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NEA Hits School Desegregation in East Texas

Dunbar Stage Band Honored In Texas Tech Competition

The Dunbar Stage Band, directed by Mr. Roy W. Roberts, a unique part of the music department at Dunbar High School, was honored to appear in the annual Stage Band Festival held at Texas Tech University on March 6-7, 1970.

The Festival had as its clinicians Mr. David Edwards, Mr. Joe Leach, and Mr. Clark Terry (of Tonight Show fame). Mr. Terry (Negro) was the first of his race to be so honored.

To say the least, Dunbar was outstanding. The band received the Outstanding Band Trophy (Class AAA). Members of the band receiving individual awards were Jackie Clark, Outstanding Musician (all classes), member of the selected All-Star Band; Winnie Faye Morgan (Drummer) named to the All-Star Band. Gloria Hall is featured vocalist for the Stage Band and

also Alto Saxophone player.

The band is composed of the following members:

Rythm Section-Winnie Faye Morgan, Drums; Daphne Newton, Piano; Jackie Clark, Guitar; Dennis Carroll, Bass. Reed Section-Gloria Hall, First Alto Saxophone; Glenda Lawson, Third Alto Saxophone; Zeobia Hall, First Tenor Saxophone; Janet Cunningham, Fourth Tenor Saxophone; Margaret Fisher, Baritone Saxophone. Brass-Section-Charles Hobdy, First Trumpet; Edward Hereford, First Trumpet; David Crockett, Second Trumpet; Lee Earnest Bagley, Third Trumpet; L.D. Wiley, Fourth Trumpet. Trombone Section-Linda Henderson, First Trombone; Bernard Thompson, Second Trombone David Bailey; Fourth Trombone; Michael Gatewood, Third Trombone.

Wins Highest FHA Award

Wynette Yvonne Ball, the daughter of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Willie Ball has been working diligently since June of 1969 to attain the highest honor recieved in FHA. An applicant must have achieved their Junior and Chapter degree. Each girl must describe their community and family, fully. Each person is required to establish goals and work toward them in six areas, personal, school, community, FHA, family and home experience and a program interpretation to other persons. A completed degree will insure a personal satisfaction. It will help when applying for jobs, and going to college because people know it is a hard earned honor.

Wynette said she wanted this degree because it was a high honor priveledge and accomplishment for her. Wynette will be the first Negro to receive a degree in this area, a very special honor. She is president of the school chapter, has been working for this degree since the ninth grade. She received her Junior Degree during her Junior year. "Writing the degree is very time consuming, but the work toward goals comes easily," said Wynette. Who will be honored in an Area 1 Meeting in Amarillo, Texas March 14th to receive her Area Certificate and application. She will receive her state Degree at the State FHA Meeting in Austin, April 24th.



Wynette is a Member of the Greater New Hope Baptist Church of which the Rev. A.L. Dunn is Minister, a member of the Honor Society of Estacado High School President of the New Hope Baptist Church Junior Usher Board, Usher of the Year 1968, Assistant Secretary of her Sunday School, A close runner-up for Miss New Hope 1969, one of the top ten finals of the All Cotton Contest held at Furr's Cafeteria, April 1969. FHA President of Estacado High School where she represented her Chapter in an Annual meeting that was held in Dallas, Texas in 1969. She resides with her mother and little sister Mistress Cynthia Marie Ball at 405 Ute Ave. Lubbock. Her father is presently stationed at Perrin AFB, Texas and is a Air Force Careerman.

Retires After 36 Years Of Service
Mrs. C.H. Lyons has retired from 36 years of faithful services in dental business which began in Lubbock in 1934 when she arrived shortly after her marriage to the late Dr. C.H. Lyons who was the only Negro dentist here for years. After his death, she continued to serve in the same capacity with other dentists, namely; Dr. Bailey

Lubbock Man Grazed By Pistol Bullet

A Lubbock man, Arthur Jackson, was grazed by a .22 caliber bullet in his apartment at 1501 Avenue C last Saturday after reportedly surprising an intruder in his apartment.

Police said the two men argued, and the intruder pulled a small caliber pistol from his pocket and shot at Jackson.

Jackson received a superficial wound and was not taken to a hospital. However, another man was arrested in regard to the incident.

United Black Coalition To Quiz Candidates

All citizens of East Lubbock are invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the United Black Coalition, an organization formed from the prior "Let's Get Together" meetings, which will be held tonight, Thursday, March 12, at 8 p.m. at the Booker T. Washington American Legion Post in Yellowhouse Canyon.

"Unity is the thing that is needed most among the Black Community of Lubbock" is the theme to be used by this organization.

Every resident will have the chance to meet the Black and Spanish American Candidates. Those candidates are Joan Y. Ervin, school board Place 1; Froy Salinas, School Board Place 6; and M. L. Richards, City Councilmen Place 3.

Rally Set For Candidates In City, School Elections

A candidate rally will be conducted by Lubbock Association of Churches and the Ecumenical Council on Social Concerns at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, at Plains Co-Op Oil Mill.

Joe Mat Smith and Arthur Preisinger, chairmen of the two organizations, will be in charge of the rally.

The rally is being staged to encourage maximum participation in the April 4 school board election and the April 21 City election.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a three-minute statement. The candidates will answer questions that have been screened, prepared and reproduced by a committee prior to the rally and written questions will be collected from the floor during the rally.

Sister Regina Foppee, 304 A venue, F, is accepting questions that are to be considered by the school board candidates and Tom Burtis, 3706 47th Street, is accepting questions to be asked of candidates for mayor or city council.

City Resident's Relative, Mrs. Addie Jackson, Passes Away in Oakland, California

Mrs. Addie Jackson, age 85, was dead on arrival at a local hospital in Oakland, California last Monday, Marcy 2. She suffered an apparent heart attack at her home shortly before an ambulance was summoned.

