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BLACK HISTORY IN MOTION

"QUEEN CITY" REVISTED

"Queen City" was a five acre (seven blocks) slum located in Wheelock's Second Addition bounded by Juniper Avenue on the west, East 28th Street on the north, the mainline of Santa Fe Railroad on the east, and by the mainline of Fort Worth and Denver Railroad on the south. It was an area populated by 1,151 low-income blacks dwelling in 275 dwelling units. These dwelling units were contained in 256 separate structures (only seven of which could be called standard)

most of which had sagging roofs, little or no foundations, flimsy and leaking walls, cracked

and warped floors, dangerous wiring, little or no plumbing and very little space. The most common size of the single family units was 12' x 24' with the apartments being even smaller. Very few of the units contained individual water facilities, much less sanitary sewage. There were water closets or commodes, but these were still located in privies at the end of a path outside the dwelling units. (A few years earlier the City-County Health Department forced the slumlords to get rid of the pit-type facilities substituting commodes or water closets.) The entire area had little if any organized

system of trash pick-up with little if any paving, and drainage was almost non-existent. In short, "Queen City" was a complete mess. The inhabitants of "Queen City" had very little choice in 1958 but to remain. First of all, almost one-fourth of the household income was under \$150 per month with about sixty percent of the household income being under \$225 per month. These small, unfurnished dilapidated units renting from \$30 or \$50 per month were all that they could afford. It is little wonder that this area was a center of crime, full of frustrated, desperate people. There

was one local leader owning a "hotel" (in reality a bawdy house and a gambling house) that ruled the area with strong-arm tactics. No one would testify against him on several felony arrests. During one year there were over 130 arrests made in this "Queen City" area. To make life even more miserable "Queen City" the poor drainage and other unsanitary conditions caused the area to have twice as many houseflies as were present in the city as a whole (a statistic furnished by the Health Department). Another

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Office of the mayor
CITY OF LUBBOCK

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: The Student Organization for Black Unity is sponsoring the Eleventh Annual "Black Awareness Month"; and,

WHEREAS: The purpose of "Black Awareness Month" is to provide cultural enlightenment to all American people of the Black culture, their heritage and ancestry, and the contributions they have made to this society; and,

WHEREAS: There will be events conducted all during the month of February, beginning today, February 3, 1981;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill McAlister, Mayor of the City of Lubbock, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1981, as

BLACK AWARENESS MONTH

in Lubbock, and on the Texas Tech University campus, and urge all citizens to participate in these activities.



In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 3rd day of February, 1981.

Bill McAlister
Mayor

Mrs. Williams: One Of Lubbock's Oldest Citizens

Up until recently, Mrs. Areballare Williams was a woman who did her own cooking, washing and was totally self-dependent upon herself. As one of Lubbock's oldest citizens, she was born February 10, 1880 in Lott, Texas. The 101 year young citizen was married to Mart Brown and three children were born to this union. Those three children are: Frankie Britt, age 70 of Waco, Texas; Ruffit Brown, age 64 of Waco, Texas and Bill Brown, age 60 of Mart, Texas. Her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. A. McGee, died when her brother, George McGee, was five years of age. Mrs. Williams reared thirteen children, including Mr. McGee, after her parents died which was about six months apart. Of the thirteen children, all have since expired except Mrs. Williams and Mr. George McGee. She was the oldest and he was next to the youngest. Mr. McGee moved his sister from Waco in June, 1976. She has enjoyed perfect health until June of 1980.



Mrs. Areballare Williams (Center)

Longtime Minister Succumbs Here



Rev. Willie Lee Grimes

Final rites were held Saturday morning at the Greater Saint James Baptist Church for Rev. Willie Lee Grimes, a longtime resident, with Rev. Benjamin Roberts, Jr., officiating. Rev. Grimes was born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Grimes of Harrison-switch, Texas. He confessed Christ at the age of 7 years at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Harrison-switch. He attended Central Texas College in Waco, Texas. Upon graduation,

he attended seminary at Paul Quinn College under Dr. Yancey. After completing his education, he answered a call to Friendship Baptist Church in Waco, Texas and was installed by Dr. P. H. Westbrook. After serving there for three years, Rev. Grimes was called to Mount Moriah Baptist Church of Ballinger, Texas where he served for two years. Then he was called to Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas where he did a great work within five years. Rev. Grimes has served in the Progressive District Association. God's blessing and spirit led Rev. Grimes to Lubbock, Texas in 1946 where he has been for 35 years. Rev. Grimes came to Lubbock to build a church, and that he has done at Greater Saint James Baptist Church where he served for

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Editorial

Digest Urges Your Help To Save Prairie View

The Lubbock Digest learned this week that there is a move afoot in the Texas Legislature to close Prairie View A & M University. This bit of legislation is being introduced by State Representative Foster Whaley of Pampa, Texas, our neighbor to the north. It is House Bill 451 - House Joint Resolution 44. We feel as though it is important for all blacks in Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas to call your legislators and let them know how you feel about such legislation. There are too many graduates and former students of Prairie View in this area for us not to get involved. Call today! You may begin by calling State Representative Froy Salinas - 763-4468; State Representative Buzz Robnett - 793-1077; State Representative Pete Laney (Plainview) - (512) 475-5671; or State Senator E. L. Short - 765-7172. Call them today, before it's too late! Without your support now, we will be sorry tomorrow.

Diocesan Needs Survey

An intensive training meeting will be held Saturday, February 28, at the St. John Nuanan Catholic Church to prepare parishioners to be able to participate in a 20,000 house survey effort in the near future. The meeting will be from 2 to 4:30 p. m. The Most Reverend Leroy Mathiesen, Diocese of Amarillo, has

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How To Become A Homeowner

Federal legislation is letting the provide money for housing. It may be your last chance. Come to the meeting Sunday, March 1, 1981, at Parkway Neighborhood Center at 3 p. m. Come and learn all the fact about how you can

own your home. Real estate is one of your best hedges against inflation. Have you wanted to own your own home? It is true - the economy is making it very hard. The new money that is available at 11% interest is the best game in town.

NAACP Branch Holds Workshop Saturday

Approximately 50 people were in attendance for Saturday's workshop sponsored by the Lubbock Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Rose Wilson, president of the local branch, said the workshop "has been needed for years here and was a great success."

Representatives from several area chapters were on hand for the workshop which was conducted by NAACP Regional Director, Rex Dockery.

\$1.2 Million In Grants Available

Educational aid grants of \$1.2 million to support minority education were announced by the Du Pont Company.

The figure represents 23 percent of the \$5.2 million Du Pont has allocated for educational programs at 180 colleges and universities during 1981.

Most of the minority education grants are for engineering programs. Six predominantly black engineering schools will receive \$140,000, and an additional \$410,000 has been earmarked for programs aimed at attracting and assisting minority students at major universities.

Du Pont's 1981 grants also include \$115,000 for chemistry departments at 17 predominantly

black institutions, \$150,000 for the National Fund for Minority Engineering Students, and \$170,000 for precollege programs which provide extra instruction and counseling to prospective minority engineering students.

The number of Blacks, Hispanics and American Indians receiving bachelor engineering degrees has risen 38 percent over the past two years. This exceeds the rate of increase in the total number of graduating engineers, but the 2,315 minority students who were graduated in the 1979-80 academic year represented on 4.1 percent of the total for that year.



Staunch Support by Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., for the New York Urban League was demonstrated when company officials presented Horace W. Morris, center, executive director, with the company's annual

donation. The distiller's divisions include Paul Masson Vineyards, Seagram Distillers Company, Calvert Distillers Company, General Wine and Spirits Company, Gold Seal Vineyards, Inc., Broune

Vinners Company, and Chateau & Estate Wines Company. Flanking Mr. Morris are William B. Zachry, left, Director of Community Relations, and Stephen N. Lockett, Equal Employment Opportunity Administrator.

Barbara Jordan Senior Citizens Met Sunday

Barbara Jordan Senior Citizens met last Sunday evening in the home of Mrs. Verlena Hereford for their regular third Sunday meeting. This was the first program of the year and special guest were Mrs. Annie Day, Mrs. N. Dyer, Mrs. Beulah Winters, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Felcher, who made pictures of the group.

Remarks were given by several members of the group. After the meeting and program, the hostess and her co-workers invited the group to the den where they enjoyed a beautiful Valentine party. Vice president, Mrs. Hallie "Sug" Johnson called and said "thanks for the calls concerning the affair, especially the program."



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Lubbock Black Chamber Elects Officers

With a vow to get involved in the economic development aspect of the city of Lubbock, officers of the Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce were elected last Friday evening.

Elected as president was Eddie P. Richardson, Jr.; vice president, Robert Williams; secretary, Ms. Mattie Hayes; assistant secretary, Rev. M. G. Shephard; treasurer, Ronnie Givens; Harold M. Chatman, executive committee chairman; and T. J. Patterson, Sr., publicity chairman.

The newly formed organization will meet again Friday evening, March 6, at 6:30 at the Lubbock Digest office. A permanent meeting place is expected to be announced in the near future.

One of the first items of business last week was to become a member of the Lubbock Chamber of

Commerce. The body voted to do so as soon as possible.

Any person interested in becoming a member of the Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce are asked to attend the upcoming meeting or call 762-3612.

Enter Your Float In The "Juneteenth" Parade

Friday, June 19, 1981

Prizes will be awarded for:

- * First Place - \$100.00
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For More Information:

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Crafts & Bake Sale On Tap Saturday

The works of forty well-known Lubbock and area artists will be on display and for sale this Saturday and Sunday (February 28 - March 1) when the Lubbock Humane Society holds its 2nd annual Arts, Crafts and Bake Sale at St. Christophers Episcopal Church, 42nd and Elgin Avenue.

