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One of our notables, Dr. Joseph Alvin Chatman, succumbed on last week and this column," Around The Hub City", had an audience with this personality several weeks before his death.

The discussion was based around the publication of one of his books, "History of Negroes in Medicine from 1886 to 1955."

Dr. Chatman in talking about t h i s literature told of how he came about writing such facts about the Negro in the medical profession. He revealed to this reporter that he was sending a copy of this book to many of his friends throughout the nation, hoping that each would captuer in their minds of the tremendous contribution the Negro has made in the field of medicine.

And, too, this book brings out some interesting facts about the Negro physician. One fact which caught me by surprise was the population of Negro physicians in West Texas. Believe me, there is a great demand for the Negro in this field of study.

The death of this physician and civic leader brought echoes of shock throughout the city as well as the state.

As Dr. Chatman strongly believed: "Even the longest journey starts with but one step. There is but a step between me and death."

An important meeting of the Knights of Pythian Lodge met at Castle Hall, 1616 Avenue B, last Tuesday evening. Chancellor Commander Clinton Hobdy conducted the meeting.

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Mrs. Lila Griffin was at Marlin, Texas at the bedside of her uncle when her aunt passed away at Houston, Texas last week. She left Marlin immediately where services were held Tuesday.

***** On the 'Sick List' this week are

Mrs. C.E. Fair, Mrs. A.W. Wilson, Henry Young, Charlie Payne, and Frank Bluitt.

Mrs. Hallie Mae Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Colvin and others from Lubbock attended funeral services for their nephew, Thomas Shankle, of Jasper, Texas. He was a senior student at Prairie View A & M College, and was killed accidentally when a car rammed h i m from the rear. Two other occupants of the car were unhurt. ************

An election of representatives for the Community Action Board was held Tuesday, January 17.

The Community Action Board of the City of Lubbock is made up of thirty members ten represen ting major public and private agencies; ten representing civic groups, churches and other organizations; ten representing the people of low income in census Tracts #3,8,10,11, 12, and Slaton. *****

The 14th Anniversary Party of t h e South Plains Lions Lubbock Boys' Clubs, 1801 East 24th St., will be held tonight, Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be plenty to eat and good program featuring John Daring and his students of Judo and Karati.

Theodore Phea is unit director and Dave Anderson is chairman of the program.

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Mrs. Vera Faye Heard of Detroit, Michigan visited with her sister, Mrs. J.B. Mason, 1705 Avenue B, who was recently ill. Mrs. Heard traveled to the "Hub City" via airline and remained in the city at the bedside of her sister for two weeks.

'Around the Hub City' 12 DAYS LEFT BEFORE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Final Services Read For Long Time Area Resident, Dr. J. A. Chatman



Final rites were read for Dr. Joseph Alvin Chatman, 63, Lubbock physician and civic leader for over 28 years, who occupied positions of importance at both state and national levels, at t h e First Methodist Church on Monday afternoon, January 16, at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Chatman expired on last Thursday night in the Highland Hospital, where he was taken by a son about three hours earlier

after he was stricken with chest pains at his home at 2308 Date He became ill after Avenue. walking the half-block from the 30-bed medical f cility, Chatman Hospital-Clinic, which he founded and owned.

The Reverend M.T. Reed, pastor of Mount Vernon Methodist Church, officiated at the rites. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery, under the Continue on Page three.....

It has been stated that, "once a certain farmer had a very brave hired hand, also, he had a very mean bull, since everyone knew that the bull would fight anything. One day the bull got into a pasture the farmer did not want him in; so the farmer called his hired hand to him and said, 'John, will you go and get that bull out of the norht pasture? But I want you to be very careful in doing so for as you know that bull is very dangerous and will fight. ' John answered, 'Don't worry about me boss, I will gethim out right now. ' Whereupon John promptly went to the pasture, walked right up to the bull, and showing no fear, put a rope around the bull's neck and led him out of the pasture back to his rightful place, while the farmer stood at a safe distance and watched. The farmer asked him, 'John weren't you afraid of that bull?' John | limited academic backgrounds in replied, 'No sir, I was not.'

Afew days later the farmer called John to him and said, 'John there is a beehive in the barn, and you handled that bull so well I wish you would go into the barn and get that beehive out of there.' John's reply was, 'No sir boss, not me!' The farmer said, 'You are not afraid of those little bees are you John?' John answered, 'Yessir, Iam! Why?' ask the farmer, 'you weren't afraid of that big bull, yet you are afraid

of some little bees'. Whereupon John answered, 'Yes boss, but you see those bees are

The point is, let us get organized and register to vote, for in unity there is strength, and as long as we fail to do our civic duty, we need not complain about how things are going in our wonderful country. So LET'S NOT TALK, LET'S ACT, FOR ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS. Remember that time is getting shorter with each passing day, and after the 31st day of the month it is too late to register.