She was an aunt of Mrs. Oma McQuinney and Mrs. Norma Austin both of Lubbock.

Mrs. Jackson was born May 29, 1885 at Eagle Lake, Texas. She has been a resident of Oakland for fifty-five years.

Besides the Lubbock relatives, other survivors include a daughter Dr. R.A. Pillow and her latest employer, Dr. Heenan Johnson, who has a lucrative practice and business here.

Mrs. Lyons, a product of Harrison Switch Community near Waco, taught school in her early years and was employed at Brechenridge, Texas prior to her marriage to Dr. Lyons.

Washington, D.C., March 7—School desegregation in East Texas is producing "arbitrary and discriminatory treatment" of black students and teachers, a report released today by the National Education Association charges.

In a 57-page document outlining the failures and frustrations of desegregation in 25 rural counties east of Dallas and Houston, the NEA recommends formation of "black occupational caucuses" by teachers to give blacks the political power they need to fight "white domination."

Based on a special study by NEA's Commission on Professional Rights and Responsibilities, the report tells of the systematic elimination of black educators and the "humiliations" suffered by black students in a setting characterized by "outstanding statistical progress in school desegregation."

The report, titled "Beyond Desegregation: the Problem of Power," sets up East Texas as a model for the rest of the country to examine for pitfalls in the school desegregation process.

A four-member special committee, which spent four months studying East Texas, found numerous examples of black educators losing jobs as a result of desegregation.

Witnesses appearing before the committee reported that many blacks have lost jobs after participating in political or civil rights activities such as voter registration drives.

In the absence of protections such as state tenure loss and local grievance procedures, blacks with as many as 20 years of teaching experience are fired rather than placed in classrooms with white children, the report states.

The committee found in some school districts "more subtle" forms of eliminating blacks. Blacks sent to formerly all-white schools are assigned to teaching subjects out of their field and then are dismissed for unsatisfactory performance. Often, blacks are assigned to

federally funded projects and then dismissed when funds run out, according to the NEA committee.

The committee cites examples of intimidation and discriminatory treatment of black students by white students, teachers and administrators.

Blacks are excluded from most extra-curricular activities, the committee states. Standards of discipline are different for blacks and whites. History is taught "Southern style." Racial slurs are ignored. Black identity and pride are "discouraged and submerged." In a break with tradition, the committee appointed to study East Texas makes no attempt to recommend remedies to school and governing officials composing the locality's so-called white power structure.

For local whites even to admit that problems exist would require them to repudiate "an inherited system of values that is intrinsic to the East Texas—and traditionally Southern—way of life," the report asserts.

The NEA committee found that "persuasion through reasoned analysis" would be ineffective in influencing white officials to "stem the tide of teacher displacement, redress the grievances of black educators and carry out desegregation in such a way as to achieve true integration."

Addressing itself exclusively to East Texas blacks, the committee says bluntly that conflicts between society's "haves" and "have nots" will not be resolved through appeals to the generosity and good will of the haves. "It is a basic truth of power relationship that the responsiveness of the majority power holders to minority interest increases in direct proportion to the amount of bargaining power held by the minority group," the report states. "Power can only be countered with power."

In reviewing potential sources of power available to blacks in East Texas, the committee points out that outside help from either national and state organizations or the body of civil rights legislation offers little hope of successfully fighting racial injustice without the organized application of pressure at the local level.

Blacks have virtually no influence in merged local associations of East Texas, the report charges. As a result, the job security local associations are supposed to afford their members is not available to blacks.

Administrative paternalism, long the salvation of black educators in the segregated school system of the old South, no longer is protecting blacks during the recent period of school desegregation, according to the PR & R report.

As a result, the committee feels the only recourse open to blacks is the formation of black occupational-caucuses—not only at the local, regional and state levels in Texas, but in other states, and at the national level as well.

Blacks would have their own elected representatives authorized to negotiate with the white leadership of various associations.



Mrs. Hallie T. Smith, two grandchildren of Oakland, and anephew I.H. White of Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Oma McQuinney left Friday morning via plane for Oakland to attend the final rites Monday morning. Baker Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

EDITORIALS

Time To Support Your Candidates

The time has come for the black community to support their candidates. This year is time for us to quit running someone for the sake of running and run someone to win. This is the year for this type of victory to be seen by the black community.

There are two black candidates running for places on the school board and city council of Lubbock. Both candidates have something to offer the young and old of our community. They cannot do their "thing" without our support.

For Place one on the School Board is Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin, a former Dunbar graduate and employee of IBM, who has participated for several years in school activities. Joan is concerned about the welfare of young people of Lubbock and can do the job.

On the other hand, M.L. Richards, a candidate for Place Three on the City Council, is a young man who is employed with AT&T and president of the local AFL-CIO. Maurice is determined to do a good job for the citizens of Lubbock.

Both of these intelligent people can do us a terrific job. We cannot afford to let the opportunity pass us by when we can elect these two blacks to both of the places in our city and school district.

Let us all look at this from a constructive point of view and make a total commitment that we will support these people at the polls. Aside from doing our share at the polls, it would help both candidates by participating in your neighborhood, through block clubs and other organizations to get the word out that we must tell the people of Lubbock that we have competent people running from our community who are willing and able to represent us on the places being sought.

This is an important election for the residents of the black community. We must remember that it is our job as citizens to support those who are making steps in order to represent us at City Hall or the Lubbock Independent School Board of Trustees. We need these people where the decisions are being made. It is up to us, however, to make this happen. Time has come for us to stand up and be counted. We must quit talking about it and start doing something about it.

This year, "as matter of a fact on April 2—at the School Board Election—and April 21—at the City Council Election—we have a darn good chance. The question is: "Will we let these dates pass us by? We're sure you won't.

