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Dedicated to Informing the Negro Citizens of West Texas

# **Debutante Presentation Draws Large Crowd**



South Plains Debutantes

Thirty-Three Scouts Attend Campout at Camp Post Monday



While many residents of the South Plains were traveling, and enjoying their Christmas gifts, thirty-three Boy Scouts of Troops Twenty-eight lovely young ladies on the South Plains were presented last Monday evening at the Palm Room in the fourth Debutante Ball which was sponsored by the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority.

The theme of this year's affair was, "A Treasure of Memories" with Sorors Majorie Thomas and Lillian Jones serving as announcers. The Roy Roberts Combo furnished music for the evening.

The beautiful presentation began with a prelude and greetings were given by Soror Willie M. Washington, basileus of the local chapter. Presentation of sorors of Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and recognition of parents of the young ladies being presented followed. Soror Barbara Williams gave a special welcome to the debutantes.

Alpha Morgan was chosen as "Miss Congeniality."



sorors and guests joining in the activity.

The lovely young ladies being presented were Brenda Alexander, Iris Elayne Alexander, Brenda Davis, Evelyn Dawson, Brenda Gipson, Gloria Hall, Alma Hamilton, Anita Gail Henry, Patricia Hill, Sandra Hutchinson, Cheryl Johnson, Jo Ann Johnson, Brenda Kinner, Joyce Y. Leonard, June E. Long, Brenda A. Luton, Alpha Morgan, Karen Newton, Sheryl Janice Parks, Cheryl Pillow, Rita Pride, Renee Priestly, Betty Scott, Patricia Scott, Jaequeline Y. Thomas, Julia Faye Travenia, Marie Tonies and Joyce Wilson.

The young men, known that evening as marshals, responsible for escorting some of the lovely ladies were Ray Alford, Larry Anderson, Kenneth Ashley, Leon Bunton, Roy Davis, Jerry Droves, Clarence Ervin, Julius C. Graves, Robert Hamilton, Edward Hereford, Milton Hodge, Ronnie Hodge, Chester Larell Holman, Charles Hunt, William Jackson, James Darrell Leonard, William Meredith, Joe Phea, Michael E. Roberts, Thomas Sanders, George Scott, Arthur Taylor, Bobby V. Thomas, Charles Toines, Maurice Toines, Artis Twine and Kenneth Wallace.

The officers of the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha are Soror Washington, basileus; Soror Claud-

TAKING A PAUSE after helping the young Scouts of Troop 102 and 104 put up their tents for the day are (from left to right) Raymond Peppers, Scoutmaster of troop 102, Roy Roberts, Committeeman, Mike Stevens, Committeeman, and Lee Hunter, Junior Scoutmaster.



FORREST WINN, Scoutmaster of troop 104 and Raymond Peppers, Scoutmaster of troop 102, are shown spreading the tarp in case there is rain in the Camp Post area. These two scoutmasters are training 33 young scouts at Camp Post this week.

102 and 104 were making preparations for a two day camp out at Camp Post, Texas.

A caravan took the boys and their gear to Camp Post which is located southeast of Post, Texas.

Upon reaching Camp Post the young fellows had the opportunity to work for a merit badge, their first for some, by walking the 2.5 miles to the camping area. This encounter with mother nature was somewhat of a first for some of the youngsters—and a great deal of excitement was generated when they discovered the remains of a coyote apparently killed by some hunter. "He (the coyote) was killed by a buckshot gun," yelled one of the young scouts. "I see the shotgun shell," he concluded.

The thirty-three scouts were divided up in to five patrols-Lions, Panthers, Rattlesnakes, Flame and Arrow, and the Eagles, before setting up their camp area. After this was done, all worked hard to get themselves ready for the Monday night Tuesday outing.

After the camp site was in tip top condition—with the scoutmaster's approval—a special flag raising ceremony was held with each scout participating. The pledge to the flag was given and each scout stood at attention during the ceremony.

Following the flag ceremony, a prepared lunch was served. However, the boys were expected to cook for themselves during the rest of the campout.

The two scoutmasters, Raymond Peppers of Troop 102 and Forrest Winn of Troop 104, manned the ship and laid out careful instructions for each scout. Gary

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Alpha Morgan

After the lovely young ladies made their bow to society, debutantes and fathers had the first dance, followed by a dance with their escorts of the evening. A grand march was also staged with debutantes, marshals, parents,

ier Kelly, anti-basileus; Soror Lillian Jones, grammateus; Soror Voncile Middleton, tamiouchos; Soror Joan Crawford, epistoleus; Soror Jean Johnson, parliamentarian; Soror Clarabel Smith, dean of pledges; Soror Marjorie Thomas, hodegos/philacter; and Soror Katherine Richardson, Ivy Leaf reporter.

Other members of the local organization include Sorors Elnora Brooks, Billie Caviel, Rubye Donaldson, Donnie Graves, Erma J. Johnson and Maryland Young.

## The Record Mart Schedules Grand Opening Here This Saturday

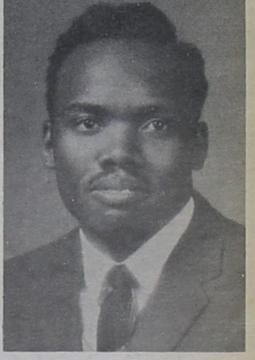
The Record Mart, under the direction of Raymond Campbell, will be open for business Saturday, January 2nd, beginning at 9 a.m. The shop is located at 1514 East Broadway. Twenty-five free wigs are being offered during the grand opening celebration.

Many 45 rpm records are being offered this week as low as 25 cent each, with LP's priced at only \$2.00 each. There are many to select from and tape exchange is only \$1.00.

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Raymond Campbell

facturers, is available. Tax preparation will begin at \$3.00.

Browsers day is Saturday, with plenty of free coffee and suggestions are always in order. Also featured Saturday will be free receipe books for the ladies as long as they last, entitled; Munchin' With the Methodists.