Most of the participating artists rarely exhibit their work except in galleries. The sale will feature cowboy artist Paul Wiley's oil bronzes and prints; Manfred

Kaiter, German artist's sculpture in stone; and John Richey's oils. Puppeteer Dorothy Price will entertain those attending with puppet shows. Some of her puppets will be on sale. "Granny" Craft will sell her very fine cakes, pies and breads.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward building a Lubbock Humane Society animal shelter and toward rescue work. It will open 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Saturday and 12 noon to 5 p. m. on Sunday.

Lucky "12" Club Members Win Prize

Members of the Lucky "12" Civic and Social Club of Lubbock brought the big prize back after attending the Mid-Winter Inspirational meeting in Abilene, Texas recently. This affair was sponsored by the Loyal 16 Club of Abilene.

Lucky "12" had the largest number of members who traveled the farthest. "We brought that prize back for Lubbock," says Marie

Long. The program was held at the New Light Baptist Church in Abilene with the theme: "Working Together - Lifting As We Climb."

Greetings were given by Mrs. Long. Guest speaker was Mrs. N. Stokes, president emerita Stokes-Parker District. She was introduced by Ms. Beatrice Walker.

Ministers Succumb

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twelve years. At that particular time, he was president of the Baptist Training Union Congress in the Lovely Sunset District Association.

Rev. Grimes was a man of ambition and spiritual insight which led him to organize New Mount Olive Baptist Church and served for twelve years. Rev. Grimes also served as president of the Baptist Training Union Congress in the Caprock District Association for eleven years, and District Missionary Union and chaplain in the East Lubbock Inter-Denominational Ministerial

Alliance. In going home, he leaves to mourn his wonderful wife, Mrs. DeEthel Grimes; a brother, Rev. Lovie Grimes of Riesel, Texas; a step daughter, Gladys Smith of Douglas, Arizona; a step son, Rev. Sam Price of Lubbock; and a host of other relatives and many, many friends.

Pallbearers were ministers of the city. Casketbearers were deacons of the church. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the directions of Jamison & Son Funeral Home.

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P185/75R14	CR78-14	\$86.95	\$9.55	2.11
P195/75R14	D/BR78-14	\$91.95	\$7.55	2.29
P205/75R14	FR78-14	\$96.95	\$7.55	2.40
P215/75R14	GR78-14	\$101.95	\$1.55	2.55
P205/75R15	FR78-15	\$99.95	\$7.55	2.53
P215/75R15	GR78-15	\$101.95	\$1.55	2.69
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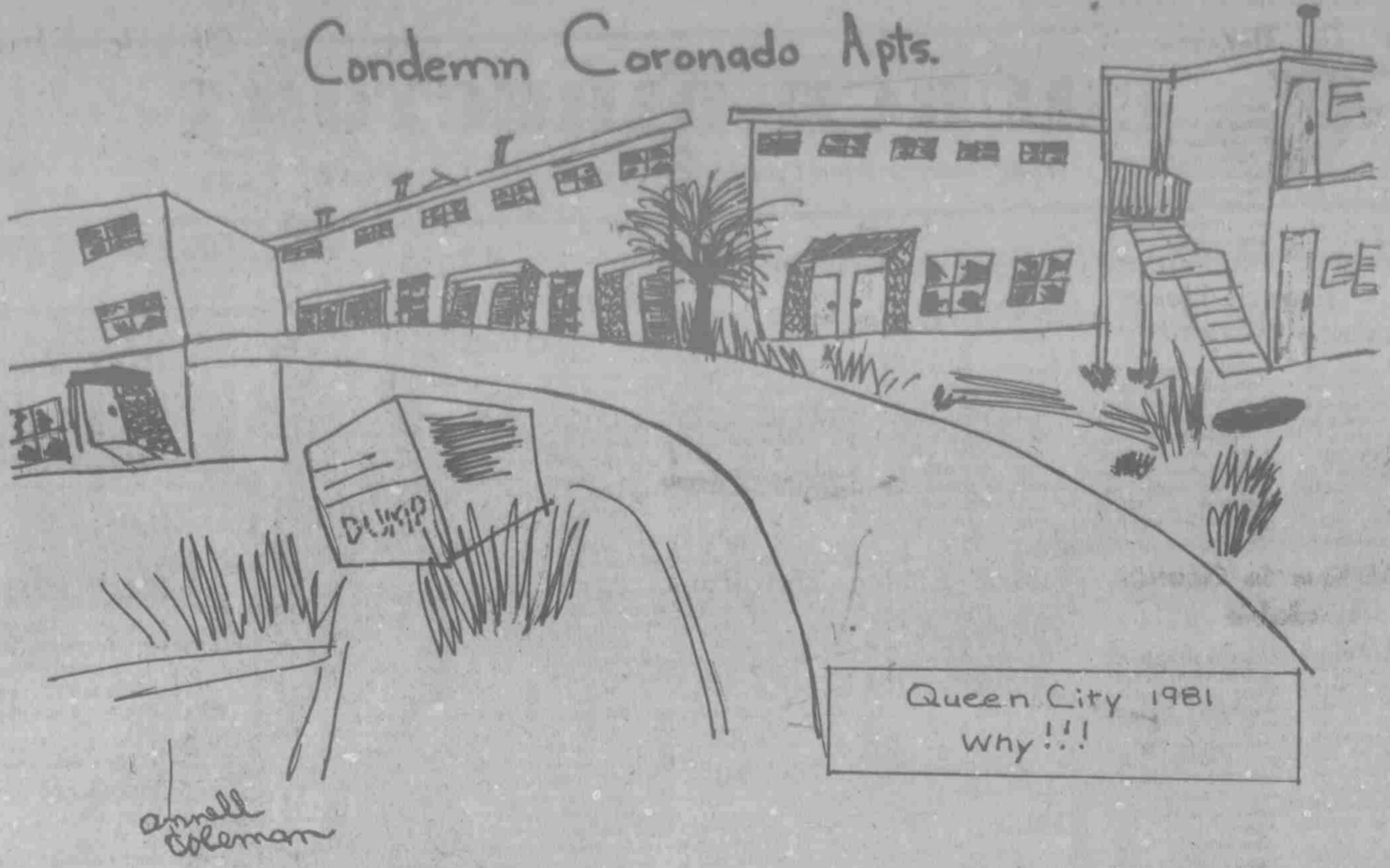
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EDITORIALS The Past Revisted!!

by
Eddie P. Richardson, Jr.

One can only look at the pages of this issue and revisit the past. Our past—some good—some not, but whatever it is—it is our past. The bad thing is the old blacks deny and the young blacks do not know. We constantly need to revisit the past to truly understand the present. So many of us forget or pretend to forget. By being familiar with the past, we can better understand the present and be ready for the future.

Over all, we have come a mighty long way, and progress was made each step of the way, but look at "Queen City." Then even at it, it's worst inside these pages and look at Coronado Apartments.

Now you will see progress in reverse. We would like to take this space to thank those handful of black pioneers who paved the way for us today. They had to have some confusing days, being a new era without the company of their own kind and made a lot of adjustments to the new life. To name a few, these pioneer families, in this first issue of this kind which will be done each year from now. Here are a few of our black pioneer families: Burt McCutcheon, Sr., Will Sedberry, the Mearns family, Mrs. Pearline Bell and family, T. S. Jamison and family, John Fair and family, Oscar Iles and Lubbock first black deputy sheriff, M. C. Coleman (1927); and there are others who made it possible.

This writer can imagine some of the confusions and frustrations these dedicated black people encountered, but they paved the way and made it possible for whatever we have today.

Praise the Lord!!

About our heritage, we plan a spectacular 19th of June Celebration this year. Watch for more details! Keep watching the Lubbock Digest for specifics.

This year, we will Juneteenth in style—like it was back when!!

Want to be a homeowner, then go by the Parkway Neighborhood Center at 3 p. m. Sunday, March 1, 1981.

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Business in the Black

by Charles E. Belle



Bank of America Boast Reagan to Rescue Economy

While recognizing that at least "twenty percent" of the U.S. economy is "sick," Walter Hoadley, chief economist for America's biggest bank, Bank of America, held out hope for a total recovery under the new Reagan Administration.

Mr. Hoadley was holding forth at his annual address to an attentive audience at the Commonwealth Club of California regular Friday luncheon meeting in San Francisco. Walter and the members were well aware, as he put it, America has "America has" lost some of our momentum.

Perhaps because Bank of America had fallen from first place as the biggest bank in the world. One woman, who just happened to be the quarterly chairperson of the Club and wife of a noted economist, evidently did not do her homework as she introduced Walter as representing the biggest bank in the world. Back to the bench for her, the French Agricultural Bank is the new kid on the block.

Bank America has long known that America had been slipping. Too bad one had to tell even a "Television Personality" like Maralee Beck that the incoming Reagan Administration has the same problems of the previous administrations minus the time.

Mr. Hoadley's "prediction is that President Reagan will prove to be a successful leader." Let us all hope so for the success of America. All the king's horses and all the king's men cannot amend America back together again without the help of the masses.

Mr. Reagan will be advised to take Mr. Hoadley's helpful suggestion along these lines. In this area, Mr. Hoadley counsels, if your Christmas cards came from only one group, say 35-64 years of age, only, open up your mind and past methods to admit members of both the 45-54 and 35-44 age brackets.

Being in a separate circle of friends breeds stereotype thinking and America is not able to grow a nation of separate groups pulling a part at its seams, according to the chief economist.

The leadership of this country reiterated Mr. Hoadley is dominated by the oldest group of "can-do" thinkers. The middle gang has grown up in the "greatest period of economic advancement in U.S. history," consequently are "risk-averse." Palulum types, as opposed to the open field "perfection-computers" kids in the 35-44 bracket.

