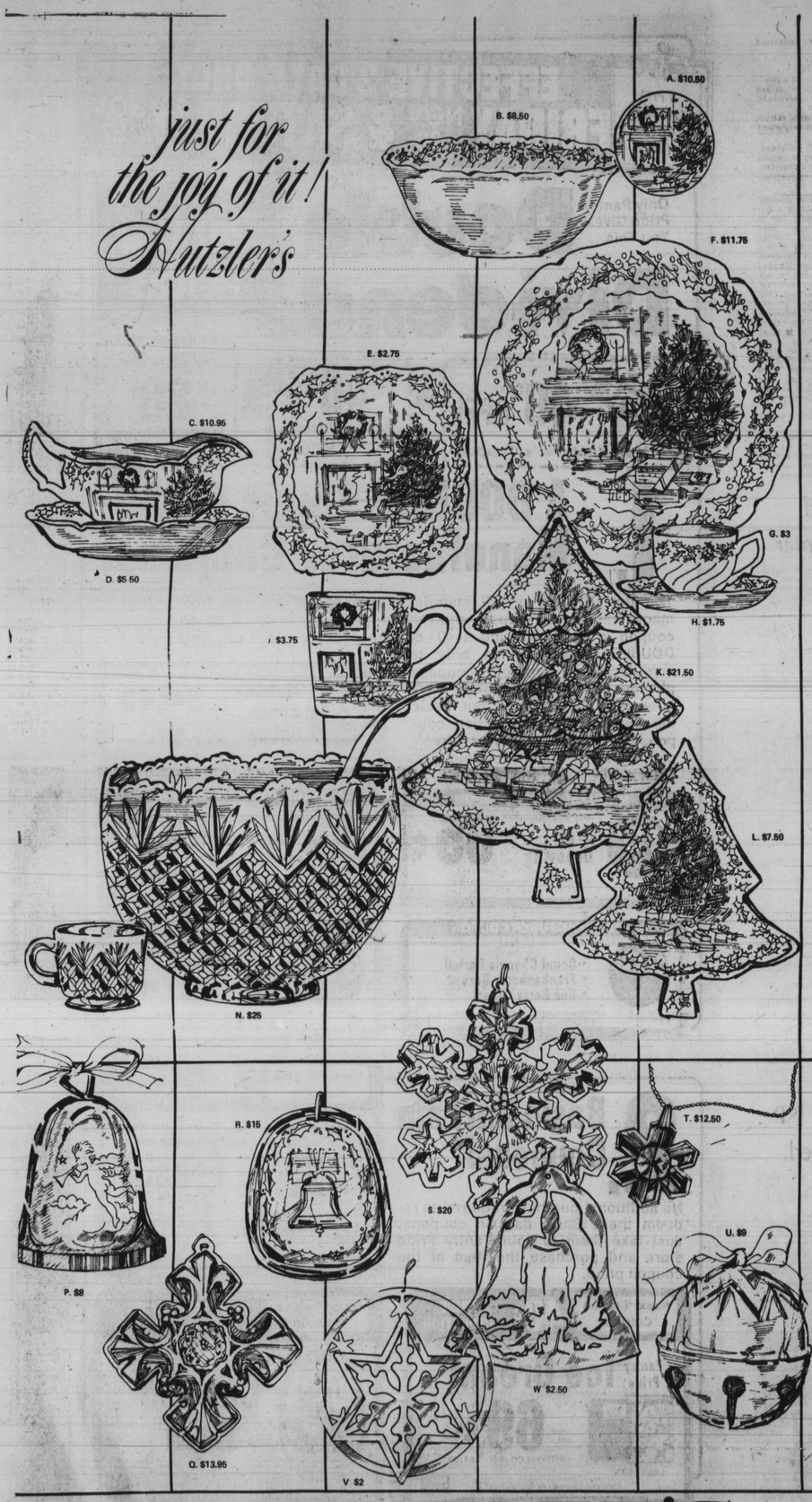

Johnson Brothers serves the feast

Scenes of a holiday house highlight this beautiful dinnerware by Johnson Brothers. From merry England, for a merry Christmas with friends around the table. A. Set of 8 coasters. B. Round vegetable bowl. C. Gravy boat. D. Stand. E. Salad plate. F. Dinner plate. G. Cup. H. Saucer. J. Mug. K. Tree shaped relish dish. L. Small relish dish. Not shown: M. Turkey platter, $49.50

pineapple pattern ladles the cheer

N. The pineapple, symbol of hospitality, creates a sparkling set for serving the punch, eggnog or wassail. From our selection of holiday sets, including a bowl with ladle and 18 matching cups. China—Downtown, Towson, Westview, Eastpoint, Southdale

gleaming silver holiday giftables

A soft shine covers the season of lights and decorations, holly and bows. Add to it with silver shapes that shimmer gently in the tradition of Christmas '76. P. Imported silver-plated bell. Q. Reed & Barton sterling cross. R. Towle sterling medallion with Liberty Bell, sixth in a series. S. Gorham sterling snowflake. T. Lead crystal snowflake on a sterling chain. U. Imported bell in silver-plate. V. and W. Two silver-plated tree decorations from Germany, just part of a charmingly delicate collection. Silver—Downtown, Towson, Westview, Eastpoint, Southdale