Remember these two dates and, by all means, remember those candidates running to represent you on the School Board Election—Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin—and City Council Election—Maurice L. Richards.

This year we need to stick together and make this happen. Time has come for you to support your candidates. Don't you think so?

STATE CAPITAL

Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



Austin, Tex—Local school district will contribute \$217.2 million toward financing Texas' basic foundation education program in 1970-71.

State Board of Education settled on this figure in approving local fund assignments of approximately 20 per cent of the total program cost. State pays the rest.

Sixty-first Legislature set local fund assignment at \$204.9 million, plus 20 per cent of the cost of new programs.

Board approved the economic index for each of 254 counties, determining the contribution to be made by districts as a fair share of costs. Each district is further assigned an amount based on the percentage of tax valuations. Tentative indexes have been mailed to district and county superintendents.

Economic index is re-computed each year, based on three-year averages of valuations, scholastic population and income.

In other action, the board:

Reversed the Taylor County School Board order to transfer 73.9 acres of land and 10 pupils from Wylie to the Abilene School districts, on grounds that local trustees made the original decision in a secret meeting—which is not legal under Texas laws.

Approved for readoption \$3,076,149 worth of text books in 36 subjects covering all grades.

Awarded a \$150,000 contract to Texas A&M University to train driver education teachers and teaching assistants in two summer short courses.

Heard a report that there is no significant disadvantages for driver education students from use of non-degree teaching assistants in driving courses.

Voted to continue the School for the Blind project to develop a perceptual training program for visually-handicapped children into 1971 under a new \$69,041 contract with the U.S. Office of Education.

Courts Speak—In a precedent-setting case, State Supreme Court held that mineral rights are dominant over surface rights in lands condemned by government agencies.

Owners have a right to reasonable use of the surface to get minerals under such lands, says the Court, and where public use interferes with recovery of minerals, a second condemnation proceeding is necessary. Case involved 7.6 acres of land condemned by Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation district.

High court also agreed to hear arguments April 1 as to whether a house owned by the San Antonio Methodist Church should be exempt from property taxation. House is used as a residence for the church's district supervisor. Fourth Court of Civil Appeals earlier reversed a local district court which contended the house is exempt.

Abilene appeal from judgment of \$29,545 favoring a landowner whose 35 acres were condemned for a city airport was rejected by the Supreme Court.

Goals Identified—Phase II of Gov. Preston Smith's "Goals for Texas" program was kicked off when the representatives of each of the 21 planning regions of the state came to Austin for a conference, and presented recommendations for improvements in the Texas way of life.

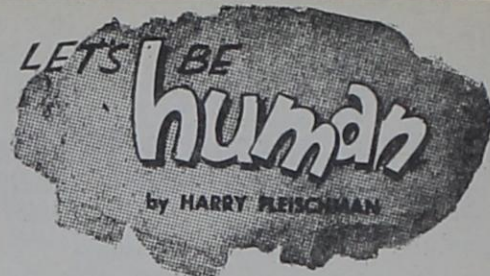
These recommendations will form the basis of his 1971 recommendations on state goals, says the governor. Smith sees the process as "bringing the government close to the people"—a procedure he favors.

"If we win, we will have made state government more responsive and more relevant to all Texans," he said. "We will have taken the leadership among our sister states in providing solutions to our own problems and, more important, we will have involved people in the decision-making process."

Eight Spurn Food Programs—Eight counties still refuse to participate in free food distribution programs for the poor, reports the Texas Welfare Department.

Counties are Gillespie, Kerr, Uvalde, Bowie, Edwards, Randall, Roberts and Colorado, Department

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The Democratic Policeman—Are police in Western Europe more democratic than in the United States? George E. Berkley answers "yes" in an exciting and controversial book, *The Democratic Policeman*, (Beacon Press, \$7.50) Why? He gives a two-pronged answer, training and unionism.

In West Germany, he notes, police recruits receive three to four years of training, with heavy emphasis on political science and applied psychology. Recruits get two years and nine months of training in Italy, one full year in Sweden, six months in France and 13 weeks in Great Britain. In the United States, the vast majority of police begin carrying guns and enforcing the law with less than five weeks' training.

Police trade unions in Western Europe provide opportunities for ventilating grievances and taking part in democratic processes, and serve as a "safety valve for a group which is always under pressure." In addition, says Berkley, the unions provide a two-way communications link between the police and society, offering the public better access to the policeman's point of view. At the same time, police union spokesmen and publications receive and transmit to their members ideas from the non-police world.

In Nazi Germany, Section 53 of the penal code authorized the police to use weapons even when they could deal with the situation by other means, because "The bearer of an SS uniform cannot offer the spectacle of a tussle to his folk comrades. Such a spectacle is incompatible with the SS uniform." In contrast, the Trade Union of German Police, which includes over 65 per cent of West German policemen, called for de-escalating the use of force. Rejecting training in the use of machine guns, the union demands a clear demarcation between the police and the armed services.

In England, where Bobbies are unarmed, the Police Federation of Britain has turned down suggestions to arm the police and rejected the use of non-lethal chemical sprays. In Norway too, police do not carry guns, and although policemen elsewhere in Scandinavia are issued guns, they frequently leave them in their lockers when on daytime assignments. In virtually no European democracy do policemen carry guns when off duty.

American policemen carry heavier weapons than their European counterparts, and wear them almost constantly. And they tend to be far more aggressive in the use of force.

Police unionism in the United States is in its infancy. A few thousand policemen are in locals of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, while many larger urban forces have benevolent associations which engage in collective bargaining. Where police unions have taken root in America, they appear to have a democratizing effect.

On both continents, says Berkley, "The police do not create a political culture: they reflect it. They behave in a way the society they serve expects them to behave. Thus, if European systems operate in a manner more consistent with democratic norms than do ours, it should tell us something about American democracy, and what it tells us should give us cause for some concern if not alarm."

