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Dedicated to Informing the Negro Citizens of West Texas

Estacado Matador Day Proclaimed by Mayor W. D. Rogers Last Thursday

The Estacado High School Matadors displayed superior talent, skill, and determination in winning the District 3-AAA Football Championship; and, each of us rejoices at the splendid 7-0 victory over the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Coach Jimmie Kelling and his staff have inspired this young and spirited team to an outstanding record of 10-0, with only 12 points having been scored against them while rolling up a miraculous 438 points themselves.

The Estacado Matadors will play the Brownwood Lions on Thursday, November 28, 1968, in Abilene, Texas, for the Bi-district Championship.

Now, therefore, I, W. D. Rogers,

Jr., Mayor of the City of Lubbock, Texas, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 28, 1968, as **ESTACADO MATADOR DAY AND ON TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DAY** in Lubbock, and urge all Lubbock Citizens to cheer and give encouragement to these fine young athletes, as this game will be the only high school game played in the state of Texas on this date.

Final Rites Read For Rev. Lawton

Final rites were read for Rev. E. L. Lawton at New Galilee Baptist Church at Carlisle, Texas at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Lawton was also minister of this church prior to his death Monday, November 25.

Burial was held at Smyer, Texas with South Plains Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Brother Lawton had been a resident in and around this area for several years. His native home was Marshall, Texas.

Included in his survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Eugene Carter of Topeka, Kansas; a sister at Marshall, Texas; many, many nephews and nieces.

He was also a relative of Rev. A. L. Dunn, minister of New Hope Baptist Church.

Senior Missionary Society

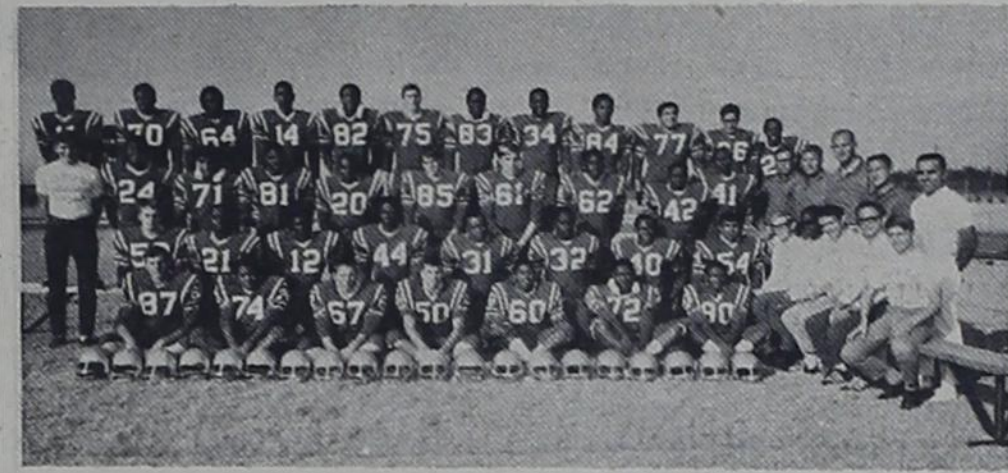
The Senior Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E. Church met Monday at 5 p.m. with President Coaraine Fair presiding. There were many members present.

Sister Belle Williams, art chairman, was there with many varieties of art. Sister L. M. Knowles had the flame of beauty.

The lesson was taught by Sister B. M. Jamerson. Her theme was "Love"; 1 Cor. 13:1-3 versus.

The Senior and Y.P.D. societies will motor to San Angelo for a session of the workshop Friday, December 6.

Matadors, With Eyes on State Title, Meet Kermit Yellowjackets There Sat.



Those fighting Estacado Matadors, seven days after eating Lion stew at Abilene when everyone else had turkey, will take on the Kermit Jackets, who defeated Hereford 21-14 last Friday here, at Kermit, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

In the bi-district tilt between Estacado defending state champions Brownwood, the mighty blue and white from the Hub City ran wild over Coach Gordon Wood's wounded eleven by a score of 48-8.

Estacado, rated number four in the state, came off a 7-0 victory over Sweetwater prior to the bi-district war. Brownwood ripped Wichita Falls Washington 21-7 to meet the Matadors.

This victory over Brownwood, perhaps one of the worst whippings that Coach Gordon Wood has encountered since his tenure at Brownwood, will send the Matadors riding high into Friday nights contest at Kermit.

On the other side of the fence, Kermit came to Lubbock and held a 14-0 lead over Hereford early in the contest and continued to hold its ticket to the quarter finals.

With the victory, their tenth of the year against one loss, the Jackets will meet Estacado in the quarter finals. This battle should prove to be an exciting contest.

Kermit won the flip of the coin and caused Estacado to travel to Kermit Saturday.

"I think our kids will play well whether we play here or there," admits Coach Jimmie Keeling. "I think they play better out of town."

Tickets for this Saturday's fete went on sale Tuesday at Estacado High School and the Lubbock Athletic Office. Reserved tickets are \$2.50.

POINTIER SAYS CRIME NOT ONLY IN STREETS

(Ed. Note: This is the first in a series of articles on Sidney Poitier, winner of the 1968 Star of the Year award and currently filming his newest movie, "The Lost Man.")

Crime in the streets. This phrase, perhaps more than any other, seems to enter the discussion of everyone from politicians to students to housewives. Almost everyone has something to add to, or detract from, the idea—in just about as many interpretations as there are people discussing it.

Academy Award winning actor Sidney Poitier is certainly no different and when the topical phrase entered a conversation recently at the Philadelphia location site of his newest movie, Universal's "The Lost Man," Poitier had definite and stirring thoughts on the subject.

