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Pastors Talk About Church

(Editor's Note: Lubbock Digest staff writer, Denise Kinner, invited various pastors and ministers in the Black community of Lubbock to address the problems of the community and their opinions and ideas for solutions. This week Dr. Floyd Perry, Jr., pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, is interviewed by Ms. Kinner).



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It could be said that he wears many hats, for he is a writer, researcher, professor and a minister. Dr. Floyd Perry, Jr. is the man you'll find wearing these different hats.

He talked with the Lubbock Digest about problems facing the East Lubbock community and the Black churches' role in helping solve those problems.

Even though Dr. Perry has served as pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church for the past 8 years, he does not view himself as a leader in the community because of his pastorage, but he does feel a responsibility to the community.

"I don't particularly relish holding a position of leadership in the community. However, I believe the black clergy has a large responsibility in terms of educating the people in the area of christian education."

According to Perry, not only does the black clergy have a responsibility to the community, the black church has a responsibility as well.

"The church should apprise the people of the social and economical problems that confront us as a people. I relish the opportunity to see all churches, in the community, come together irrespective of ones particular denomination or belief. The problems we face are too large for any one denomination to resolve."

One of those problems facing East Lubbock, Perry says, is the lack of participation in the political process.

"Until such time that they (East Lubbock citizens) turn out to vote, they will be a fettered people, that is, in chains. If they don't vote, they have no right to complain about things in East Lubbock."

Although Perry does not view himself as a leader in the community, he does believe he has made contributions.

"First, I think I have instilled in a select number of blacks pride in our race. Secondly, that irrespective of our disadvantages we can still succeed academically and economically."

At present, Dr. Perry is writing a biography, for publication, of Dr. C. A. W. Clark, pastor of Goodstreet Baptist Church in Dallas and President of the B. M. & E. State Convention. He also has had articles published in the College Student Journal. He is also employed full-time as a professor at Texas Tech University, besides pastoring Lyons Chapel.

Although he has been offered the pastorage of other churches in Lubbock and Oklahoma, Perry says he is not in a hurry to go anywhere.

"If I leave Lyons Chapel, it will take a lot of thinking on my part to make a change."

NEXT WEEK: Rev. Stephen Pierson, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Newton Returns From Tour



Karen Newton Walker

Karen Newton Walker just returned to Midland after touring Mexico with the Midland-Odessa Symphony. The group was invited to play as the

Black Teens Still Out Of Work!!

Minority teenagers continue to lead the nation's unemployment rolls according to figures released by the Labor Department last Friday. Unemployment among black teens stands at a record 16.8 percent. For minority teenagers, the jobless rate in November was 41.3 percent.

The Labor Department also reported that the nation's unemployment rate reached a six-year high of 8.4 percent in November, the highest level since October 1975. The number of unemployed Americans increased by 484,000 during the last month to 9 million.

Since July the number of people who want to work but cannot find jobs has climbed by 1.5 million.

Reagan Administration officials predict that the current recession to send unemployment even higher, possible to 9 percent.

\$2 Million Loan Program Announced



Washington - A \$2 million direct loan program to aid minority business was announced recently at a press briefing by Department of Energy Secretary James Edwards. The DOE initiative, according to Rosslee G. Douglas, director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, is designed to increase minority participation in DOE's research and development programs by alleviating financial

barriers in the preparation of bids and proposals. For specifics on the loan program call the DOE at (202) 252-8383. Attending the program announcement were: (L-R) Stephen Denlinger, executive director, Latin American Manufacturers Assn.; DOE Secretary James Edwards; OMEI director Rosslee G. Douglas; and Dr. Eugene Baker, president, National Assn. of Black Manufacturers.

Salinas Appointed On Task Force

Rep. Froy Salinas (D-Lubbock) has been named as a member of the honorary Texas Task Force on Holidays Ahead.

Holidays Ahead is an alcohol/traffic safety campaign sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism in cooperation with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and implemented by 26 local councils on alcoholism across the state, with the support of local organizations. Lubbock Council on Alcoholism is one of the groups implementing a Holidays Ahead Campaign.

"Members of the Task Force are state officials who have shown an interest in alcohol problems and traffic safety," explained Ross Newby, executive director of the Texas Commission on Alcoholism.

Salinas was the House'

culminating event of an inaugural festival.

Karen is the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Newton, 2631 Globe Avenue, Lubbock, Texas. She is a 1969 graduate of Dunbar High School and a 1973 graduate of West Texas State University.

She is currently an orchestra director with the Midland Public Schools.

Karen is married to Willie J. Walker and they are proud parents of two boys.

sponsor of legislation passed last session mandating classroom instruction for DWI offenders. Similar classes have been shown to reduce repeat offenses in other states.

Gov. William P. Clements, who chairs the Task Force, had a press conference on Monday in the Governor's Reception Room at the State Capitol in Austin to inaugurate the campaign.

Other Task Force members are Comptroller Bob Bullock, Sen. Kent Caperton (D-Bryan), Rep. Froy Salinas (D-Lubbock), Sen. Bill Sarpaulis (D-Hereford) and Sen. Carlos Iruan (D-Corpus Christi).

Hasie Appointed to Board

Lubbock Public Schools Board of Trustees President, Monte Hasie, has been appointed to serve on the Public Schools Board of Trustees Advisory Committee for the State Board of Education. The committee will focus attention on four major items of legislation passed during the 67th Session of the Texas Legislature: curriculum reform, teacher competency testing, school finance study, and vocational education study.

NAACP Meets Saturday

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will hold its regular meeting on Saturday, December 12, 1981, at 7:30 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

All members are asked to check their membership cards for renewals. The president, Rose Wilson, is asking all members to be present if possible.

The branch telephone number is 747-8463. "If there are members who would like to talk with me, they can reach me at this number," says Wilson.

Mr. Dan Davon, West Texas Democrat member, will be present.



Pictured are: Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) members, and Southwestern Bell Engineers (L to R) Juan Gutierrez and Gene Solloway.

TAME Receives Award

A local organization of engineers was recently recognized for its efforts to prepare young minority students for engineering careers.

