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## Mildred Johnson Speaks

It has been a long time since I wrote a column for your pleasure of reading, but I have been out of town and back again after spending about two weeks in the Nations Capital, my second home, Washington, D.C.

What I enjoyed most was visiting old friends who were former Rochesterians. One couple was Dean and Mrs. Thomas Hawkins, former Dean of Men at Howard University and Hampton college. Grayce, his wife, is a Rochester girl who grew up in the great Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and sang in the junior choir when she and yours truly were young girls.

What a joy it was to talk to she and her husband about the good old days here in dear old Rochester. Dean Hawkins presented me with a book he wrote — "A Dean Speaks Out." In his book

he has compiled the writings of many great authors, along with his words of wisdom. I will be writing, from time to time, some of these quotes, poems and writings from his book, which will help those who read them. "Look Carefully" are words of wisdom which I read on page 91, which applies to most of us.

*Have you ever tried to look at things from the other persons viewpoint? Have you ever searched for the reason why, when our misunderstandings arise? Most criticisms, complaints, fault-findings and prejudices arise from failure to see the other side of an issue or the reasons another person reacts as he does.*

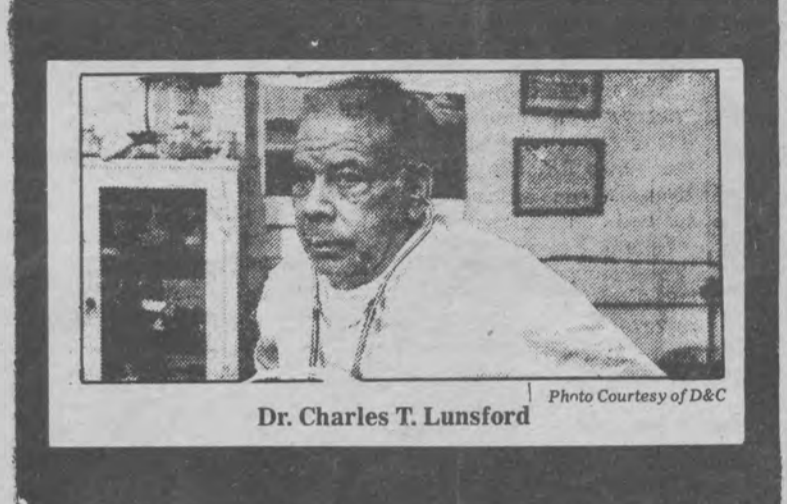
*The tragedy of our age lies not in that men are poor, or*

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## A Courageous Doctor Passes

Words cannot express the greatness of Dr. C. T. Lunsford, who passed away last Friday in Strong Memorial Hospital. I was ten years old when Dr. Lunsford came to Rochester to practice medicine at the request of his classmate Rev. Dr. James E. Rose, who then was pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

Dr. Lunsford was the first black doctor I had ever seen. Dr. Rose and Dr. Lunsford were a team who fought for justice for blacks here in Rochester.



Dr. Charles T. Lunsford

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Dr. Lunsford's main concern was to get black nurses in the hospitals here. At that time blacks were not allowed or accepted in their training courses in the hospitals. He waged a fight with the system and won. he inspired many black youth to go to high school and college.

He was a life member of the N.A.A.C.P. He will be remembered in our black history school books for years to come. The School on Seward Street was named Charles T. Lunsford School in 1973. The Urban League of Rochester named their annual Citizens Award, the C. T. Lunsford Award, to outstanding citizens.

He was not just a scholar and statesman but a daring activist for the rights of people. I would like to describe him as our "Martin Luther King" of Rochester. Our sympathy goes out to his dear wife Nan Talley, whom he loved dearly and to the other living relatives.

Dr. Lunsford is survived by his wife, Nan Talley Lunsford, one brother, Majrion Lunsford of New York City, two nieces and a nephew, Eloise Carter, Peggy Wilson and Fred Klass of New York City. A niece, Virgie Samuels of Baldwin, Mich., and two great-nieces of Chicago, Ill., Violette Williams and Virgie Moore.



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## Johnson

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wicked, or ignorant, but in that they know so little of each other. We should not judge until we have walked in the other persons shoes or sat in his place. Many times it is not the other person who is wrong but we are reluctant to change our views when we are wrong.

— By Paul S. McElroy

While in D.C., I had the pleasure of having dinner with Lapolis Ashford, "Lakey" as most of us know him, at his palacial home on N.W. 16th Street. He send regards to all his friend here in Rochester.

After visiting old Rochester friends, I went on a weekend trip to Atlantic City with a bus full of jolly people who crowded the bus, sang songs and told jokes all the way to the city. We, who many were senior citizens, had a good time losing our money. Those who traveled with me were the following persons:

Ms. Nancy Baskerville, Lucretia Harris, Juanita Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Verlon Hemsley, Vera Harris, Beatrice Alexander, my two cousins, Virginia Watkins and Beulah Martin, Emma Turner, Lucelle Anderson, Josephine Samuels, Celestine Spencer, Estelle Taylor, Anita Jenkins, Edelbert Jenkins, Dollie Price, Zore Pride, Pauline Carey, Arvece McCorkle, Morris Thomas, William Brown, Albert Green, Rosa Bryant, Elizabeth Jenifer, Doris Harron, Helen Aldridge, Mary E. Queen and Beatrice Brown.

The bus we went on was owned by Mr. Mayo, who plays "Grady" in Sanford & Son TV series. Mr. Queen, his bus representative for Washington, gave us a brief history of his travel agency, which operates in D.C., Los Angeles and New York. A very courteous driver, Mr. Hamm guided us to and from Atlantic City. I plan to take another trip with this group when I get back to Washington in the Spring.