Black Americans fall greater in the lower two groups so it might be just great if someone, even a second ranked bank, can bring the Reagan Administration around to recognizing all the talent in the country. Carrying the country back up to the top will require every able bodied American regardless of age, sex, creed, or color.

Social Security News

Social Security Taxes Up

by
Munela Barton
Class Representative

People Can Earn More

People getting social security checks will be able to earn more in 1981 than in 1980 before any of their



THIS WEEK WE EXAMINE

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
Human Rights Activist

GOALS FOR BLACK YOUTH

Young people all over the world are faced with far more serious challenges—and also with far greater opportunities—than young have found at any other time in the past century. This is especially true for black youth.

The reason for the magnitude of the present "opened" circumstances for our youth is that we are living in a time of unprecedented change. Some among us may recall from several generations ago an especially dramatic scene from the black stage and screen production, "Green Pastures," where "De Lawd" received a report from the Archangel Gabriel.

"Gabe," as the archangel was called in the play, was the Lord's chief counsellor, and he had been sent down to the earth to "check things out" just prior to the Great Flood.

When Gabe came back and entered the Lord's presence, his countenance was troubled and grove. The Lord asked Gabe what was the matter and what was his report. Gabe gave this brief and telling answer: "Lawd, things ain't tied down down dere like they used to be!"

Things are not "tied down" for our young people—or for any of us—today. It has been said that those who have counselled the perplexed parents of our so often troubled youth over the past 10 to 15 years could make this one absolutely certain observation: This is not exactly the most ideal time to have planned for a teenager to grow up.

social security benefits are withheld.

In 1981, a person under 65 for all of the year can earn \$4,080 before any checks are held back. This annual exempt amount was \$3,720 for 1980. The annual exempt amount for people 65 or older in 1981 is \$5,500, up from \$5,000 for 1980.

If a person's earnings exceed the annual exempt amount, \$1 in benefits is withheld for each \$2 of earnings above the exempt amount.

People should notify social security as soon as they think their annual earnings might exceed the exempt amount. This way they can avoid receiving any incorrect payments that might have to be repaid.

There is a special rule that applies to the year in which a person retires. In the year of retirement, people can receive checks for any month their earnings do not exceed the monthly limit even though total annual earnings are well above the annual exempt amount.

The 1981 monthly limit is \$458 for people 65 or over and \$340 for people under 65.

People who want more information about the annual earnings test can obtain a free copy of the leaflet, "How work affects your social security check," at the Lubbock social security office. The office is located at 1205 Texas Avenue and the telephone number is 762-7381 or Toll Free No. Dial 1 800-392-1603.

When we seek to relate to any of the tremendously complicated circumstances facing young people today, we can never be dogmatic or judgmental. There is a relatively troubled sea. Their path is not an easy one. We cannot provide a road map for them. We can share with them a spirit and then we can be supportive. We must do no less for ourselves, and for every person who must constantly readjust to the untied-down world in which we live.

The most basic thing about the spirit which we can share with our young people—and with all others—is our recognition that it is they alone who have within themselves the seeds or the makings of what they will be. None of us can impose our will or place our stamp upon young people nor upon any others whom our lives touch.

In relatively stable times, parents and others in society have been able to pre-determine much of the course which both younger and older people have followed. But this was never growth-producing or rewarding in any enduring way. The situation of change and uncertainty

which we have today is unsettling for all of us. But it also offers possibly the best kind of environment for growth and for the greatest human satisfaction.

Today, all of us—regardless of our chronological age—need to recognize the age-old rule that any condition which has the possibility of

perfection will always be precarious and uncertain. It must either be—or be placed—beyond all outside control. A flower, when it comes fully into bloom, is awesomely beautiful in its details far beyond our immediate imaginings. But its delicate unfolding must be left entirely in its nature's hidden and mysterious hands. When we let the lives of others go, it is only then that they, too, may grow into their fullest flowering.

Life is made for growth, and human growth is achieved only by an uncontrolled unfolding from within.

The spirit in which we relate to and facilitate the nurturing or the unfolding of the lives of our younger people or our peers must be, then, one of an infinite respect for their own innate potential. We must encourage all whom we know or meet to discover and to lay hold on the richness and strengths which are to be found within themselves. It is this kind of sentiment which our younger generation began to tell all of the rest of us about when they would sing to us the words: "Everything is beautiful in its own way."

We must reinforce—within ourselves, in our youth and in every person whom we meet—the realization that the most wonderful of all real-

ties which any of us may know rests within ourselves.

The world in which we live today enables all of us—along with our young people—to grow and to flourish perhaps never before in recent history. It enables us to reach out with a new kind of faith as well.

It is only when we have an uncharted path or a visibly uncertain way ahead that we may develop or call forth what we know as faith.

Faith is what propels us to keep moving ahead when our hopeful imaginings alone hold open tomorrow's doors. Because our tomorrows—and even our today's—are never really "tied down," we can exercise our "faith muscles." We can—and must—develop a faith in one another, in ourselves and in life itself.

Ours is a world of unceasing change and of infinite possibilities for the human spirit. What more exhilarating and growth-producing times might there conceivably be?

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People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would do, and this, we think, is fair.

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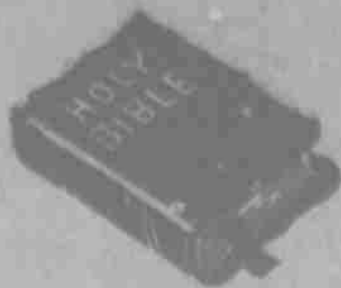
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T. J. Patterson Eddie P. Richardson, Jr.

Editors

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Absence from Church is A Vote To Close Its Doors



Golden Rule Circle Of Bethel A. M. E. Church Had Surprise Birthday Party

The Golden Rule Circle of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church met last Wednesday evening in the home of Sister A. M. Washington for their regular monthly meeting with president, Mrs. E. Devenport, presiding.

After unfinished business was completed, Mrs. Mary Johns introduced their special guest, Sister E. McCreary, Mrs. Ann Britt let the group know this was a surprise party for three of the circle's members. Cards and gifts were

presented by Mrs. H. Johnson to Mrs. C. E. Fair, Mrs. E. Fullman and Mrs. A. M. Washington. All had their birthdays on the eleventh of February. Mrs. C. McCormick acted as hostess. The tables were covered with a red lace table cloth, and

the center piece was a beautiful white cake with red roses, punch, chips and dips. Also shown for the members and guest were nuts, mints and sandwiches which were served and enjoyed by all.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday in the home of Mrs. Juanita Sowell. This was a nice meeting, said a member Mrs. Brown did a splendid job presiding. Opening devotion was found in Galatians 6:1-9 with assistance of Mrs. C. E. Brown and members.

Morning lesson was conducted by Mrs. Pollie Smith. It was taken from Isaiah 53:1-6. The subject was "Lost In The House."

Living Bible
"But, oh, how few believe it! Who will listen? To whom will God reveal his saving power? In God's eyes he was like a tender green sprout, sprouting from a root in dry and sterile ground but in our eyes there was no attractiveness at all, nothing to make us want him."

This teacher stood with boldness. The spirit of God spoke through her, and it was like fire in each of our bones. Mrs. Smith, this was super good. We thank you very much. You are the greatest. "We love you."

Each had remarks as the spirit gave them utterance.

Breakfast was served to a packed house. It was as if the cooks prepared food for a multitude. We have faith to believe this will happen. In the near future, are you... then come we will eat spiritually and physically together.

Our guest list for the day were: Mrs. Tony Williams, Mrs. C. C. Peoples, Mrs. Mildred Bogus, Mrs. Ollie Coleman and Mr. Earl Wheeler with us. Mrs. Raymond Peppers, a representative of the

West Texas for Jesus Christ Rally, was also. It is people just like you who will make this world a better place to live. "Please come again."

Our sick list include Mrs. Willie Mae Thomas, a patient in West Texas Hospital - Room 339; Donnie Thomas, and Rosena Clemons. Read James 5:15: Prayer of faith (shall) save the sick.

Our bereaved families need our prayers also. The Ward family lost a brother and the family of Rev. Willie L. Grimes.

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; he's well able in time of sorrow. Morning prayer was offered by Mrs. Raymond Peppers.

Prayer request was made and answers to prayers. If you have any call or come by. The telephone numbers are 747-4016, 747-7326, 763-1333, 765-6831 or 765-8623.

The Outreach Children Ministry had a nice meeting last Saturday evening. The scripture was found in John 13:34-35.

This group will meet this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1602 Quirt Avenue. Bring or send your children. If you want them picked up, ten want them picked up, then call one of the above telephone numbers.

Mrs. Donnie Graves is director. We have to spread the word until everyone has heard.

Can any good come out of Nazareth?? Our next meeting will be in the lovely home of Mrs. Beulah Winters, 3416 East 17th Street. Come and see!

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Mrs. Opal Jean Lewis

Final rites were held for Mrs. Opal Jean Lewis last Saturday afternoon at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ for Mrs. Opal Jean Lewis with Bishop W. D. Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Jamison & Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Spur, Texas, Dickens County, to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Walker.

She was married to Mr. Theodore Lewis and to that union were born seven children.

Mrs. Lewis passed away Monday, February 16, 1981.