Cancelled—It's only 25 years since the end of World War II and the Adolf Hitler Era. One would expect that infamous face would still be recognized. As a GI in Germany during the War, a neighbor of mine, Bernard Lichtig, picked up some Nazi stamps. In December 1969, he addressed an envelope to himself, pasted a 6 Mark stamp with Hitler's portrait on it, and mailed it. Within two days, he received the letter with Hitler's face cancelled by a Wantagh, N.Y. postmark.

Evolution—When a friend of mine, Bernard Backer, was in Britain last fall, he visited Westminster Abbey with his family. Explaining that many famous people were buried there, he told his daughter, "Just think, Joey, you're walking over Charles Darwin's grave." The 15-year old, nonchalantly replied, "Uh-huh-survival of the fittest."

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Police Beat

Involvement of People Needed

We must remember that as citizens of Lubbock we all have a job to do in regard to becoming involved. One means of involvement is by working hand in hand with the Lubbock Police Department. This type of public relations could certainly help us erase some of the crimes which are seen in the City of Lubbock.

We all have a job to do and it is up to each of us to do our part. If we set good examples ourselves, our little people will have something to pattern themselves behind. This definitely ties in with the fact that our police department needs our individual involvement. Don't you think so?

Theft

A Lubbock man told police that he was at an apartment house on Avenue C when he was hit for \$80.

You see the man said that he was in the ladies apartment when the lady took four \$20 bills from his hand. He told the police that this was the first time that this had happen to him while he was in this lady's apartment.

The man also admitted that these twenty dollar bills were money he had received from his income tax refund.

Car Burglary

Charles Parks, 2308 Main, rear, told Lubbock police that someone unknown did break into his car while it was parked at his residence. Once inside, the burglar did take an automatic radio-tape deck and tapes.

According to Mr. Parks, the items stolen were valued at approximately \$127. The tape deck was in the glove compartment and a three dollar tape was in the seat.

Vandalism

Ronnie Hill, 1926 East Baylor

Highlights & Sidelights . . .

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About 2.4 million cars and trucks have complied with inspection requirements since the new period began on September 1. This is the last deadline under the old law. State now is on a 12-month inspection period, with stickers expiring on the last day of the month, 12 months from date of the sticker.

New stickers are placed on the left side of the windshield. They show the month of inspection and expiration. So, if you still have a sticker on the right side of your windshield, your car must be inspected by April 15.

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Avenue, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone broke his windshield and door window and left dents on his late model automobile which was parked in his driveway.

Pieces of a coke bottle was found in the area of the damaged car.

According to windshield, window and dents in the car, the cost to repair the car would be approximately \$100.

Shot Victim

Delton D. Wilson, 2207 Quirt Avenue, Apt. D, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that while he was on his way to visit in Coronado Apartments, he had a bad accident.

He told police that as he started to get out of his car, he heard a shot and something struck him in the back of the head and knocked him down.

Delton stated that he did not know where the stray bullets were coming from nor did he know who shot him.

He recieved a small puncture in the back of his head.

The Police Beat Prayer

Dear Lord, please help us to realize how important it is for us to become involved in the welfare of our city. Let us, Lord, understand that it is our job to help make our community a better place in which to live. AMEN.

CAB Director To Speak To PTA Group

T.J. Patterson executive director of the Community Action Board in Lubbock County, will speak on neighborhood development tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Bozeman Elementary School, 3100 East 2nd Street.

This program is sponsored by the PTA of Bozeman Elementary School.

Wins Third Place In Baby Contest



In a recent baby contest at Paul Quinn at Waco, Texas, Thomas Charles Terrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. and Beardine Terrell, won third place in the contest. The parents are very much proud of the outcome.

Baby Terrell won out first in the baby contest in the district after winning over the local contest held at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

The members of Bethel took time to salute both babies, Tammie Cage and Thomas, for a job well done throughout the event.

His parents are both graduates of Dunbar High School and are at present attending Texas Tech.

In talking to the elated grandfather, Charles Terrell, Sr., he said, "I knew my grandson, Thomas, would stay in the contest as it went to State." Mr. Terrell is District Manager of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company.

Former Lubbock Resident Dies While Visiting Here

Mrs. Callie Mae Davis Busby, a former resident of Lubbock, arrived here early last Thursday morning from Denver Colorado for a visit with a long time friend, Mrs. Doris Jean Gipson. Later in the afternoon, she was thought to be resting but was discovered dead. According to a report she had been two or three hours.

This was her first visit here in sixteen years. She was married and had several children.

Other survivors include her mother, Mrs. Cardelea Davis; a sister, Maggie Dedrick; and a brother. The family moved to Denver years ago.

South Plains Funeral Home was directed to prepare the body for travel and it was flown to Kirks Funeral Home in Denver.

from my scratch pad

By George Parrish

Amarillo-The writer of this column and his family visited in Lubbock this weekend, and have never before witnessed such warm welcomes as we did at Bethel A.M.E. church where we worshiped. It was good to see old friends again and the service was wonderful. This was our first visit back to Bethel since moving here.



Had a chance to talk with Mrs. C.H. Lyons and she informed us that she has retired after thirty six (36) years of dentistry service.

Mrs. Lyons is a member of Bethel A.M.E. church where she serves on the trustee board. I must say that she (Mrs. Lyons) looks like she would be good for another thirty six years of service.

Mrs. Will Knapp of 107 North Jefferson was called to Youngstown, Ohio, due to the death of her brother. Mrs. Knapp left Thursday morning of last week via plane. This was her first plane trip, hope she liked it (the flight.)

The following candidates of Carver Junior High School was added to the National Junior Honor Society; Diane Gates, Vanessa Jones, Kathleen Mims, Dianne Parrish and Johnny Turner. Their Motto is "Light is the symbol of truth."