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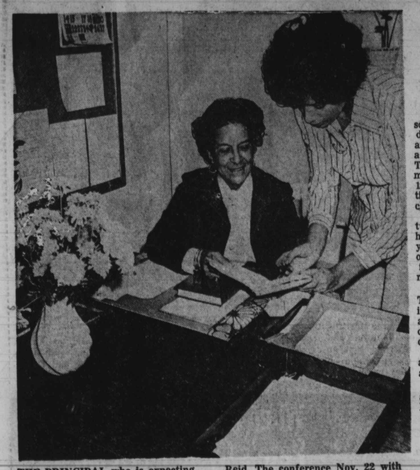
Amy's future school gets world coverage



THE PRINCIPAL who is expecting Amy to enroll is Mrs. Lydia C. Williams shown in her office with Administrative Aide Miss Cassandra Reid. The conference Nov. 22 with Amy's mother was held on the level "as any other parent", Mrs. Williams notes.

Kids of all races await her arrival

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

WASHINGTON — The school which may have the daughter of President-elect and Mrs. Jimmy Carter as a 4th Grade pupil is the Thaddeus Stevens Elementary School opened in 1868 as the first in the nation's capital for black children.

Located at 21st Street between K and L Streets, it has majority of black youngsters from all walks of life and other pupils from almost countless races.

When the AFRO arrived Tuesday, the "guest list" included news media from almost as many nations including France, the Canadian Telegraph, all U.S. TV and wire networks and services, magazines and newspapers.

It's possible when Amy arrives, if this school is selected, her entrance may surpass that of her parents entering the White House.

The AFRO found there will be little change for such a distinguished pupil and the youngsters and teachers are being prepared to "make no difference."

When Amy's mother, Mrs. Carter, went to the school Monday to check the principal, Mrs. Lydia C. Williams, a widow of nearly 40 years teaching experience, said the school will remain the same.

The 210 pupils are from pre-kindergarten to the 6th grade with eight classroom teachers, a counselor, librarian, science, physical education and music teachers. An "Extended Day" type school for children of working parents, the time open is from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Stevens Elementary is five blocks from the White House and deep down inside a maze of high rise buildings. It is considered "easy" for Secret Service protection. The new term starts Jan. 31 but Amy and any other child may come at any time since the law requires all children over seven years to be enrolled in school.

Vincent Reed is superintendent. Dr. Dorothy L. Johnson is head of Region Two of the decentralized system in which Stevens is located.

Mrs. Carter revealed to the 4th Grade teacher Mrs. Verona Meeder, that Amy is good in science, math and reading and expressed delight that the school has a computer course. Other extra courses include ballet, gymnastics, sewing, cooking, carpentry, show and manual arts and the newest thing, weaving out of rope, macreme.

The faculty is 30 per cent white and 70 per cent black with a visiting school nurse who may be of one race one day and another the next.

Here are some sketches of history on the three-story school which is to become so historic.

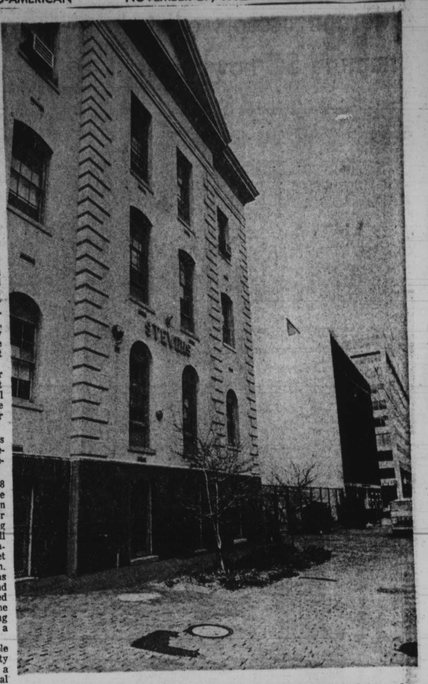
Stevens School, in 1868 was the first school to be named in honor of an educator, an educator whose mission was to bring free public education to all the citizenry — in the nation's capital, and to set an example for the Union.

Stevens, for crisis, was son of a shoemaker and itinerent farmer who died of a bayonet wound in the attack on Oswego during the War of 1812 leaving a wife and four children.