"It goes without saying," notes the superstar, "that crime in the streets is the most profitable political football at the moment and everyone seems to twist it to fit their own particular ends. It's profitable to the politician because the typical middleclass white American with perhaps \$1,700 to \$15,000 in the bank is naturally against such 'crime'."

"But the bigger crime transacted in plush offices goes unpublicized. The very people who object to the more popularized images of lower class crime are often themselves involved in a more lucrative,

though hushed, brand of crime. So not only must the crime in the streets be suppressed, but so should the greed, corruption and apathy which exists on higher levels be erased.

"I don't mean to sound totally critical of our system. If you were to ask me what is good about our country, I could spend hours on our assets, but at this point in our nations' history we must concern ourselves with reconstructing our society into one which will withstand the onslaught of centuries to come.

"You see, we must come to a point where our proprieties are not to deal with only the mere patchwork of stopping riots or suppressing crime in the streets. If we let it go at that, what would we do 25 or 50 years from now? Continue to foster a system which turns out semi-literates who will, in turn, be shot down to 'cull the herd'?"

"And this question of our turning out ill-prepared graduates from the majority of our public school systems in drastic. How can a man possibly live in the suburbs and send his children to a good school and not be concerned about the less fortunate kids in the city?"

"It all goes back to the sad
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Theatre of the Skies Presents "The Star of Bethlehem"

The night sky of 2,000 years ago will be re-created on the domed ceiling of the West Texas Museum Planetarium for the next four Sundays (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22) as the Theatre of the Skies presents a program with a Christmas theme, "The Star of Bethlehem."

The annual Yuletide program has become a tradition at the Planetarium.

All programs begin promptly at 3 p.m. in the Planetarium behind the Museum.

An attempt is made in the lecture-demonstration to explain what the shepherds and the wise men saw on that eventful night. It will last approximately 50 minutes.

The explanation is based on the findings of astronomers concerning the location of certain planets and bright stars at the time. Viewers will be transported to the Holy Land and will see the representation of stars that moved across the sky above the hills and plains of Judea.

Stars have always been regarded as symbols by men in all parts of the world. No story has attracted

Charges Pending In Child Assault

Charges were pending further investigation Monday in the rape of a six year old girl early Saturday by a man who broke into the apartment residence.

According to authorities, the victim was expected to remain hospitalized for more than a week.

The child underwent surgery at Methodist Hospital soon after the attack.

Police said that the girl's father went to a nearby apartment Saturday immediately and accused the occupant of being the rapist and slugged him with a shotgun.

According to authorities, the rape occurred while the child's mother was away from the apartment for a few minutes.

wider and more continuing interest than the mention of the star which led the wise men to Bethlehem at the time of the first Christmas.

The program will also be presented on Dec. 8, 15 and 22.

Special programs may be arranged during the week for groups of 20 or more by calling the Museum office, 743-3201.

Teenager Charged In Death

Willie Coleman, 19, was charged Monday with murder with malice of Don Nickerson, also 19, at a dance at Soul Center Sunday night.

A warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Wayne Le Croy. Nickerson, 1017 East 29th, was shot to death at the dance establishment in the 1700 block of Parkway Drive.

Aside from this, a high school boy was shot in the hand at the time Nickerson was shot, police learned Monday, David White, 16, the youth was shot also, told police that he had been scuffling with Nickerson just before the shooting. He said he was shot by a youth who a moment earlier had shot Nickerson during a break in the fight.

The White boy's wound came to light when he went to a Dunbar nurse, Mrs. Willie Straws, to get a tetanus shot. The bullet did enter and exit the hand and there were bones broken in his hand, according to authorities.



NEWS BREAK—Sidney Poitier is interviewed by a local television newsman while in Philadelphia for filming of his current movie, "The Lost Man," in which he portrays a disillusioned ex-soldier who steals a quarter of a million dollars and turns it over to a Black organization.



EDITORIAL

County Commissioners Should Take Another Look

The Lubbock County Commissioners should take another look at their new proposal in regard to raising their own pay checks and forgetting about those hard-working employees who have toiled many hours in order that our County business is in order.

It is ridiculous that a base pay of \$300 is standard for many of our county employees and not to mention the \$21 per month he has been paying since the First of August.

These Lubbock County employees have complained about being under paid and did appear Wednesday to have the sympathy of a majority of the county commissioners. At this point, it is hard to determine if the sympathy will be expressed in dollars and cents.

It has been noted that two of the four commissioners have expressed the go ahead on a pay raise.

It also appears as though these commissioners have forgotten about others and at this point are merely giving lip service to the idea of raising the pay of the county's peons who make the county's business function five days a week—not to mention the overtime.

The District Clerk, J. R. Dever, made it clear when he said: "I think the commissioners should take care of the employees first."

With this type of a pay scale for our Lubbock County employees, no wonder it serves as an incubator for other businesses. The turn over is awful high and the training is excellent.

Take another look County Commissioners. It is your responsibility to see to it that the right approach is shown in regard to pay scale of our Lubbock County employees. It's time for action; not "lip service."

An Open Letter To Our Teenagers

by Virgil Johnson

(Editors note: This is the first of two letters which are designed for our teenagers and parents. The first one is for our teenagers and the following one next week will be directed at the parents.)

Dear Teenager:

Every parent, civic leader, interested citizen and you should do everything—no matter how large or small—within his or her power to make sure that the awful occurrence in an east Lubbock teenage dance hall (more often referred to as thugsville) never occurs again. Of course, the immediate question is how?