The Lubbock chapter of the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) was presented the Outstanding Chapter Award for 1980-81 at a state TAME meeting in San Antonio. Accepting the award for the Lubbock group was Juan Gutierrez, manager-network maintenance-special services for Southwestern Bell.

The organization is composed of industry representatives, educators, and others interested in engineering education. Gutierrez said the purpose of the group is "to encourage young students to pursue an engineering career."

"We want to bring the message to the students that you have to begin preparing for an engineering career in

junior high school," Gutierrez said.

"We emphasize the importance of taking math courses in junior high and high school so the student will be prepared for college."

The most recent activity TAME has sponsored is a poster contest for the junior high schools in Lubbock. About 100 students entered posters that in some way depicted the engineering fields.

Winners from each junior high school will receive a calculator from Texas Instruments. The city-wide winner, Rhonda Washington of Alderson Junior High, also will receive a TI watch.

The theme of Miss Washington's winning poster was "Engineers are All Kinds of People."

Other activities the Lubbock chapter of TAME has engaged in, which served as the basis for the award, include a

Career Day exhibit at Texas Tech University. Companies participating in this event included IBM, Texas Instruments, Reese Air Force Base and Southwestern Bell.

TAME also selected the recipients of engineering scholarships sponsored by Dow Chemical. The recipients were students from local high schools, and the scholarship was for any engineering school of their choice.

The chapter sponsored two high school students attending a summer pre-engineering program at the University of Texas at El Paso. At programs like these, Gutierrez said, some students may decide that engineering is not the career for them.

"Most students are simply not aware of engineering as a career," he said. "Young people need to decide early whether or not that's what they want."

TAME also sponsored a program called "Engineer For a Day." Fifteen Lubbock High School students spent a day with engineers at various Southwestern Bell locations.

The aim of programs like these, Gutierrez said, is to give students "the opportunity to talk to someone in the profession. We want to counsel and guide them, tell them what's available, what the requirements are to be accepted at an engineering school, and what financial aid is available."

According to a report about TAME, the organization was formed in 1975, when the minority school-age population of Texas was 40 percent and steadily increasing, although only two to three percent of the engineering students in Texas colleges were Black, Hispanic, or Native Americans. Today the number of minority students enrolled in Texas' 12 engineering colleges is increasing.

At Texas Tech, for example, the percentage of minority students out of all freshmen enrolled in the engineering school in 1976 was 5.5 percent. In 1980, minorities made up 5.9 percent of all freshmen enrolled, according to the TAME annual report.

Black Educators Meet Saturday

The monthly meeting of the Lubbock Educators Black Caucus will be Saturday, December 12th, at 6 p. m. The meeting will be held at O. L. Slaton Junior High School. Door prizes will be awarded.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss upcoming events during the month of February. All black educators are

asked to join the caucus. Dues are \$5.00 per year.



DON EDWARDS - President of the Youth Round-Up, is shown going over some information with Queen Robbins, the secretary in charge of registration recently. The Youth Round-Up is an annual seminar sponsored by a group of dedicated young Christians in an effort to reach

the youth of the community and instill into them the much needed moral values and the benefits of purposeful living.

The seminar was held last month at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church where Rev. Larry Folk, Sr. is pastor. (Photo by Utok Kinkado)

Life Style

by Joe McConnell

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is another series by Mr. Joe McConnell about "Life Style." It is his way of sharing his own experiences in life.)

Listen Black Brother & Sister Blackness Is An Attitude!

I remember I was back in grade school, happy being a good "nigger" singing the blues and not causing any trouble. The principal came into class one day and announced: "The Board of Education says you can't graduate unless you read and memorize the Declaration of Independence."

I was a typical rebellious youngster, so I looked up an said "the ceela who?"

"Man, us black folks don't want to read any of that old white stuff." The principal answered: "Well, you won't graduate."

Naturally, I replied: "Then lay it right on me right now." So I started reading. "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal." You can imagine how those words sounded to my young, black ghetto ears. But wanting to graduate, I kept right on reading until I got to the section which read: "That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it."

(Well, people, the time is here now.) When a long train of abuses and usurpations invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their further security.

I dropped my book, ran to the principal's office, broke breathlessly

through the door, and gasped. "Have you got anymore of this stuff laying around?" Reading that Declaration of Independence made me want to take a look at the United States Constitution to see what else I might have missed! But later, I discovered that the founding fathers obviously made a mistake in writing their Declaration of Independence. At that the President neglected to label it "for white only."

Without that label, the Declaration of Independence becomes a dangerous document in the black ghettos of America; whenever America's long train of abuses is most

gainfully felt and the system's usurpations of human rights have become most despotic. It is dangerous for white America to insist that the basic American documents be read by the black, poor and oppressed, because such people are just naive enough to go out and do what the founding fathers said oppressed people should do. Evidently white America does not realize the danger, because it makes the same mistake today, forgetting to carefully label how, where and by whom certain American teaching should be applied. For example, can white America really be insane enough to believe that Black soldiers can be drafted into military service, sent to basic

training and taught to be guerillas, shipped ten thousand miles to fight with others to kill foreigners to liberate other foreigners, without realizing that the same black soldiers will return home to apply their instructions to liberate their own parents? If so, it is a dangerous mistake. America must realize she is not dealing with World War II black folk anymore, soldiers who can be turned on and off at random. As the Black man waits, he begins to see the tricks the white man used to keep involved in the chase. The white man ridiculed the Black man for the way he talked, and the Black man used to be embarrassed when he would count "one, two, three, fo." The white man would say,

Musical On Tap At St. James Baptist Church!

The St. James Baptist Church, 3601 Railroad Avenue, will be having a Pre-Christmas Musical program on Sunday afternoon, December 13, 1981, beginning at 3 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Kado Lang is pastor.

"You colored folk sure do talk funny." Then the Black men went to England and heard the English language as it should be spoken, and he came home realizing that white folk can't speak the English language properly either. The Black man knows that the process to social evaluation dictates that the pendulum will swing back to him one day.