Have you registered? If not, DO IT NOW! Stand up and be counted as a citizen of this country you say is yours, ACT NOW so that you will be eligable to vote when the time comes.

Let's get organized, and do our duty as citizens! This attitude of "let John do it" will not do any longer, we must do for ourselves. Even God helps them that help themselves. Remember, you can sit at a table full of good food and starve to death if you don't make an effort to eat. We have been sit at the table of good food in the form of a FREE RIGHT TO REGISTER AND VOTE, don't make the effort by not exercising your CR's, your CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY. REGISTER NOW!!

William Millian and

NO EXEMPTIONS IN LAW Austin--Every Texan must regis-READY TO

VOTE

ter by the 31st of January to be able to vote in any elections during the next

There are no exemptions for ex-

ceptions.

The new free annual voter registration replaced Texas' old polltax law for the first time this year. In counties across the state it has brought a tremendous new upsurge in voter strength.

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The Theta Kappa Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will provide FREE TRANS-PORTATION to and from the county tax office or the office of the deputy tax assessor-collector. This effort is being made to encourage each citizen of Lubbock to vote in later elections. The service will be available on January 30th and 31st.

Citizens may call SH7-2919 and make a request and an Alpha man will be sent to the address of the person or persons.

Opportunities Open Here For Laborers

The Interagency Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners for the North Texas area, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, announces that applications are being accept e d for the position of laborer paynig \$1.35 to \$2.17 per hour for positions with the general services administration and other Federal Agencies in the Lubbock, Texas area.

Necessary forms are available at this office and at any of the larger Post Offices.

Summer Institutes At Huston-Tillotson

Dr. John T. King, president of Huston-Tillotson College, has announced that the college is one of 16 Texas colleges and universities participating in the National Science Foundation Summer Institutes during 1967. Approximately 40 secondary school teachers of science and mathematics will be selected to participtae in the six week program which will be held from July 3 to August 11.

T h e program is designed for secondary school teachers with basic and modern subject matter due to inadequate formal training or to the number of years that they have been out of college. The courses ar . designed to increase the classroom competence of teachers by improving and updating their knowledge of the subjects they teach by placing emphasis upon the underlying principles and their interrelationships. Special attention will be given to curretn developments in science and

mathematics. Candidates shall be selected, without regard race, creed, or color, solely on the basis of thier ability to benefit from the program of the Institute and their capacity to develop as teachers of science and mathematics.

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In the larger populated counties of the state, for example, more than 10 times as many voters had registered last week than had paid poll taxes on the same date in 1966. On the other hand, here in Lubbock County, reports had the free registration running behind the figures for paid poll taxes last year.

To be eligible to register as a voter one must be a citizen, 21 or over, a resident of Texas a year and of the county in which they reside six months.

Applications for voter certificates may be made in person with the county assessor-collector or voter registrar at the county court house or at designated substations (this provision is excluded in Lubbock County by the assessor-collector's office) or by mail.

If made in person, a voter certificate is isseud at that time. Certificates for those applying by mail will be mailed to the voter.

County officials stress that the mailed applications must be in their hands no later than Jan. 31.

All applications must be signed by the applicant or an authorized person of immediate kin. The husband-wife, mother-father, sondaughter kinships are recognized for this authorized signature but not brother-sister. And the authorized person signing for his wife, mother or son must be an eligible voter, though not necessarily a registered voter.

Former Poll Tax exemptions freed the elderly and the disabled from payment of the tax in order to vote. With free registration, there are no exemptions.

Even those not 21 and those who have not lived here long enough to be eligible for voting now must register before Jan. 31 if they want to vote later in the year.

When they register, they will receive a "restricted" certificate taht will permit them to vote in any election after they reach 21 or after they have fulfilled the residence requirement.

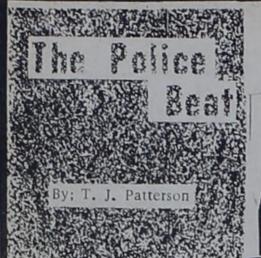
A suit challenging the annual registration will not be decided for many months. District Judge Herman Jones of Austin ruled against it last week. The case will be appealed.

