Wole Vaughn has known his family's 'Roots' all along

by Shirley Whittington Wole Vaughn is a young Nigerian who is visiting in Midland for a few weeks. In these days of Roots consciousness, his story is an interesting one.

He is a member of one of the few black families who have a known birthright and a documented family history. There are African Vaughns, and American Vaughns, and both branches of the family have kept in contact for more than a hundred years.

and in the United States can trace their ancestry to him." Scipio (a name given to him by his white owners) was captured by slavers around 1805, and shipped to South Carolina when he was in his early twenties.

'roasting best' when

addressing the group . Fire chief Gordon

Duggan thanked the

retiring members for

their devotion and work

with the Port Volunteer

council with the exception

of James Zummach clerk

treasurer Alex Hancox

and Mrs. Hancox were

present for the special

The only remaining

active members of the

original fire department

which was first organized

in 1947 are Ernest

Quesnelle and Lloyd

The entire village

Fire Department.

banquet.

Vaughn. Thousands of

black Vaughns in Africa

He was sold to Wilie Retiring Port McNicoll firemen honoured

Approximately 80 years of service with the Port McNicoll Fire Department were recognized at a special banquet held May 6 at the Sportsman Inn, Victoria Harbour.

Retiring Port McNicoll Fire Chief Lloyd Cameron, Captain John P. Reedy and Firefighter Robert Smith, all volunteers, had recently retired from the Port McNicoll volunteer fire brigade.

Retiring Chief Cameron had been a member of the fire department for 30 years just under 25 of which had been served as fire chief; Reedy had served for 20 years as well, and Smith was a member for 20 years service.

Cameron, who has resigned as chief but remains a member of the Port Fire Department in the position of captain was presented with a digital clock radio and Mrs. Cameron received

Captain Reedy and Firefighter Smith, who had 30 and 20 years service with the fire department respectively, were each presented with engraved watches by Port Reeve Robin Talbot

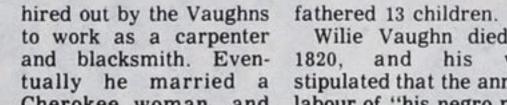
Forty guests were present at the dinner hosted by the volunteer fire department. Presentations were approved by the village council.

Lloyd Cameron was master of ceremonies for the evening and Port McNicoll's Dr. C.A. Talbot was at his

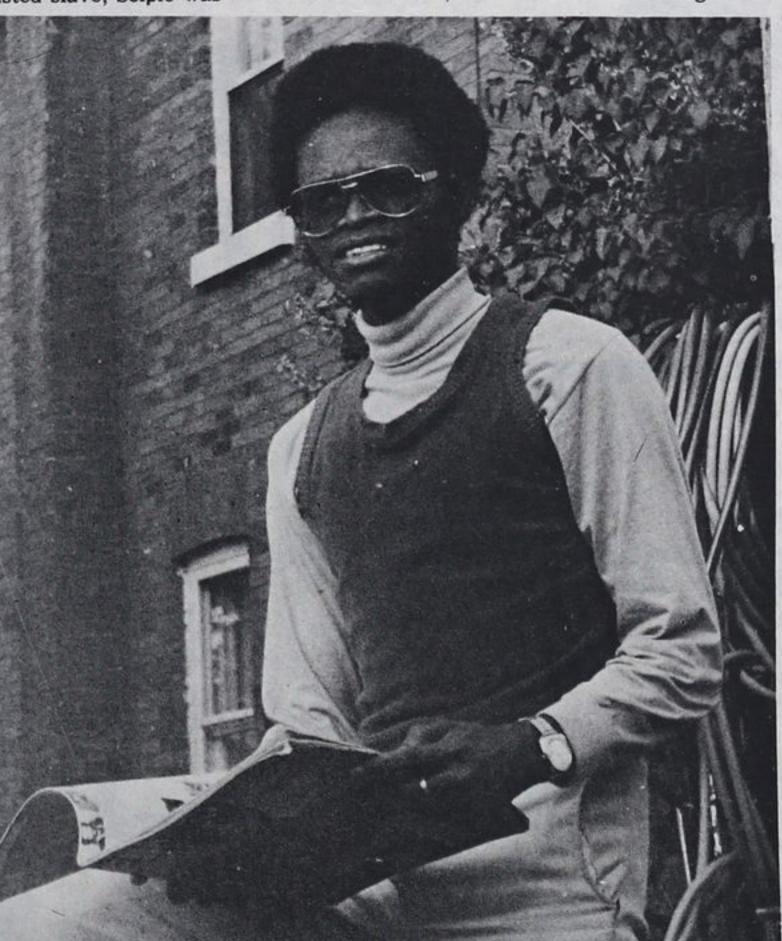
"The cycle wasn't Vaughn, a Camden broken at any point," said planter whose surname, Wole, in a recent in- he assumed. terview. "As a boy, I