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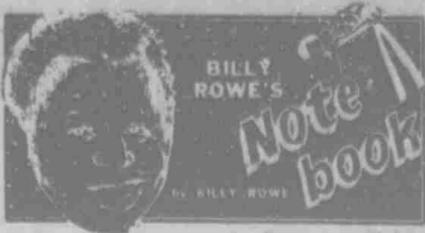


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Two Sided Fight Threatens H'Wood Bias

In these chaotic times Thanksgiving was a welcome change of pace. It blurred the woes long enough for us to count the blessings. The evaluation of this day is an analogue to the growth of faith. The coming togetherness of family and friends, the open arms and hearts to the needy and homeless provides a warmth, stability, companionship and unselfishness that is unmatched at any other time. It is a day which symbolizes the best in human kind. One that is a powerful incentive for a compassionate dreamer to go sleep walking through the past. It is the pause which stimulates the heart and refreshes the soul to draw you one step closer to the creator of the universe and all that is within it.

One of the things I am thankful for is how Ed Asner, newly elected prexy of The Screen Actors' Guild, is acting. Based on an interview he gave after his SAG victory he seems just what democracy ordered to bolster this sagging industry. He is also mindful of the lack of roles for blacks in films and on television, including series like his own, "Lou Grant," but in his own words hope to do something about it. Should he make a move against this long standing form of artistic bias he will have an allied interest with Benjamin Hooks, head bias hunter of the nat'l NAACP and Geraldine Green, prexy of BevHills H'wood branch. She is so incensed over the lack of film roles for blacks the slot for "Best Actress" in a theatrical picture was blue-penciled from this yr's Image Awards. At an Image Award reception she told a gathering that "This is outrageous. I think it's insulting to us that any industry would dare do something like that at this stage in '81. We should all be outraged, and I hope you all feel my outrage." She pointed out that out of "Literally hundreds" of feature films made the past year there were only 12 in which blacks had any roles at all. With Ben Hooks in attendance, Ms. Green pledged that the org. will put on the pressure for change.

Family Affair -- That well suited couple, David P. and Devera B. Grigsby, are still very much Mr. and Mrs., and in their own words, "very much in love." The change of turf, from Richmond to N'York City, which caused wonderment here, was a joint venture. He's now an investment broker with Merrill Lynch while waiting out an FCC application for one of four TV stations in Dayton, O. According to David the Dayton media is one of 5-stations being pursued by the Dayton Telecasting, Inc., a group of six, two blacks and four whites. He continues to hold 30% of the stock of WENZ in Richmond, which was not sold, but will be divested to avoid conflict of interest when the TV bids break. This will even make their 14-mo. old daughter happy In the lates B'way Paybill Chris Chase has conjured up a new title for lovely Lena Horne. She's now dubbed, "Dealer in Magic and Spells." Speaking about that lady, this is a good time to try for tickets for those hard to get ones like "The Lady and Her Music," "The Dresser," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Sophisticated Ladies," "42nd Street," "The First" and by all means "The West Side Waltz" which stars Katharine Hepburn and Dorothy Loudon. Though not much of a book, the acting is so great and it is so magical seeing Hepburn in the flesh it's like being called on the telly and told you've hit the big jackpot. Anybody could write a play for her and it would worth viewing. The holiday season is always a good time to check the box-office because it's then that hot tickets grow cold in the shopping crush.

Write Aside -- Rumors are that there is a big romance between fashion designer Lanette Little and award winning actor Robert Guillaume.... The money lenders say that had Sambo's changed its name when the bro. jumped all over its choice it would not be closing 447 of its eattries in 43 states idling 10,000 folks. The chain dropped \$118-million and is unsure what's gonna happen to the 667 other stores left in 47 states. **Change the name Sam.** For the 2nd-yr Calvin Peete is the top black golfer on the tee to green swing. He's 47th. on the money list having won \$86,653 for the season to rank among the top 60. He lead in two statistical positions: driving accuracy and greens hit in par or better..... Lee Elder, who used to lead blacks in the money category, and some whites also, dropped to 70th. position with winnings of only \$58,520. He played most of the season with a bad wrist..... There are only about 5-6 black golfers on the PGA tour... Unless Percy Sutton gets it for Cable TV studio Henry Matthews III wants the Apollo declared a historic site.

Write From Readin' -- It looks as if Nell Carter's new NBC-TV series, "Gimme A Break" didn't get one from the critics. The Big Apple's Eay Gardella dubbed it a tasteless series with too many sarcastic one-liners.... When asked about a broadcast rumor that he was about to resign from the U. S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall said in a telephone interview: "It's a lie, out of whole cloth, my secretary denied it to the man who started it before he started it." The Georgia State Senator, Julian Bond, had another mouthful of words when he said "The gross and the greedy" have prevailed in Washington and that "self-righteousness and swinishness" are much in evidence in administration policies. The Reagan "safety net" is "full of holes" and many of the truly needy will be hurt he declared.... "Atlanta Under Siege", a telefilm story of the youth killings in Atlanta from the mothers point of view, is said to be meeting sales resistance now that the murders have seemingly stopped. Interest is expected to pickup once the trial of the one suspect gets underway.... Pele, the greatest soccer player of all time and just voted "Athlete of the Century," has had his contract with Warner Communications, Inc. extended for an additional 5-yr....

STAY LOOSE
(Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist for the NNPA).

ENP Sponsors Christmas Party

The Expanded Nutrition Program (ENP) will be having a Christmas Party on Friday, December 11, 1981 from

6:30 to 8:30 p. m. The activity will be held at Mae Simmons Community Center, East 23rd and Quirt Avenue.

Plans For Detoxification Center Being Made Here

Harvey E. Robinson, president of Lubbock for Christ Club, met with Frances Baxter, director of Plains Detoxification Center, to discuss the fate of the center.

Ms. Baxter told Rev. Robinson that the center would have to close its doors if it could not get the help of the people of this great city.