Had a chance to meet and shake hands with the Lubbock baby that beat the Amarillo baby in the baby contest, he won third place in Waco last week. As a result of the effort put up, he was presented a check in the amount of \$25.00. Not bad huh?

Does Anybody Know What Community Action is?

It's people who recognize their problems, the problems of their neighborhood, and of their city.

It's people who want their children to grow up in a better city with equal opportunity and choice with each day of life as happy and agreeable as possible—It means that people who want these things will take the time and hard effort to bring them about.

It's people who Get together, Band together, Meet together to begin the process of finding solutions.

It's people who get the facts, dig deep into the reason's behind their problems and the problems in their neighborhoods, and then come up with suggestions for change.

It's people who really believe that things can change for the better. It's people who have hope and spirit and the guts to do hard work.

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ringing the bell

With Bob Tieuel

This correspondent is convinced that "the South will rise again" but this time in the year of our Lord, 1970, the old slogan takes on a brand new approach. After more than one hundred years of a dual, segregated and inferior school systems for blacks, the younger and more moderate white leadership in the South is convinced that the time is up for an extended dual school system and that after fifteen years "deliberate speed" means Now.



We found further that the young people (thirty and under) for the most part realize more than their elders that the day of postponement and court delaying tactics is over and so why all the fuss and wrangle over what should have been done fifteen years ago when the highest court of the land ruled that there is no such thing as a separate but equal school system and that even an approach in that direction was unconstitutional.

We saw thousands of black boys, white boys, black girls and white girls going to school together in East Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi and seemingly unaware of all the fuss their elders had been making over some delaying technique, like "freedom of choice" and neighborhood school".

Of course there were occasional talks of school boy fights and wrestling matches when some black boy called a white boy "craker or honkey" and maybe a white boy cried out in vindictive get-back (fun to them) "Nigger". But that has always been North and South, East and West, where ethnic groups meet and will be for a long time to come. The regrettable thing about these insignificant incidents of school boy decorum is how adults (black and white) tend to make mountains out of these molehills. For example in Bastrop, Louisiana several elderly black teachers kept their telephones busy one afternoon talking about school-boy incidents where the "pain of a new idea was actually working. It is simply an innate fear that is held by blacks and whites and it will take a few years of "getting to know one another" in the schools before that fear can be erased. This fear simply put is: being up front is for whites and the back belongs to the blacks. It is going to take sometimes to erase these kind of fears, we believe.

If there is a generation gap it can easily be found in the school situation in Dixie. Young whites talked freely to me about their elders being "of the old school and old fogeys in their ideas" etc. They wish their elders would let the educators run the schools and "let the Maddoxes, McKeithens, Brewers and Williams run their respective state governments".

"Freedom of Choice" and "Neighborhood School" concepts are being thrown around most frequently in these areas by those who have been from the first unalterably opposed to equality in education and that includes much of the daily and weekly press in the heart of Dixie.

A Negro minister in Minden, Louisiana said that "freedom of choice is a noble concept but black people have had freedom of choice to send their children to all black and inferior schools for more than one hundred years and everybody knows that was a joke". "What puzzles, me, he added, if all-black schools are not inferior why do not more whites send their kids to them?"

As a former black teacher in an all-black system, our conversation with many of these educators revealed that many of them are fearful that as integration develops here in the heart of the Southland, many of them will be released. The old cliché in our vaunted democracy still holds in the educational system of Dixie the black teacher will be the last hired and the first fired" Rev. J.S. Harris told me in Monroe. He cited the fact that when full integration was accomplished in Oklahoma a number of years ago, that more than five hundred black teachers lost their jobs in the process. He was right. The facts are that this is happening North and South and East and West Now.

Ironically, because this is true, there is a growing tide of sentiment for Neighborhood Schools in the black belt and ghetto and these schools to be run and managed by black people—with no white people allowed. As to how fast and far this trend develops here in Dixie only time and tide will tell but this correspondent is fearful of the increasing polarization taking place all over the country in school state and community as well as business.

As Dr. Mitchell Smith pointed out here recently somewhere we all have got to start thinking of "our land, our home, our schools, our community" or there won't be a place where any of us can call home.

And we can be thankful too, that for the most part in the South-west, there is no black problems as such or white problem because we are a small minority in West Texas for example. But in many places in Louisiana and Mississippi and East Texas blacks almost equal in number the white population and some places outnumber our Anglo friends. As one bellringer put it recently: "out here in the west, you can still do your own thing and not be in anybody's way as there is plenty good room." Right brother and Peace.

In a lighter vein James H. Williams, director of the NEA's Southeast Regional office in Atlanta, has announced appointment of task forces in Louisiana and Mississippi which he said found that black educators in these states were being pressured into resigning from desegregated systems. He added that black teachers were being dismissed, demoted and pressured into resigning from mixed school systems and were being replaced by whites without regard to qualifications. One of the typical complaints for example, was that some schools have black classes and black students in one wing, while keeping whites in another.

Ever see a catfish walking? We had our first opportunity in Shreveport where this rare specimen was being transferred to Minden, Louisiana by Fish and Wildlife Commission.

around the hub city

Let us not forget the important meeting of the United Black Coalition, an organization formed from the regular "Let's Get Together" Meetings held at the Booker T. Washington American Legion Hall, to be held tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m.

On adjenda will be the presentation of the black and brown candidates running for school board and city councilman positions in the elections to be held next month.

It's most important that we all attend this important meeting in order to get an idea of the blacks and brown who are running in our benefit. When you come to the meeting, please bring something constructive to ask those people who will be there for you.

Did you know that we will have another Friday the 13th; as a matter of a fact, it will come to us this week.

You'd better look at the idea of having two Friday the 13ths in two consecutive months.