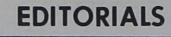
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true.

We compose a lot of pretty slogans, and put words together to make pretty mottos, while at the same time we do such ugly things.

In 1971 we should have a self-

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## Debutante Ball A Good Thing

by T. J. Patterson

The Debutante Ball is a real good thing for the young ladies of the South Plains. The fourth debutante ball was held last Monday evening at the Palm Room and 28 lovely young ladies had an opportunity to be presented to the public for the first time in their lives. This type of an affair, however, should be done every year rather than every two years.

There are too many young ladies on the South Plains who should also be given the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be presented to the public in this manner. By only having it every other year, many young ladies are left out of their chance.

It would also make good sense if this sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, would use the funds from this effort for helping some young ladies in school at the junior or senior high school level rather than presenting a scholarship at the end of the school year. There is nothing wrong with giving a scholarship to some deserving young lady, but there are too many opportunities for young black ladies to get scholarship aid. They really need some type of help at an earlier age in their lives—as in junior and senior high school. Perhaps this could help prevent some of the problems these young black girls are faced with in their early life.

The West Texas Times has been watching the progress of the Alpha Kappa Alpha's debutante ball and we are really happy with what we have seen in this, their fourth presentation. We wholeheartly endorse their efforts. You have shown good judgement and leadership each time such an event is held in the city of Lubbock.

We can appreciate the words spoken by the Basileus of Eta Delta Omega Chapter of AKA, Mrs. Willie M. Washington, when she said, "Each of our young ladies possesses dignity, intelligence, charm and concern that helps her realize that some serious work must be done today if tomorrow is to be better."

Sister, why not take a good look at the possibility of having this affair each year rather than

searching, self analyzing project on ourselves. We should look at ourselves and admit what we are and who we are. Most of us are nothing but game playing hypocrites. We talk and act great events and what we are actually doing is fooling ourselves because what one does speaks so loud you cannot hear a thing he is saying.

In 1971 lets not play games and try to fool everybody, Lets be honest and get ourselves together and make the new year a productive one. Let's take a good look at ourselves and ask ourselves-Who am I? What am I truly going to contribute? Will my actions speak louder than my words? Am I really fooling any or am I fooling just myself with all of my self praise? In 1971 let's change our ways of doing things, and do things, not just talk them. In the new year, we should also change our minds as we change our lives. We must wake up, we have been asleep too long. I would like to recall to you something beautiful from last weeks church news; in part, "There are other scenes today. . .many beautiful, but some very tragic! Scenes of war, famine, earthquake, flood-of ragged, hungry children whose voices also harken through the night. Some are saying everything is beautiful. It ought to be and perhaps it can be. . . if each of us will help to make it so." Then the story went on to say that the writer and his wife were not sending out Christmas cards. They had counted up the cost and decided they would give that money to help someone in need, through their church benevolence program. This idea was by Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Reed of the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

every other year? We're sure that the entire community, as well as the people on the South Plains, will support this worthwhile event. Also look at some type of preventive program for those young ladies who are not qualified to be debutantes in the junior high school grades, but one day will be debutantes of our community and the world.

You have a good thing going; we appreciate what you are doing. Keep it up and continue to help our young black ladies. Right on!

## We're In Our Tenth Year Of Informing Black People

by T. J. Patterson

The West Texas Times is in its tenth year of informing black people of West Texas of news which will benefit them from week to week. We begin with the publication of the Manhattan Heights Times on a Friday, October 20, 1961, and started in 1967 our editorial page, seeking, from our point of view, to point out issues which effect members of the black community.

This year, our tenth, we hope to do a much better job of informing the black people of the West Texas area of what is happening and what issues actually are important, again from our point of view. We pledge to come out each week "calling a spade a spade," without fear or favor.

The West Texas Times is being read and sold in many communities throughout the South Plains, from Amarillo to Midland and Odessa and from Hobbs, New Mexico to Haskell, Texas. Also, many people throughout the nation, as well as South Vietnam, Japan, England and other countries are keeping up with what is going on at home by reading the West Texas Times.

We have had our problems, but these problems have merely served to make us a strong news media, and we will continue in the years to come to do a good job for the black community.

We received more "Letters to the Editor" in 1970 than any other year. There were those readers who agreed with us, and there were those readers who disagreed with us. We appreciated what each said and hope this type of input will continue. We always need a feed back on our efforts, and by writing letters to the editor, you all help us.

We have in the past nine years appreciated working for and with the people of the West Texas area, and we pledge to our readers that we will continue doing what we sincerely think is best for all people. We will continue to work hard to help change the attitudes of all people, knowing full well that we are charged with the responsibility of helping make this a better world for all people. We enjoy doing our "thing" and certainly will continue as long as we have the support of our readers.



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This is positive action—fighting a cause, not a symptom. My hat is off to Rev. and Mrs. Reed for their efforts to do something constructive, not symbolic. This is a true role of a minister helping where help is needed, not floor showing and looking for handouts—but giving—and this in "My Views" is true leadership. Let us all follow in Reverend Reed's footsteps in 1971 and fight the causes, not the symptoms.

Austin, Texas-Frantic preparations are underway to ready the State Capitol for the 62nd legislative session which begins January 12.

Construction workmen still have to complete renovation of the building and completion of new offices and committee rooms. Staffs must be hired and assigned, opening sessions planned and the budget and other major bills drafted.

Surveys indicate that most legislators are agreed that taxing and redistricting of congressional and legislative boundaries are their toughest tasks. But there is no shortage of tough tasks for the lawmakers in 1971.

Legislative Budget Board has pushed the estimated new revenue need to \$645.1 million, and many think it will run a great deal higher, perhaps as much as \$800 million or more. Very few ideas have been offered on how to raise the new revenue.

Political futures of many legislators ride on the redrawing of their district boundaries, which must follow population patterns of the 1970 census.

