It has been a few weeks since we have come out with any news. What is the reason for such a long delay? The answer is that it takes money to publish the Frederick Douglass Voice newspaper. The community ads have been our source of income, but we have not had the ads that we have always had, so our income through ads has been less than usual. We are very optimistic and know that business will pick up soon.

Some special events that are newsworthy are as follows:

The Arbor Day celebration was held at the Highland Park at the Douglass monument on June 5th. The youth from the Jefferson Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church participated and their drill team performed. The U.S. Army band played two selections. Lucien Moren and Howard Coles attended and gave remarks regarding the greatness of Frederick Douglass. Honored guests were Rev. Andrew Gibson and Councilwoman Maxine Childress Brown. Dr. Pitts announced the art contest which was a portrait of Frederick Douglass. Any youth who will present a drawn portrait of Frederick Douglass to the art judges and wins will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Douglass home with their parents. Have your child draw a portrait and present it to the Voice newspaper and the contest will be given in our next issue.

Over five hundred people attended the 22nd Annual ABC Dinner held at the Basin Inn, Bushnell Basin last Friday night to hear the outstanding speech of Attty. Patricia Russell McCloud speaking on the subject "The Black Family." Her speech entitled "If Not You, Who? If Not Now, When?" was a challenge to all of us who sit spellbound listening for her next word to be spoken. She is a graduate from Howard University School of Law and Kentucky State University having studied at Harvard University, a member of the Supreme Court Bar Assn., Indiana Bar and Washington, D.C. Bar Assn. She is the former chief of the complaints branch, media bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. She has received numerous awards and honors for her dedicated efforts, among them the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from North Carolina Central University and Belltown Cookman College.

This is the second time she has been guest speaker for the Action for a Better Community Annual Affairs Dinner. No one should ever miss this great lawyer's speeches because she has much to say along the lines of getting communities involved in bettering our Black community. We congratulate the ABC Committee of Arrangements for this outstanding affair under the continued leadership of James McCuller, executive director.

The Virginia Wilson Interracial Helping Hand Center has been going through turmoil for a number of years due to the fact we have had many financial problems due to the lack of help from agencies and groups supporting our program. We now are in a state of limbo, due to the fire at our building at 442 West Main Street. We are now looking forward to volunteers to help with a fund raising event, so that we can continue our work in the jails, hospitals and food distributions to needy families. If you have any time at all to volunteer please call me at my home 544-1787. We thank you in advance for your efforts.

The Concerned Citizen Committee of Rochester held its 2nd Annual Black Agenda Conference Friday night, July 31, 1987, 6 PM and Saturday, August 1, 1987 at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, 1100 South Goodman Street. The theme of the conference was "Black Power: Is It Dead or Alive?" The theme of Black Power today is dead, but to others it may be...
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alive: From what I observe we are not too alive in the Black Power movement. We at present need another Martin Luther King to raise the consciousness of Black people all over the United States. It is hoped that those who attended the conference left with new ideas to help the Rochester community.

The Virginia Wilson Inter-racial Helping Center, Inc., is a member of the Genesee Valley Regional Food Bank which is being denied the space of the old Wegman’s market at the West Main site, which was vacated by Wegman’s over three months ago. Wegman’s was going to donate the space to the food bank, but St. Mary’s Hospital objected to the food bank located there, fearing the loss of property values and other unfounded myths. Feeding the hungry should be one of St. Mary’s projects, not to fight those of the food bank who are supplying hundreds of groups and people per month in Rochester and surrounding areas. I’m sure St. Mary, the patron saint the hospital is named for, would have been upset by this action taken by members of the St. Mary’s staff, which is to block the food bank from being located at the old Wegman’s site.

On closing this column I thought this letter would be of interest to some of my readers. My sister Lydia and I grew up in the Buffalo Head area on Taylor Street. Our first school in 1917 was Number 17, when we then lived on Dengler Street. We moved from Dengler St. because my mother was a truthful person and a devout Christian. There was a shooting on our street, which was mainly all Italians. At that time they were fighting against one another as we are doing in the Black community today. The police wanted to know who did the shooting and my mother, who knew, told the police the name of our neighbor who said he was going to bomb our house. Mother then moved our family to Taylor Street. The school we had to attend by moving was Number 29, at which time our principal was Miss Olive Payne. My sister, who always kept in correspondence with our teachers and others, received this letter as a response to one of her letters to Miss Payne. At that time, sister and I were the only Black students attending School No. 29, which today is 96 percent Black. Here is the letter the sister sent sister on Sept. 25, 1973.

