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Dunbar Cagers to Face Washington Here Friday Night

Banquet Set for State 3-AAA Champs, Estacado's Matadors, Next Thursday

Bob Lilly, Dallas Cowboy's defensive tackle, will be the featured speaker March 6th at a banquet for the state Class 3-AAA football Champions, the Estacado Matadors.

This announcement was made by Dr. John Bradford, president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, last Friday, under arrangement of the athletic affairs committee of the chamber, the banquet-program is open to the public so that appreciation can again be expressed to the Matadors for a job well done.

Panel Discussion at St. Luke United Methodist Church

In a panel discussion last Sunday evening at the St. Luke United Church, four members of the community who are involved in working with indigent people of the community appeared on the program.

They were Mrs. Murry Peppers, director of the Multi-Service Center, Mrs. Pat Vaughn, director of Presbyterian Clinic, T. J. Patterson, assistant director of Community Action Board, and Miss Barbara Sommerville, director of Guadalupe Neighborhood Center.

Each, in his way explained the function of their respective agency, in regard to helping people help themselves.

The theme for the panel was "Local Mission Field." The panel was narrated by Bill Cox, member of the congregation.

School Week to Get Underway In City Schools March 3rd

With the theme "Democracy in Action" and with emphasis on respect for law and order, many plans are being made by the schools of Lubbock in observance of the 19th annual Texas Public Schools Week, March 3-7.

The 54 public schools in Lubbock are planning numerous programs and classroom activities throughout the week to attract the public to the schools for a visit during the week.

Visitation is the underlying purpose of the entire week, to provide an opportunity for citizens to become better acquainted with the achievements and needs of their schools.

G. C. Clapp, director of public information for the schools, said that Lubbock schools are reporting their plans for observances of the week, including special assembly programs, P-TA meetings, open houses, classroom demonstrations and informal visitation. A schedule of activities in the various schools is being prepared.

A planning committee, which includes a group of citizens working with the schools in order to promote the week, consists of the following people: Mrs. W. E. Medlock, Syrian E. Marbut, Miss Trula Maud Jetton, William Powell, David Autry, Sherman Taylor, Shannon Kelta, Lt. James A. Mason, F. C. Odorizzi, John L. Cross, James B. Renfrow, Wayland Carroll, Morris Long and Dr. John Anderson.

Tickets, at \$3.50 each, are on sale now and will be available at the chamber office, 902 Texas Avenue, from members of the sponsoring committee, and at some business locations.

The banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the KOKO Palace.

Jim Keeling, head coach at Estacado, will show films and narrate highlights of the Matador's mighty season.

Lilly, a former All-American tackle from TCU, is a native of Throckmorton, and has been in the pro ranks for eight years. With George Andrie, he forms the older, more experienced right side of the Dallas "front four." According to Coach Tom Landry, Lilly is the "premier defensive tackle in the NFL."

Lubbock Man Receives 30 Days in County Jail

A twenty-one-year old Lubbock man, James Henry Buchanan, of 3212 East Main Place, was sentenced to 30 days in county jail last Friday after pleading guilty to a charge of carrying a prohibited weapon.

This action happened in Judge Denzil Bever's County Court-at-Law Friday.

Honored With Surprise Birthday Party Here Saturday



Mr. Zebbie D. Lethridge, shown above with his wife, was given a surprise birthday party Saturday night, February 15, at their residence, 1507 East 1st Place, by his wife, Velma.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Conway Moore, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Dailey, James Davis and Misses Jossie Harris and Jimmie Morris of Midland.

The Lethridges have four lovely children, Doris, 8; Robert, 7; Angela, 4; and Vivian, age 3.

Those fighting Dunbar Panthers, last year's district champions, repeated the same fete last Saturday night at Snyder when they defeated the Lamesa Tors in front of a capacity crowd.

The Panthers defeated the Tors by a score of 63-58 thus increasing their win record to eight against no losses in district play.

Last year, the Panthers were in the same position as they made preparations to participate in the tournament.

With only one team in the tournament, Fort Stockton, the same three teams will be in the tournament again this year. They are Wichita Falls, Washington, Perryton and Dunbar.

In a drawing last Sunday afternoon at the Texas Tech Athletic office, it was determined that Dunbar and Washington will meet at 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, and then Fort Stockton and Perryton will clash at 8:30 p.m.

Winners of those games will play at 4:00 p.m. Saturday for a berth in the state championship tournament at Austin.

Prices of tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for students, including Tech students who present their ID cards.

As you may recall, last year Dunbar outlasted those Leopards from Wichita Falls by a score of 90-86. Andrews survived a late
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Amarillo Student Attains Honor Roll



Rose Evelyn King, a graduate of the Amarillo School System and now a student at Prairie View A & M College, continued to attain high standards of academic achievements by making the honor roll this past semester.

Rose Evelyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin King of 1106 N. W. 19th Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Rites Read for Mrs. Willie B. Washington Here in Lubbock Last Tuesday

Final rites were read last Tuesday afternoon, February 18, at 2:30 p.m. for Mrs. Willie B. Washington, 62, at the Twentieth and Birch Street Church of Christ with Reverend A. C. Christman officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Washington was one of seven children, born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Reed August 2, 1906 at Brookston, Texas. She moved to Lubbock in 1928.

She expired February 13 in Highland hospital here in Lubbock.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, O. C. Washington; a



AFL-CIO Council Says Black Capitalism "Illusion"

In a meeting last week at Miami Beach, the AFL-CIO said, "Emphasizing 'black capitalism' as the chief means of solving Negroes' problems would only help a few and cheat millions of other blacks of a chance for better jobs, education and homes."

The group suggested that massive federal programs would be a means of solving some of the problems.

The statement seemed a warning directed in part to President Nixon who advocated "black capitalism" during his presidential campaign.

The labor federation's Execu-

son, E. S. Haney; three grandsons, L. V. Jackson, James Ray Jackson, and Ennis Haney, III; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Grant M. Reed of Los Angeles; and Arthur Reed of Oklahoma City; two nephews, Arthur Reed, Jr. of Oklahoma City; and Nathanine Reed of Los Angeles; and a host of relatives and friends.

tive Council said the idea, at best, was an illusion.

