

# Entertainment

## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

### Lee Archer's Retirement Rekindles Memory Fires

N'YORK CITY:—With the deserved accolades and fitting fanfare Lee A. Archer will this month put into memory his third career. The Fergusons, Jim and Esther were the first to honor him as the centerpiece of a dinner party in the posh confines of their Park Avenue, duplex. He is chairperson/chief executive officer, General Foods Corp. His lovely spouse is a leader of the charitable forces

within the arena of the rich and famous. The event was characterized by an informal gathering of essentially old friends of Lee and Ina who were stimulated by the presence of each other in a formal, yet relaxed, atmosphere. Memories of peace and war, teen and adult days were resurrected. Archer's wooing of Ina, their first born, when he became a grandfather once and again. Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, pres. Bronx Community College, the first Black pilot to shoot

down a German jet plane in combat WW-II, recalled that Archer came that close to becoming an "air ace" when he was credited with



Lee A. Archer

destroying four and a half enemy planes in combat. That's a half short of the number required. Percy Sutton, who was also a flying member of the 332nd Fighter Group, shared other memories about their joint exploits with the historic outfit through the skies of Italy. Boro-pres. David Dinkins took it all in as a person who was too young to have been so involved. Maxine and Arnold Wilkins shared school recalls. M/M Reginald Lewis laid bare the largess of the guest of honor and its aid to his success. Dr. Ed and Valerie Levy knew the Archers when, but their Paris encounter was the most filling and the seeds of an enduring family friendship.

With all this, and the "boss food", which is not a Park Ave word, M/M George Lewis, he's veep/treasurer, Phillip Morris, Inc., J/M George Knox, Isadorable and this scribe could not get a word in adjective wise. But Harvey Russell did by taking them all "write" out of this book. "Lee Archer is a Man For All Reasons, for good. A living truth that youth is wasted on the young. Time should learn that people like him should not age, but just be passed by Lee Archer, who joined General Foods Corp. in 1970 as manager of Corporate Equal Opportunity Affairs, will retire this month, Sept., 1986 Corporate Vice President of Urban Affairs, Chairman/CEO North Street

Capital Corp.

TAPS:—Though we are born to die, life's end brings such sadness. However, when one has lived the good productive life like James Holt, Jr. there should be a thanksgiving for that life. In such a manner we would avoid being afflicted by that empty sadness for which there is no antidote. Jimmy was a quiet achiever, a light in the darkest places. All his living was highlighted by the unexpected. With the 369th during WW-II he wasn't expected to muster out as a Major. Also when he joined the NYPD in '47 he wasn't expected to retire in '70 a sergeant with citations and meritorious awards galore. Nor was he expected to be offered and accept the position of Director of Internal Affairs, the Dept. of Public Safety in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Without formal training he was a recognized performer with the gujtar and the organ. He was also that good with his hands, creatively or painting. Yes, because Jimmy lived, some young Americans have learned that there are more plusses than minusses to life if you figure on yourself as Jimmy Holt did...Rose Morgan, NYC's beauty queen missed her usual Labor Day party rounds due to the death of her brother in Chicago, Fire Chief Fred R. Morgan. He was the Windy City's first Afro-American top brass and

father and son firefighters. NEWSLINES:—The Nat'l Endowment for the Humanities, The Nat'l Historical Publication and Records Commish, The King Center, Stanford U. The Rockefeller and Ford Foundations have linked resources to pull together the manuscripts, sermons and other relevant words of Nobel laureate Dr. Martin Luther King into a single publication...The cash blood letting in Dee Cee from the Pres' OMB is a suggested cut of \$12,001,000 from the EEO Comm. and \$3,173,000 from that do nothing office of civil rights. The small letters are for a small job...Samm-Art Williams' "Eyes of The American" is doing so well in L.A. those H'wood folks may never let him return to us. Alice Walker is not at all keen on the screen version of her "The Color Purple" being shown in South Africa. For the now its distribution pattern has bypassed the apart-hate nation...With help from the Bank, the Baptist Church and alumni contributions Shaw has satisfied a \$771,000 lien against its property. It was alleged by the Dept. of Ed and the IRS that the school had defaulted on more than \$1.7 million in loan and taxes

OSSIE DAVIS' return to B'way in "I'm Not Rapport" is a welcome break for his hordes of fans here to Timbuktu...The girls are using Lionel Richie's latest Motown album photo as a pinup. Natch the musical cuts are ear-sational and are expected to sound off from the top of the charts...The only thing that rhymes with Fizzy Qwick is her fuzzy hair style and the quick way one's ears take to her sounds. Her face is pretty smooth on the eyes also...Cissy Houston and George Wein are honorary chairpersons of the N.Y.C. Urban League's celebration of the 50th ann'y of the Count Basie Ork. Though sponsored by Pepsi Co. The Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of NY and Kentucky Fried Chicken Corp., the attending tab is \$50. However, the three hour affair will benefit the League of which pretty Harriet R. Michel is prexy...Sonny Carson, one of B'klyn's most effective voices of the 60s, is setting in motion a major November

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