If you are a parent, you should ask, "Where was my son or daughter when this happened?" If you are a civic leader, you should ask, "What have I done to encourage and promote wholesome recreation for our teenagers?" If you are an interested citizen, you should ask, "Do I really care enough to be bothered?" If you are a responsible teenager, you should ask, "Is this really my groove?"

No, I'm not writing as a know it all individual-

As I See It

By Otis Cooks

"As I See It" after a careful survey of the relationship between the Negro consumer and the white merchants, I find two things that as the Robot on TV says: "does not compute."

First, the Negro trader is a big spender in the business establishments of the white merchants. And second, only one or two of those white merchants advertise for the Negro trade—that is on a regular basis. (Of course there are those who use the West Texas Times occasionally).

Now I think that a Negro needs something in return for his effort, after all it does help to make the white merchant's business a booming success.

Of all of the major super markets in this city (and all of them are supported to a certain degree by the Negro) only two advertise directly to the Negro. The others, in a sense say "YES" we want the Negro business, but if we advertise for it, we may offend some of our white trade, and brother, that's not good for business.

What the white merchant takes for granted is that regardless of advertising or not, we'll still get the Negro business. There's one thing that the Negro consumer should realize. Here are some interesting facts that the white merchant in the super markets knows: There are approximately 17,000 Negroes in the city of Lubbock and out of this number there are approximately 3,800 families. Too put it mildly, each family spends approximately \$120 a month at a super market, bringing their total to \$1,440 a year. Now to get a good picture of the total spending power of the Negro, we multiply 3,800 times \$1,440, and you'll get an outstanding total of \$5,500,000.00 spent by the Negro consumer a year. The white merchant knows this, but did you know that the Negro was such a big spender?

In all honesty, I don't think that the Negro should be satisfied with things as they are. They say that you are too fast with your wanting, but they fail to realize that we are all Americans and we all deserve an opportunity.

Personally, I don't think that we should support these businesses that are afraid to let the whole city know that the Negro trade is welcome and desired. In this day and time my fellow Americans, this is social injustice and it should not be. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy (and others) all died for a cause. A principle and a way of life. If we keep trading with the people that are afraid to let their white customers know publicly that they want our trade, then these great men have died in vain.

I appeal to you today that if they don't openly invite your trade through a direct method, you should carry your trade where it is being summoned. For years, you have bought the white man's merchandise. He thinks nothing of your

ist who has all the solutions for everybody's problem, but I'm writing as a friend and as one who has genuine interest in the welfare of all teenagers and one who works with them each week at the Mae Simmons Community Center and at E. C. Struggs Junior High School.

While working with you, I have discovered that many of you have been misled, some have become frustrated, some have no goals, and some are hopelessly trapped in a society which is either too lazy, too busy, too stupid or don't care to guide you properly.

Can all teenagers be condemned for the actions and failures of a few or are they sorry? Anyone who would give a positive answer to such a question must surely not be considered one who can reason well or intelligently, because all teenagers are definitely not bad, nor are all irresponsible!

There have been times that we as parents—and other dubious titles—have tried to shift the blame for your failures you solely, but deep in our hearts we know we have failed you in many, many ways. This came about by not spanking you when you needed it, by not guiding you when you became confused, by not providing you with a Christian atmosphere, by not letting you have a little privacy, by not insisting upon and giving respect, by seeing that you worked up to your capacity in school, by not seeing that you

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paper, the West Texas Times, he thinks nothing of your patronage and apparently he thinks nothing of you as a person.

I once read a sign that said: "Only he that can see the invisible can do the impossible." Now respect isn't impossible and your newspaper, the West Texas Times, isn't invisible. So we see the invisible need of business relation between the white merchant and the Negro consumer. Let's do the impossible of getting the white merchants to admit openly that they do need our business to stay in business. Ask them if they would show their colors in the West Texas Times? If they say yes, tell them to prove it.

We must carry this way of life that was denied by our forefathers. We must speak out against wrong now. Our forefathers did not have the appropriate freedom to do so.

There have been merchants in the city of Lubbock who have gone as far as to say that there are too many weekly publications. What they don't know or perhaps understand is that this is the only Black media in West Texas which is dedicated to informing the Negro citizens of West Texas.

As I see it, the West Texas Times will continue to tell the truth.



"Soul Pushes Black Churches Towards Black Power"

Dear Editor:

So-called Negro Churches, where are you? The Black churches of today are in a unique position to contribute meaningfully to the social revolution of this age! It will be most unfortunate, to say the least, for them to ignore or overlook the numerous opportunities before them. At the moment, they represent a largely uncommitted force and huge untapped resources of untold capacity. No such potential should be sidelined during these times when the winds of advancement change and progress are blowing so forcefully toward a New Day in human relations. Admittedly, the black churches have made many worthwhile contributions to the good of our people, nation and world. But, the pointed question of the moment is "What can black churches do today in light of present developments?" We shall attempt a factual and forthright realistic answer to that very significant question!

At the outset, we feel that black churches have a moral obligation to foster Black Awareness, Black Culture, Black Pride and Black Progress, all within the framework of their religious operations. Let us examine this premise further.

BLACK AWARENESS

Black Awareness simply means facing up to the fact that Black people not only exist but exist as meaningful and worthwhile elements in our social order, we think that it is the duty of the Black preacher to keep before his people the fact that "all men are created equal" (black men no exception) and that God intends for all his children to have equal opportunities to share a wholesome, worthwhile existence upon this earth! Black Awareness also means that being ashamed of our color is needless, pointless and out of touch with reality. Black is beautiful, happy hair is good hair and so on.