"At its worse, 'black capitalism' is dangerous, divisive delusion—offered as a panacea by extremists, both black and white, some businessmen who see a chance for profit and a few well-intentioned but misguided liberals," the labor council said in a statement.



EDITORIAL

Some Say It's Impossible

Some people of the community believed that it would be impossible for the Block Concept to work in our area. At this point it is evident that the community is concerned about its progress within the city.

The residents of Tract 12, an area which extends into predominately East Lubbock, are working hard for unity. Many of them contacted to participate in this program have agreed that it is important that we work together as a team.

However, there have been those in the community who feel as though nothing will come out of the Block Concept, and even have gone as far as to tell others that it will not work. Probably because they feel they will lose their control without being asked to join this new effort.

There has been seven block meetings where leaders have been chosen by the members of the immediate blocks to serve on a council which will be responsible for directing the priorities of the entire community. Along with this, a General Council will be set up that will consist of the members of the executive committee of each council, which will be the coordinators of this entire Block effort.

All in all, this new means of communicating is a slow process. It's true, without any doubt, that it will take time for this effort to become something very constructive which will benefit the entire community.

The residents of Tract 12 are realizing that a lot must be done in order for our community to rate among the highest and to do this it will take team effort and team work on the part of all. The time has come when we should begin to write the script of our needs and at the same time, instead of criticizing the establishment for its shortcomings, we should begin to lay the foundation for what we feel is essential for our community and our city to actually grow.

The Block Concept is in its early stages and it will continue to grow if there are those of the community who are willing to put their feet on the ground and refuse to let anyone, or anything, discourage them at what they are going to do.

Perhaps a story should be told at this point which involved a lady of our community who couldn't tell you the names of her block neighbors. She could, however, tell what type of car they drove or where they worked, but she just couldn't tell you their name. Because of the block organization, she is able to communicate with her neighbors and feels as though she belongs to something instead of being a 'nobody'.

There are many stories which could be told at this point about the development of the Block Concept, but it will continue to speak for itself as it continues to grow in the hearts of all.

The program will need help of organizations within the community who are willing, at times, to conduct door to door contact with people of the area. But the most important factor is to believe that this idea can become successful.

Some say it's impossible, but by the progress made thus far, those of you who believed it couldn't be done should look around and really evaluate what is being done. If your block area has not yet been organized, it will. You will be contacted. It takes time to do anything constructive.

Remember, we all have a great job to do. We can start today letting the City of Lubbock know that we do care about our community

The Sex Factor in Racism

By Ellen Karasik
Scope Feature Service

In Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit, housewives who target practice with rifles say they want to be ready to protect their homes against invaders. What invaders? "Well, you know, the trouble they're having in the city. Those colored people are just waiting to come out here after us." What are they most interested in protecting, their homes or their daughters?

The white liberal who spouts all the cliches of racial equality still hesitates and stumbles a bit when he's asked, "Would you want your daughter to marry one?"

Ringling the Bell
With Bob Tieucl

Little known facts about the Negro in American History: A black boy born in Joplin, Missouri was to become one of the most expressive poets of all time, and was to be called the "Poet Laureate" of the Negro people. His first book of poems; Weary Blues was published in 1925. Another of his popular titles is Simple Speaks His Mind, (Bob's note: Perhaps a good title for this column and more appropriate). This man wrote a dozen books, many poems and magazine articles and edited several anthologies. His work includes opera librettos, Broadway shows and material for radio, television and motion pictures. Awards include the Spingarn Medal and the Ainsfield-Wolfe award for the best race relations book. He died in 1968. His name was Langston Hughes.

Next time you put sugar in your coffee think of Norbert Rillieux, a black man whose invention of the vacuum cut in half refining costs in 1846, making large scale use of sugar a reality. And the next time you put on your shoes, think of Jan Matzeliger, a black man who invented a shoe lasting machine which he refined to the point where it could put a shoe together in a minute. Thanks to Matzeliger, the cost of shoes was cut in half and Lynn, Massachusetts became the shoe capital of the world.

This department is in the midst of extended research in Negro History and would like to have more contact with readers and bellringers who are interested in Afro-American studies. For example, we are led to believe that the inventor of the cotton gin was a black man or if you please—a "mulatto" and that, an old edition of Webster's dictionary defines as, "the offspring of a black woman by a white man or a white woman by a black man—a person of mixed blood." Nevertheless a book in hand, The How and Why Program, by Eleanor Atkinson and published by L. J. Bullard Co. of Cleveland, Ohio makes no mention of the fact, and pictures Eli Whitney as a beautiful blue eyed, curly headed, blonde American on page 518. The author does take time to say; "You will never know what a happy song 'Dixie' is unless you hear it sung in the moonlight in a camp of Negro cotton pickers, to the playing of banjos." Indeed a picture perhaps of the long ago. These kids are singing with James Brown orchestration: "Take the Load Off Me." And in the crowded city streets they wander and wonder!

A bellringer from Big Spring writes inquiring as to what this department thinks of members of the John Birch Society, the Wallaceites, the American Independent Party and "other ultra conservative groups." She wonders if it isn't true that such groups tend to divide the American people and if their members are often "racist in attitude and conduct?" In reply may I state that this department has many friends and acquaintances who form all shades of political thought and action in religion and politics. Aren't we all proud of the fact that we live in a country where one may think, believe and act as they please as long as we do not step on the liberty and freedom of others in our actions as well as words. Of course we have crackpots in the Methodist as well as the Baptist churches or in all the denominations and political leanings who believe they are "the last word" or the only church.

We told our readers several months ago of stopping in a small all-white community in Southeastern Arkansas on a stormy night, along with my greying mother. When we approached the small but neat and only motel in the area that night, we were greeted by hugh "Wallace" signs all over the place. Fear struck my heart but when I approached the manager, no one could have been nicer to "a black stranger in their midst." We slept safely through the storm that night and after a warm and wholesome breakfast in the motel's restaurant, we were on our way. The manager and his wife were both members of the Church of Christ. Principles not labels make men. This column boasts of being one hundred percent "American" and "Christian." And in religious practice we quote from the Book: One Lord—One Faith—One Baptism. Is anything else more important?

If you live in the Permian Basin Empire and you are personally interested in involving yourself or the organization you represent in making your community a better place to live in and getting along with your neighbors of all ethnic and racial and religious groups, the Inter-Communication Committee invites you to attend their meetings in the Civic Room of the First National Bank, second floor, Earl Booker presided at the last meeting last Sunday and invites all interested people to attend.

