Remembering a Black Press Trailblazer: MATTIEBELLE WOODS

The proud Community Journal enhances my long journalistic career
By Richard G. Carter

“You stay alive as long as you’re remembered -- and die only by forgetfulness…”
Richard Basehart, “Decision Before Dawn” (1952)

As the Community Journal on August 4 marks 40 glorious years of publication, this writer thanks this newspaper for helping prolong my career, which includes Milwaukee Sentinel, Columbus Dispatch, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Milwaukee Journal, Gannett Westchester Newspapers, New York Daily News and New York Amsterdam News.

Thus, in 2016, it is a joy to contribute to the ongoing success of such a noteworthy publication in my hometown. And Black Milwaukee can thank its lucky stars for its significant influence and outreach.

I clearly recall when viable Black weekly newspapers were rare in this city. In the post-war 1940s, the Milwaukee Globe -- published by my late father Sanford Carter, Vincent Bevenue, Lawrence Saunders and John Williams -- was one of the first. While short-lived, it was a labor of love and sparked my youthful interest in writing.

Located on the south side of W. Walnut St. near N. Ninth, the Globe’s community leaders carried the ball. With the Chicago Bee -- hawked up and down Walnut by Dan Travis, known as “The Bee Man” -- they were the only Black papers readily available.

One benefit to readers of Black papers such as the Community Journal is emergence of noteworthy names. Perhaps most memorable here was the iconic Mattiebelle Woods.

In the late ‘50s, the Milwaukee Recorder and Milwaukee Gazette briefly appeared. And in 1957, Mattiebelle gave me my first newspaper job on her short-lived Recorder.

Returning home from school one day, I found a phone message from the energetic Ms. Woods -- an old friend of our family. Although puzzled, I assumed it had something to do with the fact that I was majoring in journalism at Marquette University.

“She wants you to come to work for her,” said my mother, the late Juanita Carter. “She’s starting a weekly newspaper and wants you with her. She thinks you can help.”

“What did you say?” I happily asked. “I told her she’ll have to talk to you,” Mama said. “I can’t speak for him. That boy has a mind of his own. Then we just gossiped.”

Mattiebelle, then 55, was the “grande dame” of the Black press in Milwaukee, and everyone read “Party Line by Mattiebelle.” I wasted no time in calling her and we agreed to meet at a vacant storefront near N. 12th St. and W. North Ave.

“This is it,” she said, talking a mile a minute. “This is the new home of the Milwaukee Recorder. I got some money from some important people. Did you know I worked with your father on The Milwaukee Globe? Well, I want you to be my editor.”

The first thing I recall saying to the tiny, bright-eyed, bundle of energy was the office was a block away from Zembo Temple No. 70, where my father was Illustrious Potentate of Milwaukee’s Prince Hall Shriners. The second was “Yes, I’ll take the job. Thanks.”

Meeting with Mattiebelle was a major event in my career. I didn’t work on the all-White college paper -- The Marquette Tribune -- and spent more time with various girl friends from my Lincoln High School years than with my college studies.

Mattiebelle lit a creative fire under me which continues to this day. It was in her Milwaukee Recorder that my first byline appeared. And when my first free (continued on page 2)
Mattiebelle Woods and the proud Black Press

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Dr. LaRoyce F. Chambers

A glimpse into Dr. LaRoyce Chambers’ childhood provides a foretelling of his career. By the age of five, he had already earned the nickname of “Doc.” Whenever his childhood friends suffered scrapes and bruises or were in accidents, they came to him for first aid.

Throughout the neighborhood, everyone knew that I wanted to become a doctor, so they supported and affirmed my vision,” he said.

Dr. Chambers was raised in Detroit’s inner city. His mother was also raised in Detroit and graduated from the prestigious Cass Technical High School at the age of 16 where she also graduated. At the age of 19 she met Dr. Chambers’ dad—who grew up on a farm in Fulton Kentucky and migrated to Detroit for work—and they later married.

“My parents were entrepreneurs who purchased a small grocery store in the neighborhood. During the day, my mother ran the store. After getting off work from the Ford Motor Company, my father would work in the store in the evening until closing. I learned my strong work ethic from observing them,” he said.

During high school, Dr. Chambers worked his way through college at Wayne State University. He earned his medical degree at the University of Michigan where he met his lovely wife, Minnie, who was an exchange student from Tuskegee University. He completed his residency at Northwestern University and, during that time got married. We frequently came to Wisconsin and graduated from the prestigious University of Wisconsin Madison.

“My arrival in Milwaukee was kind of a ‘journey around the lake’,” he said. “I completed my internship at the Medical College of Wisconsin. I later worked at the Milwaukee Community Hospital where I got married and raised my family.”

During this time, many doctors went into solo practice after residency. However, Dr. Chambers learned from his parents that many entrepreneurs, including his father, worked in small businesses and did everything they could to make sure they were successful. Dr. Chambers decided to work with two other doctors—both of whom were Caucasian.

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OFFICE OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

To the voters of the City of Milwaukee:

Notice is hereby given of a partisan primary to be held in the City of Milwaukee on August 9, 2016, at which the nominees for the offices named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been properly filed in this office, are given under the title of the office under the appropriate party or other designation, each in its proper column, in the sample ballot issued with this notice.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence if the voter provides proof of residence. Where ballot envelopes are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall be permitted to go to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot or, except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

At the partisan primary the voter shall select the party of his or her choice, Voting for candidates of more than one party may invalidate the ballot. You must cast a vote for individual candidates.

