## Letters to the Editor

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MOST INFORMATIVE

Philadelphia, Pa. — The article "40 Acres and a Mule: Rape of Black-Owned Land" was most informative and necessary. As an heir, among five, to property inherited (upon the death of my father), I am aware of the problems.

We have not lost our land yet, and if I can help it we never will, but all we can afford to do is pay the taxes each year. I might add that, I joined Emergency Land Fund a couple of years ago, and nothing has changed beyond my paying membership fees and receiving an occasional ELF Newsletter.

They don't have offices in every Southern state so if you happen to

own land in a state where there is no regional office, there is not very much ELF can do for you.

Ann-Marie Anderson

Cleveland, Ohio — I commend DAWN Magazine for the article entitled "Rape of Black - Owned Land" that appeared in the October issue.

I have personally been the victim of the systematic takeover of black - owned land in the Southeast. I know my plight is not just a rare occurrence but more of an ever - increasing scheme aimed at the poor and uninformed black landowners.

Mrs. Berder M. Johnson

Los Angeles, Calif. - I have

at least one black theatrical group

that has perfected the comedic

Baltimore, but DAWN Magazine

feels they are a forerunner to what

will become a new trend in

We have heard a lot of com-

ments about our special issue on

the new automobiles for 1981, and

one of the comments was the

question of how authoritative were

In order to bring DAWN

readers the very latest and up to

date information, we go directly to

the top management people of the

Which is why we just happen to

have a picture of our New York

chief agent, Percell Johnson with

Lee lacocca, president of Chrysler

nightclub entertainment.

our sources.

various companies.

They currently perform in

property in Jefferson, Texas which I acquired through inheritance. I have the deed to the land and have been paying taxes each year.

I cannot sell the land because of a man I do not know. I have been corresponding with a lawyer in Texas, but as you know, it was a lost cause.

Please help. I have all my papers, but cannot contact the right people to help me. I am determined to fight this, not only because it is my property, but as a black person, I feel a burning need to obtain justice that is due, not only for me, but a new beginning for other blacks that are in the same situation.

Mrs. Lela Brooks
The article "Rape of BlackOwned Land" was put together
by Howard G. Ball and Leon W.
Bonner, both of whom are on the
faculty of Alabama Agricultural
and Mechanical University.

Ball is attached to the School of Library Media at the Normal, Ala. school, and intensely interested in the plight of landowners in the

Although his name was inadvertently mispelled in the article, he is reachable at: Alabama A and M. Univ.

School of Library Media Normal, Alabama 35762

BLACK CAMP

Brooklyn, N.Y. — In a recent issue of DAWN Magazine, there was a picture and story about a black camp, Camp Atwater, in Massachusetts.

Could you send me more information on this camp?

Elmer O'Bleanis

The camp is under the auspices (Continued on Page 31)

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\*Celebenit, this month, is located on Page 6.

Christmas in Nigeria, a revealing insight to holiday celebrations in this African country, starts on page 8.

National Roundup will be

Dawn Recipes this month are concerned with holiday foods, and holiday baking for gift giving. It begins on

Black History crossword puzzle, and the black history cartoon, page 20.
Two of the top songwriters and performers today. M c F a d d e n a n d Whitehead. Their story on page 22.

Poetry lovers will find their special page, Page 24.
A look at a new entrant in the comedy sweepstakes, The Warehouse Comedy Squad, Page 26.

\*Amali returns with the horoscope — Page 28.



Lee Iacocca and Percell Johnson Sr.

## The Editor's Desk

After a one - month hiatus, they are back. Both the Black Crossword Puzzle, by Philadelphian Kenneth J. Brown, and the monthly horoscope by

Amali are included in this issue.

Received a couple of angry telephone calls from some Scorpios who feel neglected because during the month their birth sign should have been featured, the horoscope was missing.

Have asked Amali to send in the material that would have been included, and we'll see to it that the Scorpios in question get the information.

This is, of course, our annual Christmas issue, with stories of customs and foods around the world. This month there is a special story of which we are proud.

We entitled it simply Christmas in Nigeria, and to our knowledge, it is the first time that an explanation of the celebration in Africa of one of our big Christian holidays has been explained.

for comedy in this country — not the straight stand up type — but skits and blackouts. Such places as the hungry i. in Calif. or the village in N.Y. spawned places where the spoken word thrived.

The arrival of Saturday Night
Live and Friday on television,
brought about a new era in
comedy presentation, and there is

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