Among other major problems pinpointed by legislators are:

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# From My Scratch Pad

## by George Parrish

Mrs. W.A. McDonald of Albuquerque, New Mexico is visiting in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jackson of

## 1219 North Adams.

Mr. George Ingram of 1501 N. Washington is spending the holidays with his son and daughter in Dallas, Longview and Gilmer, Texas.

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Miss Wilma Dyahun Herndon of Longview, Texas, is in the city visiting her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Leaks of 1506 North Adams. Wilma is a senior at

Kilgore High School.

## Mrs. Hattie M. Miller of 1944 NW 16th and Mr. H. D. Brown of 1333 NW 12th recently exchanged wedding vows at Shiloh Baptist Church. Rev. David Hill read the vows. A reception was held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony, with many beautiful and useful gifts being received. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are both prominent members of Shiloh.

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Mrs. Addie Robinson and daughter, Mrs. Katie M. Reese, of 1928 NW 16th are spending the holidays in Lubbock, Texas with her daughter and sister, Mrs. Charlie Mae Johnson and family.

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Mrs. N.C. Cherry of 1507 N. Jefferson will be leaving this week for Houston to attend the funeral of her brother.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charley W. Wilson had as guests for Christmas their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Clark of San Francisco, California. They left early Saturday morning for Los Vegas, then back home. It was a short but enjoyable visit.

Your reporter and Mrs. Parrish, and daughter Dianne, spent Christmas eve and Christmas day with their daughter, son-in-law and grand baby in Lubbock and had quite a time helping to put toys together for the baby and eating Christmas dinner.

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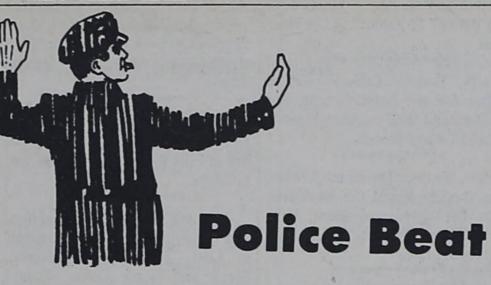
Mrs. Odeal Wilson and children spent the Christmas holidays in Clarksville with their parents and grandparents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Knapp of 107 N. Jefferson had as their house guests for the holidays a long-time friend of theirs, Prof. Milton E. Granville of Boston, Mass. Mr. Granville was once principal of Evans High School of Slaton, Texas. He is now an Education Consultant for Emotionally Disturbed Children with the State of Massachusetts. He plans to visit in Slaton and Lubbock before returning east.

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Five other dances will be free. A western dance will be held in the Austin coliseum, a square dance at the University of Texas



## House Burglary

Matthew Rider, 3502 East Cornell Avenue, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone broke into his house while he was away. Entry was apparently gained by prying open a window with a screwdriver, breaking the latch.

There was approximately \$5.00 worth of damage to the window. There was, however, \$1,205.00 worth of items taken from the house, including a \$400.00 radio and turntable.

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## Vandalism

Dan McCutchin, of 2502 Weber Drive, Apartment D, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that five young girls-between the ages of 14 and 16-threw a brick through his living room window.

He told police that he could identify one of the young ladies. He also said that the youngsters looked to him as though they had been drinking.

company where a member of its board of regents is president and a stockholder.

+State Welfare Department has authority to purchase fidelity bonds but not insurance against loss by theft of food stamps and cash.

+Maximum fee schedule authorized for Texas Private Employment Agency Regulatory Board does not apply to those charged by an employment agency to employers, but only to those charged employees seeking work. Rate Hike Upcoming-Auto owners will be getting notice this week of the new insurance rates which they will be paying after January 1. News won't be so bad as first anticipated. While an average statewide increase of 23.4 per cent had been recommended by the State Insurance Board staff, it now appears that the jump will be between 12 and 18.6 per cent. Board calculations indicate companies will get an after-tax rate of return or six or seven per cent of total assets. Companies wanted an increase of 27.7 per cent, and are not expected to be overjoyed with the "compromise."

## Theft

A Lubbock woman told Lubbock police that her house had been broken into and a .25 caliber pistol was taken. The pistol was locked up in a dresser drawer and it was believed to have been pried open.

A neighbor told police that she saw the lady's ex-husband coming out of the house earlier.

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## House Burglary

Robert W. Sanders, 1709 Avenue C, Apartment 2, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone unknown did pry open the front door of his apartment while he was away and took his .22 caliber pistol.

The pistol was valued at \$15.00.

## House Burglary

A. J. Draper, 2937 East Colgate Avenue, reported a break-in at his residence one day last week. All that was missing from the house was \$.50(in change). He could not find anything else missing.

It was learned that entry was

## gained by breaking a window pane and unlocking the window to the dining room.

## Pre Christmas Dinner Served

During the season's activities, many courtesies were shown to special people. Among them was a pre-season dinner sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Nash who honored several elderly members of Mount Gilead Baptist Church. Invited guests were Mesdames Gertrude Miller, Geneva Baity, Fannie Tatum, Lillie Loud, Sug Johnson, Carrie B. Williams, Rosa Mitchell, Lila Griffin, Lottie Thornton, Melissa Jackson and Eura McCormick.

Mrs. Ann Cross was co-hostess with Mr. and Mrs. Nash. A very delicious menu was prepared and served and a very pleasant affair was enjoyed by all present.

## **Houston Visitors Here**

The mother of Mrs. Ruth Toler, Mrs. Pernetta Lindsey, of Houston, and two aunts, Vesta Walker and Arline Cine, also of Houston, enjoyed a wonderful time visiting with their daughter and niece at her residence at 1502 East 2nd Street here last week.

This was the first visit for Mrs. Walker to the Hub City. The group also traveled to Wichita Falls, Texas, last Saturday to visit with friends and relatives.