Where Optical Scan Voting is used

- If a party preference is designated, and a voter votes for a candidate of another party or write-in candidates are votes cast in another party, only votes cast in the designated party count.

- If a party preference is not designated, and votes are cast for candidates (or write-in votes are cast) in more than one party, no votes will be counted.

Within the party of his or her choice, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote, and fill in the oval on the write-in line.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to the party of his or her choice. The voter shall then touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Voting the Ballot

After an optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the secure sleeve so the mark does not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

A sample of the official ballot is included with this notice.

Wards 62, 65, 66, 67, 68, 73, 75, 76, 77, 83, 84, 88, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 140, and 146 will have the same State Senate candidates on their ballot as is shown on the sample ballot included with this notice.

Wards 44, 46, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 83, 84, 88, 89, 90, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 140, and 146 will have the same State Senator candidates on their ballot as is shown on the sample ballot included with this notice.

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Wards 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, and 278 will have the following State Senator candidates on their ballot:

- Republican Party
  - State Senator, District 6: Vote for 1
    - Dave Craig
    - write-in

Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 78, 79, 80, and 81 will have the same Representative to the Assembly District candidates on their ballot as shown on the ballot included with this notice.

Wards 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 will have the following Representative to the Assembly candidates on their ballot:

- Democratic Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 11: Vote for 1
    - Branden Honecker
    - Darrell Gibson
    - Jason M. Fields
    - write-in

Wards 33 and 34 will have the following Representative to the Assembly candidates on their ballot:

- Republican Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 22: Vote for 1
    - Janel Brandtjen
    - write-in

- Republican Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 17: Vote for 1
    - Mark Honadel
    - Kim Burns
    - David Crowley
    - write-in

Wards 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, and 128 will have the following Representative to the Assembly candidates on their ballot:

- Democratic Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 10: Vote for 1
    - David Bowen
    - write-in

- Republican Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 14: Vote for 1
    - Dale Kooyenga
    - write-in

- Democratic Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 14: Vote for 1
    - Chris Rookwood
    - write-in

- Republican Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 18: Vote for 1
    - Evan Goyke
    - write-in

- Democratic Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 16: Vote for 1
    - Edgar Lin
    - Stephen Jansen
    - Brandy Bond
    - Leon D. Kingdon
    - write-in

- Republican Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 7: Vote for 1
    - Jonathan Brostoff
    - write-in

- Republican Party
  - Representative to the Assembly, District 8: Vote for 1
    - Albert Darling
    - write-in

- Republican Party
  - State Senator, District 6: Vote for 1
    - Dave Craig
    - write-in

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DR. LaROYCE CHAMBERS

One of the biggest challenges in the area of healthcare today is the psychological health of Milwaukee's central city community. When first came to Milwaukee, I did not see many people with psychiatric problems; over the last 40 years that have changed. There are very few mental health providers in this area, so people with mental health issues are having a difficult time accessing the services they need.

Dr. Chambers' wife, Minnie Chambers is an educator. She graduated from Tuskegee University as an English teacher. Once they were married, she will give up her career to stay at home to raise their two successful children.

Wife accomplished her goal of using her education to raise our two sons. That was a huge help to me as well as a great contribution to society. She returned to school after our sons left home for college and earned her doctorate degree from Cardinal Stritch University,
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DVS-40101 Case No. 16CV04537

In the matter of the name change of: DICKENS WALTER LEE EDWARDS III

To: KENNEDY EZRA KASTLE

Dated: 7-22-2016

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: WALTER LEE EDWARDS III

To: KENNEDY EZRA KASTLE

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

DATE: 8-30 2016 TIME: 9:30AM

IT IS ORDERED:
FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that a hearing shall be held in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin, Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM S. SOSNAY FOR, State of Wisconsin.

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SUMMONS
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 16CV00535
In the matter of the name change of:
HU K XIONG
By (Petitioner)
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: HU KOUA XIONG To: CHUHU XIONG
Birth Certificate:
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN
ROOM, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: 9-14-2016 TIME: 9:00AM
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 7-14-16
BY THE COURT:
HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN
Circuit Court Judge
016-186/7-22-29/8-5-2016

SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 16CV005285
In the matter of the name change of:
PHYLLIS DENEANE JOHNSON
By (Petitioner) PHYLLIS DENEANE JOHNSON
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: PHYLLIS DENEANE JOHN-SON To: PHYLLIS SABREEN ISLAM
Birth Certificate: PHYLLIS DENEANE JOHNSON
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON JOHN DIMOTTO
ROOM 401, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: 8-15-2016 TIME: 2:00 PM
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 7-12-16
BY THE COURT:
HON. JOHN DIMOTTO
Circuit Court Judge
016-185/7-22-29/8-5-2016
IT'S YOUR RIGHT! USE IT! VOTE! AUGUST 9

Re-Elect JOHN CHISHOLM

“John Chisholm works tirelessly to keep our community safe and to advocate for sensible criminal justice reform. Milwaukee now is a national model for how we should address comprehensive treatment of families exposed to domestic violence. He is the partner we need in the DA’s office, and I urge everyone to vote for John Chisholm.”

John is an experienced prosecutor with more than 20 years in criminal justice.
He locks up violent criminals and has a 95% conviction rate in homicide cases.
John is getting guns off the streets and is working with police to stop crime like carjackings.
John is breaking the cycle of incarceration by addressing the root causes of violence and developing alternatives like the drug treatment court, the community prosecution program, and the Sojourner Family Peace Center.

That’s effective leadership

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