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, Mr. Theodore Lewis, Sr. of the home; two sons, Ronald Lewis and Theodore Lewis, Jr., both of Lubbock; five daughters, Ms. Patricia Lewis, Mrs. Rochell Anderson, Sandra Lewis and Shelia Lewis, all of Lubbock, and Mrs. Brenda Bracy of Seattle, Washington; four brothers, Mr. Dan E. Walker of Lubbock, Mr. Denzie



Walker of Hawaii, Mr. Herman Moore and Mr. Charles Moore, both of Reno, Nevada; four sisters, Mesdames Helen Stevenson of Lubbock, Bobbie Hunt of Los Angeles, Calif., Mary Glen Crenshaw and Waverly Ann Moore, both of Dallas; a mother, Mrs. Gladys Moore of Lubbock; and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were LaCarl Richardson, Melvin Wiley, Joe Hatchett, Robert Raven, Lonnie Gastor and O'dell Richards.

Mrs. Evelyn Thornton



Final rites were held for Mrs. Evelyn Thornton last Saturday at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church with Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of South Plains Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thornton was born September 12, 1902 in Freestone County, Texas to Mr. Bedford Gabriel and Mrs. Annie Bell Kirven Gabriel.

She was converted at an early age in the Methodist Church. After moving to Lubbock in 1936, she united with the Mount Vernon Church, under the pastorage of Rev. J. W. V. Hutchinson.

She was a faithful member, loving mother, devoted to many friends, loved ones. Her concern was for others, their well being was first in her life.

Mrs. Thornton delighted herself by fishing and was so thrilled at doing so. She was blessed in

having a faithful friend who would bring her to church and Sunday School (Mrs. Alberta Swain, a faithful Communion Steward every Sunday when she was able did this deed).

Mrs. Thornton passed away Tuesday morning, February 17, at Highland Hospital.

Her survivors include a son, Mr. Tony Watson; three sisters, Mrs. Estella Alexander of Lubbock, Mrs. Ophelia Johnson of Ferris, Texas and Mrs. Lee Pearl Cotten of Fort Worth, Texas; nieces, Jessie Barber, Dorothy Money of Los Angeles, California and Percy Willis; nephews, L. V. Davis, Lura Stephens of Japan, L. C. Alexander and Carl Williams, both of Long Beach, California, Earnest L. Johnson of Dallas, Texas and L. J. McCallon of Lubbock; three granddaughters, seventeen great grandchildren, many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Clarence Priestly, D. C. Kinner, James Goode, Jimmie Walker, D. C. Fair, Jr. and B. J. Strong.

Honorary pallbearers were Harold M. Chapman, Eli Woods, N. P. Holmes and Damon Hill, Sr.

Honorary Communion Stewards were Mattie Day, Bernyce Braxton, Ora L. Grice and L. V. McKelvey.

Survey

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undertaken this giant effort to see what the needs are in the parishes. In order to do this, however, it is important that approximately 20,000 homes be surveyed. It is hoped that information will derive from the survey which will tell what the needs are, specific programs and necessary funds for such programs.

President of the Pastoral Council is Leroy Banks. Southern representatives are Lorenzo Sedano, Robert Gonzales and Phillis DeGarao.

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Tuesday, March 3	Pizza Tossed Salad Corn on Cob Jello 1/2pt. Milk
Thursday, March 5	Frito Pie Pinto Beans
Friday, March 6	MANAGERS CHOICE
Wednesday, March 4	BREAKFAST
Monday, March 2	Pears Cereal Buttered Toast/Jelly 1/2 pt. Milk
Thursday, March 5	Pineapple Juice Super Sausage Dog w/Hot Syrup 1/2 pt. Milk
Friday, March 6	Apple Juice Toaster Pastry 1/2 pt. Milk
Monday, March 2	Orange Juice Waffle w/Hot Syrup Bacon 1/2 pt. Milk
Friday, March 6	Grape Juice Donut 1/2 pt. Milk
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their geographical location, their types and functions, their facilities and finances, their personnel, their activities, their collections and their history. Utilizing numerous primary and secondary sources, this publication will place the current development of independent black museums within an historic context which recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of numerous 19th and early 20th century organizations, institutions and individuals.

This project is under the director of Dr. Bettie Collier-Thomas, the Director of Historical Development for the National Council of Negro Women. Institutions not previously contacted, but interested in being included in this publication should contact Miss Barbara Younger, the project coordinator, at the following address: 1318 Vermont Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 332-9201/9202

YWCA NEWS!!

George P. & Mary L. Livermore Physical Fitness Center Dedication

The Young Women's Christian Association will have its dedication of the George P. and Mary L. Livermore Physical Fitness Center. This special event will take place Sunday afternoon, March 1, at 2 p. m. Presentation of the building by Mr. Lee Lewis, general contractor; Mr. Berwyn Tisdell, architect; and Mr. Bill

Adling, architect. A special presentation will be presented to Mrs. Mary L. Livermore by Mrs. Rachel Harmon, president elect, board of directors. The Y. W. C. A. George P. and Mary L. Livermore Physical Fitness Center is located at 3101 - 35th Street. The public is invited to attend.

Sub-Rural Carrier Exam Scheduled

Elmer J. Reed, Jr., Sectional Center Manag-

er/Postmaster, city of Lubbock, announced the

Ella Iles Elementary School

Ella Iles Elementary School, located at 26th and Date, was the first successful attempt at a public school for colored (Black) children in the Lubbock area. Back in 1922, the school board found itself faced with the same problem for the third time in less than two years, a teacher for the school age colored (black) children. It seemed that everytime the Board had tried to hire a teacher to stay and teach the basic essentials of learning to the 47 school age children of the local Black migrant

cotton pickers, they'd fail. The first teacher lasted three months, while the second lasted nine. It seemed no one wanted the job. Late in the summer of 1922 yet another teacher was hired by the Board. This time the Board hired a soft spoken little lady with glasses from Prairie View Normal School, and on September 9, 1922, Ella Carruthers set up classes in Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Mt. Gilead, a two-room house on Avenue A, with pickety old pews,

a kerosene lamp and a wood stove which provided the heat, was the lone place that Black children could come to and be taught the basic essentials of learning. Over a short span of time, the number of students which Ms. Carruthers taught mushroomed to 161, and finally a second teacher was hired. Later Ms. Carruthers was married and her name became Ella R. Iles. Ms. Iles taught in Lubbock schools for 30 years. Why? Why? One might say... She cared. Thank you, Ms. Iles.

RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Sunday School was held as usual at the New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Morning services devotion was conducted by Deacon Swain and Deacon Knighton. Choirs were at their post of duty. The message was brought by Rev. Hezekiah Lewis of Louisiana. His scripture was Isaiah 55:4. His subject was: "That God Chooses His Leaders For His Children." It was a very fine message.

Three members united with New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday. Two were candidates for baptism, and one by christian experience.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed the Lincoln-Douglas Tea last Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of New Hope Baptist Church. Mrs. R. B. Thompson coordinates this effort each year.

If Lincoln and Douglas were living, they'd surely

TEC Opens

The Texas Employment Commission has opened an additional office in Lubbock at 1805 Texas Avenue. Bert Darden, TEC Manager, stated that the primary purpose of the new office is to serve employers who use temporary skilled labor.

appreciate the task she continues to do each year.

Let us not forget to pray for our sick and shut in members of the community. Also whisper a prayer for all families who have lost a loved one.

Mr. Cleo Lawson is a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring, Texas.

Mr. George Woods is a patient at Methodist Hospital. He is reported to be doing nicely since his surgery.

Rev. Stephen Pierson, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, received word that his father passed away Sunday morning in Houston. Services are pending at this report.

Mr. Andy Larkins of Slaton, Texas is very ill at this report. He had a stroke recently. At one time, he was the son-in-law of Rev. A. W. Wilson.

Miss Joyce Elaine Jefferson and Mr. Joby W. Robinson were united in Holy Matrimony by Rev. A. L. Dunn, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, last Saturday evening at the church. Joyce is the daughter of Mrs. Clara Mae Phillips and Joby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robinson.

"I, Too, Am American"

A Black Special About People KJTX-TV



Keep an eye out for someone you on Channel 5 in March! Since last Fall, Producer/Claudia H. Wehrmann has been working on a Black Special about people "I, Too, Am American." Sculptor, Eddie Dixon; Cook, C.B. "Stubbs" Stubblefield; Potter, James Watkins and the whole J.T. Braxton family will be featured in this hour long special.

The basis for my inspiration came from the poem, "I, too, sing America" by Langston Hughes, but my enthusiasm and awareness of Lubbock's black community came from working with T.J. Patterson," states Mrs. Wehrmann. "I wanted to do something different than what we have produced locally in the past. Something not only a credit to the station and myself but to all of our viewing audience. I don't believe all of them are aware of the contributions made to the community by its Black

Population." Eric Strong, a poet himself, helped finalize plans on who was to be included in the show although there were many to choose from. He and Mrs. Wehrmann began with the emphasis on the arts and included Stubbs because of his love for music, his life experiences and to give the show a broader scope of people being featured. Taping of the show has been completed and editing has started

according to Mrs. Wehrmann. The theme song for the show was composed by Thomas Braxton and is recorded for the show by the Tech Jazz Ensemble "No Compromise" which Thomas is a member. This program will be a credit to the people featured and something new for Channel 5 viewers. It's coming in March so watch for "I, Too, Am American" a Black Special about people, on KJTX-TV, Channel 5.

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"Queen City"

statistic indicating the degradation of the area which was furnished by the Health Department was that twenty out of every thousand persons in this area were treated for V. D. as compared to

one out of every one thousand persons in the city as a whole. It is little wonder that Lubbock's slum clearance, relocation and redevelopment efforts began here in the Fall of

1960. There could not have been a more desperate, needy neighborhood in which to begin. You would have to see it to believe it. Photographs on this page need no comment.