BLACK CULTURE

With reference to Black Culture, we wish to point out just one entity which so-called educated, intellectual blacks have tried to eliminate, namely the black spirituals. What they have failed to realize is that until the 20th century, the so-called Negro music (blues, folk songs, jazz, work songs, gospel numbers and spirituals) represent the only authentic "American" contribution to the "World of music, period. Whitey ain't gave nothing. The black pastors and churches should "carry the ball" in uncovering and revealing the truth about these matters. This

is but one instance, mind you, of a tremendous culture and cultural lag on the part of the black church. They shouldn't have those blond straight haired blue-eyed symbols of Jesus who was a Hebrew of which all the originals were black and the book says he had hair like that of a lambs wool.....like yours maybe.

BLACK PRIDE

With reference to Black Pride, we believe that the black churches should not only take pride in the achievements and accomplishments of persons of color, but should spread and teach the same with every ounce of fiber at their disposal. In this connection, we think it deplorable that so many of our churches seem to be running races to use white-owned facilities for banquets and other affairs of similar nature. Admittedly, it is our prerogative to spend our money where we choose. But why indicate so glaringly that we just have to use whitey's facilities? Why not use the facilities of black people where they will suffice? Besides, if black church people are going "to run like wild fire into white-owned facilities, they just might be aiding and a betting the humiliating argument in some white quarters that "all nigras want is a chance to associate with white folks."

BLACK CHURCH

Personally, this writer believes that black churches can and should stand at the helm and vanguard of Black Progress in our times. Black churches could patronize black businesses that measure up in quality and help make them bigger and better. Black churches could offer scholarship aid to needy youngsters in their midst and thereby aid the educational advancement of Black youths. Black churches could pool resources and create their own shopping centers with subsequent additional job opportunities for other black citizens. Quite frankly, we think that if more black ministers would buy a few more clothes from black tailors, it would be a tremendous morale booster for all concerned. The black business man automatically has two strikes against him from the git go. First, the white trade is largely out where he is concerned. Secondly, a large segment of black buyers still believe the white man's ice is a little colder. Again, we say... "Will the real Black church please stand up. Every Negro is a potential black man."

Omar Zulu of S.O.U.L.

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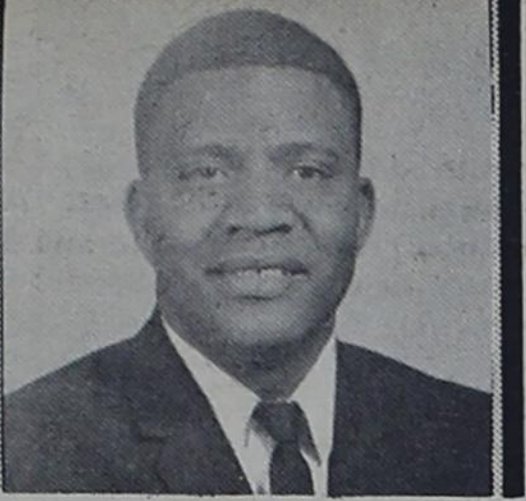
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THE POLICE BEAT

by: T. J. Patterson



**Police Beat
It Has Happened Again**

It has happened again this year. A 19 year old youth was killed at a local teenage club last weekend. He was shot apparently with a .22 or .25 caliber pistol. According to the Lubbock Police Department, he had been shot in the left side.

The Police Beat is unhappy to report these types of incidents which involve our young Americans. At this point, I am sure you can understand why this column is always asking you PARENTS to be more concerned about the welfare of your little ones. It is most important that we start searching among ourselves and see where we missed the boat with the little ones we love so dearly.

Of course, the death of this young teenager has happened and it could have been one of yours. The question now is what will you do to help prevent this type of action happening again. Will you just stand in the shadows and continue to say that all young

people are bad and refuse to get involved?

This is our community and it is where our young teenagers are molded into adults of tomorrow. Unless we start doing something today—and for heaven sakes quit saying that this is happening else where—Let's become involved in making the climate where our young work and play pleasant. Let's look ahead for tomorrow. Why not become involved.

Gun Shot Victim

Andrew Carter, 702 Avenue D, told officers of the Lubbock Police Department that he was minding his own business the other night and it costed him. You see, Carter was walking along Avenue E when he heard some gun shots.

At this point, he looked toward the sound of fire and did see a man firing a pistol. He said he felt something hit his left ankle. It was a round from a .22 or .25 caliber pistol.

Andrew is asking why did it

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Three experienced black production workers, two of them college graduates, were advanced to salaried positions paying from \$143 to \$155 per week after redress of happen to him?

Another Gun Shot Victim

This past weekend seems as to have been one gun shot victims. Another victim of a gun shot was Odell Deary, 1805 East 2nd Street.

He was taken to the hospital after being shot in the left front part of his thigh with a small caliber pistol (like the other victims perhaps a .22 or .25 caliber).

He told police that he had just stopped outside of a doorway in a local lounge when he heard some shooting. He did not realize that he had been shot until he felt blood running down his leg.

He had no idea who could have shot him.

Broken Windows at Posey

C. A. Farley, principal of Posey Elementary School, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that several windows had been broken out of his school.

Police discovered that one of the windows at the school had a hole big enough for a person to gain entry into the building.

The damage to the windows came to approximately \$25.

Police Beat Prayer

O'Lord as we approach the birthday of our Saviour, please help us as parents to show our young ones the right way to go. Our little ones need our guidance, Father. Help us to realize that the only way is through His name. AMEN.

their charges of discrimination based on race was secured by the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Announcement of the successful conciliation that resulted in the promotions was made by Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., Chairman of the Commission that enforces Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Title VII prohibits job discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

All three men charged that in spite of their educational backgrounds and experience ranging from four to five years, they had been repeatedly passed over for promotions in favor of white employees not as well educated and with less job seniority.

