

County Red Cross drive spells 'African Relief'

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Drought, political conflict, war and poor planning have caused famine in Africa and about 180 million people face starvation, said Harlan Johnson, chairman of the Lancaster County chapter of the American Red Cross. The chapter announced its "African Relief" fund drive Tuesday.

The American Red Cross will announce its national "African Relief" drive Jan. 6, 1985. However, because of increased public concern and an ever-growing problem, the Lancaster County chapter is beginning its drive now, said Jim Iosbaker, executive director.

Iosbaker said contributions as of Tuesday totaled more than \$2,500. Donations ranged from a few dollars to one donation of \$1,100.

Johnson said the county chapter needs to raise at least \$12,000

Heritage League decorates trees to fund charity

The Heritage League's annual Holiday of Trees will be Nov. 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 6300 A St.

Since 1973 the event has raised more than \$25,000 for local organizations like Lancaster Manor and Folsom Children's Zoo. Funds collected this year from the entrance fee will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which helps meet special wishes of dying children.

Some of the trees displayed will be:

- Christmas In Nebraska, a red and white tree decorated by Mrs. Ronald Roskens that represents the red and white of UNL's "Scarlet and Cream" singers.
- Porcelain and Old Lace, the tree at the Governor's mansion decorated by Candace Exon Wolf. Hand-painted ornaments created by Beth Owen decorate this tree along with antique lace, twinkle lights and red velvet bows.
- Key to Holiday Happiness, the mayor's tree decorated by senior citizens with white porcelain keys and wooden ornaments.
- The Night Before Christmas 1870. Margaret Allington, with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society, has decorated a tree with things bought or made during the 1870s.

to support the American Red Cross' goal of \$5 million.

About 13 million people will die in Africa in the next few months, Steve Lewis, a Red Cross spokesman said. That is eight times the population of Nebraska.

Lewis said the news media bring the starving people of the world into American living rooms and

kitchens almost every day.

The Red Cross's plan to aid the starving people will include five aims:

- To buy food, such as cereals, edible oils, milk powder, dried fish, sugar, baby food and protein tablets.
- To buy medical supplies.
- To obtain trucks, four-wheel-

drive vehicles and airlift services to transport goods to Africa.

- To provide trained medical and relief personnel to coordinate on-site relief operations.

- To install long-range food production programs.

Lewis urged people to give what they can, saying that for the price of a burger, shake and fries, one

child could be kept alive for a month.

Anyone interested in helping the Red Cross to feed the starving people in Africa should make their contributions payable to "African Relief." Donations should be sent to African Relief, c/o American Red Cross, 1701 E St., Lincoln, Neb. 68508.

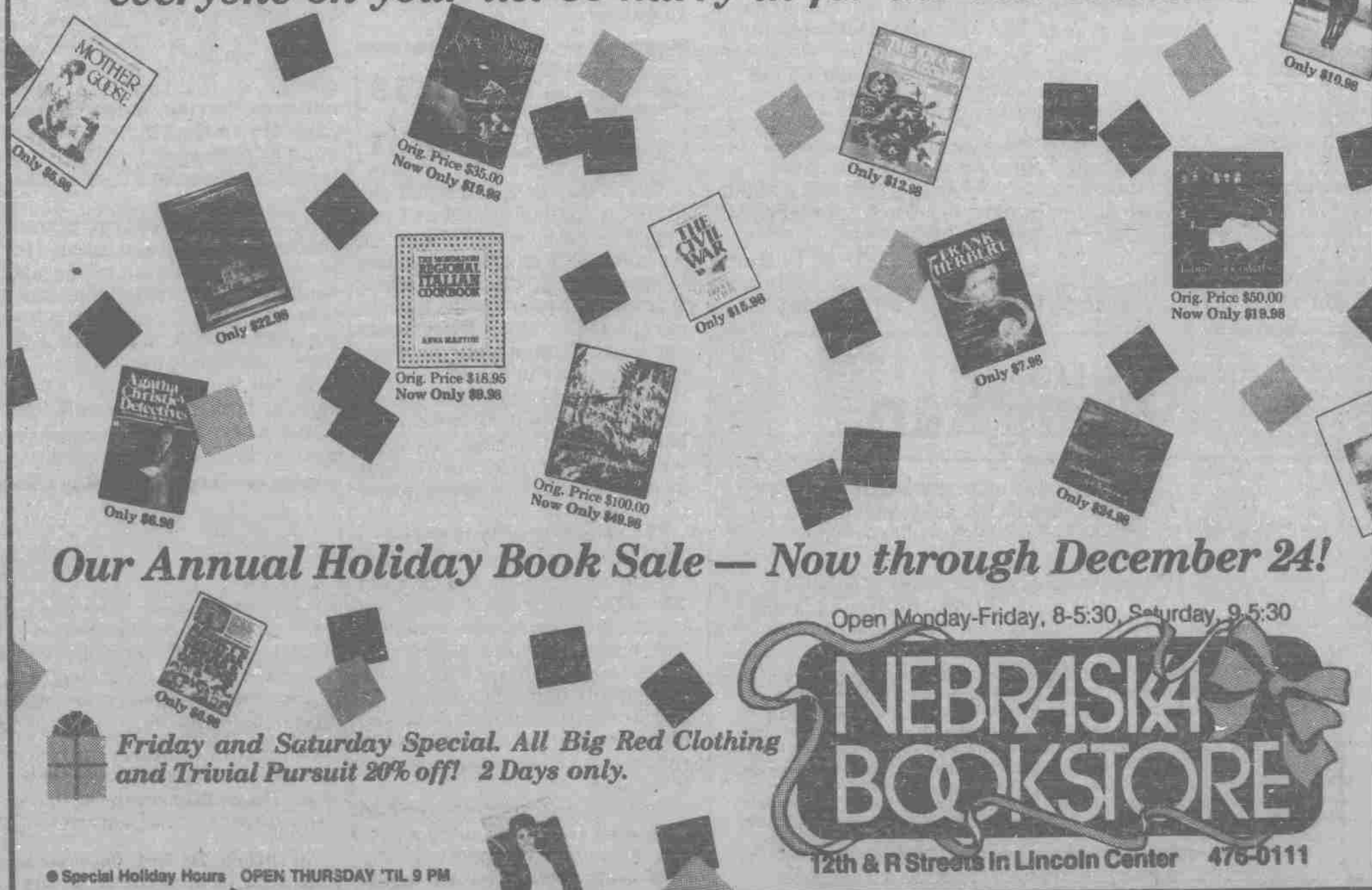
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