Mrs. Jessie Thomas left last Thursday night to attend the funeral of her uncle. Mrs. Thomas is a member of Pride of Marshall no. 796. Several of the members of the organization, along with the matron, spent an hour with Mrs. Thomas before she left. Coffee and cookies were served to the ladies and also a love gift was given to her.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish and daughter, Dianne, of Amarillo worshipped at Bethel A.M.E. Church last Sunday morning. They are former members of Bethel and residents of the "Hub City."

It was good for "Around The Hub City" to talk with one of our reporters in the country at the north of Lubbock. George contributes something to the "Times" each week since his duration. Keep up the good work, George. There are those who definitely enjoy reading what you have to say about the area you live in. As a matter of fact, I have received several calls concerning the articles he wrote on poverty. Why not start that again, George.

Staff Sgt. Freddy E. Adkins and wife and three sons have been visiting his mother, Mrs.

Doris Jean Gipson, and grandmother, Mrs. Charlie Mae Anderson since February 19. They left this week for their home in Fort Camel, Kentucky. He will leave soon for three years duty in German. His family will join him later if possible.

Gunnery Sergeant Tommy Booth, Marine Corps recruiting; Lubbock, Texas; announced today that men who were ordered by their selective service board to report for their pre-induction examinations may still apply for enlistment in the marine corps. These men and those who have already previously passed their examinations should contact him immediately at the recruiting substation at 1009 13th Street, telephone 765-8541.

Tigers Head All-Area Team

Snyder-The Snyder Tigers have placed two All-Area first team basketball players. The Tigers selected as All-Area teammates are seniors Wesley Bishop and Jim Patrick. Bishop is a 6-1½ Tiger with a 18.4 average and a great competitor on the courts. Patrick, a 6½ Tiger, is a great competitor and shows great determination in doing his own thing. Bishop and Patrick are both members of the SHS Baseball team and we expect them to give great aid to Merce Hernandez, Tigers ace pitcher. In behalf of the soul, I congratulate them. Also senior Ronald Ward was a Honorable Mention for the All-Area team.

Hernandez Leads Tigers To Victory Over the Odessa Panthers

Snyder-Merce Hernandez, a three year letterman, lead the Tigers to their first victory for the new season past Snyder here Tuesday here in Snyder. Our Tigers were let out of their cages to attack the Panthers of Odessa. Hernandez and Jim Patrick handle the pitching chores for the Tigers and Hernandez sparked the sparks to get the

scoring on. Hernandez socked a home run in the fourth inning to give a conclusion of 3 to 1 over the panthers. The Tigers played as one and "together," therefore, together, they shall be battling hard for the title of state champions.

Direct From The Barber Chair

Mrs. Connie Mitchell
Lamesa-Thursday night Feb 26, 1970, WMU was called to order at the usual hour of 7:30 p.m. by Devotional leader, Sister Marie Bolton. Song Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross, Scripture 5 Chapter Matt. 1-9 verse. Song, Father I stretch my hand to thee, prayer by Sister Moses Hunter and Sister Bertha Hollins. After which Sister Mattie Webber took charge of the meeting. Reading of the last minutes was by asst. Sect. Sister Elnora Hawkins. Reports of the Sick committies was given by Sister Bertha Hollins and Sister M. Hunter. The president asked each Sister to report with (5) five dollars on the 5th Sunday. Lesson subject power for Witnessing in todays world, Matt. 28-16-20. The lesson was beautifully taught by our Deacon and Teacher Bro. Mertis Hawkins. Remarks by all present, We were glad to have Mrs. Lucille Miller of the St. John Baptist Church worship with us in our mission, and especially enjoyed each comment made on the lesson. Sister M. Webber pres, Connie Mitchell vice-president, Sister Marshall, Secretary, Sister E. Hawkins asst. Sect. Rev. J. D. Polk Pastor.

Sunday morning 11 o'clock worship at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. J.D. Polk of Midland, Texas pastor. Devotional leaders Bro. Willie K. Bolton and Bro. Tyree Marshall Scripture 8-34-38. Prayer by Bro. Bolton and Bro. Marshall.

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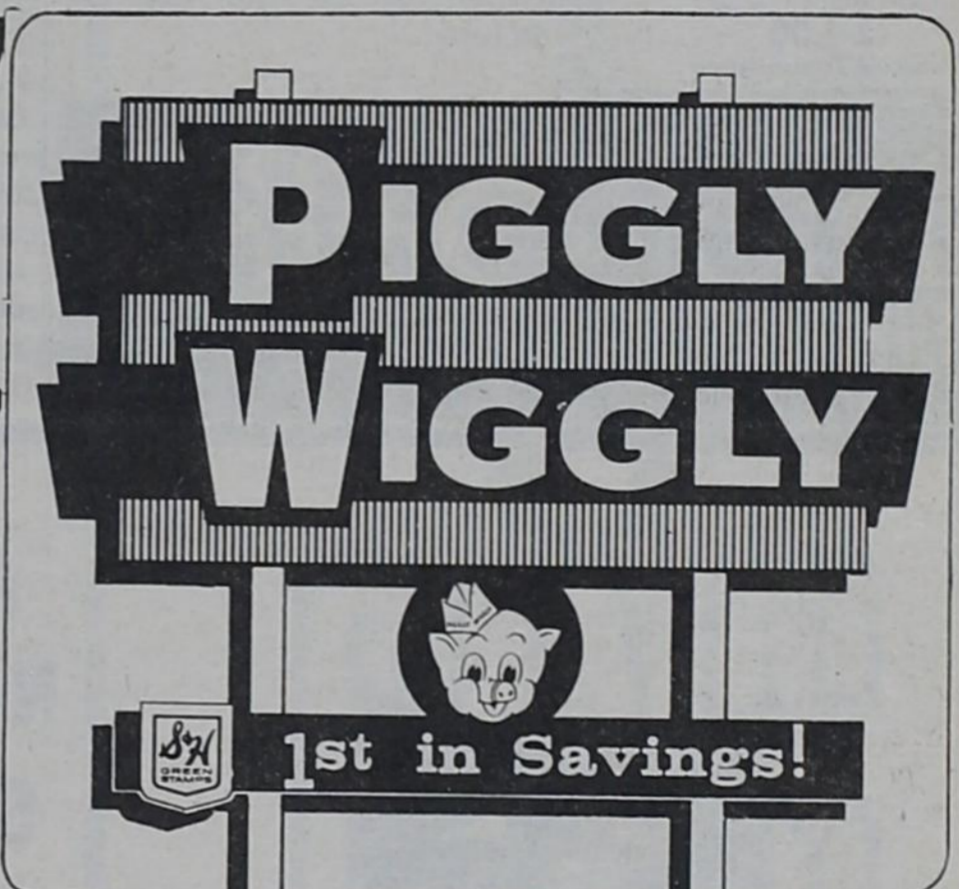
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Featured Speaker At Midland