Southern white extremists still dedicate material they publish to "the thousands of white women and girls who have been raped in their own beds by invading Negroes."

The white man's fear of black sexuality pervades every corner of the country and subconsciously undermines efforts toward racial harmony. As it did 100 years ago on the plantation, the myth of black sexuality has served as an excuse for keeping the black man down.

The white Southern slave holder needed to believe the black man was no better than an animal—for he treated him like an animal. The black man was good for nothing but manual labor and procreation. He stereotyped the black man as a lazy, over-sexed beast, inferior to the white man in every way. The boomerang was that the animal nature myth also suggested, along with a greater desire for sex, a greater capability at it.

Then the white man's imagination and mythmaking got the best of him. He began to fear what the black animal might do to white women. So he bred fear into his wife and daughters with another myth, that black men wanted to rape and ravish them and mongrelize the races.

After a while both whites and blacks were believing that the black man was more virile, and sexually more dangerous, than the white man. This put the two in direct conflict over one of the most vital parts of man's life—his sexual ego. That conflict is still going on today, still an underlying force for racism.

Studies have shown that the poor and the black get the worst breaks on sentences for criminal convictions. But racial prejudice in sentencing shows up more when the convictions are for rape than any other crime. Between 1930 and 1963 in 19 states with the death penalty for rape, 449 men were executed for rape and only 45 of these were white men. Of 3,315 men executed for murder in the same period, half were white and half were black. The report on this study said: "The death penalty for rape is the tool of racists and bigots—and its purpose is to impose punishment upon Negroes where the methods of the lynch mob and Ku Klux Klan have failed or fallen into disrepute."

Among felons released by state prisons from 1951 through 1953, according to another study, the average black rapist served eight more months in prison than the average white rapist.

In Florida, no black man has ever been sentenced to death for raping a black woman. But when blacks rape whites in Florida there's a 50-50 chance of the death penalty. In a 24-year study (1940-1964) of the Florida death penalty, the Florida Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union found that of 84 blacks convicted of rape, 45 were sentenced to death.

Many whites, taken in by the black sexuality myth, believe that rape and sexual immorality is second nature to blacks. When black men rape black women, the attitude is often casual: "Negroes play that way." When the rape victim is black, police display less enthusiasm for tracking down the rapist than they do when the victim is a white woman. The prosecutor displays less enthusiasm for prosecuting. The attitude is that sexual immorality is normal for blacks and why should they be concerned about it as long as they leave whites alone.

In a study by Detroit Scope Magazine, it was found that in Detroit in 1967 blacks accounted for 87% of the reported rapes (640 out of 733). The whites' fear that the black rapist attacks white women wasn't borne out by the facts, however. In 509 of the 640 cases, the victims were black women.

The Woman's Division of the Detroit Police Department and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office managed to bring 20% of the accused black rapists to trial and 50% of the accused white rapists. Of 509 cases involving a black rapist and a black victim, assailants were brought to trial in only 143.

Although it's unquestionably a big factor in white and black relationships, people seem hesitant to talk about the sex factor in racism. There have been few books written on the subject, and no studies of attitude. Perhaps the only study touching on the subject was one concerning sexual assaults in the Philadelphia prison system.

Blacks, who were in the majority in the prison, accounted for 85% of the attacks. The majority of the attacks were against white victims. The study reported that none of the attackers were homosexuals, but that blacks got pleasure from demeaning the white man and belittling his masculinity in revenge for the way their race had been belittled for centuries.

The report also gave this explanation: "Sexual assaults are not caused by sexual deprivation. They are expressions of anger and aggression prompted by the same basic frustrations existing in the community." The report said that situations like these arise when a man has no masculine identification or pride in any area except sex. His family and his job prove that he is a failure. The only successful avenue for him, to prove himself or for ridding his anger, is sex.

It wasn't until the sixties that blacks accounted for more than 50% of the rapes in Detroit. But rape, prostitution and pimping have always been associated with the blacks. Sociologist Daniel Bell has explained that no ethnic group in America can escape the value system that requires individuals to strive for achievement and success. When legitimate areas of attainment are closed, many enter illicit activities. The myth of black sexuality helped direct illicit activities of blacks along sexual lines. There are plenty of white customers for black prostitutes in every big city. For some white men the greatest boost for their sense of masculinity is to be complimented on their sexual prowess by a black prostitute.

Many blacks view prostitution as an exploitation of whites that provides an economic basis for the community. But many

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THE POLICE BEAT

by: T. J. Patterson



Consider A Future With Police Department

I am sure there are young men who are capable of holding a position of policeman in the Hub City. The opportunity is there for any young man, especially those looking for a challenge, to play an important role in his community.

This column would like to encourage young men to please consider the possibility of looking for a position with the Lubbock Police Department.

Our community can use capable young men who are willing to make a constructive contribution to his community. Of course, it takes time to reach any goal in life. This profession, like any other, is always looking for those individuals who can qualify.

We are sure that these young men are within our area and we should search among ourselves and see who we can find to hold this position.

Stolen Bike

D. L. Elliott, 3006 East 3rd Street, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone took advantage of him by taking his bike while it was parked at his residence.

The bike, which happened to be one of the latest models, was

valued at \$20.00. He has no idea who could have taken the bike.

Car Burglary

Mrs. Betty Phillips, 2419 East 9th Street, has a problem. You see, one day last week, she had her car parked in front of her house. She told police that she had some business to attend inside the house and left her purse in the front seat.

While she was gone, someone took her purse the short minutes she was away. However, the burglar was probably shocked, because the purse did not have any money inside it. The only thing that Mrs. Phillips lost was the purse which was valued at \$3.95.

At least Mrs. Phillips learned a lesson. It's not wise to leave your purse in the front seat of your car especially when its unlocked.

Vandalism

Have you ever heard of this type of activity before? I am sure some of you are participants in family arguments, but perhaps you didn't come out a looser as this gentleman did.

This case happened last week. The man reported that someone broke the left front window of his car. He said that it would take approximately \$25.00 to repair the window damage.

Also a twelve inch portable television was broken completely, bringing the total loss to about \$90.00. According to the man, he and his wife had a family fight and he believes that the wife did the damage.