Rev. Robinson inspected the center and said that he believes the center is doing a fine job

in its effort to detoxify those that have a drinking problem. The center is here to help all of Lubbock's people, and "I believe that we should try

and keep it operating." He encourages the citizens of Lubbock to send a \$1.00 donation to "Plains Detoxification Center", 2507 Amherst Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79415

Anyone who is currently an ENP leader is invited to come. A meal will be served starting at 6:30 p. m. Please bring a covered dish large enough to feed your family. Drinks will be provided.

After the meal is served, entertainment will be provided by the young people of Mary & Mac Private School. This school has been having ENP nutrition lessons for the past two months. They will present two skits and several

nutrition songs. Entertainment will also be provided by the children in the ENP group at George Woods Community Center. In addition, those present at the program who have participated in the Expanded Nutrition Program during the past year will be recognized.

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Editorials

The First Step Must Be Concern

by
Eddie P. Richardson

The newest controversy in Lubbock is the parents in the Southwestern part of Lubbock as to the structure of the proposed school building - traditional vs modern open concept.

With just the parents being concerned shows an interest. This is better than no concern at all or come what may attitude. Even if I don't know if I agree with the disturbed parents, I respect their concern. If all people of the city became concerned about what is being planned or is happening, it will make our city a more progressive one and our elected officials more responsive.

This writer respects the parents' right to let it be known what type of building they want for their youngsters. But on the other hand, this column is more concerned about the attitude for learning, the positive environment that's conducive to learning, the instilling of good self images, and the kinds and types of materials which will encourage reading and studying. But, too, with concern, these things will follow.

Booker T. Washington and Abraham Lincoln studied in log cabins - with lanterns, candles and lamps. As stated earlier, the concern is the first step toward progress.

This column has let up some on the Coronado Apartments' blight - but not effort and concern wise - just to regroup. All of our readers can rest assured, we will be back full force with all guns loaded early next year. This is a blight that is a total discredit of Lubbock's honor and dignity. This is not a forgotten matter by this column and this newspaper.

In 1982, we will be back fighting this blight with all resources. There is definitely something that can and must be done!

Please patronize our advertisers. They want and appreciate your business. A white merchant in the heart of East Lubbock - Floyd's Pharmacy - in Mackenzie Shopping Center, told one of our advertising salespersons that he (owner) didn't need the Lubbock Digest. We want our readers to know that there is a white merchant from across town taking the money from the Black community and saying he doesn't need the Black newspaper.

Thought you would like to know. We will tell of others as time goes by. We will also let you know merchants who are friendly and support the Black businesses and the Black community.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS to all of you and yours!!

Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



International KJAZ Festival Fabulous Making Money With Your Music

Well known to promoters everywhere is the fact that there are profits in any kind of soulful music. Jazz is no exception. The very first San Francisco Internal KJAZ Festival proved once again that festivals can be more than fun - even lucrative. This one was so profitable it gave away money.

A sizeable donation of the total proceeds of the non-profit event held on the week-end of Halloween went to benefit the San Francisco Cable Cars. You know the ones that "climb half way to the stars." Space trips are expensive, especially if you need new equipment. Everyone, including the Governor of California, Jerry Brown, Jr., climbed up on the stage to salute the contributions of jazz artists and lovers to preventing the disappearance of the ding-dong makers.

In fact, Al Davidson, soulful number one cable car bell ringer, seen and heard around the country in T. V. commercials, came to the festival shedding his municipal car grip man's outfit for a three piece business suit. I tell you there is a lot of money in this music business if you play the tune right.

Festivals are usually found to be a success or failure depending on the main thing. Talent. He or she who



makes the music determines the dollars. Designed with five shows, Thursday through Sunday, some real talent was demanded, especially since jam sessions and jazz workshops, not to count 12 free concerts in Bay Area neighborhoods, were also part of the total festival program.

Let me tell you something about the talent. Take a ten. The Modern Jazz quartet for openers. Their opium ten. The Modern Jazz quartet for openers. Their opium presence on stage set San Francisco's new Louise K. Davises Symphony Hall humming. Milt Jackson was only looking at the vibes when that happened. Then they played and everybody fainted. Fabulous performance, perfect as always.

Also, there was Dave Brubeck, beautiful and beaming over his new found sax man. Special guest Cal Tjader continues to excite the quite types, but Mary Stallings stole the heart of the first half of that show. MJQ was in the second half thank heavens. Something for perpetual students was stuck in front of the audience on Friday evening. This was college night

at the pops.

Perky Chick Corea was efficacious and infinitely pleasing the college crowd. It good good to them especially since they learned, later, festival host, John Hendricks could sing some of his oldies but goodies. Getting old he must be, even if his voice doesn't reveal it, his recognition of budding young talent indicates his total artistic maturity. Make that Bobby McFerrin masquerading as a live chicken stuffed with musical instruments. His performance was magnificent, made even better by his band. They proved he was really good.

Getting good real jazz sessions was the easiest thing you ever heard of at the first San Francisco International KJAZ Festival. You got to know where to look. In the "hot" little Herbst Theatre Saturday afternoon it was dy-no-mite. United Front, five of the most refreshing young men ever to hit with revolutionary talent took charge of the audience from the opening note.

No one looked back, certainly not them. They joined pianist Jessica Williams, another festival fantasy at San Francisco's number one jazz club, Keystone Korner, on November 9th in a benefit concert to free Black political prisoners and prisoners of war.

When the United Front finally recognized the inability of the audience to sustain their own thunderous excitement, they exited to save themselves. This type of utopian exodus was evidently to be the essence of the afternoon. None other than the Bay Area legend of avantgarde jazz music, the incomparable and quite controversial Cecil Taylor Unit proceeded to ignite the crowd continuously for over one hour and 30 minutes. Make that one and half Howards-none stop. 747s cannot fly like that.

This one song set was worth the price of admission for the entire festival. The fault of the festival was it could only be found here in the smaller Herbst Theatre. Take note, put the Cecil Taylor Unit on the

opening program next year. Ya'll her dat! Mikhail Baryshonodov had the privilege of performing with pianist extra ordinarir Cecil Taylor and could only match his music with his dance. Baryshonodov is no better ballet dancer than Cecil Taylor is a jazz pianist. Both performers deserve center stage in their art forum. Festivals begin to fade when they fail to help their patrons grow and appreciate the total art forum.

