; Howard Coles, Editor, Rochester (N.Y.) Voice; Congressman Barber B. Conable, Jr. (New York) and Congressman Frank J. Horton (New York) at a ceremony dedicating the 25-cent Frederick Douglass stamp on February 14, 1967, at Washington, D.C.