RICHARD ALLEN



by Andrew White

Richard Allen was a man of sublime courage and indestructible and passionate faith. Equipped with these two spiritual weapons he could not be beaten down. When he and others of African descent were denied the freedom to worship God in the St. George's M. E. Church in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1787, he politely walked out into God's great big world and started the movement which blossomed into the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Allen believed that, as far as the coming of freedom was concerned, much depended on Africans themselves. He advised those who were free not to have ill-will for the treatment they had received as slaves. The energy and time required for ill-will could be most profitably used in the fight for freedom. In concluding this immortal address he said, "I entreat you to consider the obligations we lie under to help forward the cause of freedom. We who know how bitter the cup is of which the slave hath to drink, oh, how we ought to feel for those who yet remain in bondage!"



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Lubbock Pioneer In Medicine

Dr. Joseph Chatman

"He put others before himself... he was unselfish... he did try to benefit at the expenses of others. He gave of himself unselfishly and he was needs and went about fulfilling them instead of waiting for someone else to say, 'hey, let's get together and see about it.'"

These are the words of Harold Chatman as he describes his father, the late Dr. Joseph Chatman. Harold Chatman is the oldest of Dr. Chatman's offspring and resides in Lubbock, his widow, Emalene Fee Chatman also lives here.

Perhaps Dr. Chatman is most remembered (by the community) for the civic contributions he made. The old Chatman hospital was named in honor of him. He was also the owner of the hospital.

Dr. Chatman graduated from Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1926, but his educational roadmap was outlined long before then. He graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in 1917 in Mexia, Texas. During the next two years (1917-1919) he attended Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. He later went on to Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee (1919-1922).

The years at Fisk University were lean financially for Dr. Chatman, but there were pleasant times, for it was while attending Fisk, he met the former Ruth Morton. They were married in 1927.

Chatman told the Lubbock Digest, he and his father had a wonderful relationship. "When I was at Fisk I'd write home for money to buy corsages to give to my girlfriend... or date. He would tell me to 'pick sunflowers, that's what I gave your mother.' I'd tell him that he'd picked all the sunflowers for my mother and there weren't any left for me." His wife died before the family moved to Lubbock.

Dr. Chatman left Fisk in 1922 to go to Meharry Medical School. He did not own any textbooks there. Chatman told the Lubbock Digest his father "had to wait until other students finished studying to use their textbooks." He made money thanks to a paper route. Chatman says his dad, and a very good friend, Dr. C.H. Lyons, had paper routes unfortunately Dr. Chatman's route was not in the affluent section of town as was Dr. Lyons'. He worked at a pool hall which also provided his bed which was a pool table.

Despite the financial

problems, Dr. Chatman finished third in his class at Meharry with a 98.6 grade average. He later got his Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston University in Austin.

Dr. Chatman set up his first practice in Mexia, Texas. Segregational ideals ruled during this time and he and his office were set up to accommodate hospital patients and was also a drug store.

Chatman told the Lubbock Digest, "we never had any money, people paid their bills with hens, chickens, and turkeys..." Chatman says his father never let money serve as the driving force behind his practice. If all the people owing him money "had paid him, he could have retired 10 years before his death." Chatman says, "The little money he did get came from selling prescriptions for liquor on Fridays and Saturdays. (At that time liquor was kept in pharmacies.)"

During this time Dr. Chatman did more than practice medicine. He was very active in the community developing a newspaper, "The Open Forum." He also co-authored a book on Negro History of Limestone County. All was not pleasant as the doctor lost his wife. She died at the age of 32 in 1935. Dr. Chatman was kidnapped by persons believe to be in search of narcotics. Chatman says he knows of few details surrounding the kidnapping as he was a child and they tried "to keep it from me." Dr. Chatman's car was found in Groesbeck, Texas which is approximately 12 miles from Mexia. He was found near Houston by the Texas Rangers.

In 1937 he remarried to the former Hortense Burnett. Two years later he moved his family to Lubbock, Texas. He was reunited with his old college buddy, Dr. C.H. Lyons who had told him of the opportunities in Lubbock.

Chatman says his father moved them with \$7.00 in his pocket, but Dr. Lyons paid their first month's rent and they were able to get groceries on credit. Lubbock Furniture Company provided him with the needed furniture - also on credit. The family's first house was located at 1818 Avenue A which was next door to where St. Luke Baptist Church once was.

In 1942 Dr. Chatman moved to 2305 Cedar Avenue. This was also the location of his office. The office was made by cutting the house in half. Four of the rooms were



Dr. Joseph A. Chatman
Pioneer Physician



Mrs. Ruth Morton Chatman

designated to office area and hospital accommodations. The remaining quarters were used for living quarters. This was all on one lot. Chatman says "that lot is just south of the present hospital adjacent to where the playground is located there."

In 1944, Chester Henderson, Harold, Jr., Valton (doctor's son) and the Doctor started work on the hospital construction. The hospital was completed in 1945. Two years later he completed the accommodation for his nurses and rehabilitation patients. It was also during this time the homestead was built by popular singer, Mac Davis' father (T.J. Davis). Dr. Chatman became very good friends with Mac Davis' brother, Morris who was a pharmacist.

Dr. Chatman became concerned with the entertainment (or lack of entertainment) that was

available to Blacks in Lubbock. When Black entertainers did come to Lubbock, they had no place to stay, so oftentimes Dr. Chatman would offer his home to them. Quite a few popular names spent nights under the Chatman's roof. To name a few: Amos 'n Andy, Joe Lewis, Lionel Hampton, Louie Jordan, Wings over Jordan, and several others.

Entertainment was not the only aspect lacking for Black people, Dr. Chatman saw a need for a boys' club. He formed a minstrel group by working with teachers and students. He raised \$10,000 through the group which secured the building of the Negro's Boys' Club. Dr. Chatman was instrumental in the planning stages of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, his role was that of a 'way-maker'. He initiated the school board to a dinner at his home and needs for the school



Harold M. Chatman



Valton A. Chatman

(chairs, desks, etc.) were discussed.

Dr. Chatman led a very full life. He was appointed to the Youth Conference by Governor Price Daniel, and appointed to Texas Board of Regents at Texas Southern University. He was acquainted with former Texas Gov. John Connally, and Price Daniel, and former president Lyndon B. Johnson. Perhaps one of his most enjoyable moments came when he attended a class reunion at Meharry and saw one of his classmates serving as Dean of the Medical School. At the time, there were only 10 of his classmates still living.

He wrote a book, "History of Limestone County Medical Association." He received an honorary degree from Paul Quinn University, Waco, Texas.

During these times racial barriers were stronger than today, and whenever Blacks needed surgical help, they were usually operated on in the hallways or even the basement of the established hospitals. Dr. Chatman's 16-bed facility met medical needs - not only of the Black community but the entire city. His clientele consisted of all races. His hospital contained four private rooms, an x-ray room, a medicine room (he mixed his own medicine), two kitchens, and a nursery. Also included in the hospital were male-female wards, two kitchens and a private office where he spent a great deal of his time.

He and Hortense were divorced in 1944 and 11 years later he married Emalene Fee in 1955. He died January 12, 1967.



Chatman Hospital Under Construction Early 1940's

The Work Goes On

NNPA News Service
Washington, D.C.

A young Black official, preparing to leave Washington, said the other day that after doing his best in government for four years, he was going to try to rest up and make some money. "I've got a bad case of battle fatigue," he said. "I see some pretty tough times ahead, but it's somebody else's turn to do something about it."

There can be no doubt that over the past four years the young man met with enough frustrations to rightly claim psychic wear and tear. And judging by all of the available White-Black income data, he and an great many other Black people certainly need to be making more money.

What was very troubling, though, was the echoing of his views by the other young Black professionals in the room. The consensus seemed to be that Black people might just as well hibernate over the next four years. But hibernation, or abdication, would prove suicidal for most minority Americans - and just about all poor people.

An election has been held, the political guard has changed, but the essential work of improving the lives and the prospects of Blacks in this country goes on. Responsibility for that work is not limited to leaders - real, imagined, or media-invented. It is the work of parents trying not only to provide their Black children with food, clothes and a roof overhead, but to give them a sustaining sense of themselves and their possibilities.

It is the work of conscientious teachers

knowing they must do a difficult job even better under heavy odds if more of those children are not to wind up as economic and social rejects. It is the work of Black business people fighting for a financial foothold in a perilous time.

Budget cuts may prove to be another matter, but President Reagan has said that when he talks about reviving up the economy and helping the private sector create more jobs he is talking about all people. Republican Congressman, Jack Kemp said Commission Report on the Eighties - rejected also by the outgoing President - had seemed to advocate abandoning the older cities of the Frost Belt and 'going with the flow' to the Sun Belt.

Whether or not some of the new Administration's more positive words translate early on into deeds, or whether other pronouncements and actions contradict them, the reality for Black people remains the same. The hard work must go on. Neither rage nor foolish optimism nor rhetoric can be an adequate substitute for doing that work. It is a time to seek out and support those Blacks and non-Blacks who are sincerely trying to find ways of making their political parties more responsive to the economic and social needs of minorities and the poor.

From city halls, state houses and legislatures to Congress and the Executive Branch there are people in both parties who help them get where they are. Doing so, in some cases, at the

price of the displeasure of their brothers and sister.

Even if this were not so, it would be unwise and dangerous for those who control the levers of public and private power to pursue a course which would gamble on solving inflation basically on the backs of the poor, or deliberately isolate and beggar certain cities and sections of American as though they were enemy country.

The more thoughtful among those with the power to decide are not unaware of the risks of such shortsightedness. Just as they must realize that the Klan mentality, whether in its raw or sugar-coated forms, is ultimately poisonous both to its intended victims and the larger society.

There is more to be done than simply to fight for endangered government programs, or bemoan their demise. If certain support structures disappears, we must find ways to build others so that earning, learning, the strengthening and stabilizing of our communities continues.