Dr. Lena B. Morton of the Division of Humanities at Texas College, Tyler, Texas was the featured speaker of the Third Annual Permian Basin's Negro History Exhibit and Tea, held in the Midland County Library recently.

Choir Presented Talent Program

Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m. the Senior Choir of Mount Gilead Baptist Church presented a talent program in a financial effort to increase the treasury. The effort began in November when the members sold "Kennedy Brothers" king ball point pens.

The program was interrupted when their beloved president had to undergo emergency surgery. It was postponed until she was recovered.

At the program Sunday afternoon in the church auditorium, Mrs. Helen Williams served as mistress of ceremonies.

For the most part, the program presented the gospel in songs and music. Mrs. Louise Loggins read a paper, Mrs. Levada Garrett, former member of the church and choir, was a definite part of the spiritual dynamo.

Music was furnished by Joseph Jones, pianist, and Garnette Lee, organist.

The financial report was \$529. The officials of this choir are president, Hallie Mae "Sug" Johnson; vice president, Mrs. Katie Hicks; recording secretary, Mrs. Margie West; assistant secretary, Mrs. Adlean Palmer Nash; treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Evans; chaplain, Brother James Thompson; chairman of program committee, Mrs. Helen Williams, treasurer of benevolent funds, Mrs. Desolene Hunter, pianoist, Joseph Jones; organist, Garrett Lee; and pastor, Rev. S.R. Roberts.



CHURCH NEWS

Mount Gilead Baptist Church

Mrs. Addis Jackson, the aunt of Sister Norma Austin and Sister Oma McQuinney, was funeralized in Oakland, California Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. Sister McQuinney attended the services.

The Senior Choir sponsored a splended program last Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick list. Sister Jewel Johnson is reported ill this week.

Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church

The various members of the committees for the annual Church Anniversary have been named. The following committees

Another A.M.E. Minister Passes Away

Message has been received here of the passing of Rev. J.L. Alexander at San Antonio, Texas after a lengthy illness. He was one of the A.M.E. Church's dynamic ministers.

Two of his daughters, Miss Hazel Alexander and Miss Johnnie Alexander, were former employees in the Lubbock Public School System.

Survivors include his widow, four daughters and other relatives. Services were conducted Tuesday.

Celebrates Fifth Birthday

Irving Eugene Crick, five year old son of Mary Jeanice McGraw and great grandson of Mrs. Charlie Mae Anderson, celebrated his birthday with a beautiful party with 12 guest invited to participate in this gala birthday affair last week.

members are: General committee, Sisters Erma Meredith, Glaudine Gray and Ruby Hobdy; Program Committee, Sisters Gracie Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Helen Moore, Desma Moore and Nellie Truesday; Decoration committee, Sisters Jimmie Demerson, Jewel McKinney, Etta Tucker, Mattie M. Smith and Igola Cleveland; Food Committee, Brother Harry Bunton; and Publicity Committee, Brothers A.L. Smith, William Meredith, Juan D. Davis, Zollie White, Henry Dewberry and Wyatt Ward.

Easter practice scheduled is held each Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays afternoon at 3 p.m.

The Congress Board of the Lovely Sunset Association convenes Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13, at Spur, Texas.

The Eunice Circle will meet in the home of Sister Dora Robinson, 3606 Aspen Avenue, tonight, Thursday evening, at eight.

Mission Two meets at the Church each Monday night at eight. If you are not working with the Mission of your Church, you are not receiving the benefit fully of your church life. Join us.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in. Sister Osiaphene Walker is ill in Lubbock Osteopathic Clinic, Room 102A. Sister Argusta Hall remains on our sick list. Veronica Daniels, the daughter of Brother and Sister Alvin Daniels, is also ill in St. Mary's Hospital, Room 216. Sister Albert Horton is recuperating nicely in her home. Sisters Annie Hinton, Daisy Deo and Ella Cherry and Brother Wilmar Wilson are still on

the shut in list.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 15, Dr. Marvin L. Boyd will be with us. He will deliver the message during the 11 o'clock service. Dr. Boyd is the District Superintendent of the Lubbock District, Northwest Texas Conference of which we are now a part. Come out and hear him on Sunday.

Our visitors last week were Miss Faydell Barrett of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Griffin, Miss Jacqueline Griffin and Master Brain Griffin of Levelland, Mrs. Lenora Bell of El Paso, Mrs. Bernice Mitchell and Mrs. Miller, both of Amarillo; Mrs. Emma Gary, Tommy Mile and Jewell Hargrove, all of Lubbock.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Members of our congregation heard a morning of true gospel singing by the Senior Choir as they performed instead of the morning sermon by the Minister, Rev. A.W. Wilson.

Sixty members were present at Sunday School last week. A delightful morning of teaching was seen in each class as they discussed the topic of the day: "Demands of a Disciple".