They left for home Sunday morning. They were accompanied by a nephew, Joe Lee Browning, who did the driving.

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+Liquor-by-the-drink legislation.

+Welfare programs, including an increase in the \$80 million a year ceiling on categorical assistance payments.

+Laws to curb drug use and prevent crime.

+Revision of auto insurance regulations.

+Air and water pollution control.

+Financing higher education, including a proposed tuition hike. Inauguration Planned-Six inaugural balls will make the secondterm inauguration of Gov. Preston Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes on January 19.

Main ball, a formal event, is scheduled for the Austin Municipal Auditorium. Governor and Mrs. Smith will lead the traditional grand march of state officials. An admission charge of \$15 a couple will be levied.

gymnasium and three others at downtown hotels.

Formal inaugural ceremonies will be held at noon on the capitol steps. A prayer breakfast will open the day's events.

Preceding the inaugural will be a Democratic victory dinner on the night of January 18 at the Austin Municipal Auditorium. Singer Wayne Newton is the headline entertainer for the \$30-a-plate dinner.

Attorney General Opinions-County commissioners court should order proceeds from the sale of county hospital bonds deposited with the county treasurer pending completion of proposed construction or improvements, Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin has held.

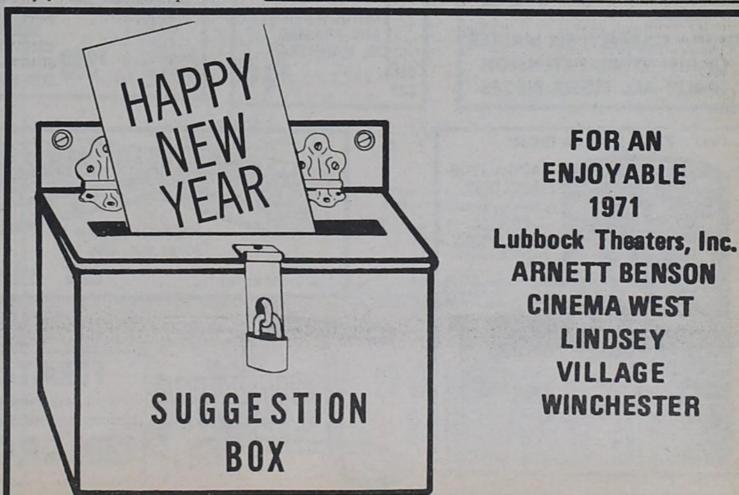
In other recent opinions, Martin concluded that:

+Odessa College cannot lawfully contract with a vending machine

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## Around the hub city

Several hundred Lubbockites and South Plains resident attended the beautiful debutante ball, sponsored by the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Monday evening at the Palm Room. The 28 lovely young ladies were looking "real good" as they made their bow to the public. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sedberry and Miss Vera Sedberry said hello to relatives and friends Christmas Day. Mrs. John Matillar and Mrs. Bernice' Buckner of Louisville, Kentucky, mother and sister of Mrs. Sedberry, made the trip with them. Returning to St. Joseph, Mo., they will visit Mrs. Matillar's sister in Denver, Colorado. They will also visit Charles R. Sedberry, Jr., at the Veteran's Hospital in

Jimmy Graves was in town for

a few days visiting with his sisters.

Colorado.

brother and friends. Joyce Graves is a patient at Big Spring VA Hospital.

## Mrs. Eudora Cannon was a

visitor for the holidays with her brothers and their families, Messrs. Eli and George Woods.

Mrs. Maunita Terrell left Christmas Day to spend the week-end with her sister and niece, Mrs. Ruby Jay and Clarissa Jay, in Dallas, Texas.

The following persons left early Sunday morning for Bonham, Texas, to attend funeral services for Mrs. Virgie Danner who passed away at Winston, Mississippi on December 24th; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phea and son, Joe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Phea, Sr., Mrs. J. A. Chatman and sons.

Mrs. Danner was the mother of Mrs. Dorothy Phea. Mr. Theodore Phea, Jr. and two children joined their wife and mother earlier. Final rites were read Sunday, December 27th.

\*\*\*\*\* Mrs. Mary Hunter and her son,

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Sgt. Alton Hunter, left Wednesday morning for Chicago, Ill. by plane to spend New Years day with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Shirley Lewis.

Javara Rafe visited his daughters, Ella, Annie and Etheria, who live in Fort Worth, Texas, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brandon and children visited their relatives in Lott, Texas, for Christmas. Stevie and Gerry Fisher accom-

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panied them to Temple where they also spent Christmas with their paternal grandparents and their father.

Mr. L.H. Robinson of San Jose, California, visited his aunt, Mrs. Delia Tennyson, here Christmas Day. He was in the company of his

brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louie B. Robinson of Sacramento, California, along with Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hardeman of Sacremento. They had attended final rites for Rev. H.B. Hardeman at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, the father of Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Hardeman.

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## Thursday, December 31, 1970

From The Business Desk

I had an opportunity this past weekend to be in Atlanta, Georgia, and while I was there I visited with some of the people in the Atlanta International Airport. One fellow in particular, by the name of Charles Williams, from the big city of Cleveland, Ohio, was most impressive in



his attitude on the "new South." Seems he had left Jackson, Mississippi when he was 16-years-old, and was just returning for the first time, as I got the story. He must have been 35 to 40 years old now, although I didn't get a chance to inquire of his age, and he was most concerned about his 19-year-old boy, whom he didn't want to have to go fight a "police action" in Vietnam, unless someone decided it was going to be a war, and we were going to finally decide we had a reason for being there—he was just another American like the rest of us.

At any rate, I did have the chance to ask Mr. Williams, who was a plumber and pipe fitter in Cleveland, if during the years he had been gone from the deep south there had been any noticeable change in the attitude of the people-especially since he had left probably 20 years before.