As expected, he didn't file any charges. As you know, love is a funny thing.

How do you and your mate make out on family quarrels??

Car Burglary

In another car burglary, Ellis Miller, 3020 East 2nd Place, reported that someone took a stereo tape and 15 tapes from his car. The set was valued at approximately \$196.00.

According to Miller, he didn't have any soul music, you see, his was country and western. Oh, by the way, his car was left unlocked. He should know by now, there are country and western swingers in his neighborhood also.

Nine-Year-Old Caught

A nine-year-old girl was picked up last week by police and later turned over to the juvenile authorities for participating in a shoplifting act.

The manager of a local store caught the young girl taking a 59¢ bag of cookies, a 15¢ orange and a 10 cent lemon out of the store without paying for it.

The girl was handed over to her mother for the act she had committed after being counseled by the juvenile authorities.

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Struggs Looted! Again!

It's been a long time, but it happened last week when someone broke into the E. C. Struggs Junior High School by using a sharp instrument to cut a hole in the east side of the building.

Aside from this, a window was smashed in order that the unknown person could easily gain entry to see what could be taken from the science room.

The principal, Charles E. Brown, told authorities that after checking with the science teacher that nothing seemed to be missing. The cost of the damage done by the prowler was believed to be about \$ 20.00.

Recreation Offered for Adult Organizations

It has been announced this week that an added feature has been introduced for our adults.

The first president of any local organization who calls the Pleasure Gardens, at PO 2-9829 or SH 4-6642 and talks to Mr. or Mrs. D. C. Fair, Sr., will receive for their organization a free night of activity

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To Attend Dallas Meeting This Week-end

The Reverend John L. Walker, minister of the Messiah Presbyterian Church, will attend the annual Southwestern Area Meeting for United Presbyterian Men Friday through Sunday in Dallas.

Theme of the meeting will be "Establish Justice in the Earth."

The Reverend Dr. Theophilus M. Taylor, secretary of the General Council, and William P. Thompson, who as Stated Clerk is chief executive officer of the general council, will speak at the meeting.

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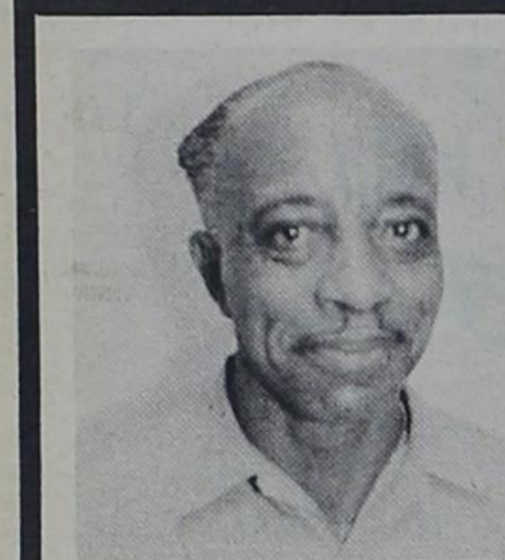
Amarillo-Well readers, here I am again to chat with you about your children. I hope you will let me set awhile. Parents we must do something about our young people or something will be done without us

which might make us sorry. Overheard one say to another the other night, "Hey! Man, where are you going when the show is over?" The answer was, "I'm going and get drunk."

Did your young man come in drunk during the past week? If so,

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did you talk with him? And the language that some of those sweet little fellows use isn't in the book. Parents, again I say, lets do something before it is too late.

Mrs. Maggie Sue Smith of North Monroe was injured in a car wreck Friday night at the corner of North Monroe and Amarillo Blvd. She was taken to West Texas Hospital and remains there at the time of this writing.

The Opportunity Neighborhood Center at 203 North Monroe, announces the beginning of two new classes at the center next week. These classes will be Junior and Adult Sewing and a class in Ceramics. The public is invited to come by and ask about these classes. Another long awaited dream will come true in the very near future and that is the completion of the Self Help Center. This will be located in the center and will consist of reference books that some of the children of the target area might not have and certainly has been badly needed to assure better homework and improved grades in school.

Keith Gray of 2322 N. W. 11th Street, recently won first place in

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the Spelling Bee. He is very proud of this achievement. Keith is a 5th grade student at Summit Elementary School. Keep up the good work, Keith.

Mrs. Elna Davis of 1902 N. Hughes is a patient at St. Anthony Hospital. Mrs. Davis is the wife of Mr. H. Davis.

Mrs. Jessie L. Doomes, a daughter of the Davis's is here from Houston, Texas to be with her mother during her illness.

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Parrish, of 1613 N.W. 15th, is now employed by the Amarillo Public School system as a substitute teacher. Mrs. Parrish is presently working at Hill Top Elementary School and Carver Junior High.

LIVING

To touch the cup with eager lips and taste, not drain it:
To woo and tempt and court a bliss, and not attain it:
To fondle and caress a joy, yet hold it lightly; Lest it become necessity and cling too tightly:
To watch the sun set in the west, without forgetting:
To hail its advent in the east, the night forgetting:
To smother care in happiness and grief in laughter:
To hold the present close, not questioning hereafter:
To have enough to share, to know the joy of giving:
To thrill with all the sweets of life, is living. Unknown

Club News
The Young Men and Women Progressive Club invites its many friends to come out and enjoy yourself any night of the week.

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Around The Hub City

Around the Hub City learned last week that the Presbyterian Center, located at the corner of East 23rd Street and Cedar Avenue, is in the process of expanding its activities.

In a story, released last week in their monthly publication, **The Light**, concern is being voiced about a nursery.

The article stated: "We, at the Presbyterian Center, are trying to work out some programs which will be of help to you, but first we need your help in knowing what is needed. We have been thinking for some time about providing a nursery program for the children who come to the Center with their parents. This would be a service for the parents who are to see the doctor.

"If you would be interested," It went on to add, "in having such a service offered for your child, please make your desires known to us. You can tell the lady at the desk or express your wishes to Patti (center director), but let us know if you would like to have games for them, books to look at, and paints, and a black board for them to use. We cannot begin a project like this if you will not use it though, so let us know."

Apart from this proposed service, it was also learned that if there are any interested in learning how to be a Girl Scout leader or would like to do this type of work for the community, please let the center director know.