The Commission described the company's hiring and promotion policies as "arbitrary" and "discriminatory against Negroes" following:

Their employer, one of the nation's largest aircraft companies, has 925 salaried job classifications. A total of 58 Negroes work in 27 of those classifications.

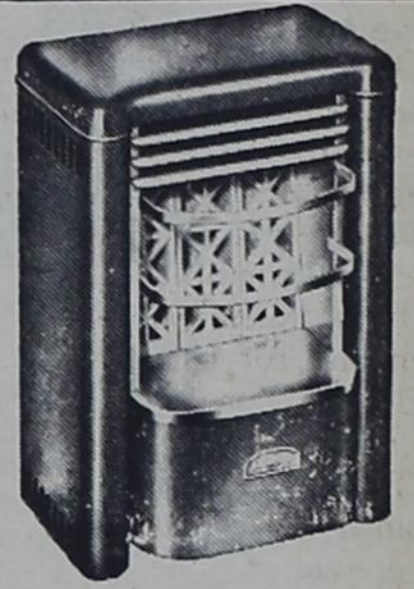
—The job performance of one of the men had been rated "outstanding" and he had been commended on several occasions for his "excellent job knowledge", but was consistently denied promotions.

—In a 90 day period, one of the men had been rejected six times for promotion in favor of whites, four of whom had less seniority.

—The company said one of the

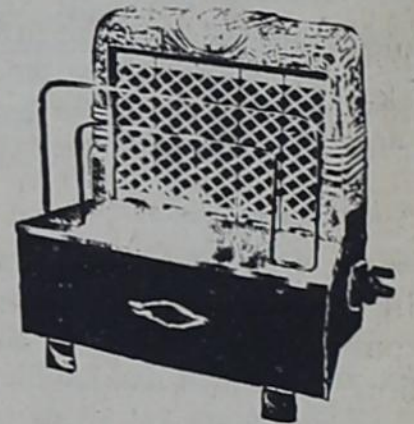
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From My Scratch Pad
By George Parrish

Parents I know we all love our children and want the best for them, but some-time we are not aware of what they are doing. There are a number of places that are trying to provide wholesome entertainment for the young people of the city, but there seem to be some that don't want that kind. Could it be your child? I would suggest that you follow the little saying that comes on the news, (Parents It Is Eleven O'clock. Do you know where your children are?) I have a great interest in kids because I work with them daily, that is why I urge you as parents to check a little closer on yours before something happens that we will be sorry for.



Sgt. & Mrs. John Gentry and daughter, of Riverside, Calif. was here last week due to the death of his grandfather, Mr. Oscar W. Gentry, of Branchville, Texas. The deceased was the father of Rev. Oscar W. Gentry of 1519 E. 28th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Mr. Parrish had a chance to see his little grand-daughter for the first time, and did he get a kick out of that, wanted to keep her but no luck.

Mr. & Mrs. George D. Parrish and daughter Dianne were dinner guest on Thanksgiving day of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hyman and did they set a table! We are yet trying to walk down the food we ate, if there is such a thing as walking down food, any way every thing was wonderful. Thanks a lot Mr.

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Around The Hub City

"Around the Hub City" would like to say congratulations to those fighting Matadors of Estacado High School for a job well done Thanksgiving Day at Abilene. This Saturday they will face another challenge as they face the Jackets of Kermit at 2:30 p.m. The game will be played at Kermit.

Let's get behind those Matadors and go with them to Kermit and root them on to a quarter final victory.

The Hub City is proud of these athletics.

"Letters to Santa" will appear in the *West Texas Times* beginning Thursday, December 12. All of you little people who would like to write Santa Clause a letter, then send your letter to "Letter to Santa," Box 225; Lubbock, Texas.

Mom and Dad encourage your little tots to get those letters in the mail today. It won't be long before the man in the bright red suit will be here.

Mrs. Hortense King has returned home from Eastland, Texas where she has been visiting with relatives for several weeks. Her daughter and family spent the Thanksgiving holiday at Eastland also.

Mrs. Althea Sheffield spent the holiday week-end with her brother in Oklahoma. She returned Sunday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Tieuelle of Hobbs, New Mexico spent Wednesday & Mrs. Hyman, call us anytime.

Woman was created from the rib of man.
She was not made from his head—to top his;
Nor out of his feet, to be trampled upon;
But out of his side, to be equal to his;
And near his heart, to be Loved.
Unknown.

day evening with the Struggs family. They were enroute to Dallas on Thanksgiving Day. They planned to stop by on their return home.

Mrs. Willie Cox and sister, Miss D. Lewis, visited their mother and other family members at Waco, Texas during the holiday season. Mrs. Nellie Fuller accompanied them and visited her brother and family.

Also accompanying them was Mrs. L. D. Davenport and son. They were able to visit her mother at Breham, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Graves and daughter, Voncelle, spent the holiday weekend visiting their daughters, Glonis Graves and Nancy Planks. They reported a lovely trip.

The Man on East Broadway says that we should let our actions speak so loud that others can't hear a word we are saying.

Major Edward Sedberry, who was serving in Saigon, has been hospitalized in Japan. His father here, Almo Sedberry has been notified about his illness. His family is yet in the states at Wisconsin.

Mrs. Lucreasia Lester of New Mexico spent the weekend here visiting her sister, Mrs. Leaner Goldstien.

Mrs. Jewel Sedberry and two children motored to Mexia for the weekend to visit her mother, Mrs. Precihi, who has been ill for several weeks.