Which is why this is precisely the time when for every Black who takes a rest break or retires to the sidelines, two or more must take his/her place. Which is why the tactics and strategies required by this latest testing must be carefully shaped and energetically followed through.

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Buffalo Soldiers



Immediately after the Civil War, the United States began to recruit Blacks into its Army. People protested. The arguments at that time were that Blacks would turn and run when faced with danger; some said "It was too soon after slavery to give Blacks guns," and some just broke down and said, "They just wouldn't serve in the same army with Blacks." To solve these problems the Black soldiers were assigned to the 9th, 10th, 24th, and 25th regiments of the

U.S. Army. Their duties consisted of apprehending cattle rustlers, horse thieves and Indians throughout the American west. These soldiers even got into it a tie or two with the Texas Rangers, another segregated law enforcement agency. In their time, there were no better fighting men in the world. Their whole attitude was reflected in the motto adopted by the 9th regiment: **We Can And We Will.** They were

called all sorts of names: niggers, darkies, Judu's, Moacs, and Brunettes by various groups and organizations. The Indian dubbed them "Buffalo Soldier," in reference to the coarseness of their hair. Among the Indians, the buffalo was held in very high esteem and was the most important natural resource available to them. The Buffalo Soldiers were feared and respected by Indians wherever they went. The soldiers accepted the title and wore it with pride.

Nat Love: A Slave From Tennessee



Deadwood Dick

Deadwood, one of the greatest cowboys this nation had ever bred, said he wasn't born with the name Deadwood Dick. He said matter of factly that he won the title in a cowboy contest in South Dakota. The last is, he was born Nat Love, a Tennessee slave in 1854. After the Civil War his family was freed.

Later, his father died and he was forced to get a job. Nat found a job breaking horses for a nickel a head. One day the boss brought in the meanest horse Dick had ever seen. Upon seeing the horse, Dick figured on asking for no less than fifty cents. Negotiations

ensued and Dick settled for twenty-five cents. He rode the horse through pastures, through hedges that the ranch hands had stampered, and through fleeing neighborhood dogs. Finally, he broke the horse. After dismounting, he dusted off his clothes, gave himself a big pat on the

A Brief Look At Lubbock's Black Community

From 1910 to 1940

Although not as large as the Mexican-American community, the Black community has been equally important in shaping the cultural life of Lubbock.

Very few Negroes came to Lubbock prior to 1910, but in the decade that followed some were attracted to the area by the labor shortage in the cotton fields. Still, it was not until the twenties that Blacks migrated to Lubbock in large numbers. In 1910 there were only five Blacks in the city; seven years later this number increased to only sixteen. Even as late as 1920 there were but sixty-three Negroes in Lubbock. The earliest settlers included Will Sedberry, Earl Johnson, Calvin Quigley, Bob Johnson, Andrew and Ida Stafford and the Jamison, Henry, and Green families.

The black pioneers of Lubbock settled in an area of the town bordered by 16th and 19th streets on north and south and avenues A and C on the east and west. In the early twenties a number of Negroes bought land on Avenue A. Lee Moore and John Green built the first homes on this street.

These early dwellings were of a makeshift nature, constructed of materials ranging from cardboard to scrap wire and lumber.

From its beginnings the Black section of Lubbock was isolated from the rest of the city and Blacks were restricted as to where they could live. Black-operated businesses, however, were almost non-existent before 1920. It is likely that the only commercial enterprise run by Blacks before this date was a barber shop operated by

Jake White and Waymon Henry. In 1923 the Sedberry family opened a cafe on 17th Street. Within this time period, most Negroes were employed in the city as cooks, servants, maids, porters and janitors. Many, of course, found work in the cotton fields.

The social life of Lubbock's Blacks was organized very early. In the early and mid-twenties various fraternal orders were established. Weekends were devoted to shopping, trading and visiting with friends in town. Bob Johnson's large building at the corner of 18th and A served as a dance hall. In 1923 the Lubbock city council passed a resolution restricting blacks to the southeast portion of the Old Town addition. The well-defined minority status of the Negroes at the time, however, prevented widespread ill-feelings from developing. Segregation existed in movie houses, restaurants and transportation facilities. Even though the small Lubbock Ku Klux Klan preached a white purity doctrine, very few incidents of racial conflict took place.

Interviews with a number of early black residents indicate that racial harmony, rather than discord, characterized the mood of the city in the twenties and thirties. One black man stated, for example, that the cowboys controlled whatever disruptive measures may have been entertained by the K.K.K.

The church proved to be the pivotal social organization of the early Lubbock Black community. The original religious organizations encountered severe financial difficulties, however, and door-to-door campaigns were launched to collect money for buildings and compensation for ministers. Preachers had to be brought in from larger cities with considerable additional expense. The first congregations included the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church (1917), the Methodist Church (1920) and the Messiah Presbyterian Church (1928). Once these religious groups started they experienced continual growth. The churches gave order and permanence to the black community.

The development of a sound educational system for the Blacks was arduous process. The first Negro school sessions were held in servants quarters in 1920. In the following two years a Mrs. Butler taught class in the Mt. Gilead Church. Less than twenty Negro students attended school

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In 1925 the population of the school increased to one hundred sixty students and William M.H. Wilson was hired as principal and teacher. In 1927 the students named their school Dunbar after the Negro poet. Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Another room was added to the structure in 1929. Great advances were made in black education in the thirties when Professor E. C. Struggs arrived in Lubbock. Mr. Struggs not only served as a first-rate teacher and community leader, but he was also instrumental in promoting Dunbar's athletic program.

By 1930 the black population of Lubbock exceeded one thousand. In the decade that followed the blacks became more urban-oriented and exhibited a more profound communal awareness. Commercial activity increased as

a number of black-owned businesses sprang up in east Lubbock. These

included restaurants, cleaners, barber shops, grocery stores, a funeral home, a laundry and a hotel. James Craven and Delmus Banks provided a much needed service to the community when they began a taxi service in the mid-thirties. In 1932 the first black doctor, Joel P. Oliver, arrived in Lubbock. he was followed later in the decade by Dr. C. H. Lyons, a dentist and another physician. Dr. J. A. Chatman. In 1927, M.C. Coleman became the first black police officer in Lubbock.

The biggest annual event in black Lubbock during the thirties and forties was the celebration of Emancipation Day - June 19th. Referred to as "Juneteenth" by both Blacks and whites, this holiday was celebrated by picnics, dances, speeches and a baseball game. The local Negro team, known as the "Black Hubbers" was one of the finest squads in the state. The flexible racial barriers of Lubbock was exhibited

by the fact that the "Black Hubbers" often played the "White Hubbers". Members of the team includes Charles Sedberry, A.T. Brown, Dr. Oliver, Oscar Ties and James Lewis.

The first Negro Boy Scout Troops were organized in Lubbock in the fall of 1938. Though these organizations - Troops 18 and 19 - had little financial support, they provided activities for the black youth of the city. D.C. Fair and Charles Sedberry were key figures in the early Boy Scout program. Between 1930 and 1940 the Black population more than doubled. The 1940 census listed 2,229 blacks in the city of Lubbock. Much of this increase is attributable to the expansion in South Plains agriculture which occurred in the late thirties.

Throughout the thirties and forties the blacks of Lubbock experienced constant and impressive growth. Overcoming innumerable obstacles they established themselves as an integral and distinctive part of the community.

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The Heckler

My dad is still teaching me. This article that appeared in the Intra-City News not long ago, seemed to point straight at me and my generation.

J.W. Wilson, Jr.

I am happily living in the 72nd year of my life.

As is natural, we old men like to regress. We like to review the road over which we have traveled. In retrospect, some things that have been indelibly etched on our memories, may be forgotten for a little while, but some event of the present will evoke the happening or the condition. So it is with the word black. I am thinking of it as it applies to us as a people. Watch

this: first we were referred to as niggers (a small 'n'), then as negroes (small 'n'), later to Negroes (capital 'N'), then later came colored (small 'c'). Finally, and only just recently, we accepted the word Black.

I can recall when if a guy called you a S.O.B. he might get away with it. But, if he called you a black S.O.B., then you have a major fight on your hands. Also, if he was wrapped in the same coloring as you, he might get away with calling you

a nigger. But, don't let him call you a black nigger; the fight was on. It was definitely your fighting piece for a white man to call you any kind of nigger. Anyway, back to the word black. As aforesaid, we have accepted the word black, and I'd like to make the following points on being Black.

First: The youngsters are in some measure ashamed of the things that we oldsters had to endure in order that they may live and prosper in this present day world. However, they are proud to read about the first Negro in baseball, first Negro Senator, first Negro to receive the Nobel Prize, etc. All these achievements were made with insurmountable odds.

Second: Very little credit is given to those

mothers who stayed in the white peoples' kitchens, raised the whites' children until they went off to college and at the same time found time to raise her own brood. Or the fathers who dug ditches, picked cotton, waited on tables and other lowly paid jobs that were beneath the whites' dignity to do.

Third: We tend to lose sight of the fact that the two hundred or more years of vassalage, served as a bulwark for our improvement. The good jobs that the youngsters have today and their achievements in athletics, and other fields, are indirectly entwined with the struggles and sacrifices made by the oldsters.

Fourth: My son once inferred that we oldsters were cowards, that we should not have taken



what we took. The Negro wanted to survive and he has. The Indians were brave, they fought and were either killed or put on reservations. Today, the Indian is the low man on the totem pole. The word 'black' was tossed at us like a foreword pass and we caught it. Happily we are running with it. I can see how accepting the word

Black bridges a gap in our dealing with other people. We didn't like nigger, we abhorred Negro, and the word colored denoted stigma. We can accept Black and I, for one, am pleased with it.