His answer was a very emphatic "Hell Yes!," although it raised the heads of people at the tables near us, and it really made me feel good at the same time, because he understood what we have all been looking for. The probable reason he left the south was to get away from most of the problems he had been faced with during his early life-since he left when he was 16, and when he returned-admittedly to visit his "folks"-after spending his adult life in Cleveland, he was very impressed with not only the way he could conduct himself, but the way everyone else in Atlanta and the rest of the southern states treated him.

I was not only glad to see that a displaced southern black could come back to the south and be glad he came, but I was also happy to discover that what I have always believed—if we give everything enough time, we can work everything out—was really working with a fellow who had probably decided in his early life there was no hope for black and white to ever solve their problems in the deep south of America.

As we start this new year, let's hope that once again, everyoneboth black and white-will decide that the time had not run out and we can work together to be good Americans, while we also work together to be good citizens of the greatest nation ever formed in the history of the world.

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Just a quick reminder to all you aliens, and I mean those of you who might have been born in another country-not those of you who feel because you are black you just don't belong, remember that you must register with the U.S. Government in January.

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Politics and public relations never cease to amaze me. The only time the two get together is when someone is running for office or when an elected official wants to get the people to vote for a bond issue, and that is the only chance and time most people have to say no-but they never seem to do so.

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## "Texas" Tryouts Set Next Week in Canyon

It's time to try out for "Texas". On January 8, 1971 from 1:00

p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the directors will be in their places at the Branding Iron Theater on the West Texas State University campus (Fine Arts Building) to hear the actors and the singers and the players on guitars, banjos, accordions, bass fiddles and violins.

They will be available to discuss the credentials of technical people, costumers, and back stage workers, and light and sound technicians.

They will be taking the first steps toward the sixth season of the "Texas" Musical Drama which plays in the summer months in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Over 100 salaried positions are

available for this years production.

The Directors request that applicants bring both school and home addresses, social security number, and a photograph at least billfold size.

They will be looking for actors with command of the stage, voices that can be heard outdoors, with understanding character motivation and conveyance of a variety of emotion.

Actors must be prepared to give a memorized reading, not to exceed three minutes. They will double as members of the chorus and all must audition for singing as well as acting roles. The "Texas" production is outdoors and does not use microphones.

Other audition dates are: January 16, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at WT Campus, same location as above; January 24, Women's Gym at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas; February 27, at El Centro College in Dallas, Texas; and March 7, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

For further information call 806-655-2182 or write to "Texas" Musical Drama, P. O. Box 268, Can-



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your phone book) or write: Veterans Administration, 232X, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20420

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# Educator, Mrs. Myrcie Day Brown

Dead, Damage

Final rites were read Wednesday, August 12th, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1601 Cherry Avenue, for Mrs. Myrcie Day Brown. Rosary was held Tuesday evening at 9 p.m. in the chapel of South Plains Funeral Home.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of South Plains Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brown was born October 27, 1928 in Avinger, Texas to Earl E. and Mattie Day. She was the fifth of eight children. Her father and a brother preceeded here in death.

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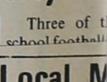
## Speakers Announced For Sunday Services In Midland Observance of Negro History Week

Midland-W.E. Williams, director | of the Office of Development & Public Relations of Texas College, Tyler, Texas will be the lay speaker at Ideal Baptist Church, 411 S. Tyler Street, Sunday, February 15, at 10:45 a.m. Rev. I.M. Woodard is pastor. The services will mark the close of a week's observance of Negro History Week in the area. The day has been proclaimed Texas College Day and Williams will speak from the subject: "The Role of the Black Church and College is Our Changing Social Order".

Williams is an honor graduate

affair is being held in the Midland County Library in connection with a Negro History Tea and Exhibits from 2-6 p.m. There is no admission charge.

"Ladies of St. Paul C.M.E. Girl Scout Edu Church," together with former students and graduates of the Tyler based institution will serve on the receiving line, it was reported. Persons desiring more information should write: Black History Committee, P. O. Box 1204, MIdland, Texas or P. O. Box 3302 in Odessa.



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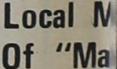
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Cheryl Johnson-George Scott, III Exchange Wedding Vows Here Tuesday Morning



Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, III

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In a lovely, double ring ceremony Tuesday morning, December 29th, at 10 a.m., Cheryl Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wysong Johnson, and George Scott, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Jr., exchanged wedding vows.

The affair was held in the home of the bride's parents at 2417 East 28th Street, with Reverend S.R. Roberts, minister of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, officiating.

Cheryl's gown was fashioned of white taffeta, sleeveless, with a round neckline and fitted bodice. The skirt was full with a deep ruffle which accented a designers fold. The front of the skirt had an inset of rose of lace from body to hemline.

She was presented by her father and her maid of honor was Evelyn Dawson. The groom's best man was Roy Davis. Little master Charles Alexander, Jr. was the ring bearer. Mrs. Edna Walker displayed her talent at the piano.

Cheryl is a former student of Texas Women's University at Denton, Texas and will enter Langston University with her husband in January. Both are graduates of Dunbar High School.

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## **New Ethnic Studies Course to** Be Offered at Tech Next Semester

Texas Tech University's College of Arts and Sciences announced this month a new 18-hour minor in ethnic studies available to undergraduate students starting with the 1971 spring semester.

Dr. Alwyn Barr of the history faculty was named director to advise students and conduct routine affairs of the program. Working with him will be a committee of two other faculty members and two students.

Prof. Barr is chairman of this committee. Other members are Sociology Prof. Charles Chandler, English Prof. J. Richard Crider and students Billy Aguero and Ria Blount.