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Pointier Says...
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truth that most of our countrymen have commitments which seldom go beyond TV sets, homes, money and education (the latter usually for the wrong reasons). The simple truth is what you can't change ghettos until you change the quality of life within them. "Private property and the al-

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mighty buck (which I'm certainly not in favor of doing away with) are presently the most important things in our society. But the human being must become most important. Capitalism is elastic enough to encompass this change.

"Only when all of America's citizens can commit themselves to the good of the country and everyone in it will crime—both in the streets and in plush middleclass offices—be dealt with effectively."

Send Letters to Editor

A ninth grade English class at Roosevelt High School sent letters to the editor of the *West Texas Times*, T. J. Patterson, in appreciation of his presentation to the class last week.

Each member of the class expressed in his own way of what each received from the presentation. Patterson talked on "Crime Prevention" to the class.

Mrs. Wendell Duncan is their teacher.

Straight Talk...

by
COUNCILMAN BILLY G. MILLS
Continued From Last Week

At one point, on Friday, non-American black athletes engaged in their own brand of "wholesome humor." When some press man, as they frequently did, failing to distinguish between American black athletes and those from other countries opened with their seemingly endless inquiries, they would blush intently, smile broadly and respond in Spanish clipped with French, Portuguese, Italian, or Swahili, "No hablo Ingles." The interviewer would blush severely, then run off to find another subject, guided by one single characteristic, and requirement—that he be black.

The athletes with whom I discussed the subject agreed unanimously that the press should be barred from Olympic Villages. As one put it, "The press and the Aztec two-step (a type of diarrhea which affected visitors, otherwise known as "Montezuma's Revenge") are the only real hazards in the Olympic Games."

Finally, considering the state of affairs in the world today, it could be that we should be grateful to the likes of Smith and Carlos for providing the Olympic Games of 1968 with an escape valve and a couple of scapegoats.

There is practically unanimous agreement among those honest enough to voice an opinion that he should protest against them.

Everyone concludes as follows, however: that he is not alone among the suppressed and subjugated peoples of the world; and that to interject his protests into the Olympic games is to be questioned; that the Olympiad is not a "political arena."

We should be reminded that the entire world is being rocked by revolutionary occurrences. Even

in Mexico City, our host for the XIX Olympiad, by agreement, street fighting (between soldiers and students) is being postponed until company has cleared the living room, as it were. It would appear to be totally unreasonable to expect that some of this protest should not find its way to the awards platform. It would appear further that the country with the greatest amount of "freedom," as a matter of fact, coupled with the heaviest list of grievances among its citizen participants, would also run the greatest risk of being embarrassed by some kind of demonstration of protest on the victory stand.

Thus the genesis of Smith and Carlos. A Russian athlete on doing any symbol of resistance, would have been either shot or quietly crated and shipped to Siberia. Pravda would not have reported a word of it. Such is the paradox of freedom.

In freedom is a subtle beauty, which bends even in rating our punishment; the offenders were disciplined only after they had "offended," after they had contributed to the American effort, only after they had reached a substitute status...and finally, the order shipping them home was apparently cancelled.

The whole "political question" of their late athletic process, are becoming champion medalists in the world competition. The power of such countries as Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana and Cuba, all black cannot be ignored.

I predict that within three Olympic Games, 75 percent of all medals, gold, silver and bronze, will be won by colored athletes, if present trends continue.

The question is, "How do you, with freedom, prevent a man who has fought every inch to maintain his self-respect in becoming an Olympic Champion, and who must leave the platform of champions to fight even harder, (and fighting downhill can be harder) to stand silently when he knows (and wants the world to know) that all is not well?"

For a brief 90 seconds that snowballed into a full week, Smith and Carlos ran, stood and slept with oppressed people, black, brown, yellow, and white, at their shoulders. They might have realized this and they might have concluded that socks, gloves, raised clenched fists and berets were necessary.

Freedom requires some individual expression... and to the extent that freedom spreads in the world, we might just as well expect to see more of it in the Olympic Games.

Perhaps we might question Smith's judgement. But we must remember it was his judgement. To the extent that he has erred we may punish him. Apparently he is willing to assume that risk. And this just might be the real quality of a modern Olympian.

