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[[image - black and white photograph of Nat "King" Cole at piano with two men behind with upright bass and guitar]]
 [[caption]] The Nat "King" Cole Show was the first show on any television network built around a Black performer as star. [[/caption]]

[[image - black and white photograph of Elsa Lanchester and Bill Cosby]]
 [[caption]] Guest star Elsa Lanchester, playing an ecology-minded citizen, succeeds in getting series star Bill Cosby aboard her bandwagon. [[/caption]]

[[image - photograph of Sammy Davis Jr. and Jonelle Allen in costume]]
 [[caption]] Sammy Davis Jr., as Sabu, rubs his magic lamp to help the princess, guest star Jonelle Allen, on "Sammy Davis Starring in NBC Follies." [[/caption]]

[[caption]] James McEachin, starring as private investigator Harry Tenafl, poses as a taxi driver to find the person responsible for a series of robberies against a fleet of cabs. [[/caption]]
 [[image - black and white photograph of James McEachin in character]]

[[image - black and white photograph of Flip Wilson and Phyllis Diller in character]]
 [[caption]] Flip Wilson doesn't show much enthusiasm in sharp contrast to his guest Phyllis Diller who gets into a musical mood on "The Flip Wilson Show." [[/caption]]

[[image - black and white photograph of Charles Durning, Tierre Turner, and a sheepdog]]
 [[caption]] Charles Durning, as middle-aged bachelor Officer Frank Murphy, keeps a wary eye out for a dog who belongs to street-wise orphan Lucas Adams, played by Tierre Turner, in "The Cop and the Kid." [[/caption]]

[[image - black and white photograph of Whitman Mayo and Rosanne Katon in character]]
 [[caption]] Whitman Mayo, star of "Grady," tells his granddaughter, Laurie, played by Rosanne Katon, about the black history course he's taking. [[/caption]]

From its very early days the NBC Network recognized Black achievement in the world of entertainment.

Time to celebrate...



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