Letters to the Editor

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THEY LIKE US

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—I continue to be impressed by the quality of the DAWN periodical and as a constant reader, I must congratulate you all, for myself and for the over 1,500 members of B-Jam nation-wide.

Keep up the good work.

J. HENRI MILEY
Philadelphia

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POETRIE GALLERIE

BRONX, N.Y.—First, let me congratulate you for a fine magazine, relevant to life in America.

Of particular interest for me is the section *Poetrie Gallerie*. I acquired DAWN Magazine for this month and was amazed and elated at the clarity and depth of the poems that were selected.

Since I am in the process of publishing an anthology, I immediately wanted to include some of the poetry of these youth in it. Can this be done?

Abdul Mu-iid Abdullah Muhammad

Permission in writing must be obtained before any material published in DAWN Magazine can be used or excerpted in another publication. Your request has been turned over to our poetry editor, who will be contacting you.

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ANOTHER GOOF

INDIANAPOLIS, In.—I usually consider it a "treat" when DAWN Magazine arrives as a supplement to the Indianapolis. Recorder newspaper.

In the December issue, the recipes contained what I consider a careless error, when the Snack Mix recipe called for = cup butter which they say equals 1 stick.

One stick of butter actually equals ¼ cup.

Keep up the good work and good luck.

MARLENE BAKER

You are absolutely right, of course. The recipes were supplied us by what we considered a reputable organization, but special scrutiny is obviously needed.

We smite the hand of our resident food editor and insist that she get new glasses.

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NAME OMISSION

NEWARK, N.J.—A poem of mine appeared in the December 1979 issue of DAWN Magazine, but my name was left out. The name of the poem is "Maiden Voyage."

Miss Zul-Latifa Abdalsabur Zahir

Happy to correct the oversight, and we want the world to know that you are indeed the author of the poem mentioned.

COVER STORY

OXFORD, Wis.—Give my highest honor and respects to Paula Brooks for a beautiful article on Gloria Gaynor. I am so pleased to see Ms. Gaynor getting the recognition she richly deserves.

Can you tell me how I might get in touch with her?

Bro. David Rosser-El

Gloria Gaynor is under contract with Polydor Records, and mail addressed to her sent to the record company, usually is received by the artist.

GERMANTOWN, Pa.—After reading the Entertainment Issue of DAWN Magazine my thoughts focused on the article on Ashford and Simpson since my propensity is for songwriting.

I possess a nagging determination to "touch hands" with people like Val and Nick who have attained some of their goals and feel good about helping somebody like me.

MRS. JoAnne Reaves

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — At present, I have many different original crossword puzzles based on Black History. I generate these types of puzzles regularly, and feel that DAWN readers would be interested in them.

Is it possible to initiate an arrangement so that DAWN readers can get the benefit of puzzles especially geared to the black community?

Kenneth J. Brown

Once again, it is up to our readers. If there is sufficient interest in having such a puzzle, it will be done.

The Editor's Desk

This month, our cover picture is of Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Patricia Roberts Harris. This is the official photograph of the Secretary, and probably will be hung in the portrait gallery in the HEW building in Washington.

Getting the busy Secretary to give DAWN Magazine time for an interview in her busy schedule took some doing, but we persevered and finally it was accomplished. You can read the results in this issue. We didn't expect the many responses received over Thomas Stockett's painting of Frederick Douglass as a young man, and if there is enough demand, we will check into the possibility of securing prints of the painting at a minimal cost.

The importance of the 1980 census can't be emphasized enough, since a lot of the federal money which is used for local government programs is parcelled out according to the census count.

Even the number of U.S. Congressmen is determined by the population of states. When the census figures indicate an increase in population, representation in Congress is accordingly increased.

Next month there will be a feature story about blacks who moved West during the 19th Century. Homesteaders in the Dakotas were black in some instances.

In This Issue:

- Patricia Harris is the current Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. You'll find a story about her beginning on Page 4.
- Celebenit is included in this edition, and may be found on Page 6.
- This is the year of the census, and it is more important than ever for the black community to stand up and be counted. The story is on Page 11.
- By far, the feature gaining the most response is the Poetrie Gallerie, which this month is on Page 12.
- As usual there is a rundown on the astrological scene with Amali, and can be found on Page 15.

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