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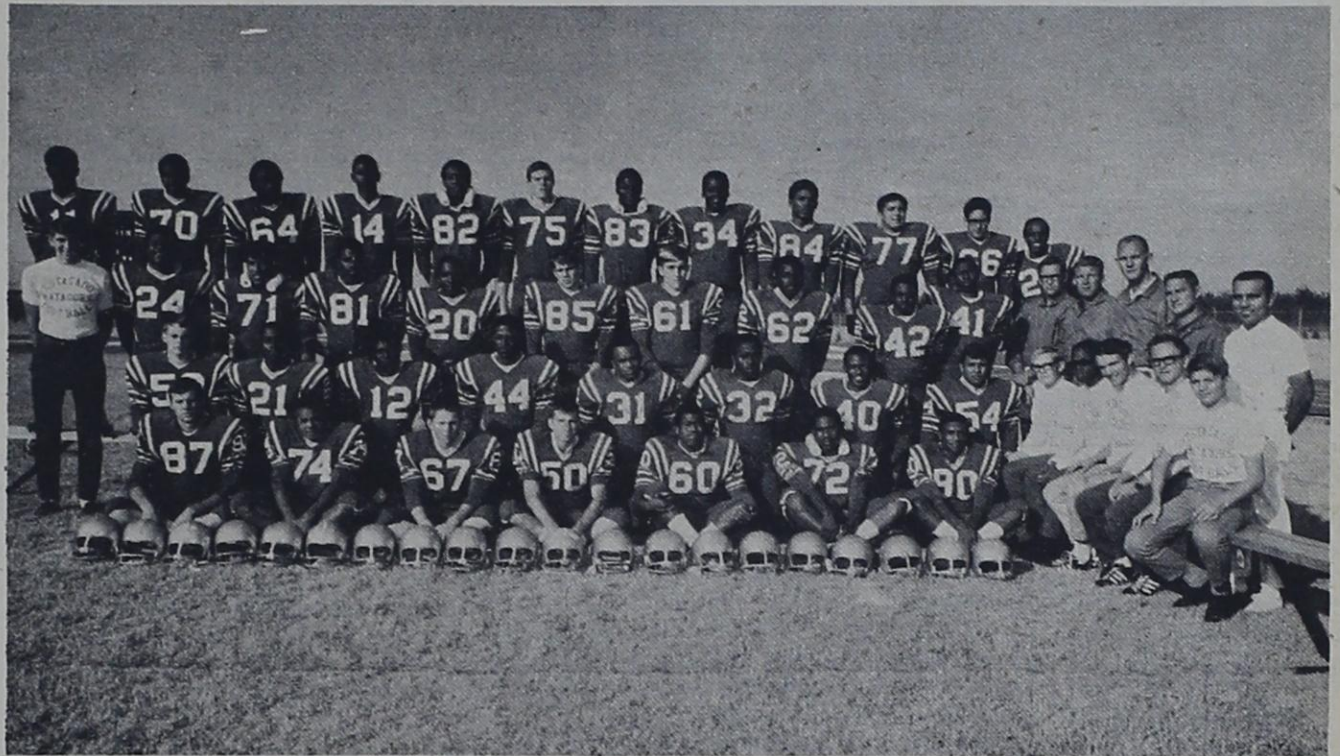
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For further information on the basketball league, contact Bob Exum at the YMCA, PO 2-0588.

A Sincere Thanks

We wish to thank our many members, ministers and friends of our churches in the city for your kindness shown us during the recent illness of our husband and father. Words are inadequate to express our sincere gratitude. You were so nice and thoughtful. We know that you will continue to do so.

Our loved one is doing nicely now and the Minister Alliance is yet sharing our services each Sunday. God bless you all.

Prayerfull yours,
The O. D. Hollins Family

Hopewell Baptist Church

Petersburg—Dr. David Ray, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will preach the sermon closing out the Youth Crusade in the Petersburg area. The Crusade has been carried out by the work of the RA's and GA's of the Hope-

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An Open Letter to Our Teenagers...

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accepted responsibility and by not praising you whenever possible. We have failed you.

I'm not advocating that there is any one answer to a complexity of problems, but open discussion would contribute to possible solutions. Most important, it would be a beginning!!! How do we begin?

The parents, school, you, and the ministers (not all of them) who have failed our community; their church and themselves—must first admit that these problems decent teenage clubs, crime, illegitimacy, lack of motivation, planned activities, and lack of activities for teenage girls do exist and

well Baptist Church.

The Crusade theme is "A Nail For Christ." Mrs. Christine Cooks and Rosie L. White heads up the GA's. The RA's are headed by Harold D. Gentry and The Brotherhood along with Pastor Gentry.

Equal Employment . . .

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men "lacked formal education" though he had completed three years of college study and had taken extension courses in his specialty.

—The company's reason for not promoting one man was "failure to file upgrade request" even though the labor agreement between the company and the union specifically states that "upgrade request is not necessary."

In agreeing to promote the three men to salaried positions and to make other revisions of its employment policies to conform to Title VII, the company disavowed any admission that it had violated the Federal law.

In announcing the successful conciliation agreement with the company, EEOC Chairman Alexander noted that the promotions and other changes the company had agreed to come about as a result of initiative taken by the complainants in exercising their legal rights by filing complaints of discrimination with the commission.

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should receive our priority concern.

In finalizing, who is to blame for the present teenage dilemma is irrelevant, but what we decide to do about it is important. If someone becomes irritated because of this article then this proves to me that they at least care.

Jehovahs Witnesses Drink Waters of Truth

Think back to the time when you were starving for a good drink of water? Then receiving it, your thirst was fully satisfied. Last Sunday's talk caused us to want another drink just that much. From one meeting to the next Jehovahs Witnesses thirst is satisfied with the waters of truth that will soon lead to life.

Your being present showed you too, wanted to follow along with your Bible, with Mr. Horace Dove, who has years of experience in the Ministry, in his search threw the scriptures and sharing them with us, in his talk (The Miraculous Gifts That Passed Away) he made it very clear what the christians of long ago did to show they wanted life, what we today must do if we want life, and pointed out from the Bible, that this is know time to play around, time is running out, soon it will be too late to decide whether you want to serve the true God or not. If you were present you no doubt remember many points of concern that were explained scripturally. If you were not, you missed that good drink of truth. But would you like to know what the Fruits of Gods Spirit is? Whether everyone does, or should have them? How you can acquire them? These and many more points of interest will be brought out Dec. 8 in the talk entitled Increasing the Fruits of Gods Spirit in your Life, then stay for another hour and enjoy the WatchTower Lesson with us entitled (The Happiness of The Nation Whose God Is Jehovah.)

We will be looking forward to the visit of all Truth Thirsty Ones. Come to the Kingdom Hall, 2015 E. 14th Street. Remember the Truth is Free.....

Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church

Amarillo—Sunday School opened Sunday at the regular hour, with Supt. Scott and all teachers present.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. R. Anderson brought the 11 o'clock message and a very inspiring one it was, he used as a subject, Gods Expectations and God's Disappointments. Pastor Wade is yet in the hospital, we are praying for him and for others if there be any that they may have a speedy recovery.

