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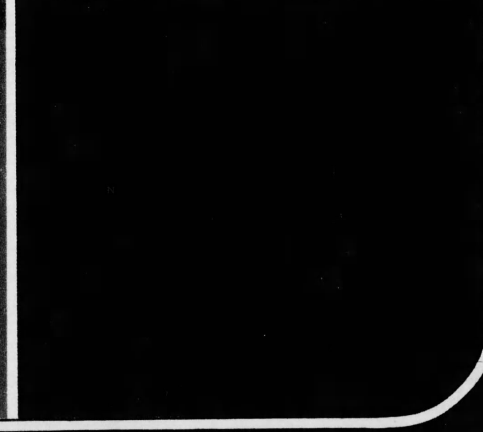
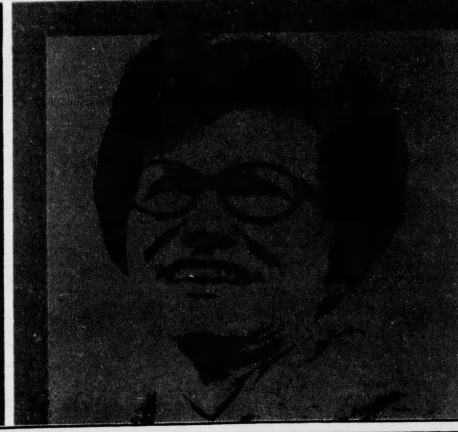
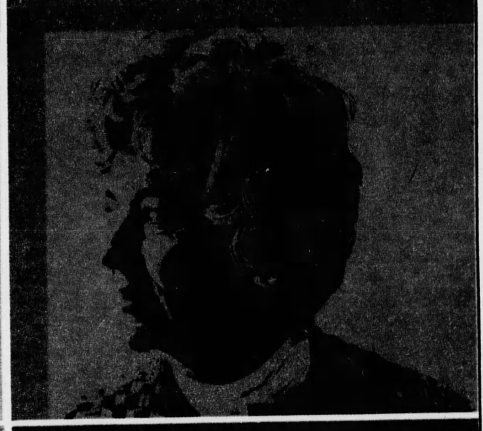
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NINE of Detroit's Most Successful Women



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Nine True Women

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Ethelene Crockett

—Give Her Your Poor and Your Sick

When George Crockett asked for his future wife's hand in marriage, his father-in-law made only one stipulation — that as soon as Crockett could afford it, he would send his bride to medical school.

Fortunately for Ethelene Crockett's patients, her husband, now a Recorder's Court judge, was a man of his word.

Dr. Crockett now has a reputation as one of the finest obstetricians and gynecologists in the city and is one of the persons most responsible for the success of the Model Cities neighborhood comprehensive health programs. She is on the board of directors of Model Cities and practices at its clinic.

Yet there was a time when she could not even get an internship in a Detroit hospital because she is black.

A successful career woman who has nevertheless retained a warm, maternal air, she has donated a great deal of her infrequent spare time to making Detroit a better place to live.

As a mother who has raised a son who's a

successful lawyer and two daughters, one a doctor, the other a teacher, she is aroused by the problems of other working women.

"One thing that really angers me," she said, straightening a huge pile of medical journals, "is that every woman has to make her own arrangement of work.

"There is such a need for day care centers, and the government—well, the government won't even let a working woman deduct her housekeeper's salary from her income."

As she sits back in one of the two matching reclining chairs in the living room of her Lafayette Park townhouse, she casts her eyes thoughtfully around a room full of African sculpture and paintings.

"You know," she said, "there is almost nothing more rewarding than what I'm doing now, working with the people in the neighborhood who have designed their own health care program. I've worked for hospitals and I can tell you this is the best way to practice medicine."

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