Assistant Supt. Dr. Heenan Johnson gave the summary during the morning worship.

T.J. Patterson, supt. of Bethel A.M.E.'s Sunday School department, invites you to attend these Sunday morning services which begin at 9:45 a.m.

New Hope Baptist Church

Our special Auxiliary Rally will close on Sunday afternoon, April 19th, at 3 p.m.


A Rummage Sale will be sponsored by the W.M.S. on Saturday, Continued On Page Seven

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Church News . . .

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March 21st. All members and friends are asked to share clothing for the sale.

Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday, March 22, at 2:30 p.m. with Bethel A.M.E. Church as host.

Special Easter Gifts for the sick will be prepared by the member of W.M.S. If there are members who would like to participate by bringing fresh fruit, then please do so by March 27th.

Ushers rehearsal will be held Friday night, March 13th, at 8 p.m. in the church auditorium.

Easter Sunrise Services will be held on Sunday, March 29th, at 5:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend this service.

A Special Musical will be held Sunday, March 15th, at 7 p.m. This function is sponsored by the Senior Choir. Your cooperation and presence is needed.

General Mission will be held Monday night, March 30th, at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Whisper a prayer for the sick and shut in. Visit and send cards of cheer. Brother H.S. Black and Sister Campbell are ill in their homes.

Sister Etta Mosley's brother passed away. Let us remember this family in our prayers. Services were held last Saturday.

Jehovah's Witnesses

"Withstanding the Pressures of Our Day," will be the main subject to be discussed during the forthcoming Circuit Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses to be held in Memphis, Texas, April 10-12.

More than 500 are expected to attend from 16 neighboring counties in the Plains and Golden Spread according to Mr. Horace Dove, presiding minister of the East Unit Congregation.

Hundreds of family groups will make up the delegation with expectations for having their faith strengthened in what Dove described as an assembly to encourage all in attendance to measure up to the fine Christian principles of the Bible. "The Bible was written for every kind of man, in every walk of life, in every generation," Dove said. "It touches on every aspect of man's existence and speaks authoritatively as regards his past, his present and his future. It has survived centuries of violent opposition and misrepresentation and still stands as man's oldest time-tested guide and counselor. The desire of every one in attendance will be to learn more of its unsurpassed qualities," Dove indicated.

A baptism of new ministers and the above mentioned Bible lecture on the subject, "Withstanding the Pressures of Our Day," will be two of the convention highlights.

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School opened at 9:45 a.m. with Supt. Morris at his post

and the teachers took charge of their various classes. After class work, the General Assembly took place in the church sanctuary, and reports were made by each class secretary. The Sunday school lesson was reviewed by Supt. Morris Sunday school was well attended.

The 11:00 a.m. service opened with the deacons in charge of devotion. The message for the morning was brought by our pastor, Rev. R.J. Dixon, entitled, "Who is my Soul Bro.?" Pastor Dixon made it clear that one doesn't need to wear the same type clothing, hair style or even speak the same language to be a soul bro. but that Jesus is our elder Bro. redeemer savior, and a true soul brother. From Act 17:26.

In the regular Sunday evening service, after the devotional service Pastor Dixon spoke on "John Baptism" where he indicated the importance of Baptism, to do so we become buried with Christ and have the zeal to be resurrected with Christ our savior, and washed our sins.

The Rising Star Church Family worshiped with the triumph Bapt. Church of Slaton, Texas on last Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Music was furnished by both Choirs and a beautiful solo by Sis Ruby Neil Phillips, Pastor Dixon was the guest speaker for the occasion speaking from the theme "I am Black and I am Proud". This text was taken from the book of St. Luke 23:26 very inspiring and appropriate in times like these.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Snyder-The Mt. Olive Baptist Church, March 8, enjoyed Sunday services and sermon given by Rev. F. Nelson, the pastor of the church. Rev. Nelson gave his sermon from the book of Matthew, chapter eight and verse twenty. The title was "The Greater Devine", which was a highly enjoyed sermon. March 15, the third Sunday of this month, the Mt. Olive Baptist Church will host a Musical which will begin at 3 o'clock. All neighboring choirs are invited to participate in the musical. The guest preacher will be Rev. F.N. Nelson of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in C-City. The Spiritual Crusader will run A and B selection. Mrs. Anniene Johnson is the president of the choir.

Friendly Will Baptist Church

Snyder-The Friendly will Baptist Church has just completed their 15th anniversary which began March the fourth and ended today, March the eighth. Pastor of the church is Rev. C. Crayton. There were several guest churches from

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around the city. The guest preacher was Rev. F. Nelson of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church here in Snyder. Rev. F. Nelson sermon came from Rev. 3:20 which was titled "A Closed Door." Sec. i6.

The New Mount Singers will bring A & B section. They are from New Hope Baptist Church.

Holy Cross Church of God In Christ

Lamesa-Holy Cross Church of God in Christ, assembled approximately at 10:30 a.m., acting Supt. Ora D. Jenkins, The Cost of Following Jesus.—March (8) 34-38. Special guest from out of town for the services were Elder H. Banks and family, Big Spring. Elder L. Byrd bought the evening message, text—I am the Beginning, God Created the Heaven and the Earth, GEn. 1.

Remember you are always welcome to our church, Come as often as you wish to visit us in any of our services.

Carter Chapel

The Rev. I.W. Woodard, former minister of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church will run a four day meeting at Carter Chapel beginning Wednesday, March 18. Nightly services begin at 8 p.m. The meeting will close Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Lyons Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, with Supt Brown and Miller in charge. 11:00 a.m. worship hour, Rev. Swisher brought the message, he spoke from judges 6:12-14, Romans 8:31. "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

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The Brotherhood met Saturday night at 7:00 with Deacon J.E. Collins as president. Deacon Collins requests the presence of the brothers at the Brotherhood meeting.

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