"Civilization is just a slow process of learning to be kind."
Charles L. Lucas
The Readers Digest

"Must Have It"

Few people knew his real name. It was said of him, he was kind, gentle, and a good friend; especially in a fight. There were those who said he was a cold-hearted killer. Back in the 1940's, the mention of his name along, brought his name along, brought fear into the hearts of countless West Texans. His legal name was Robert Johnson, but all who knew him, including his family, called him "Must Have It".

His reputation spread throughout Texas, but it began in the back rooms of broken down gambling shacks in a place where even the police were afraid to go, the "Queen City" section of Lubbock, Texas. They say "Must Have It" carried two guns, and when his skills

at the dice tables proved insufficient; he did the thing that earned him his notorious name. He would jump back whip out his two pistols, and shout to the group, "I must have it; I must have all the money."

His reputation grew through the years, that is, until 1949. An infamous gambler, called "Nody," didn't like the way "Must Have It" had taken everybody's money. "Must have it" and "Nody" squared off the corner of Broadway and Avenue "A" thus creating the legend people have come to call "the Halloween night shoot-out that killed 'Must Have It'." "Coronado Apartments are located on that track of land that was once called Queen City."

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Sedberry Talks About Life In Lubbock

"There are not many of us left around these days," says Almo Sedberry, owner of Sedberry's Funeral Home and Barber Shop.

The Sedberys came to Lubbock in 1921 from Waxahachie, Texas. "Dad had a job out here, cooking at a hotel, but that was him, the rest of us didn't have jobs so we came on a cotton pick, and we've been here ever since."

The father, Will Sedberry, was employed at the Merrill Hotel, located at the site of McWhorter's Goodyear Auto Store. Eventually, all the family members worked at the Merrill one time or another. "They gave everybody in the family a job - the girls worked as maids, my brother, Leo, was a chef. Others worked as dishwashers, porters and shoeshine boys," Sedberry says.

To this date, Sedberry doesn't know how much money he made working at the Merrill simply because the money made by the family members was given to the eldest Sedberry. "My dad would receive the money and he'd give us boys twenty-five or fifty cents a week."

When asked about the race relations during those days, Sedberry says, "We had plenty of trouble with the whites. It wasn't serious trouble, but it was trouble."

The money was never really great. "Being black, you had to take it. We were never satisfied but we were doing the best we could do," he says. Sedberry after shinning shoes at Mark Halsey's Drug Store, he said: "I shined shoes for nickles and dimes, and that's how I sent my brother, Leo, to barber school - nickeling and diming it."

"We all had high school educations, but we had to go all the way to Houston to get them (due to segregated nature here)." "We were grown men, but we finished high school in 1932," Sedberry says. Damon Hill, Sr. was one of his classmates. He laughs as he recalls some of the practical jokes they played on their teachers who had a cork-leg. Education for blacks in Lubbock at that time did not go further than the 10th grade.

Education
"We went to school at the Baptist Church on Avenue A." That structure was the then Mount Gilead Baptist Church. "From there, we moved to the 300 block of 17th Street. Blacks were told if they secured the

land, a school house would be constructed for them. "They built us a school house, but it only had two rooms," Sedberry says. Ella

Carruthers, who was the first teacher then "for us and they named her as principal," according to Sedberry. "The school was built between 1924-1925 and in 1926 another room was added. Sedberry finished barber school in 1937, and he says he's "been at it since then." He does say, rather jokingly, the barber business is not as good as it once was due to the long hair people here these days.

Financially speaking, Sedberry admits he was spared of some problems others faced thanks to his barber shop which his dad purchased. They also owned a cafe -

says. Most of the folks would stay an hour or two, according to Sedberry and walk back home. "That's when the trouble would start. At night, the police would just be waiting to arrest those walking home from the show - cause it would be after midnight," Sedberry says. "It's been a good town and a tough town. We'd have dances on Ninth Street, and oftentimes, they'd make arrests after them."

Sedberry owned a car and many times said he would make two and three trips back to the theatre or dance to pick people up - thus keeping them from being arrested.

Not many people would speak out against these arrests, but Sedberry says there was one. "Rev. Wilson was



Almo Sedberry is shown above posing as one of the first baseball players for Dunbar High School. In the background is the school building in those days.

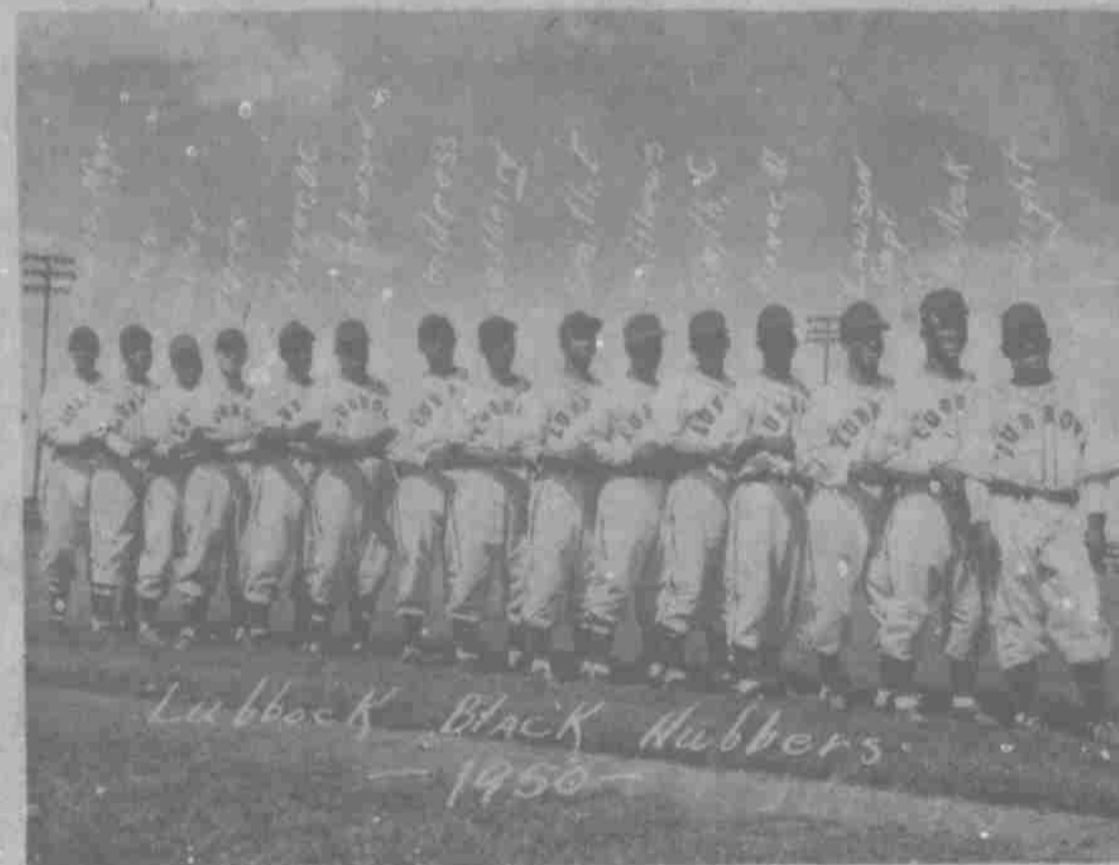


Family Portrait: The Will Sedberry Family was one of the first black families to settle in Lubbock, Texas. Pictured above is a family portrait of the Sedberys.

Standing (from left to right) Almo, Maude, Leo, Beatrice, Charles, Sr., and Douglas "Toots." Seated are: (left to right) Mrs. Ida Sedberry (Mama Sed), Charles,

Jr., and Mr. Will Sedberry (Papa Sed). Seated on his Papa Sed's knee is his grandson, Edward Sedberry, son of Almo. According to Almo,

when Papa Sed was called to stop a fuss or fight, everybody paid attention. "He could stop a fight without a gun, because people respected him," said Almo.



Lubbock Black Hubbers - 1950

Sedberry's Craft's - and then was the mortuary. "I started bringing in more money when the barber shop opened," he says. But before going into barbering, Sedberry worked at the Lubbock Sanitarium. All family members who worked then were able to go to school too. Sedberry grew disgruntled with his job then because he "was doing most of the work. His wages were \$1.00 a day."

Housing

Housing for blacks left much to be desired. "Most blacks lived between Avenue A and C," he says. "After midnight, you couldn't go on Avenue D or else the police would arrest you." During those times, there were midnight showings at the movie theatre. "Negroes had to sit in the balcony." "But at the midnight showing, you'd go up around 11:30 p. m. and sit anywhere," he

the main preacher who would speak out against the arrests," Sedberry said. Most people did little or no complaining. Sedberry has lived at his present address, 1609 Avenue C, ever since 1939, prior to that time he lived with his parents.

Religion

Sedberry says his family worked in Baptist Churches when they moved to Lubbock, but they were Presbyterians. Finally, one day, his father decided they had enough family members to form a church of their own - a Presbyterian Church and in the 30's,

Messiah Presbyterian Church was founded. Preachers in the community contributed their pastoral talents until a pastor was recruited. "Rev. S. S. Scott was one of our biggest helpers," Sedberry says adding "We had enough to make a congregation since there were about 10 of us."

Sedberry was employed at the Lubbock Sanitarium (a hospital) but "got tired of doing the doctor's job (for \$1.00 a day)," and quit to start barbering. His barber school course lasted for six months, costing \$90.



The First Dunbar High School Football Team: Pictured above

are members of the first Dunbar High School football team. This team

was organized in 1932

in front of Sedberry's Barber Shop and Cafe. The photo was taken



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Lubbock's Black Hubbers

Shown above are Almo Sedberry (left) and Alexander Johns, Sr. (right).