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For information about the essay contest, call Arvis Lamb at the Youth Services Division of the Urban League of Rochester, 325-6530, extension 248.

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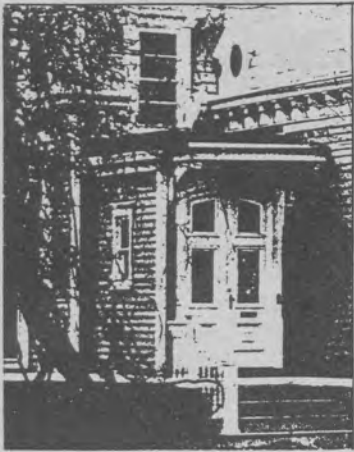
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## News

"The Invisible People," an installation of documentary photographs and text by Suzanne Frew centering on the plight of the homeless in Rochester, will be on view in the Link Gallery at City Hall February 26- March 25.

Interest in the effect of the 1982 recession led Frew to research some of the local support groups in Rochester. Her work at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, both helping and photographing people, culminated in a masters thesis about the homeless. The body of her work reflects the more subtle elements of these people's lives, facts that often go unseen; is an attempt to break down stereotypes.

Frew, a native of Huntsville, Alabama, earned her B.A. in Interdisciplinary Public Relations/

International Social Welfare from the University of Alabama and is presently finishing her Master of Fine Arts degree at Rochester Institute of Technology. She plans to continue work with a study of the housing problems of the poor in preparation for a documentary for television.

The Link Gallery is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located outside the Employee Relations Office (Room 103-A) in City Hall, 30 Church Street.

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## The Negro Family in Rochester



**AUSTIN A. STEWARD, The Pioneer**  
 Photo from "Twenty Years a Slave, Forty Years a Freeman."  
 —Austin A. Steward

Time moved on. The little city beside the falls of the Genesee grew up practically over night, for the Erie Canal brought prosperity to the new settlers along its route as well as an influx of colonists. The packet boats of the Union Line of the canal transported both passengers and freight and passed through to Lockport and Buffalo three times a week. The picturesque old mules, driven by "muleteers" were a familiar sight as they inched along the towpath. The pioneer patriot founder, Col. Nathaniel Rochester, brought to the wilderness of the Genesee, new vision, new hope and a great desire to build a beautiful city in the heart of the fertile country.

It was during this same period (1816-1831) that Austin A. Steward, a poor, insignificant fugitive slave found his way, guided by the eternal beacon, the North Star, to this village of freedom and hope. It was he who first saw the need of a grammar school for the children of freedmen and fugitive slaves. He founded such a school and added religious education to its curricula. It was the only school of its kind in this section of New York State. His unusual business acumen, and personal initiative made possible the establishment of a dry goods store and later other types of businesses. But when he had accumulated a sizeable fortune, his old master discovered his whereabouts and came to claim his property. Steward was tried before Judge William B. Rochester, a brother of Col. Rochester and acquitted. Shortly afterward, he became dissatisfied with his lot and good fortune when he noted the sufferings and trials of his down-trodden brethren. He gave up his business in the city and journeyed to Canada where he founded Wilberforce Colony, a refuge for fugitive slaves named after the great philanthropist. In a few years, he became famous as an orator, statesman and in the evening of his life, he wrote his autobiography entitled "Twenty Years a Slave and Forty Years a Free Man."

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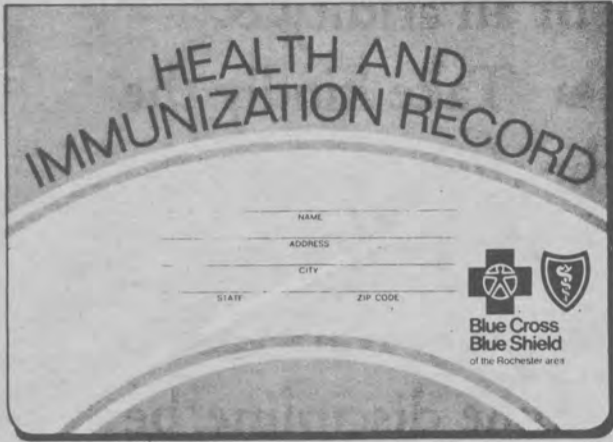
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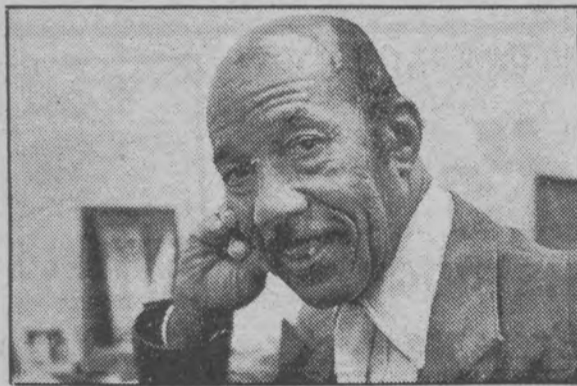
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(1929-1968) Nobel Peace Prize winner and civil rights leader, was born in Atlanta. Dr. King first became known to most Americans when he used non-violent methods to win integration on the city buses of Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. King, along with a group of Atlanta ministers, organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to stage massive demonstrations and carry the struggle for equality into other areas of the nation. His famous speech "I Have A Dream" was delivered at the March on Washington in 1963.

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