Oh, yes, how do you make money at a festival. Simple. Find a fine foreign artist in the group and have his country pay for excluding video-T. V. rights. Terumasa Hino, an excellent electronically creative musician with memories of Miles Davis was the artist, eureka, Japan is the country. Count the dollars for the Cable Cars.

An Independent View from Capitol Hill

BY HON. GUS SAVAGE
First Black Journalist
ever elected to Congress



Reagan Is Master of Old Ploy: Using Blacks Against Blacks

The Reagan Administration's negative position on affirmative action, voting rights, and civil rights in general is widely known. What has not surfaced until recently is his use of conservative Blacks to play the role of hatchet men in watering down or doing away with agencies and programs that have the welfare of minorities as their primary objective.

One of the earliest instances of using a Black in such a role occurred at the U. S. Department of Transportation where a plan to reorganize the civil rights offices within agencies would have diluted their effectiveness. The reorganization would have placed civil rights offices under the office of personnel in each agency of DOT.

We learned of this plan last August and sent Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis a letter informing him of our concern. I told Secretary Lewis that the reorganization, if implemented, would obviously subordinate activities of the civil rights offices to personnel offices, and adversely affect their functions.

Lewis responded in a letter telling me that the Transportation Department would continue the arrangement under which the heads of civil rights offices report directly to the heads of departmental organizations. "We have no plans to locate our civil rights functions under our personnel offices," Lewis told me in writing.

Now, in November, comes the firing of Arthur Fleming, a former secretary of health, education and welfare (under Dwight Eisenhower), who had chaired the U. S. Civil Rights Commission for Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter. However, Fleming who perceived his job as that of an independent, was too serious about his position for the Reagan team.

The 76-year-old Fleming is white. He has supported affirmative action programs, has insisted that busing is a phony issue attacked by those who still favor segregation, and he supports the extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Of course, Reagan wants to weaken the Voting Rights Act.

Picked to replace Fleming is Clarence Pendleton, director of the San Diego Urban League. Pendleton has been described as a black conservative who, like the President who appointed him, objects to affirmative action programs.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission also has felt the brunt of the Reagan hatchet men. The President nominated William M. Bell of Detroit, 55, to head EEOC. Bell, described as a black businessman, has no legal experience, no civil rights experience, and no noticeable track record as a businessman. He reportedly is the only employee of his current organization, Bold Concepts, Inc.

Bell's qualifications for the EEOC job, oddly enough, as not his blackness. Instead, it was his support of Reagan in the presidential campaign. This was noted by fellow journalist Carl Rowan who said: "Give Bell six months as head of EEOC and every member of Congress would find reason to say, 'EEOC

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Ringling The Bell

by
Bob Tietel



Reviewing the Black Experience: Dear Marion - It was good to hear from you after quiet a spell. We remember you as one of our bellringers who worked with us in Louisiana when we were on the field for the Kansas City Call and we hit the trails many times in Oklahoma, East and Central Texas, Kansas and Missouri. We remember too, how hard we both worked with many of our black youth driving to instill in them a sense of pride and dignity and to never let them forget that "I am somebody".

In our travels over many sections of the Southwest in interest of the Black Press, we touched the lives of many of our youth and some adults and we could sense a growing awareness of our great black heritage in family, church and state. It was during those momentous times that you would often say to me: "Bob, you are doing a great job with our young people in many places and you must not give up. There is too much at stake for our young people. Somebody has to stay on the job."

In those years, the walls of segregation in our public schools were beginning to fall slowly but surely and we both realized that it would be through the Black Church that our most effective work would be done. Many of the black pastors and other church and business leaders joined in our program of "black pride and dignity", rather than "black power" which was so popular in these early times. We knew that black youth could be beautiful but we would have to work at it and we did just that.

Neither one of us are as young and strong as we used to be but perhaps God has a bit more for us to do before He says well done. Looking forward to reviewing our work with you and perhaps chartering a short course for the future of our great American black youth and praying that a new hope and faith will be born to meet the challenging years ahead for them. Storms and tears for some are ahead but as ever, God will continue to lead us and we shall not be afraid. Please come to see us when you can. Signed: Bob The Bellringer.

Mark your calendar - National Educational Association members and friends of education are invited to participate in the 1982 regional Instruction and Professional Development conference in their area. The western region conference will be held in Fort Worth, Texas in the Hilton Inn on Feb. 5-7, 1982. Sessions will focus on academic freedom, teacher education, sex equity in curriculum, materials on racial bigotry and the Ku Klux Klan, the new right and its effect on teaching, and other topics.

Harry Bowman, music critic of the Dallas A. M. News recently wrote that Sarah Vaughn's greatness is not only impressive, but it is also incandescent. "Her voice is staggering in its variety and emotional content. The way she uses it can only be called one of the wonders of the modern world." He added that anyone can get a serious argument as to whether Ella Fitzgerald or Sarah Vaughn is better. Neither is better than the other, Bowman adds. They are different and they share the mountaintop.

Recent Great Quotes: "When Clemson's top quarterback, a black lad, went down with an injury recently, in came Clemson's No. 2 field general, another black lad, who led his team to victory over a North Carolina team. Lordy, this is incredible. I said to myself, remembering the days when CBS, ABC, NBC and the rest of the media in were expressing holy outrage that Clemson, Alabama, Georgia and other colleges in the South were so bigoted as to deny black quarterbacks, ends etc. to demonstrate their skill... The networks that were so sanctimonious 20 years ago in condemning Jim crown on the playing field are now the most lily-white institution in football." end of quote from Carl Rowan, a black syndicated columnist in the Dallas A. M. News.

Word comes that Bryant Gumbel, a superior black journalist has been a top dog on NBC's pre-game show is said about to make a mighty leap to host of the Today Show.

Social Security Tips

by
Jewel M. Love
Service Representative

Your Social Security And You

Questions about benefits? Get the answers at any Social Security Office. The people there can give you accurate, up-to-date information free of charge.