The emphasis in the new program, Barr said, is on Mexican American and Negro minorities al-

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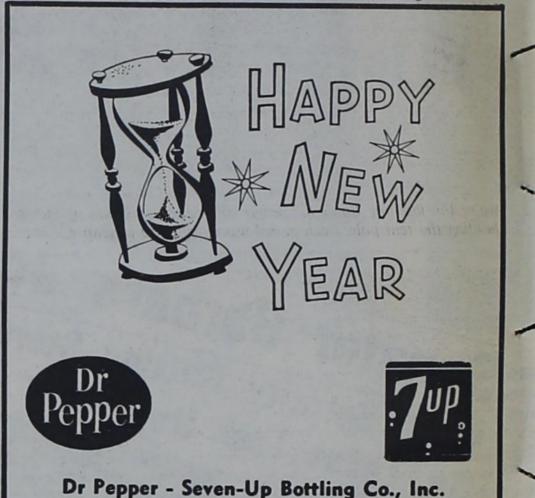
"We have chosen the emphasis to reflect the area in which we live," he said.

Recommendation for the program was made by a study committee appointed to "make recommendations regarding what program, if any, the College of Arts and Sciences should offer in ethnic studies." Barr also headed this committee.

"We believe," Barr said, "a minor in ethnic studies will be attractive to students preparing for certain types of social work, government service, legal practice and teaching careers."

Departments participating in the program are sociology and anthro-

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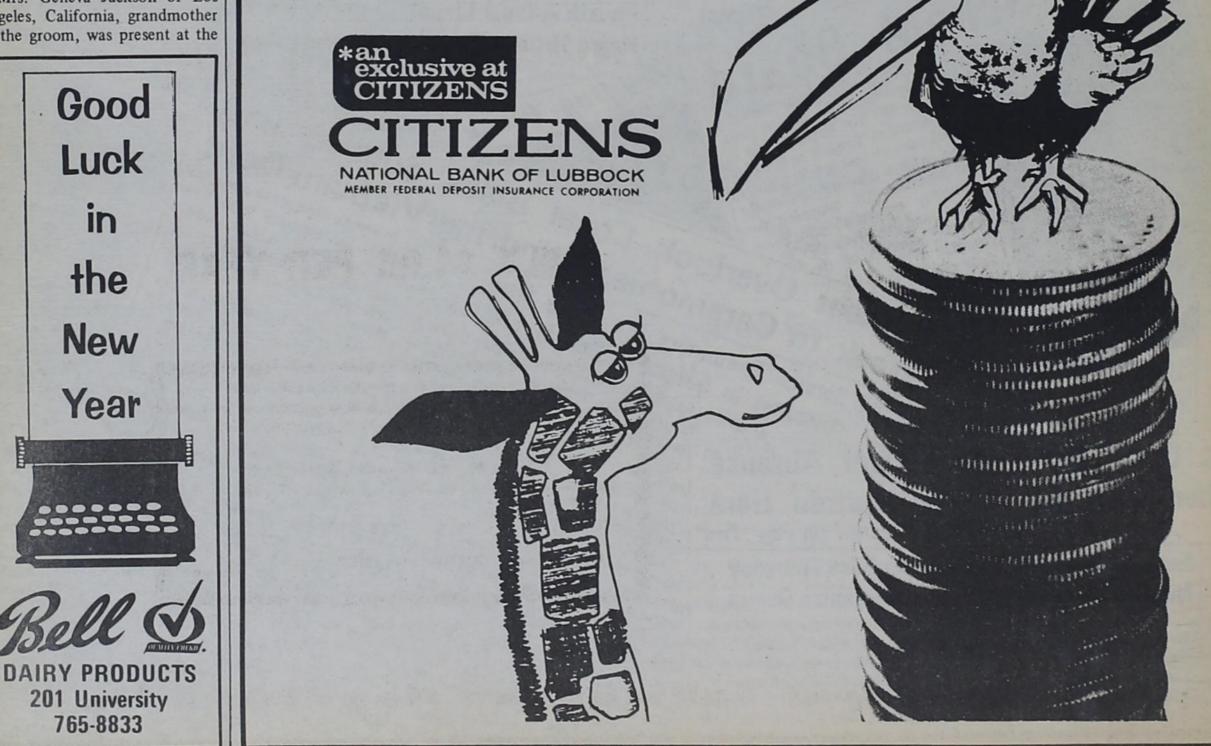
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The lovely bride is a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church and the groom is a member of the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church.

Mrs. Geneva Jackson of Los Angeles, California, grandmother of the groom, was present at the

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"COME ON MAN, tie the knot so we can finish our tent before we're the last one through," seems to be the expression of the scout holding the tent pole. Each patrol was assigned to a camp site at Post.



HOW ABOUT THAT? These Scouts have just completed their task of putting their tent together. All worked hard making their camping area warm and comfortable for a good night of sleeping.

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Editor's Note:

For the benefit of the many out of state subscribers who have not received their paper regularly in the last month, please bear with us. The rail strike of one day and mail embargo on 2nd class mail has caused quite a delay in all of our mailings.

We here in Lubbock can assure you that your papers were placed in the mail, and certainly hope that by now everything along the line has been cleared up.

> Sincerely, Ye Ed.

## Boy Scouts Attend . . .

Continued From Page One Gunton and Lee Hunter assisted Mr. Peppers in the overnight effort.

The boys were taken to Camp Post by Roy Roberts, committeman, Jim Graves, T.J. Patterson and D.C. Fair, Jr.

## Tech Offers New Course . . .

Continued From Page Eight pology, history, economics, English, food and nutrition, and women's health, recreation and physical education.

All students enrolled in the program as a minor field will be required to take two courses—cultural anthropology and American minority problems. The remainder of the 18 hours will be chosen from a group of 11 courses to be offered next spring.

"We are hopeful," Barr said, "that this will be an expanding program with participation by an increasing number of departments."

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## Dear Sir,

I have been reading with great interest the articles in your paper about the Black Coalition efforts in our community. As a white, I too would like to urge all blacks (as well as Chicanos) to work together in unity in order to solve some of the problems that exist in our city. What great strength you have when you work together as a group; your united efforts are an effective weapon against prejudice and discrimination in our schools and businesses, and the full effect will be increasingly felt in years to come.