A sewing class is now being initiated at the center. The director has instructed us that it is not too late to sign up for sewing classes. The center is in the process of getting started and would like to have those interested take a part. The classes will be held on designated days, and enrolles will be taught basics in sewing, as well as alterations.

The center is designed for the community and the director would like to encourage those in need of medical attention as well as those with other problems to please come by and become a participant in the center operations.

The Lyons Chapel Missionary Society, with Sister Dorothy Hood as president, met in the home of

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Sister Juanita Sowell and Sister Rosie Whitefield, at 2404 East 9th Street, last week. A tasty menu was served and games were played. Prizes were also won by some of those attending.

Everyone attending had a wonderful time.

The public is cordially invited to attend the "Old Ship of Zion Pageant" which will be presented by the Lyons Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Sunday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m.

This effort is sponsored by the Junior Missionary Society.

The Federation of Choirs met with the Rising Star Baptist Church last Sunday. All the choirs were present and a very, very good singing was enjoyed. A special offering was accepted for a member of our community who is ill.

The next meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held next month with Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church as host. The Federation will also celebrate their anniversary.

They hope that the president, Oscar Iles, will be able to be present.

Texas Public School Week is not far away and we as parents should make it our duty to attend our schools. Our schools need our cooperation this week and every week in the year. Let's start participating in our schools.

Speaking of school participation, Edwin Scott, 2409 Globe Avenue, did a splendid job last Thursday evening at Ella Iles Elementary Parent-Teachers meeting. He appeared on the program as a panelist and spoke beautifully about the theme: "The Responsibility of the Parent with the Child and School." Some of the points made by Mr. Scott could very well be some of the answers we are looking for.

Thanks for a job well done, Edwin. I hope you will be able to get more fathers involved in participating with our local P-TA's.

Those fighting Dunbar Panthers, with Coach Curtis Gipson directing them, are appearing on the verge of repeating their performance of last year. As many of you can remember that it was this time last year when those fellows from the "Maroon and White" went to the Coliseum and walked away with the title. After that, they went to Austin and won the right to be number two in 3-AAA basketball (UIL) in the state.

They are off to another good start, and their test should prove to be successful Friday night when they take on Booker T. Washington of Wichita Falls.

About the only thing that *Around the Hub City* can say is "Sock it to 'em, Panthers!"

Mrs. Edwinia Woods is off to Pheonix, Arizona for a few weeks. While there she will visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Woods, Jr.

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Sex Factor in Racism . . .

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black militants view it as demeaning to the black woman. Others see it as a means of bilking the white community and using that money to stay off the welfare and ADC roles.

What astronauts are to white children, the black pimp is to many black children. In Detroit, 90% of the pimps are black. An efficient one can take home \$1,600 a day. He lives like a king and because most of the legitimate areas of success are closed to him, his profession becomes legitimate in the eyes of his community.

The black sex myth plays a major part in keeping the black man down. Even whites who are willing to give the black man economic equality are hesitant to throw in sexual equality. Perhaps one reason the white man looks the other way when blacks rape blacks and allows black prostitution to flourish is to have support for the myths of black sexuality, immorality and inferiority he needs to believe in order to justify his racist attitudes, whether they be fierce or only a small blemish in his liberalism.

Memo from Mac
R. B. 'Mac' McAlister
State Representative

State Representative, Dist. 76, Place 3

The proof of the pudding that West Texas Legislators are willing to work together for their common good was reflected this week in the introduction of the Texas Tech Medical School Bill. The bill, introduced by Representative Delwin

Young Adults Progressive Club News

The Young Adults Progressive Club met last Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. with Roberta Robinson acting as president and Mamie Johnson acting as secretary. Mrs. Mary G. McGraw joined the club as a new counselor.

The Young Adults Progressive Club's First Annual Anniversary Ball will be held March 18 at the Pleasure Gardens. Everyone is welcomed to attend this affair. Donations of \$1.00 will be accepted and you may purchase tickets from and club member or counselor.

Some of the officers of our organization were contacted by counselors concerning their meetings. Mary Lewis, acting treasurer and reporter, is doing a splendid job.

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Jones of Lubbock was co-sponsored by Representatives from throughout the area as follows: Bill Clayton of Springlake; Randy Pendleton of Andrews; Ralph Wayne of Plainview; Walter Knapp of Amarillo; R. B. McAlister of Lubbock; Elmer Tarbox of Lubbock; Ace Pickens of Odessa; and Renal Rosson of Snyder.

The Medical School Bill was given additional encouragement when endorsed by Speaker Gus Mutscher in his Monday morning news conference and also by Governor Smith last week.

Getting back home is highly valuable to a Representative and yours truly had the pleasure of being in Brownfield last Thursday with the Jaycees. There I found the thoughts of people back home very different in many instances th those that permeate the atmosphere strictly in Travis County. At the same time, Representative Delwin Jones visited with groups in Levelland and found their interest high in the state water program and development of the education

program at South Plains College and Texas Tech.

The long hot summer will probably find the Legislature hard at work as current sentiment is "There's no way" that we can finish the job to be done by June 2nd. Less than 500 bills have been introduced to date and the deadline for introducing new legislation is March 14th, unless approved by 4/5 vote. The slow movement in the legislature is not necessarily bad even though it bodes a laborious session and probably a special session. The truth is the problems facing us demand deep consideration and the solutions don't come easy.

It was Shakespeare who wrote, "Pep without purpose is piffle." This is a trap the Legislators are trying to avoid by due deliberation.