Q. I just received my W-2 form from my employer but he made a typing error on it. Should I tell him about it?

A. Yes, you should. You may lose valuable credit for your earnings if they are not reported correctly to Social Security. As it is the employer's responsibility to report your earnings to Social Security, he should immediately issue a corrected W-2 form and send a copy A of that form to Social Security at the address that he sent you first one to. The instructions enclosed with your employer's W-3 form that he received from the Internal Revenue Service tell him how to do this. If he has any questions, he can call the Inter. at Revenue Service at the toll-free number listed in his local telephone directory.

Q. My daughter says that I should apply for SSI. Will I have to sell my house in order to qualify?

A. No, regardless of value, the house you live in and the land adjacent to it are not counted in determining whether you qualify for SSI.

Q. I have a mentally retarded son. Both he and I receive Social Security benefits on the record of his deceased father. My son will be 16 soon. Will our Social Security checks stop then?

A. Not necessarily. Since your son is mentally retarded you can file a Social Security claim for him as a "disabled adult child," that is, a child who became disabled before age 22. If it is determined that he cannot work, then we can pay him as a disabled adult child. We may also be able to continue your checks if you provide him with special care and services. Check with your local Social Security office for further details.

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Rev. Robinson Speaks

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"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom, let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six." Rev. 13:17-18.

In September 1980, a publication of the Darrell Dunn Ministries, Chattanooga, Tennessee reported that, "During the months of July and August, 1980, the Internal Revenue Service made a mistake it wishes it could reverse."

"Reports from several states such as Kentucky, Indiana, Maryland and Virginia confirm the startling news. Scores of Social Security checks were accidentally mailed to recipients that required a special and unusual process for cashing. It was so unusual that banks refused to even try to cash them."

"The instructional paragraph on these particular checks was changed to read the party cashing the check MUST HAVE THE PROPER IDENTIFICATION MARK IN THEIR RIGHT HAND OR FOREHEAD. Without it, the check could not be cashed."

"In spite of all demands, the banks refused to cash any of the

checks. The IRS was contacted in each case. After much confusion, denials and arguing, the IRS admitted the mistakes.

"The checks were valid Social Security checks. However, they were not useable at this time. The only problem with them was that they were sent out too soon. "These government checks, requiring a MARK in a person's RIGHT HAND OR FOREHEAD are not to be put into use until 1984!"

What is the mark of the beast? "The beast" is a Bible term for a world dictator-king who will come into power within one generation from the time of the rebirth of Israel as a nation (1948). Toward the end of that generation, this king will become so prominent and powerful that he will declare himself to be God. The Bible says that he will be indwelt by the devil-Satan. To worship him, indicated by receiving his mark, will be to worship Satan, and will bring eternal damnation.

"If any man worship the beast and his image and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the

East Lubbock Ministers Install Officers

The East Lubbock Ministerial Alliance will conduct their installation services on Friday night, December 11, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greater St. James Baptist Church.

wrath of God; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." Rev. 14:9-11.

Jesus came into the world to overcome the works of the devil and to provide salvation to all who will receive Him as their Saviour.

Those who believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour will not face the anti-Christ or his MARK. The rapture will come first in which all believers will be caught up to be with the Lord.

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Rev. Kado Lang, pastor and president of the alliance, and the Midland, Texas Ministerial Alliance president, Superintendent Elder C. S. Johnson will do the installation, and preach the installation message. In the closing of another year, the members of the East Lubbock Ministerial Alliance appeal once again to all pastors and ministers of this great city to join the oldest Black Ministerial Ministry in this community.

"We are concerned about our people and community, but we know as others, we can't make improvement alone. There must be unity," says Rev. Lang.

"We ministers, can be part of various organizations and groups and arrange our schedule to be present at them, and stand in our needs. It's sad because Lubbock needs for the Black preacher - young ones and old ones - to stand together. We all can't lead; someone got to lead us," continued Rev. Lang.

The theme for this incoming year is "Using Christ as Our Guide." Everyone is invited to take part in this service, says Rev. Lang.

Pampa, Texas News

The 49th Church Anniversary was great at the St. Mark C. M. E. Church.

On Friday night, November 20th, the guest churches turned out in a great way. The New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. V. C. Martin, pastor; Holy Temple C.C.G.I.C., Elder H. Kelley, pastor; St. Stephens Baptist Church, Rev. Melvin Brooks, pastor; Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Rev. I. Robertson, pastor. The message was delivered by Rev. V. C. Martin.

Saturday morning, November 21st, a prayer breakfast was sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and the members of St. Mark. An address was made by Stanley Williams. The theme was: "The Church One Body." There were several prayers prayed. The spirit was high.

Sunday evening, November 22nd, at 3 p.m., the following ministers and congregations worshipped with us: Beinel Baptist Church, Berger, Texas, Rev. J. H. Blakemore, pastor; New Zion Baptist Church, Berger, Texas, Rev. R. Dixon, pastor; Open Door COGIC, Pampa, Texas, Elder Anderson,

pastor; Macedonia Baptist Church, Pampa, Texas, Rev. E. F. Nelson, pastor.

The church history was given by Mrs. Rutheu Morgan. The message was delivered by Rev. E. F. Nelson.

The offering for this 49th Church Anniversary will be announced later. As of now, more has been raised than ever before, and the reports are still coming in.

EHS PTA Meets

The Estacado High School PTA will meet Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p. m. The choir and band will perform for the members.

All members are asked to attend.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met as guest in fellowship with the New Zeal District Board meeting in Tahoka, Texas last Saturday.

This was a two-fold meeting, and the women, along with the brethren, had a spirit filled meeting.

Mrs. C. C. Peoples was the speaker for the morning. Her subject was: "A Closer Walk." Scripture was taken from Phillipians 3:1-4 (Living Bible).

Whatever happens, Dear Friends, be good in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you this, and it is good for you to hear it again and again.