Dear Lydia, Thanks very much for your very friendly note and the enclosure about Mildred and her work and the recognition she receives from the City of Rochester. You both are doing a fine service and I am very proud of you. This summer has been tough for us. My brother, 80 years old, has been in the hospital since July 3rd. He has been in the hospital all the time with one illness after another, including surgery, so I have not had any broken bones fortunately. My time is filled with business of keeping the house affairs operating and I spend every afternoon helping nurses take care of him. It is a busy life but I am glad I can help my brother. Again thank you for remembering us.

Most cordially yours,

Olive Payne
Catherine James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. James of 151 Mohawk Road, has been named an award winner in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students, sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. The Millburn High School senior will receive one of two 4-year renewable grants financed by the Warner-Lambert Co., Morris Plains.

Catherine is one of some 500 award winners nationwide whose names are being announced today. They were selected from about 1,200 finalists in standardized college entrance tests, academic attainments and school recommendations.

Although she has not as yet selected a college, Catherine has directed an interest in medical research as a possible career field. She is also a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

At the high school, the scholar plays the flute in the concert band, the stage band, the wind ensemble and orchestra. She also served as drum major for two years. Catherine is editor of the school's Spanish literary magazine and a member of the math and science teams. Last year she won the Wellesley College Book Award and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal for excellence in English and science respectively.

Catherine also works summers as a lifeguard at the municipal pool. She has been a member of the National Ski Patrol for three years working at Shawnee Mountain in Pennsylvania. She is also a junior riding instructor and captain of the senior troop at Watchung Stables.

More than 75,000 black students requested consideration in the 1987 achievement program when they took the 1985 PSAT/NMSQT, the screening test for the competition. To ensure that scholastically promising young men and women from all parts of the country are included in the pool of students who continue in the competition, achievement program semifinalists are named in several geographic regions. The numbers designated in each region is proportional to its Negro population, and semifinalists represent the highest-scoring black students in the states that comprise the region. Of the 1,500 semifinalists announced in September, some 1,200 advanced to finalist standing by meeting additional standards and supplying information about their academic attainments, personal interests, activities and goals. Only students who became finalists were considered for achievement scholarships and all winners were chosen from the finalist group.

Today's winners include 350 who will receive National Achievement $2,000 scholarships, single-payment awards that are distributed on a regional representation basis. The other 200 will receive corporate sponsored grants.

Later this spring, the achievement program will identify some 125 winners of college sponsored achievement scholarships. Approximately 40 U.S. colleges and universities will write these 4-year awards for finalists who plan to attend their institutions.
"My teacher made me shift gears."

I'd had it with school. I wanted to get a job, get some wheels.

My English teacher threw my plans in reverse.

"Don't be foolish," she said. "Ten years from now you'll be driving the same damn car; but you'll be too embarrassed to come back and finish school."

She didn't have to say anything. But she made me see things in a different way.

Teachers do that for people sometimes.
City of Rochester Council News

City Councilwoman and Acting President of the Rochester City Council, Maxine Childress Brown, has recently submitted legislation to Council changing the title of "Acting President" to "Vice President." This change requires a change in the wording of the City Charter and, if adopted, will take effect as of January 1, 1988.

According to Brown, "while the title Acting President is literally correct, since I act as President when the President is unavailable, the title is confusing. The more familiar title of "Vice President" is clearly understood by most people. A number of my constituents have expressed confusion about the title, and in response to these comments I am advancing this change. I do want to make it clear, however, that this change would be in title only, not in the duties of the office."

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For more information about the MBE Program, please contact: Ronald C. Hopfer, Director of Procurement, City School District, 131- West Broad St., Rochester, NY 14608.
FREDERICK DOUGLASS FREEDOM DAYS IN ROCHESTER

Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 11, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 6, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 14, 1:15 p.m.

in Rochester

FREDERICK DOUGLASS FREEDOM DAYS IN ROCHESTER

Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.
Frederick Douglass Memorial Oratorical Contest
Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church

Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.
Federated Women's Club of Rochester
FEDERAL BALLOON LAUNCHES - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m.
Park with wreath placing ceremony.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Frederick Douglass Memorial Oratorical Contest
Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church

Parade-Favor, Troup and Clarissa Streets to Highland Park
Assembly-Statue of FREDERICK DOUGLASS in Highland Park with wreath placing ceremony.

