We've Been WONDERING

WHY that supposed-to-be businessman (sadly lacking in business sense), who turned down an offer to cater that fraternal organization's party for one hundred persons at $4.50 per copy, didn't explain his reason--Like he was just too tired to count beyond $10. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, Bud.

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WHY that certain well-meaning group (which certainly has some of the sharpest minds in its ranks), continue to trust representation of their order to a peanut-head SIMPLE SIMON? Could it be that the loyalty of association, affiliation and fellow membership has blinded them to the person's REAL QUALIFICATIONS which, up to now, has always produced CHAOS, HASSLES, and big bags of BAD UNDERSTANDING.

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WHY those sitting ducks who went for that shakedown set up by the HEAD Stool-Buzzard who sold them out to a Grey Phoney whose game is impersonation of a badge wearing society member, don't pool their interest and hire a manager for protection's sake? ANYONE who would go for the bit they went for really, but REALLY NEEDS HELP!

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WHY Inasmuch as he has made Vegas his headquarters, organist, singer, composer, and arranger GEORGE SEMPER, that versatile, great talent from San Diego currently cooking like mad in the north end of Bronzeville, doesn't open a School of Music? There are so many youngsters with under-developed talents and boundless energy who would benefit and also really get the true message.

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WHY the Better Business Bureau hasn't been advised of the "sharpies" action who converge like locusts on the trusting souls of Bronzeville every year about this time? Some of the contracts for payment that are gotten away with would make Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice look like Ned in the First Reader by comparison.

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WHY the sequences of 1-2-11-12-13-14-21-22, and 31-32-42-43-51-52-69-70, are supposed to be lucky for persons born in December, January, and February.

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WHY Charlie (smooth one) Winder's general manager and right arm, the Jolly Bronze Giant, Joe Lee Robinson, doesn't hire a script writer? The jokes he's been telling lately are older than baseball and the only reason he gets laughs from the boys is that they know he's good for another round of the wood-aged liquid.

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WHY Joe (Western Auto) Hudson & Co., while gobbling up all the 'feet', 'tails', and collard greens in sight over at Norman and Barbara Reeves' Chili Bowl, hide the jug under the table when their "poor" podner shows? Could the reason be that they think if they afford him one, he'd hang around for seconds? If so, they were dead right!

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WHY that rejected suitor who used a certain vital, pleasureable portion of his ex-paramour's ANATOMY as a soccer player does the ball, didn't realize that pain has a short memory, and the only way to have "de-commissionized" the action would have been to sew it up, not try to hang it up.

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WHY Elaine (oops, so solly) - Mrs. "Carter" to you, the COMPTROLLER of Sugar Hill, Inc., doesn't allow Bob (Uncle Mex) Bailey, the prexy, to, at least, keep a LITTLE spending change from his miserable paycheck? It's gotten near to the point that he has to have a survival kit handy when it comes his turn to spring.

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HENRY 'P.' (for 'Puzzled')

Something For The Girls

SUGAR HILL LOUNGE ATTRACTION - George Semper currently appearing at Bob Bailey's Sugar Hill with his "George Semper & the Boss Brothers" aggregation has a good deal going for him more than just the obvious asset of extraordinary good looks...The 25-year-old musician who hails from San Diego, California is possessed of exceptional talent that encompasses the whole broad spectrum of his field. He is a composer and arranger and as organist, heads up the sensational musical group comprised of Eddie Stix on drums, Eugene "The Worm" Holton on tenor sax, and guitarist and vocalist Larry Logan who also plays all other instruments in the group.

Semper is single girls, and plans to make Las Vegas his home...Line forms at Sugar Hill.

Tallulah Demos Nominate Negro For Police Chief

TALLULAH, La. - (NPI)--Zelma Charles Wyche has become the first black man to be nominated by the Democratic party in this century to the position of police chief.

Wyche, who won a special primary election after running on a platform of "Crime Prevention Instead of Crime Cure," will face a Republican opponent on Feb. 6, 1968, in the general election.

The black nominee is confident he will win--and he has good reason. He is solidly backed by the Madison Voters League, of which he is president, and the Congress of Racial Equality.

Wyche defeated two white opponents in the primary election.

He and his wife, the former Miss Myrtle Lee Washington, have two children.

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Negro Medics Vital To Nation's Future Health

Whether health care for the American people will approach adequacy a decade hence depends vitally on how soon and how many Negroes can be recruited and trained as physicians, according to the Manpower Commission of the American Psychiatric Association.

Speaking for the commission, one of its members, Dr. Lloyd Elam, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., states that Negro youth comprise the nation's largest untapped manpower reservoir and that the commission is giving highest priority to encouraging young Negroes to enter medical careers.

IT IS generally acknowledged that 315,000 physicians will be needed by 1975, a 25% increase over today's figure. Obviously, the commission reports, there is not only critical need to increase medical school graduates, but also to find better ways of utilizing medical manpower, and to improve the distribution of physicians so that medical care will be available to citizens everywhere.

The commission is convinced that the strong hope of the future lies in finding ways to let Negro young people know that they CAN become physicians. They must be assured that they will be warmly received as medical students and later as practitioners in any needful community. We must curry their confidence in their ability to survive the rigors of a medical education and explain to them that there are ways of financing it. Further, we must find truly creative ways of letting these young people know that there are exciting and worthwhile gratifications in being a physician.

"Manifestly," Dr. Elam said, "our campaign to bring more Negroes into medicine can only be hampered by the persistence of 'racial problems' along the way. The would-be Negro physician must feel that upon completing his training he will be able to choose his place and mode of practice without restriction or prejudice."

But in general, Dr. Elam believes, the national outlook for eliminating the last traces of prejudice against Negroes in medicine is most encouraging. Many medical schools are, indeed, looking about anxiously for more Negro students and many more will be doing so soon. Moreover, they are planning curriculum changes and better educational methods for grounding students in basic sciences and communication skills in preparation for medical practice.

The APA Manpower Commission will need all the help it can get from the media, from teachers, guidance counselors, and other key persons in encouraging Negro boys and girls to enter medicine, Dr. Elam pleaded.

The APA Manpower Commission is headed by Dr. Daniel Blain, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, and a Past President of the American Psychiatric Association. Its membership of 12 includes some of psychiatry's most distinguished educators.

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