"Watch out for those wicked men - dangerous dogs - I call them - who say you must be circumcised to be saved. For it isn't the cutting of our bodies that makes us children of God; it is worshipping Him with our spirit. That is the on our spirit. That is the only true 'circumcision.' We Christians glory in what Christ Jesus has done for us and realize that we are helpless to save ourselves. (Key Verse) Yet if anyone ever had reason to hope that he could save himself, it would be I. If others could be saved by what they are, certainly I

could!" Mrs. Peoples is a terrific speaker and teacher. Also lives what she teaches. And to the Moderator, Officers and Members of this great district, we love all of you. And may God forever bless you in a mighty way.

Thought for the day: "What does the Lord require of us?" Micah 6:8. Think about it!! A beautiful solid lunch was served, and enjoyed by all. Are you hungry -- spiritually or physically?? If so, come. You are "Welcome."

Our sick and shut in list include: Mrs. Ophelia Smith, Mrs. Arnie M. Washington, Mr. James Curtis. We're sure there are others not known about at this time. God specializes in things that seem impossible, and He can do what no other doctor can do.

Our bereaved family this week includes: the Bertha Hood family. The Lord knows just how much you can bear. If you have a prayer request, call or come by. Let's pray together. We can make a difference. The numbers are: 744-6642, 762-5917, 747-7326 or 762-3347.

Can any good come out of Nazareth?? Our next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Juanita Sowell at 2404 East 9th Street.

Come and see!! Mrs. Mary Ward is president; Mrs. C. E. Fair, vice president; Mrs. C. E. Brown, secretary; and Mrs. D. Hood, reporter.

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We would like to these means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and concerned citizens of Lubbock for the many expressions of concern following the home-going of Jesse.

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"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill toward men." Matthew 2:11-13

To show their love He was given incenses, gifts and gold. But the King Herod wanted to destroy His little soul. Luke 2:40

Jesus was anointed to preach to the poor. To heal broken hearts and restore sight to the blind. Of all the love He made, He is still hated by mankind. John 19:16-34

They nailed Him on the cross -- pierced Him in the side. For the reason He was born, He has died (Man's sins) Matthew 28:2-6

The Lord sent an angel to roll back the gravestone. And Jesus did rise -- is now sitting on the right hand of God who is yet on the throne. (AMEN)

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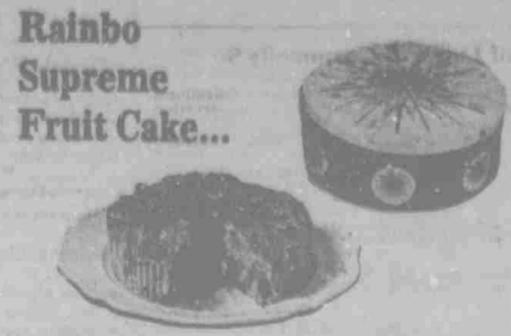
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Center on 19th Street here. **KCBD NEEDS HELP!!!** If you know of anyone in the... **BLACK COMMUNITY**... who may be interested in going into television... why not ask them to contact our friend... **ROBERT MCKINSEY**... vice president and general manager at... **KCBD-TV**... You may reach him by calling... 744-1414. **\$1,500 READER'S DIGEST GRANT AT TECH!!** Hope the recent grant from... **READER'S DIGEST FOUNDATION**... in the area of journalism will be used to encourage... **BLACKS**... and other minorities to enter this journalism field. Dr. Billy I. Ross... chairman of the Mass Communications on the campus of Texas Tech University... has all the details... More Blacks and other minorities are needed in this field. **COCA COLA'S INVOLVEMENT!** Coca Cola plans \$30 million to

Blacks for workfare... The plan is designed to increase... **BLACK INVOLVEMENT**... in eight areas... of the company's system. They are... 1. Bottler Franchises... 2. Fountain Wholesalers/Wine Distributors... 3. Business Development... 4. Advertising... 5. Banking... and... 6. Management... and... 7. Corporate Contributions... and... 8. Goods and Services... How many of you have talked with... **COCA COLA**... about this opportunity... in the... Black Community. This could be the start of something great in Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas for some... **BLACKS**... This is a great opportunity for someone who has the... **GUTS**... to work hard and to do a great job!! **WHO'S DOUG JAMES???** Word comes... to... **THIS N THAT**... that a young... man by the name of... **DOUG JAMES**... who could be the next... **DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN IN LUBBOCK!!**

OPPOSITION FOR ROSE WILSON! It appears as though... two members of the West Texas Democrats... **DR. NEALE PIERSON**... and... **DAN SIEWERT**... have announced plans to file for the office in their respective precincts... They would be running against... **DONNA TAYLOR**... and... **ROSE WILSON**... **WONDER WHY???** Could mean that there will be excitement in other precincts... even... **PRECINCT 26**... How about that!! **WELL SAID!!! BISHOP W.D. HAYNES**... speaking at the... **SILVER ANNIVERSARY**... of the... **BISHOP and MRS. J. E. ALEXANDER**... made a lot of sense when he said... **"BLACK FOLKS HAD BETTER QUIT WORRYING ABOUT WHAT PRESIDENT REAGAN IS GOING TO DO ABOUT THE ECONOMY... AND START DOING SOME THINGS FOR OURSELVES... AND PUT THE LORD FIRST"**... Well said... **BISHOP HAYNES!!** **WOULD YOU BELIEVE???** Well for the first time in the history of

Lubbock... a... **BLACK SANTA CLAUS**... will land in East Lubbock... For more information... why not ask... **CAROLYN LANIER**... at City Hall... about it. **LOIC WILL REMAIN OPEN!!** It is good to note that the... **LUBBOCK OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER (LOIC)**... remain open... Don't you think it's about time that this program get back to community fund raising projects... **DIANA HENDERSON**... so this program won't need to worry each year about funding... Wondering what is going to happen is not too healthy... Take it back to the way it was years ago... **WILL A BLACK RUN FOR OFFICE???** Time is almost here... and the question to ask... is there a... **BLACK**... running for any political office... At one time... we'd thought that some vibrations would have been felt for the... **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAT**... held by... **COY BIGGS**... Maybe something will still happen next year!!



