Everyone I meet asks me, how was your trip to Africa? Did you enjoy it? Or what was it like? My immediate response is, for years I have been trying to get to the Motherland, so at last I got there. Because of my involvement as honorary chairperson of the Martin Luther King Commission for the year 1986, I am indebted to three generations of the West Africans. They are: Dr. Jefferson each year, Mr. Alex Cameron and Mr. Wm. Spratling of Xerox Public Relations Office. Dr. Jefferson each year takes some of his black students to parts of Africa to enhance their knowledge of their Motherland. This year, it was Spring break in Senegal, West Africa.

There were fifteen people in our group who flew from Kennedy Airport, New York City, to Dakar, Senegal, via the plane Pan Afrika, which had all black employees, the pilots, stewards and stewardesses, which was great to see. They spoke English and French and served us with utmost courtesy.

After seven hours from Kennedy to Dakar, Senegal, we landed and were met at the airport by our guide for the entire ten days. His name was Jerry, a native of Senegal who clearly explained in detail every location, buildings and people of importance we came in contact with.

We checked in at the palatial Hotel Novotel, which has a beautiful swimming pool, beautiful room accommodations with TV, beautiful dining room and bar.

To me, it was a new dimension. For the entire ten days there, it was wonderful to view so many of our black brothers, thousands of them, what a feeling to one time in my life be the member of the majority, not a minority as we are here in the States.

We visited the Goree Island, the island over six million slaves were shipped from there to all parts of the world. The slave market compound is still there, and we stood at the door where all the slaves went through, dead or alive. This was the only exit to the slave boats and the ocean. This was the saddest part of the whole trip. When I stood at that open door, tears ran down my cheeks. It seemed as though the spirit of those millions were still there. Many died before being shipped out on the slave boats and their bodies, we were told by our guide, were dropped in the ocean through that door.

We visited the Gambian, Alex Haley’s tribe. We stayed in that village a half day and met the elder of the

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Thanks to the Elks

Jimmy Ciurca, an 11-year-old cerebral palsy student in Mrs. Wells’ Orth class is unable to write but can type with a special guard. The guard allows his fingers to be secured so he can successfully hit the keys.

Jimmy was unable to do his homework independently until recently when he was presented an IBM Selectric III typewriter with a special guard, for home use, by the Flower City Lodge #91 and its auxiliary, the Eldorado Temple #22. This gift means a great deal to Jim’s academic growth. He no longer needs his mother to write his assignments for him and he is delighted that he can now do his homework assignments on his own. Members of the Flower City Lodge #91 and its auxiliary, the Eldorado Temple #22 presented the typewriter to Jim on February 12 in his classroom. There was a teleproduction of the presentation that was viewed on school cable channel 35 during the week of February 17. Elks members present were: Mrs. Caludette Wilson, Daugher Ruler, Eldorado Temple #22; Mr. George Miller, District Director of Education Department of Western New York; Mrs. Joyce Griffin of IBM; Ms. Leiahmae Moore, School No. 29 teacher; Mr. David Greene, Exalted Ruler of Elks Flower City Lodge # 91.

Mrs. Claudette Wilson says she sees their organization as a role model for the community. She feels that living by the principles of charity, sisterly, and brotherly love is a goal their organization strives for.

Each year the organization has a State Oratorical Contest for high school boys and girls. The winners of the contest are presented scholarship money for college. They would like to see many of the boys and girls in the community participate in the contest.

Jimmy Ciurca says, “THANKS A MILLION,” to this fine organization.
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The people are very ambi-
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... I heard from their American

B. and Mrs. Frederick C. Jefferson,
Gabrielle Bercy, Scott Brown,
Rosemary Chew, Erik Chittie,
Janice Eddy, Gerda Luhde, Judith,
Harry and Sara Noel,
Gwen Thornton, and Anthony
Trufant.

ANGELA DAVIS SPEAKS OUT

Last month, the National
Alliance Against Racist &
Political Repression sponsored
a meeting at the First Church of Christ, 101
Plymouth Ave. S. Minister
Florence is pastor. The
guest speaker was the na-
tionally known Angela
Davis. Her message to the
people who gathered to
hear her was that of inter-
est regarding all political
prisoners who are now in
prison awaiting the death
sentence. She stated that
there are now a half million
prisoners in jail and in
prisons in America. She
stressed the need for all
people, especially those
of color, to become con-
cerned about the injustices
of our prison system and do
something about it by send-
ing petitions to Gov. Wal-
lace of Alabama to save the
lives of those on death row.
Most of them are innocent
people, but have been
found guilty by unjust peo-
ple.

Johnny Imani Harris,
who is black and has been
in prison for sixteen years,
needs us who can sign a pet-
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Plymouth Park
Renamed To
Honor Doctor Lunsford

The late Dr. Charles T. Lunsford, Rochester’s first black physician, now has a permanent memorial in that part of the city he served. The circular park containing a gazebo is located in the Corn Hill neighborhood and has been known as Plymouth Park.

City Council recently voted unanimously to rename it Lunsford Park. A petition, sponsored by the Third Ward Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and bearing over 600 signatures, was presented to the council several months ago calling for the honor.

City officials were told by Council President Ruth Scott that she hoped an appropriate plaque would be placed in the park to tell visitors the story of Doctor Lunsford.

From the time he came to Rochester to practice in 1921 until he died at 83 years of age in early 1985, he tirelessly served the people of the neighborhood. He also served blacks in the general community, leading the efforts to get black students into the U of R medical school, and persuading the American Red Cross to allow blacks to donate blood.

Councilwoman Maxine Childress Brown spoke for many in the community when she said, “this is a long time coming.”

LEE CRAWFORD
Popular Veteran and Musician

MR. LEE E. CRAWFORD was born in Pitts- burgh, Pa., on the 3rd of February, 1918, one of five children born to the late Rev. Cleveland Crawford Sr. and Willie Crawford. He was the last of his immediate family.

He resided in Pittsburgh, Pa., until he entered the military service on De- cember 10, 1942. He served honorably in the United States Army until his dis- charge on June 17, 1944.

Later in life, he moved to Rochester, N.Y., where he resided until his death. He was a senior volunteer with the ACTION Program and was honored with several certificates of service.

Rochester Business Opportunities Corporation

ROCHESTER BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES CORPORATION continues to make a difference. RBOC was formed in 1968 to offer minority groups an opportunity to start their own business enterprises. In the unsettled social climate of the 60’s, something more than promises was needed to help minorities participate in the marketplace.

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For more information, contact:
CLARENCE T. INGRAM
General Manager

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O placidly amid the noise & haste, & remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

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