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PENNINGTON-MOYE POST NO. 9251
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Sunday evening, June 7, 1987
Mapledale Party House, 1020 Maple Street
Rochester, New York

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Pennington-Moye Post No. 9251
Chartered June 11, 1947
Post No. 9251 was formed to honor Lt. Leland H. Pennington who served with the 99th Pursuit Squadron whose plane was shot down over Yugoslavia on April 21, 1945 and to honor Pvt. Donald F. Moye who served with the 5811th Quartermaster Truck Company and was killed in the line of duty in Germany on May 27, 1946.

Among the Charter Members were George Alexander, Robert H. Beckley, Charles George Budd, Robert B. Conley, Walter M. Holland, Paul W. Jackson, Fred (Pots) McLean, Ted Malline, George Merri, Robert Miller, Albert Pace, Alexander Peyton, Charles Donald Shorts, Joseph Silas, Macon Lee, John Maline, Gibson, Roscoe Gray, Thomas Hardy, Oscar Lee Henry, Robert L. Charles Donald Shorts, Joseph Silas, Lamon Smith, Glennie Wil- liams and Lawrence Wilson.

Pennington-Moye Post 9251—Auxiliary:
Zelma Brooks — President
Bernie Dade, Omega Morris, Anna P. Henry Lena Moye, Lucille Parker, Lily Peyton, Josie B. Shorts and V. Woodland.

PROGRAM

Invocation
Cloude Tarver
Commander-Elect—Pennington-Moye Post
Pledge of Allegiance
Anthony M. Ferrarese
Department of New York, V.F.W.
Dinner
Lewie E. Bracey
Commander 1986-87 Pennington-Moye Post
Guest Speaker
Dr. Averette M. Parker
Presentation of Plaques
Lewie E. Bracey
To Army-Navy Union—Aux. No. 274
To American War Mothers Chapter No. 29
Honor Guests
Dr. Jannita Pitts and Howard W. Coles

FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
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1937-38

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American War Mothers
Flower City Chapter No. 29
National Charter 1917
Rochester Charter July 31, 1952

This group was organized during W.W.I to help food conserva
tion, war relief and to assist U.S. servicemen. These projects were expanded to include — community activities in Americanism Hos
tial Programs, Memory Tress and Memorials and to encourage legislation on veteran’s interests.

The Flower City Chapter No. 29 was organized on July 31, 1952 by Mother Florence Harner with Mother Clarissa Calowell, as
first President. The first meetings were held at Mt. Olivet Baptist
Church on Adams Street.


The many veterans that they have helped and a grateful com
munity that has benefited by their unselfish devotion owe the
American War Mothers a vote of thanks.

Army-Navy Union
Henry-Wilde Garrison
Auxiliary No. 274
National Charter April 1926
Rochester Charter June 1934

This chapter was named for Mrs. Geraldine Henry’s son and
Mrs. Vinnie Wilde’s husband who were killed in World War I. These
ladies dedicated themselves to community services, visits to hospi
talized veterans and to assist in World War Relief — an agency for helping orphans and widows.

They named their Charter in 1935 — with Mrs. Lulu Meadows, now in her 90’s and still active, and Mrs. Lucille Robinson as Char
ter Members. Through their frequent visits to Batavia and Cana
daigua Veterans’ Hospital they have become well known to hospi
tal staff and patients.

In Memorial Day Parades this once large organization was quite spectacular in their sparkling white uniforms — blue capes and gold linings.

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July 8, 1987
Mr. Howard W. Coles, Historian and Publisher
Frederick Douglass Voice

Dear Mr. Coles:

As founder and publisher of the “Frederick Douglass Voice”, you are to be congrat
ulated on your 52 years of commitment to the cause of keeping this great man’s name to the forefront.

Your efforts, in the past, in bringing his granddaughter to the pulpit of our former
church on Favor Street, inception site for the “North Star”, are to be commended.

On behalf of the Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church family, please accept our heartfelt
thanks.

Sincerely,
Rev. A. N. Gibson, Pastor
Charles Frazer, Chairman
Trustee Board