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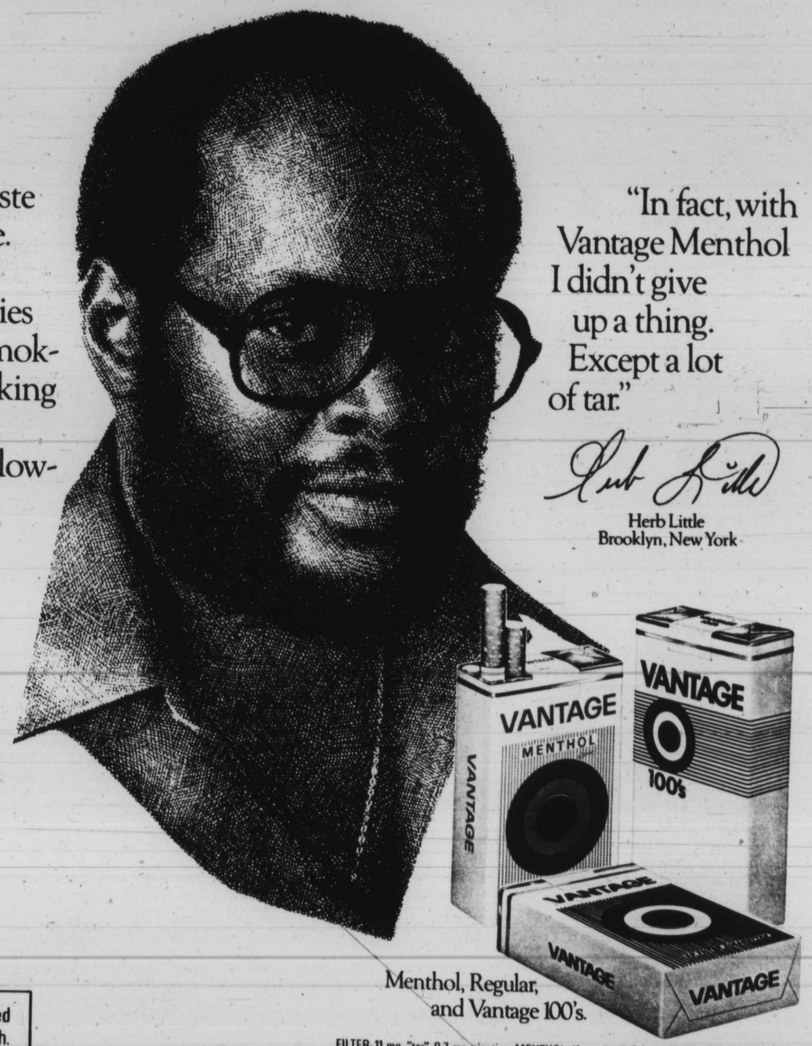

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Debbie Allen

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in the Wiz, and a brother thirteen who likes girls," she said with a big smile. "My father is a dentist so he's on another side," she continued.

Of her early years she says, "I began with dance in high school, and then I went to Howard University where I majored in Speech and Drama," I grew up when I was at Howard; I mean it was the time when I started making my own decisions and began to direct my career goals. And I had some very fine teachers while I was there."

Though she spoke highly of her years at Howard and of the fun and parties, one comment seemed to linger in her face as she said, "During those years I learned that you owe it to yourself just by being in this world to do something — to make something of yourself."

"Paying dues" is a term frequently used to describe the years (and for some the parts) that most creative persons encounter before the big break comes. "Hanging in there" is what Debbie Allen calls it. "So many really creative people give up and as soon as they do the break comes," she said with a bit of sadness.

She has as she puts it "hung in there," and she paid her dues. Since her professional journey began five years ago she has appeared as Beneatha in the musical "Raisin," as J.J.'s junkie finance, Diane, on "Good Times," and she most recently starred in "3 Girls 3," a comedy-variety mini series on NBC of which she says, "it was just great and I had my own production number."

All of this certainly seems to attest to the fact that she has paid some dues, but it is also a comment about just how versatile a person she is too.

To top all of this off, she has just finished filming "Morris Bird The Third" in which she stars opposite J. J. Walker. "It is," she says, "the story of a father struggling with his children's minds; it deals with life and death.

"I'm tired," she said as she shifted positions on the huge bed and looked out into the sunshine of the day. "I've been staying busy trying to develop my style," she continued.

"I've learned a lot on the tour, and this is a difficult business — you have to be in touch with yourself, and you have to know your direction — you have to be aware of why you get an audience reaction."

Recently "Guys & Dolls was in Houston, Debbie's hometown and there was a Debbie Allen Day held in her honor. Beaming she said, "It was great," my parents were really happy — they're very much a part of what I do — they gave me the support." We had a lot of fun. Leslie even said, I'm not going to one more of your friends' houses . . ." '

Like most artists, Debbie is constantly looking ahead to the next new endeavor. "There's always something happening, always another challenge — something will happen — I'm focusing past now. There are two Broadway shows that I'm thinking about, and I'm also

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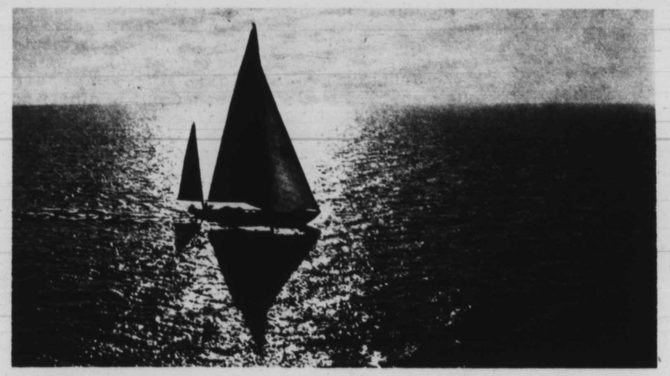

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