Other outstanding Black Hubbers, from left to right, were D. C. Kinner, Gene Lawson, James Fred Weight and Almo Sedberry.

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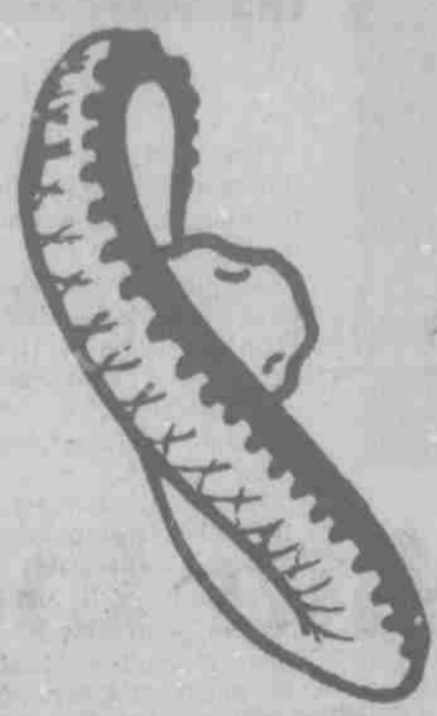
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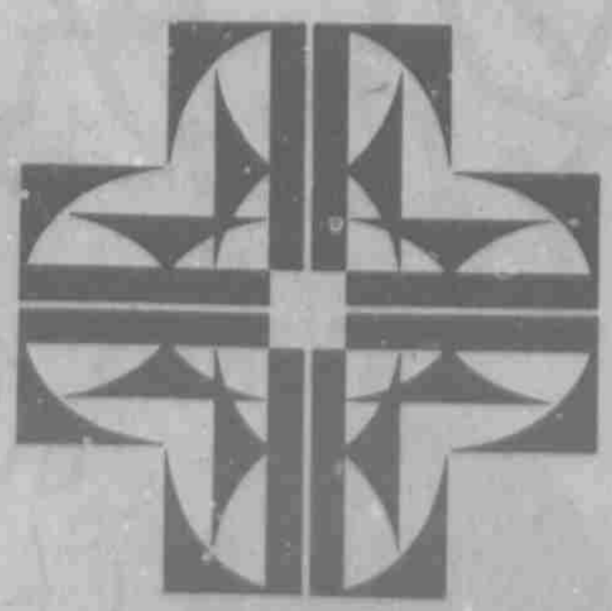
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'Prof' Struggs Made Outstanding Contribution To Lubbock Public Schools

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Mrs. Lillian C. Struggs

college -- took the College Entrance Examination at the college of their choice and they were admitted without conditions.

Working together as educators wasn't difficult because she eventually taught first grade. In 1937, Dunbar was accepted by the Southern Association to Secondary Schools. That acceptance eliminated Dunbar students from taking entrance exams to go to other schools.

"Most older citizens don't like to see Dunbar take the lower echelon," she says, "in school activities, because Dunbar has always stood out in the forefront of everything... In music, athletics, and every competitive sport. Mrs. Struggs reminds me, "that was where Dunbar was all-Black, you know." Of course we "are sometimes hesitant to say that," she says not wanting to stand in the way of progress.

She feels integration has brought about some progress but there have been problems through integration. She says we miss some of the glamour.

"Prof" went from three teachers in 1930 to 52 in 1965. The school went from "no graduates in 1931," she says, "to more than 100 in 1965." Two other students were taken from the all-student school leaving it available for seventh through 12 grades. The junior-high structure was named for 'Prof' Struggs.

During retirement years, 'Prof' discovered he was losing his sight and the couple developed a "memory room." This room was filled with memorabilia. He had three operations on his eyes, and filling one room of their tri-level home with awards, pictures, and even his first desk and chair put everything at reach.

The room has every yearbook published by the school during 'Prof's career. There is a proclamation passed by the school board when they changed the name of Dunbar to Dunbar-Struggs. This was indeed an honor. Mrs. Struggs says, "he was so thrilled because Dunbar is where

he had given 35 years of his life."

From 1932 to 1965, every student's diploma bore his signature," she says. "And now beginning last year, every Dunbar diploma bears

his name because of the name change," says 'Prof's widow.

For a change of pace, the Lubbock Digest questioned Mrs. Struggs about her courtship with the man others called 'Prof.'

The couple met in Cameron, Texas in 1925. The courtship was not a very long one, the two married in 1926. "We did our courting there in Cameron and married December 26, 1926 in Houston, Texas at Bethel Baptist Tabernacle of which her father

was pastor. "It was just an ordinary courtship and we lived happily ever after." "We were fortunate enough to

celebrate our Golden Anniversary."

"I guess it was love at first sight," she says. "We had our ups and downs, but I can truthfully say we never went to sleep angry with each other. I won't tell you how long we stayed awake at night," she jokes, "until we kissed and made up." Mrs. Struggs says that was their secret to a happily wedded life.

She wasn't torn from leaving one city to go to another with her husband as many brides are, she says she was anxious to come to Lubbock!

Upon coming to Lubbock, they roomed with the late John Fair, then moved into the present residence, and have been there since.

'Prof' died in 1979, but step down in the "Memory Room" of the Struggs home and you'll see he lives.

The next year, 1933, the graduating class fell to one, but it went back to six in 1934. Then in 1937, the school board built its first unit of Dunbar. (Prior this building school was conducted in the Messiah Presbyterian Church.)

Mrs. Struggs boast of the school's enrollment, "It never decreased -- it increased each year!" School enrollment for black children increased so much, she says that they taught "in every Negro church, and we taught straight sessions, split sessions, and we taught double sessions." Mrs. Struggs says there was no money available for a school building during that time (before school built), but the school board would allocate money for teachers to be hired, instead of the original teachers having to teach all day. "Another set of teachers would come on and occupy the school (church building) in the afternoons." Teachers and students worked in different sessions. The school had three teachers with 100 to 125 pupils, the year was 1930, and they grew. After building the first structure on Date, they added to that building three different times. (One must keep in mind the buildings and

additions were confirmations of the schools growth under 'Prof' Struggs).

"Finally," Mrs. Struggs says, "the student body grew so until they had to separate the schools." The student body was divided into two different units (Elementary and High School). Another principal was employed, Mrs. Mae Simmons (Mae Simmons Community Center and Park are named after her). Mrs. Struggs says her husband was instrumental in bringing every teacher (black) who had (has) been here any length of time. His rapport with the school board was such that, "they gave him the privilege of almost hand-picking his teachers."

Mrs. Struggs says these are the days of specialization, whereas those days you were valued if you had several talents. She says she never had to worry about getting a job because she had a good foundation in English, piano skills, and had her elementary (teaching) training. She says teachers then could expose students to just about anything they might encounter upon going to college.

"Consequently, from 1932 to 1937, all children graduating from Dunbar who wanted to enter

Mention "Prof" to any former Dunbar teacher and watch the (reminiscent) smile appear. Mention 'Professor Struggs' to any student -- or teacher, past or present of Dunbar-Struggs and the same reaction greets you. "Anybody who really know anything of the history of Dunbar without thinking of him," says Mrs. Lillian Struggs, widow of 'Prof' Edward Charles Struggs. He was Lubbock's fourth Negro teacher.

In a very warm atmosphere, Mrs. Struggs took us back in time to tell of the man she married.

"Lubbock was a nice little city, back in 1930. We'd been here since August 1, 1930 -- in fact my husband was elected as principal of the school in April of that year."

According to Mrs. Struggs, who sports a

vivid memory, "three other (black teachers) had been hired when he came to Lubbock. The first Negro teacher the school board hired was Mrs. Ella Iles (Iles Elementary). After enrollment (of Negro pupils) grew larger, the patrons wanted a male principal, so they elected

a Mr. W. M. H. Wilson as principal. He did not have a college degree, but the school continued to grow and they elected his wife, making her the third Negro teacher for Lubbock. But as the school enrollment grew, they wanted a principal with a college degree. That's where 'Prof.' entered the picture. Mrs. Struggs told the Lubbock Digest that Lubbock Schools Supt. M. H. Duncan wrote the president of Paul Quinn College at Waco, Texas - a requesting that he recommend a young man to take charge of the Negro school here. "My husband was recommended -- and hired," she says. That year was 1930 with his school year beginning August 1.

Lubbock Digest: What was it like living here?

Mrs. Struggs: "Well it was a new experience for us. We came from Central Texas. I was teaching in Cameron, Texas (she taught there five years before coming here). My husband was teaching in Minerva which was an oil town between Cameron and Rockdale. He taught there for five years." Mrs. Struggs says coming here was an adjustment because at 'Prof's school, he had an

assistant and two teachers. She taught in high school with eight teachers, but these were positive aspects: "Money wise, it was just a real paradise for us!" She jokingly recalls having taught five years in Cameron. "When I started teaching my salary was \$60.00. When I resigned, my salary was \$66.00!" The conversation is interrupted with her delightful laughter, but she says "I had acquired that in 1925 ... and my contract for 1926 showed the raise of \$6.00!" Mrs. Struggs says when she came to Lubbock, she didn't have a job, but Supt. Duncan asked her to go to Plainview to help out. She taught there for six weeks, "at the lucrative salary of \$75.00 a month, oh honey, so I was getting high time ... Time were indeed better."

Dunbar High School

School enrollment was around 100 or 125 students. Most were between second, third and fourth grades. The high school just had three years. Mrs. Struggs says the first (school) year 1930-31, there was no formal graduation, but in 1932, they had added the 11th grade, so those children had their first graduation exercise. There were six students in that class.

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