heard stories about our trusted slave, Scipio was original ancestor, Scipio

A skilled artisan and



and blacksmith. Even- 1820, and his will education of Scipio's reason for a family tually he married a stipulated that the annual children. He also gave reunion. And many Cherokee woman, and labour of "his negro man Scipio his freedom, within members



Wole Vaughn

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The individual's right of access and appeal in relation to the use of Government information;

The categories of Government information which should be treated as confidential in order to protect the public interest;

The effectiveness of present procedures for the dissemination of Government information to the

The protection of individual privacy and the right of recourse in regard to the use of Government

One aspect of the Study will include the acceptance of written Briefs and the Receipt of Submissions as well as a series of public meetings throughout the Province.

Persons or groups wishing to make representations to the Commission on any aspect of the Study are requested to write to the Counsel, Commission of Freedom of Information and Individual Privacy, 444 Waterloo Street, London, Ontario N6B 2P3 or to submit written Briefs with the undersigned not later than August 1, 1977.

Public hearings will be held at times and places in Ontario to be announced later and those filing Briefs or letters who wish to appear personally will be advised as to the time and place when they will be heard.

Please address all correspondence to: Counsel, Commission on Freedom of Information and Individual Privacy, 444 Waterloo Street, London, Ontario N6B2P3.

D.C. Williams, Ph.D., LL.D. Chairman

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Scipio" be appropriated is getting married, and and who my ancestors so many years was the Wilie Vaughn died in as a fund for the her wedding will be a five years.

> Two of Scipio's sons, to Nigeria a few years ago Burrel and James, saved for an all black arts the money they were festival." permitted to earn doing odd jobs, and purchased their freedom. James returned to Liberia but Reunions

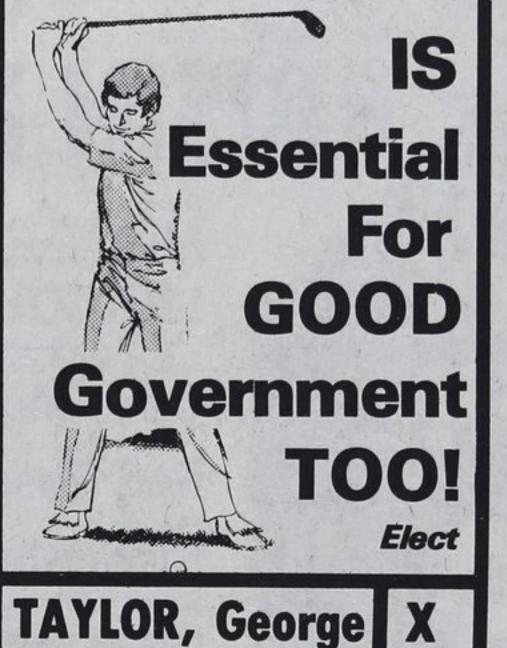
Vaughn family kept in in Nigeria. touch and they still have reunions surprisingly often. "One of my sisters," says Wole, "is

American Vaughns went

Wole has been in Canada for two years. He has one more year to sailed to Nigeria where he complete in an adplayed a leading role in vertising course at establishing the Baptist MacWean College in Church there. Burrel Edmonton and then he plans to join his father (a how he fared is unknown. retired accountant) and his mother (the principal The two branches of the of an elementary school)

What does Wole think of Roots? "I was in Canada when it came out," he says, "but I had known working on her thesis at for sure for such a long

Columbia University. She time where I came from Keep Simcoe Centre secure THROUGH



committal smile.