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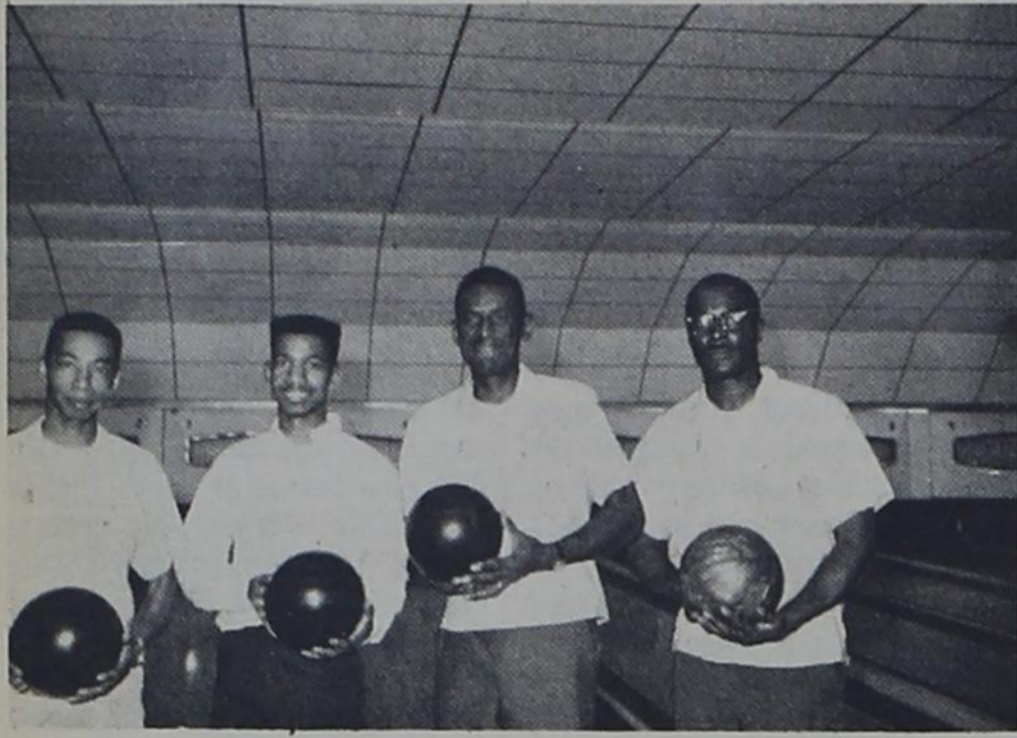
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Mustang League Bowlers



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Mustang League Team

Not only are women active in the community as far as bowling is concerned, but there is a quartet of men who are also playing a role in this new field.

This week, one of the many teams featured in the league is the Mustang team, who has held a lead for some time. In its early stages the team has held the lead by as many as seven games and has also tied in the league.

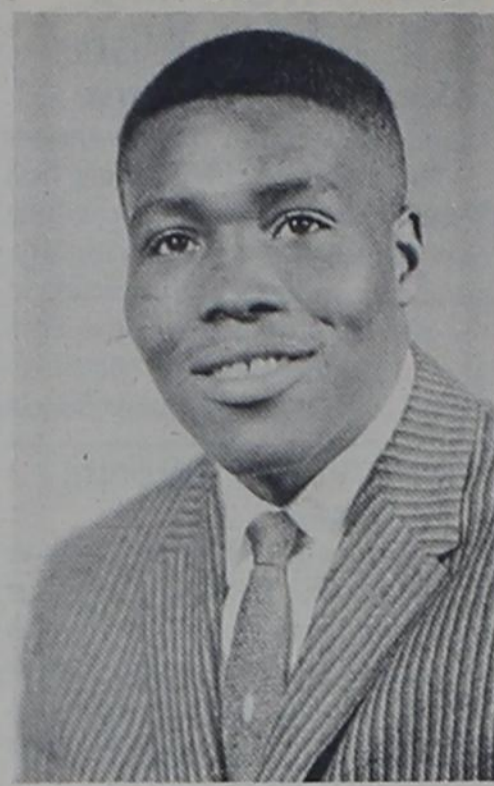
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Daniel Anderson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Anderson, Sr., of 1001 E. 28th, has gone back to school after fourteen years of absence. At present, Daniel is enrolled this semester at Alpine, Texas.

If taking advantage of an opportunity is good thinking, then Daniel certainly is doing that.

As the old adage goes, "it's never too late," especially to improving oneself.

Nursery School for the Deaf To Re-Open at Texas Tech

The Texas Tech Nursery School for the Deaf will re-open March 3, 1969. The new location will be the St. Matthew Center for the Deaf in the St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 50th and Slide Road in Lubbock.

Do you know of a pre-school hearing handicapped child not enrolled in the Lubbock Public Schools' classes for pre-school deaf children? If so, call the Texas Tech Speech and Hearing Clinic at 742-2155 for further information and hearing evaluation, or contact Reverend H. Henderson, Acting Director, St. Matthew Center for the Deaf.

No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true.

—Nathaniel Hawthorne.



CHURCH NEWS

St. James Baptist Church

A spring revival will get underway at our church Sunday, March 2, and continue through Sunday, March 9th. The Reverend A. L. Patrick, evangelist, will conduct the revival.

The public is cordially invited to come out and hear this man deliver God's word.

Reverend Kado Lang is minister of our congregation.

Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church

Amarillo-Sunday was youth day at the church and the youth, with the help of the pastor and stewards, took charge of all services. The call to worship was by Cathy Green, Dianne Parrish said the morning prayer, Nicy Wilson lined the opening hymn, Gwendolyn Neal led the responsive reading, the decalogue was led by Gloria Neal, Liz Alexander made the announcements in the absence of Toya Lipscomb, Joe Wilson and Phillip Randle were in charge of the offering, Liz Alexander welcomed the visitors, the youths were given by Elaine Davis, using as a subject; "Are You Satisfied With Your Church?"

Pastor Davis brought the youth sermon, taking his text from St. Luke 19: 1-3: Subject: "The Experience of Zechariah." The service was enjoyed by all.

After service, the pastor and the youth choir along with some of the members motored to Borger, Texas to be in the evening services there.

Let us continue to pray for Sister Miller and others of our church and community that are on the sick list.

Lyons Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

At 9:45 a.m. last Sunday morning our Sunday School was opened with Supt. Brown and staff on time and at their post. Sunday school was well attended.

At our 11:00 a.m. service, Reverend C. D. Collins brought the message. He spoke from Gen. 41: 38. His subject was "Ministerial Promotion."

Mr. Clyde Moore came in as a candidate for baptism.

At 2:30 p.m. the Federation of Choirs met with the Rising Star Baptist Church as host.

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Big Three Denominations Take Steps Toward Significant Merger

By Bob Tieuell

Black Methodists of West Texas, New Mexico and the nation in general were greatly heartened the past week to learn that lay and clerical leaders of the Big Three Negro denominations (African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion and the Christian Methodist Episcopal) made perhaps the most significant step towards merger (organic union) after more than fifty years of discussion.