My hope is that all of us-black, brown and white-will be able to work together in the future toward goals that enlarge and strengthen our common humanity.

Sincerely,
Judith Wilkins
1914 29th St.

### Dear Sir:

I would like to let you know we have not received the West Texas Times paper in three weeks.

I would like to know if you mailed them to me. I have been taking the paper for 4 years now and it will soon be time to renew it for 1971 and I would like to know if you are going to continue sending the paper before I reorder them for 1971.

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## Page 10 MIDLAND - ODESSA ringing the bell

With Bob Tieuel, Jr.

This column would like to express to all students of black history, to our radio and television audience and to bellringers over the Permian



Basin Southwest and other parts of the nation, a very heartfelt Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. One, New Year that is, that will bring peace and a deeper understanding and appreciation of all Americans who have made a contribution to our great American heritage, regardless of race, creed or previous condition of servitude.

And if America is not as great and as charitable and as noble as she ought to be, let us all strive to make it so. Let this be our 1971 New Year's resolution.

Answers in Black & White: To O.F. Who was it said: "It is not so important as to whether you won or lost the game but how did you play it", or words to that effect? Further, the color of skin does not make an athlete superior. Remember Hitler and Jessie Owens? Ask some of the old timers. If there is one area in American life where color is of such little importance, it is in the athletic world. Training and ability, not color, determines the eventuality.

Chimes: Dick Gregory's book: The Shadow That Scares Me, is one you should add to your library. For example, the Chicago Sun Times says of it . . . "should be required reading not only for unreconstructed bigots but for any white person of good will who is still puzzled by increasing evidences of unrest in urban ghettos, the threats implied in the Black Power slogans, and the sense of futility and failure-arising from the black population."

This column recently conducted a straw poll among readers and listeners on the question: "What do you think is our greatest need in better race relations and understanding in the Permian Basin for 1971?" Here are some of the answers in part:

"We need more decent jobs where we spend our money. It does not make sense for black people to keep on spending thousands of dollars each week with firms in our town who do not even hire a porter or maid. Why can't some of these business places take these young high school black boys and girls and train them to be clerks and managers, like they are doing other places?"

"It seems to me that the white churches and their leaders in our area are not too concerned over the problems of the ghetto. If so, they would do more than they are doing now about them. White folks continue to build and rebuild beautiful churches and other improvements but often say or do nothing about poverty, crime and despair in black and brown communities."

"I get sick when I hear so much about what white poeple should do for colored people. Isn't it about time we do something ourselves about our dirty yards, unkept streets and alleys, broken down cars, whisky and beer bottles in the front yard? Some of us have so little pride in our surroundings! We can be poor but we don't have to be filthy. Soap and water is cheap, etc."

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## **Amarillo Mortician's Mother Succumbs**

Amarillo-Funeral services for Mrs. Ollie Mae Austin, 87, of 1307 NW 11th were read at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The Rev. V.P. Perry, pastor officiated the services. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Austin Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Austin died Wednesday night at Northwest Texas Hospital.

She was born in McLennan County and came to Amarillo in 1944. During the Roosevelt administration she supervised a WPA sewing project in Waco, Texas. She was a member of Mt. Zion

Baptist Church, the Ever-Ready Circle and the Heroines of Jericho. Survivors include a daughter,

## Around the Hub City...

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They said hello to friends here and left for their homes on the West Coast.

Las Vegas, Nev., a former resident of Lubbock, spent the holidays with relatives here. He is the brother of Mrs. Ruby Johns Donaldson and Alexander Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mason of Houston and former resident of Lubbock, were in the city during the holidays visiting with Melvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Mason.

# **CHURCH SERVICES**

## Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ

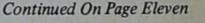
Our goal for Sunday School has been set at 100. We will be trying to have 100 students in our Bible School each Sunday morn-

Mrs. Hazel Gipson of 1305 NW 11th, six sons; C.L. Sr., of 1424 NW 12th, Richard of 1301 NW 16th, Cleveland of 1011 NW 21st, Columbus of Waco, Texas and William and Bertrand of Buffalo, New York, two sisters, Mrs. Lannie Naylor of Waco and Mrs. Vera Farmer of Kansas City, Mo., 19 grand-children and six great grandchildren.

Apples are an edible pome fruit of a tree of the rose family.

ing. Bible School starts at 9:15 a.m. each Lord's day. Last Lord's day we made our goal very nice, but let's try and do better. Plan now to be here and to bring a friend with you when you come.

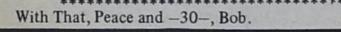
If it is the Lord's will, Sunday will be the first Sunday for a new year. We're sure many of us have already started planning to do things and have already started making promises that we are going to do better in 1971-than we did in 1970. If you find yourself making the same promises over again, remember that the Lord has already given you one whole year and you haven't done it, so would you know that in another year





To B.F.: There is a growing concern among religious and business leaders of the Permian Basin on some of our problems and they are being attacked from several levels. For example in Midland, there are hundreds of modern, vacant homes going to rot, (no one living in them) and people living in abject surroundings. A conference for Human Living Resources is scheduled for Odessa in January at Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church. Watch for the dates here.

To T.T.S.: The picture (one of them) in this column was made by an Anglo photographer in Dallas. Howbeit, if you think it is not a good one, we will think about changing it in 1971. It does express the "black image" tho and for that we are humbly proud of our black heritage. Are you? Let's get with it in 1971. "Say it Loud, I'm Black and Proud."



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Ushers meeting will be held Friday, January 8th, at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A special thanks from our pastor, Rev. A.L. Dunn, to Ernest Butler, who served as host to a beautiful Christmas dinner to all ministers and wives last Tuesday the 22nd in our Fellowship Hall. Thanks Mr. Butler, and also the lovely ladies who served, Mmes. G.H. Davis, Laura Mitchell, C.H. Howard and Alene Nash.