The story of the African and American descen- Vaughns has written the dents of Scipio Vaughn biography of Scipio

who have kept in touch for Vaughn. Will other books

were..." His remarks subject of a feature story trail off into a non- in Ebony Magazine in One of the American

never lost contact with each other?

Wole Vaughn answers with a smile. "It is not impossible.'

be written documenting

the story of two branches

of the family that have



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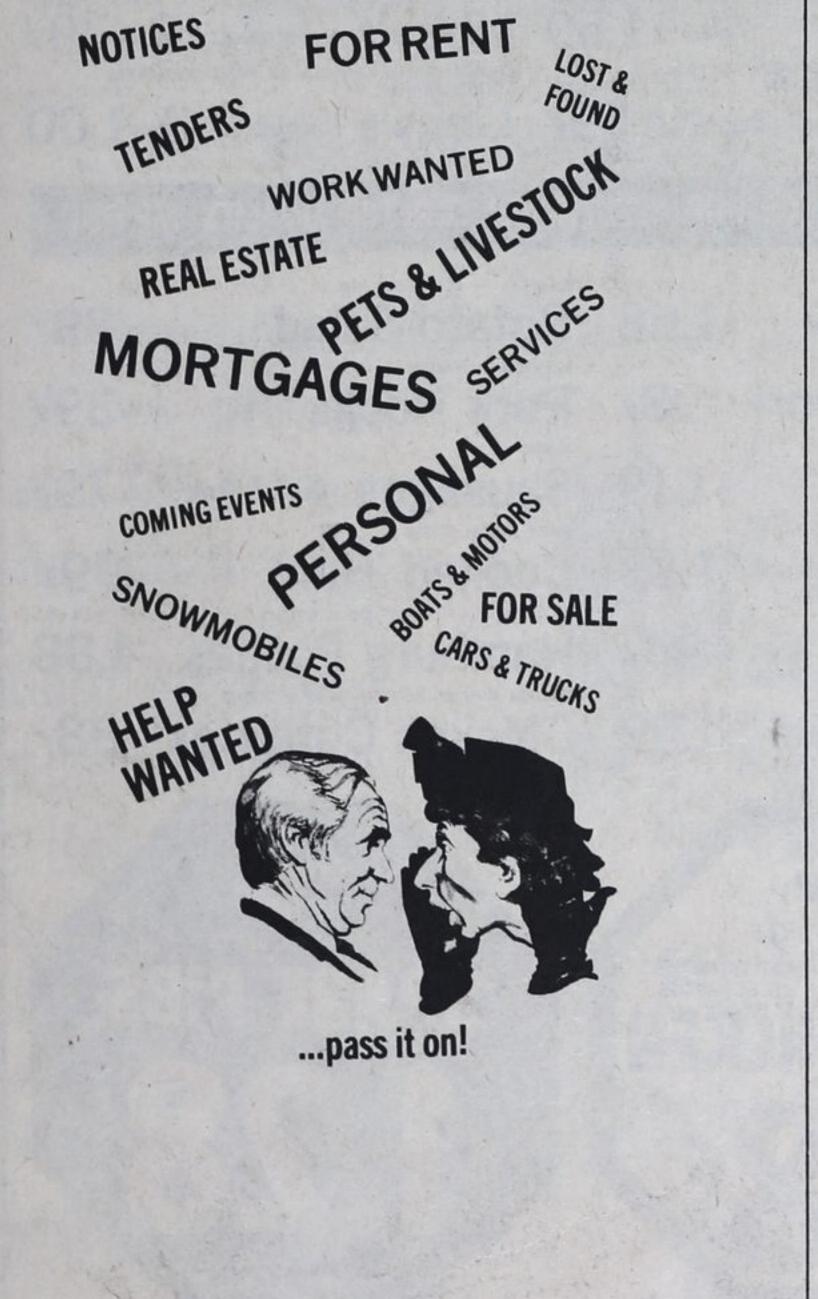
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