At Carter Memorial C. M. E. Church in Chicago, located at 79th and Wabash, delegates of the three bodies voted to empower a committee to begin steps to produce a uniform hymnal, church school literature and an official news organ.

For some fifteen years, this writer has staged a nationwide effort in urging unification of the black Methodist bodies along with several other church journalists and church leaders of the three denominations. Barring unforeseen obstacles the target date for complete merger would be 1972. The unification would in effect mean a 3 million membership church.

In the meantime, a committee,

headed by Bishop Henry C. Bunton of Washington, D.C., has been instructed to come up with plans that would enable the common operation to begin not later than June 1st of this year. The two day meet was presided over by Bishop W. J. Walls of the A.M.E. Zion with Bishop Jordan of the A.M.E. and Bishop Doyle of the C.M.E. serving as co-chairmen of the commission from their respective denominations.

The new United black Church would make the body one of the largest of its kind in the world, it was reported.

One of the episcopal leaders in the black ecumenical movement for a number of years has been Bishop Norris S. Curry, who presides over five conferences of the C.M.E. denomination in Texas. He lives in Dallas and is chairman of the board of trustees of Texas College, an institution of higher learning operated by the denomination at Tyler, Texas.

Adult Recreation . . .

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at the Gardens. This activity will range from music, tables, building and any courtesy of the recreation hall.

In talking to the Fairs about this program, they explained that our adults seem to be left out when recreation is involved. Therefore they would like to do all in their power to provide constructive recreation.

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CHURCH NEWS

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At our regular 6:00 p.m. service, the Baptist Training Union met with Sister Elnora Brooks in charge. It was largely attended.

At the evening worship, 7:30 p.m., the Junior Mission was in charge of the program. The program was spiritual and enjoyable.

Sunday night, March 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., the public is cordially invited to witness the "Old Ship of Zion." You will miss a treat if you miss this drama. Also starting March 1, at 7:00 p.m. is a Bible course. Come and learn more about the Bible.

You are always welcome at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. Rev. O. D. Hollins is minister. We are located at the corner of East 24th Street and Quirt Avenue.

New Light Baptist Church

We are cordially inviting you and your mission to be present with us in a "Candle Light Service" Sunday, March 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

We are asking all ladies to wear white and please march with us. Sister Allie Mae Thomas is president and Reverend H. K. Jefferson is minister.

Mount Gilead Baptist Church

All circles met at our church last Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. The Lottie Circle led in the devotional for the General Mission. Mrs. Laura Skief gave a beautiful solo.

The Angelic Choir of our church is rendering a musical festival Sunday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to fellowship with us on this occasion.

George H. Paul is president of the choir.

Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church

The Queen of Sheba and Jochabad Circles met in the homes of Sisters Allie Williams, 2306 Date Avenue, and Elizabeth Bruner, 1611 Avenue C.

The Junior Mission meets at the church each Monday night at 8:00 p.m. Come and be with us. You can help us and we can help you.

The musical department of our church is presenting a "Spiritual Jubilee Jamboree" the second Sunday in March. You are invited to come and worship God with us in spirit and in truth. A wonderful evening of old and new spiritual songs will be rendered.

Remember the time, 3:00 p.m.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut-ins; Brother Wilmar Wilson is shut-in his home. Sister Lommie Evans remains ill in Methodist Hospital. Brother Oscar Iles is ill at home. Sister Annie Roquemore remains ill at home. Sister Mary Brown is in the Golden Age Rest Home. Sister Viola McKelvy is in Methodist Hospital.

Mount Gilead Baptist Church The Women Missionary Society

would like to announce that the Valentine Tea and Style Show was a big success. A big thank you to all who helped us.

Those participating in this activity were Mrs. Lillian Jones, first narrator; Mrs. Edwina Furry, second narrator; and models, Jacquelin Anderson, Cynthia Robertson, Matthew Robertson, Karen Newton, Carol Austin, Marcia Holmes, Harold Holmes, Jr., Bettye Gant, Mrs. Venitta Holmes, Mrs. Ethel Blake, Mrs. Lillian Jones, Mrs. Bobby Richard, Mrs. Ellen McWilliams and Mrs. S. R. Roberts.

The church rendered a going-away reception for Mrs. Ellen McWilliams February 24 at 8:00 p.m.

She has worked faithfully with the choirs since her coming to Mount Gilead Baptist Church. The reception was a big success.

A special musical festival is set for Sunday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to fellowship with us on this occasion. Come one, Come all.

Betty Gant is church reporter for Mount Gilead.

Reiks Chapel Baptist Church

A Gospel singing program, headed by Mrs. Gertrude Lasley, is set for Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Reiks Chapel Baptist Church located Northeast of the City of Lubbock.

The public is cordially invited to come out and enjoy these two programs.

New Hope Baptist Church

A twin rally will close Sunday, April 20. Each member is asked to please do his part in order for it to become a success.

The Miss New Hope Pageant was a great success last Sunday and Mrs. Francis, director of the affair, is still lost for words. A special thanks to all auxiliary presidents and workers for sponsoring a girl.

The New Life Mission needs volunteer workers, food and clothing to be given to needy families. If any member can give their time then please call this number PO 3-3818 or SW 9-3414. The mission is located at 819 Avenue N.

Mid-week prayer services are held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Ushers rehearsal and business meeting will be held Friday night, February 28, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Sunday, March 9, is Youth Day.

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Pastor Dunn has made it known that the youth will be responsible for the entire services.

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Whisper a prayer for sick and shut-ins. Please send cards of cheer and visit: Mrs. Laura Shans, 1710 East 24th, Mrs. Louise Hill, 2407 East 6th Street, and Reverend J. W. Sykes, 1611 Avenue C.

If you know of other sick members or friends in the community, please advise the church office.

City Ushers Union

Amarillo-The City Ushers Union held its regular meeting at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend J. W. Hackett, pastor, Friday before last. The night business meeting was opened by the 2nd Vice President, Usher Dudley Johnson. The New Hope Ushers won the Traveling Banner for the month. Usher Logan Brooks said he was taking it home. They have won the Banner for one-half of the past year. Reverend David Hill is the pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. Sunday evening services were inspirational. The program was rendered by the Shiloh Youth Choir, music by Ronnie Sherwood.