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28th, Jenkins Chapel was host to the Ministerial Alliance Annual Thanksgiving Services. Officers of the Ministerial Alliance are Rev. David Hill, Pres.; Rev. A. J. Davis, Sr. Vice Pres.; Rev. A. J. Williams, Sec'y.; and Rev. E. R. Manning, Trea.

The Service was enjoyed by all attending. Sister M. L. Hazelrigg is the reporter.

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CHURCH NEWS

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

Our congregation would like to thank Mrs. J. T. Brazton and Mrs. R. J. Mitchell for buying twelve nursery stools for the primary class room.

The Parsonage committee visited on last Sunday and took an inventory. This is required by the church. It is to be done each year before the Annual Conference.

Tonight, Thursday, December 5, the Women Society of Christian Service of Saint Matthews United Methodist Church and our own Women Society will present a movie film entitled "Time For Burning."

The film portrays the dilemma facing the nation's churches on the subject of integration. Simply told, it is the story of an attempt by one young pastor, the Rev. William Youngdahl, to change the racial patterns of his parish and his neighborhood in Omaha, Nebraska.

Every member should see this film.

Our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Reed, left Sunday afternoon for the Conference in San Antonio, Texas. They are to be in attendance at the North West Texas Conference here at the First United Methodist Church Friday and Saturday.

Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church

A very hearty "Thank You" from the pastor, superintendent and Sunday school staff for every Canvasser for Sunday School who participated last Monday night. Our visit was a Spiritual Success. We gained many friends and our hearts rejoiced. There is no short cut to the heavenly Kingdom. It is not the way across, but the way of the Cross, that leads home.

The Program committee is announcing Christmas practice—which got under way Tuesday afternoon at 5 p.m. All youth workers are asked to please be present and on time at each meeting.

If there are any young people

who are interested in participating in this year's program, then please contact a member of the youth department. Your service is definitely needed if we are going to have a successful program this year.

Annual business meeting was held at our church last Monday evening with each secretary of each auxilliary reporting their annual effort.

Let us pray for and visit our sick. Brother Oscar Iles remains ill in Highland Hospital. Sister Mary Brown remains shut-in the Mc Murray Rest Home. Brother Wilmar Wilson is shut-in at his home.

New Hope Baptist Church

Our church conference will be held Monday night, December 9 at 8 p.m. in the church auditorium. All members are urged to attend. Auxilliary presidents will please see to it that your annual reports will be available along with the church proper report.

Mid-Week Prayer Service is held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. All members, as well as the public, is cordially invited to be present.

Fifth Sunday which is December 29, will be under the auspices of the W.M.S. and the last for the year. All women are asked to please support this day and service. Let us make this the best Fifth Sunday of the year.

Joint Ushers rehearsal will be held Friday, December 6th, at 8 p.m. in the church auditorium. All members are asked to be present.

Whisper a prayer for the sick and shut-in's. Send cards of cheer and visit when possible.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Services at Bethel were nicely attended last Sunday morning beginning with Sunday school.

Pastor Wilson delivered the sermon and as usual, first Sunday of the month was set aside for Communion.

Brother T. J. Patterson will deliver the Laymen Sermon Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. His address will be directed at the members of the community.

The members were happy to see Mrs. H. King home. James Page, Jr., also worshipped with us. He is home from Mississippi Valley State College at Itta Bena, Mississippi. Page is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Page, Sr. He is home for a few days.

Also visiting this service was the nephew of Mrs. E. Coleman from Midland, Texas.

The Laymen League, headed by Brother T. J. Patterson, has begun a "Clean-Up Campaign" at Bethel, and are off to a good start. The members of the Laymen League will be installed Sunday night.

Mrs. Sarah Crawford is still confined to her home, but is recuperating nicely. Also G. Holiday remains on the shut-in-list.

Special preparation is now underway for the Christmas program. The Wilson's Christmas party, an annual affair for Rev. and Mrs. Wilson, is being planned for our little ones.

Lyons Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School was well attended last Sunday morning with Supt. Brown on time at 9:45 a.m.

The morning services were largely attended at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. W. L. Grimes filling the pulpit as our pastor, Rev. O. D. Hollins, is still recuperating from his recent illness.

Rev. Grimes' message was from Mark 6:47-50. His subject: "Contrary Winds in Our Lives."

Pastor presented the ordination certificates to the new ordained deacons. They were Brothers Sammy Miller, Wilson Baldwin, Freddy Eddington and Clarence Fulbum. Also 28 baptismal certificates were presented by Pastor Hollins.

At 6 p.m., Mrs. L. Brooks was at her post of duty. Remember prayer meeting each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. The church that prays together; stays together.

The church's musician, Mrs. Bettye Miller, is on the sick list. Let's not forget to remember all the sick and shut-ins.

At the closing service of the day, the Lord's Supper was well attended. You are always welcome at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street. Rev. O. D. Hollins is minister.

North Side Church of Christ

Floydada—Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Fuller, minister of the North Side Church of Christ of Floydada has returned home safe.

Thank God for his goodness. The brethren of the church gave him a two-week vacation. The minister and his wife visited with

friends and relatives in Tyler, Texas. They also went to Jacksonville, Texas and did some shopping in Dallas, Texas.

Many, many thanks to the brethren of North Side.

Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church

Amarillo—Sunday was communion day in Johnson Chapel, Rev. Davis brought the message, using as a subject, Lord Is It I?

On Sunday December 8, the senior choir will be giving a Tea, the public is invited to share this gala affair with them.

The Junior department of the church continues to move forward with more youths participating in the activities each Sunday. Let us continue to support our future church, (these young people).

Sister is yet in the hospital, if there are others, let us pray for them.

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