Thaddeus was a cripple with a terrible sensitivity about it. His mother was a woman of strong natural sense and uncommerable resolution and noted her son's fierce pride, and determined to educate him; and his response to education was instant.

He attended "school" in Danville, Vermont then an academy in nearby Peacham. Stevens excelled in history and the classics, fueling his brain and honing his tongue into what was to become the sharpest cutting edge in America.

Stevens became known as the "Savior of the Common Schools."



THE SCHOOL—The Thaddeus Stevens Elementary School, 21st St. between K and L Sts. in the center of the Washington, D.C. highrise and commercial district, is the oldest school in the nation's capital.

In 1848 Stevens was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and stood like a rock for the Union against the slave holding states. Prior to and during the war he rallied a divided Congress behind President-elect Abraham Lincoln.

To black citizenry of Washington, the Stevens School provided an opportunity to acquire a superior education — the foundation for full participation in the civic and cultural life of Washington, D.C.

The academic disciplines made available by Stevens School prepared the talented colored children for higher education at outstanding colleges and universities.

Such was its reputation for fine instruction that parents sent their children across the city so that they could avail themselves of this long sought benefit.

Many black educators who have achieved eminence in the Washington educational community have been associated with Stevens School — either as students, teachers, or administrators, and some as members of the District of Columbia Board of Education.

Gift for Amy, dog, named Grits

Here is the letter written by Mrs. Verona Meeder, the wife of the Methodist minister, who may be Amy Carter's 4th Grade teacher.

Written Nov. 16 and sent along with "come join us" letters from each pupil the letter tells how one of the puppies who has joined the Meeder's family of dogs may be named "Grits."

Dear Amy — Congratulations on your father having won the contest to become our next President.

I am the 4th grade teacher at Stevens School which is the nearest elementary school to the White House. I have been teaching here since my husband, who is a Methodist minister, was assigned a church 10 years ago a few blocks away.

In June of this year, he was sent to a church in suburban Maryland; but I drive in each day to teach here because it has come to be like "home."

My actual home is in North Carolina where I grew up and finished college — so we have a lot in common, being from the South.

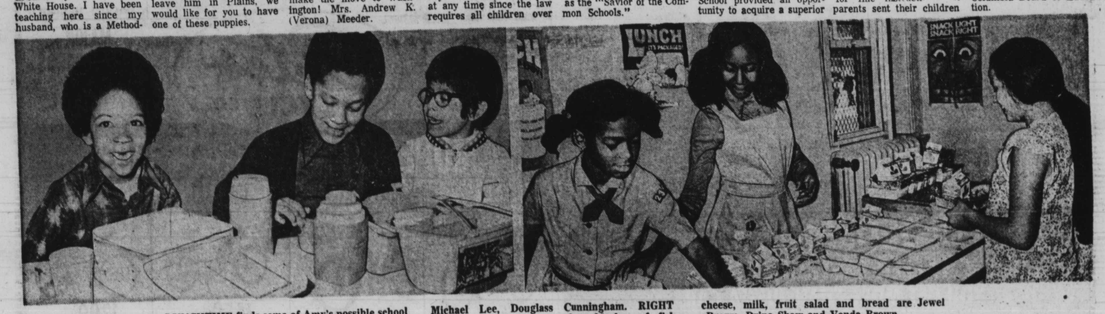
"GRITS"

On the same night of your dad's election, our Springer Spaniel dog had nine puppies. Your family has a pet, but if you should leave him in Plains, we would like for you to have one of these puppies.

Since he was born on Election Day and there has been so much kidding about Southern food, my family (college age daughter, Sheila, and teen age sons, Paul and Hans) think it might be fun to call him "Grits."

There have been many reporters and cameramen around the school since the news spread that you would be coming here.

The children in the class are sending along notes. We think your pictures are very sweet and look forward to getting to know you personally. God bless you as you and your family make the move to Washington! Mrs. Andrew K. (Verona) Meeder.



LUNCHTIME finds some of Amy's possible school mates in the cafeteria. (L to R) Rene Senmartin, Michael Lee, Douglass Cunningham. RIGHT PANEL - Preparing the box lunches of fish, cheese, milk, fruit salad and bread are Jewel Brown, Drina Shaw and Vonda Brown.

THE PLAYGROUND— Mrs. Pam Dowdell, the "English as a Second Language" teacher plays ball with children at recess. Since youngsters of many nationalities speak many languages other than English, Mrs. Dowdell brings to the entire class a new experience in learning. Pupils who speak English also help.

THE CLASSROOM where Amy may study is bright and homelike with happy children, brightly decorated walls, plenty of fresh air and light, flowers and everything to make childhood memories unforgettable. AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz, the teacher Mrs. Verona Meeder, wife of a Methodist minister between Mrs. Lydia C. Williams (right) the principal, Mrs. Jane Harley, counselor.

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