Reading for the services was Linda Cambell, solo by Marilyn Callaway. It was enjoyed by all. Reverend Hackett delivered a powerful sermon, subject: "Idleness In the Face of Opportunity." Matthew: 20. The thought for the week: "Why are you standing idle while there is so much work to be done."

Sunday, February 9 the City Ushers had their annual pre-Valentine Tea. It was a great success.

Johnson - Knowles Vows Exchanged Here



In a wedding ceremony held last week in the home of Mrs. Sarah Johnson, vows were exchanged between her son, Walter B. Johnson, and Miss Annie Lee Knowles, daughter of Mrs. Rose Lee Knowles. Reverend S. N. North, assistant pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

Six boards received a certificate for cooperation. Greater Mt. Olive received the certificate for cooperation and service. Thanks to the president, Usher Edward Owens, Reverend L. L. Gipson, pastor of

the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Usher Roy L. Sneed, president of the City Ushers Union, and Usher Billie Cook, secretary of the City Ushers Union.

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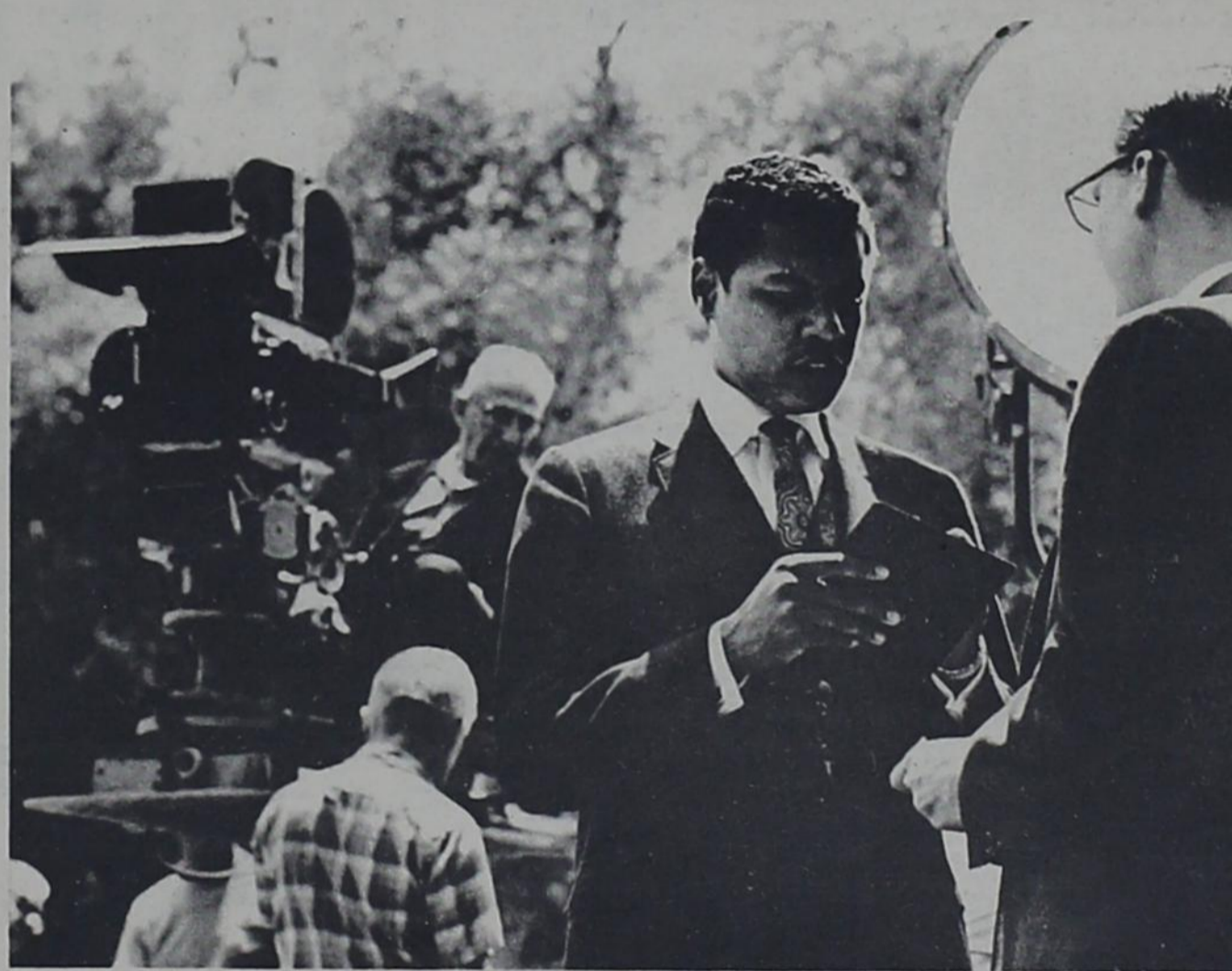
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Walter Burrell, Jr., is a publicity writer in Hollywood. He writes news about the stars, directors and producers at Universal Pictures.

Walter was born near Watts in Los Angeles, California. He graduated from a local high school and went on to college—Hampton Institute in Virginia. Because money was scarce, he took odd jobs throughout the four years. He clerked in the campus bookstore, tutored and worked as a dormitory councillor. Summers and holidays he was a photographer in Atlantic City, New Jersey. One summer he loaded boxes of catsup in a tomato factory.

It wasn't easy doing all that and keeping a B average in school. But he kept at it and graduated with a B.A. degree in English.

Walter wanted to write. After college he went to Hollywood. With the help of the Urban League he got a job with Uni-

versal Pictures as an apprentice publicity writer. That was five years ago. He's still working for Universal, but now as a publicist-columnist. His salary has more than doubled. Walter's articles are used by magazines, newspapers, radio and TV.

There's more to Walter Burrell, Jr. Since he went to Hollywood, he started a nationally syndicated column called "Hollywood Happenings." The column interviews black and white entertainers on topics of racial significance. Walter also writes a column on Hollywood events, which he distributes free to Negro publications. He says, "As long as I'm making enough to live comfortably, I can afford to donate this service to the Negro press."

This is typical of Walter's attitude. Since he entered the movie business, he has worked closely with various groups dedicated to getting Afro-Americans more jobs behind the camera.

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