Supt. Kelly and Sunday school for the dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 23 prepared for special needy families.

## Jerusalem Temple Church

A holiday revival began at our church Wednesday night, December 30th, featuring Evangelist Nave of Denver, Colorado. Everyone is invited to attend these revival services at Jerusalem Temple Church, 3508 Teak Avenue.

Also, the Songs of Joy of Greenville, Texas will present a program Saturday at Jerusalem Temple the 2nd of January.

## Rising Star Missionary

Services for the day began promptly at 9:45 a.m. with Supt. Morris and the teachers at their posts. School for all ages got underway at 10:00 a.m. After devotional services a most beautiful lesson closed out the old year.

The 11:00 a.m. services began with the deacons leading the devotion and congregational singing. The message for the morning service was brought by our pastor, Rev. R.J. Dixon, entitled "Stand Still". His text was found in the Book of Exodus, 14:13-14, illustrating faith in the midst of circumstances and obedience to God's

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Display advertising rates furnished upon request.

Sunday, January 3rd, at 3:00 p.

Everyone should have the opportunity to hear this young man sing and Pastor Jefferson will also appear with him.

## Friendly Will Baptist Church

Snyder-Regular services were held at the Friendly Will Baptist Church last Sunday. Special guests were the Rev. Pinkerton and his family, for the 11 a.m. services. The visiting group gave several religious hymns of inspiration as did the Friendly Will Baptist Junior choir. Rev. Pinkerton gave the sermon in which he lectured on having enough oil for our lamps when God calls. His sermon was highly enjoyed.

Sunday school at our church begins at 9:45 with regular services at 11:00. Everyone is invited to attend Sunday school and 11 o'clock services.

## Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Snyder-Our fellowship meeting of all churches was well attended last Sunday.

The Rev. C. Crayton preached a wonderful sermon from the book of St. Luke and the book of Matthew. The choir's singing was very good and we were certainly glad to have our young people home

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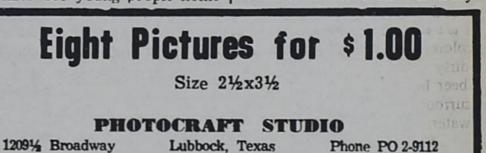
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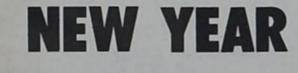
Those attending church while home from college this week were: Willis Harrison from Ranger Jr. College, Miss Mamie Braziel from Abilene Business College, Miss Jo Ann Braziel of Howard Payne, Billy Hall of South Plains College, Jay Brandon and Ortis Archie, Jr. from Howard Payne and Miss V. Davis of Texas Tech University.



## **TRAFFIC DEATHS**

ATTRACTA:

Based on past experience, the Department of Public Safety estimates 35 persons will die on Texas streets and highways during the period from 6 p.m., Dec. 31, through midnight, Jan. 3. DPS joins the Governor's Committee on Traffic Safety in urging motorists to prevent these needless deaths.



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## Church News. . .

**Continued From Page Ten** you would do it? So think before you speak, and when you speak try and do the things you say. Remember, one day it is going to be too late. One year you may not be able to make the same promise over again. It just may be too late! Start now, there isn't any time to waste. No day is promised to anyone, not even you. \*\*\*\*\*\*

## Mount Gilead Baptist Church

Our minister, Rev. S.R. Roberts, delivered the last Sunday morning sermon for the year of 1970 last Sunday. His text was found in 19th John, verse 34. His subject was "A Crucified Saviour."

member that to walk with God, you must walk in the direction in which God goes.

MOTOR

Mission Two met in the home of Sister Jewel Mims, 2607 Ivory Avenue, last Monday evening at 8.

Brotherhood Union and Junior Mission meets at the church each Monday evening at 8 p.m.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 8. We cannot pay God in money for His goodness. The coin of grateful praise is what reaches the heart of God.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut-in. Sister Ida Johnson is recuperating in her home. Sister Annie Hinton is ill also in her home. Brother Wilmar Wilson is shut-in in his home and Sister Evelyn Jones is recuperating in her home.

\*\*\*\*\* Baptist Church

The Angelic Choir is sponsoring the Mount Zion Baptist Church Choir of Crane, Texas, in a musical on January 3rd, Sunday, at 3 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. This is one of the best young choirs on the South Plains. Brother George H. Paul is president of the Angelic Choir.

Irene Reed is a patient at Methodist Hospital in room 316-A. Miss Reed is the grand-daughter of Sister Pearl Reed.

Brother Cleveland Cross is also a patient at Methodist Hospital.

## Greater St. Luke **Baptist Church**

Watch meeting will be held New Year's Eve, December 31st, Thursday, at 11 p.m. You are invited to worship with us. Like Enoch, walk with God this new Year. But re-

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## New Hope Baptist Church

Tonight, Thursday, December 31st, at 10 p.m. in the church auditorium Watch Services will be held. All members are urged to attend and invite others to worship with us.

A week of prayer and teaching will be held January 4th through 10th. All auxiliary leaders and members are to make plans to attend.

Installation of officers will be held Sunday, January 10th, at 2:30 p.m. All auxiliary presidents are asked to hold your election of officers and be sure that the name is turned over to the church clerk along with a complete mailing adCommandments.

In the evening services at 7:30, the pastor spoke from the theme "Difficulties Which Prevent Many from Joining the Church," with his text taken from the Book of Acts, 2:47.

May we remember our sick and shut-ins, in both our prayers and visitations. Happy New Year to all.

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## Greater Love Baptist Church

We wish to thank Rev. Patton for the fine service he rendered for us last Sunday. We extend our gratitude to our membership and friends for their hardy support, and welcome everyone to come and enjoy an evening of songs with the Spiritual Soul Seekers **GREETINGS OF** THE SEASON.

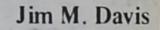


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