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Services at the New Hope Baptist Church were very spiritual all day. Everything got underway with Sunday School at the usual hour. Little Master Swain acted as superintendent. The Sunday School sang "Happy Birthday" to their general superintendent, Mrs. R. B. Thompson. Last Sunday was the Board of Christian Education day. During morning

services, devotion was led by Deacon Swain and Deacon Francis. Rev. Ferguson and Rev. Swisher were present with the members. The speaker of the hour was Mr. Grover C. Colvin. His scripture was Matthew 6:23-24. His subject was "Seek Ye First The Kingdom of Heaven." He was introduced by president of the Board of Christian Education, Mr. John Evans.

At the 3:00 p. m. services, a musical was held by the lovely voices of New Hope. It was very good.

The B. M. & E. State Board will convene this week in Dallas, Texas on the campus of Bishop College, December 8 & 9. Among those in attendance from New Hope are Sister B. Kelly and Sister C. Howard.

Remember our sick and shut ins. Mrs. Mildred K. Lusk is still a patient at Lubbock General Hospital. Mr. Sammie Curtis is a patient at the V. A. Administration in Big Spring, Texas.

Whisper a prayer for the bereaved families in our community. Among them are the Hoods and Rafe families.

Mrs. Mee Emma McGowan attended the funeral services of Ruby Honey Brown last Friday in Navasota, Texas. Ruby was a cousin of Mary Jones Alexander.

Sunday evening, December 20, at 7 p. m. the Christmas program will be held at New Hope Baptist Church. It will start at 7:00 p. m. Also having a Christmas program on Friday, December 19, will be the young people of Bethel African Methodist

Episcopal Church. It will begin at 7 p. m.

Presiding Elder and Mrs. A. J. Davis, Sr. were at Bethel A.M.E. Church

last weekend. It was the Second Quarterly Conference. Rev. Davis

preached a dynamic sermon on Sunday morning.

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Baker Hosts House Guest

Mrs. Pearl Baker of Antonio, Texas last week. She was Ms. Mable Goodlow.

Gus Savage

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is a disaster! Goodbye, EEOC!"

Reagan literally wiped out the Community Services Administration, a scaled down version of the old Office of Equal Opportunity.

We shouted our alarm over Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan's announcement in August of the Administration's plans to permit 150,000 of the 200,000 firms with government contracts to bypass formal affirmative action programs and guidelines.

I repeat now what I said upon learning of the plan: "What President Reagan is planning will take us another step backward into the eighteenth century. This is without a doubt a retreat in social justice."

And the retreat goes on!

Ms. Goodlow was here for a three day stay to visit her niece, Pearl Baker; nephews - James Jamison and Billy Richardson. Also her new addition - a great nephew, Tony LaBrant Jamison, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Jamison who is the son of

Ms. Arlena Jamison and the great grandson of Mrs. Baker.

While Mrs. Goodlow enjoyed her stay in the "Hub City", she was entertained by a breakfast, sponsored by Mrs. Claretta Brown. She also had an opportunity to attend the Royal Ladies

Club in the home of M.L. Louise Sparks.

Her stay in Lubbock was a most enjoyable one. She is now getting ready to visit her daughter in Costa Rica - Mrs. Madyellen Rollen and family.

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Hardwick, Mahon and Rush Elementary Schools will have a combined P.T.A. meet-

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The musical will begin at 8:00 p. m. on Saturday, December 12, 1981, at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1602 Quirt Avenue.

The public is invited to attend.

Faith First Baptist Church News

The day began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. The lesson was "Jesus As Son of God." Scripture: Mark 1:1; 4:11; 9:2-8.

Devotion was led by Bro. G. Jackson and Bro. V. Edwards. Our pastor, Rev. F. B. Bell, delivered the message. His text was "True Soul Food," St. John 6:48-57. The message was enjoyed by all.

Members of Faith First would like to thank our many visitors. Please feel welcome to join us again!

Isn't it sad that

OBSEQUIES

Rev. Ira Mullins, Sr.

Rev. Ira Mullins was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Mullins on January 9, 1903 in Sweet Home, Texas, Lavaca County.

He united with Daniel Methodist Church at an early age.

Later in life, he married Mable Jones. To this union four children were born, in addition to two step sons.

In 1954, he was called into the pew. He was ordained at Carter's Chapel C. M. E. Church in Lubbock. In 1956, he united in matrimony to Mrs. Hattie Flower. During these 25 years, he served faithfully in the Northwest Texas Conference, pastoring churches throughout the district under the presidency of E. J. Lott, G. R. Peterson and Jonah Parker, after which he went out into the field of labor for the Lord.



Lamesa, Texas to live and pastor for seven years. Doing this pastorage, he builded the Fountain Chapel C. M. E. Church after which they moved on to San Angelo, Pecos, Albany, Quannah, Childress, and Vernon where he pastored the St. James C. M. E. Church.

He retired in 1977. Later, he moved to Amarillo, Texas and served Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church under the Rev. Robert Humphrey. He moved to Austin, Texas and then to Houston, Texas where he united with the Metropolitan C. M. E. Church. He served there under Pastor Henry Q. Dickerson until his death.

He leaves to mourn: a wife, Mrs. Hattie Mae Mullins; a daughter, Doris Franklin of Austin; three sons - Ira Mullins, Jr. of Austin, Roy L. Mullins of Amarillo and Odell Mullins of Baste, California; two step-sons - Willie Jean and Otis Ellerman; two sisters - Maggie Jones of Omaha, Ne. and Donnie Elerson Mullins of Lockhart, Texas; a brother, Lenious Connelly of Fort Worth, Texas; a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

Rev. Mullins was the brother-in-law of Mrs. Granville Wallace of Lubbock.

Interment was held in St. Mark Cemetery in Hearne, Texas.

Elder G. R. Patterson is the Elder in that District. Presiding bishop is Bishop C. D. Coleman.

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Let us continue to pray for the sick and shut-ins. Rev. F. B. Bell is pastor. Alisa Henderson reporter.

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