NAACP OFFICERS ELECTED AT W. F.

Wichita Falls --- The Wichita Falls branch, NAACP, held its biennial election of officers on December 8. The following officers were elected. President, Tom Fairclough, teacher of English at Midwestern University; first vice president, Rev. J. Henry Johnson, pastor Antioch Baptist Church; second vice president, Rev. U. S. Wesley, pastor Church of Christ; recording secretary, Mrs. Effie Homes; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Margaret 'Davis; treasuret, Mr. Leonard Edwards; proprietor of Edwards Variety Store.

Several committee chairmen have been appointed by the new president; membership, Rev. J. Henry Johnson; community cooridnation, Rev. James O. Bradford, pastor East Side Baptist Church; life membership, Mrs. Lois Flagg.

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Walker's Auto Clinic, 1016 East 34th Street, was a victim of a robbery last week end.

The wheel was valued at | model car. \$25.

BREAK IN Jesse Wilson, 705 Avenue C, last week.

It was learned that entry was gained by knocking out a window in the east side of the cafe. Once inside the looter took money from the coke machine and juke box. Each of the vending machines was



pried open.

DISTURBANCE

Police were summoned by a resident, John Lee Stewart, at According to the owner, some | 609 Avenue C in regard to the one took a wheel off a 58 model destruction of a tire on his 55"

> According to the police, the bandit cut the tire which wsa valued at nearly \$5.00.

Stewart admitted that he had told police that someone broke done no wrong to anyone and he into his cafe at 104 Main Street wondered why someone did him as they did.

Actually, John, it something that is not easily answered.

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is like a waist line, easy to form and hard to lose, " agrees with the E.C. Struggs Junior High School.

It appears as though this school is robbed each month. Perhaps by the same people or maybe a change of partners every now and

What ever it is, this type of action has to cease, and let's hope it will be soon.

At one time it appeared as though Struggs and Dunbar were running a "Break In Contest."

Principal Charles E. Brown reporeced the latest robbery, and as a m eter of a fact, he has reported all of them.

As usual the looter cleaned the vending machines.

HOUSE BURGLARY

Mary Seaman, 2610 Weber

Drive, told police that someone broke into her apartment one day lsat week while she was at work and took her portable record player which is valued at \$61.00.

After further investigation, it was discovered that there were no windows or doors pried open.

unlocked when he left for school. Let's hope little Seaman learned the \$61 lesson.....it could have been MORE.

HOUSE BURGLARY Alvin Middleton, 3607 Yucca Avenue, reported to the police department that someone broke into his house and took from his living room one television which is valued at \$75.

After investigating the looting,

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under construction at the corners Apparently her son left the door | of East 28th Street and Ivory Aven u e and East 27th and Juniper Avenue.

Several weeks ago, a column, "Around the Hub City," brought it to the attention of you, the citizens of East Lubbock, that park officials are in the process of selecting a name for this park. As the article stated, your suggestion or suggestions are welcomed.

As of yet this park, which will be equipped with the latest in equipment for parks, has not been

Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scrowl and have wrinkles. What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for each other? -George Eliot

it appeared as though the looter made his entry through the back

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the auditorium of our church.

This Sunday, January 22, at 8:00 p.m. the church will sponsor the Spiritual Kings of Las Crus, Ne w Mexico in an evening of spiritual singing.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. I.H. Hillard, a gospel presented an enriching program, "An Afternoon With Christ," last | Springs, Arkansas

Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. in our church auditorium.

Annual Deacon Day will be day morning radio program, the observed on Sunday, February 5. Junior Usher Day is on tap for Sunday, February 19th.

The Fifth Sunday, which is The program will originate in January 29th, will be under the auspices of the W.M.S.

> Bible Study Courses will be held each Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church. All members are urged to attend this much needed service each week. Federation of Choirs will be held on Sunday, January 22, at

2:30 p.m. Our church is inst. The National Baptist Convensinger of Mineral Wells, Texas, I tion Board met this week at the National Baptist Bath Hosue, Hot

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Dr. Chatman Rites

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direction of the South Plains Funeral Home.

Dr. Chatman, who was born in Navasota on May 28, 1903, rose above humble beginnings to places of leadership in medical, education, civic and church af-He came to Lubbock in 1939 from Mexia, where he began his medical career in 1926 and established a Chatman Hospital

He was the first Negro to be an

Mrs. Roberta Allen served as director of the B. T. U. last week. It was learned that she had a successful meetnig.

Youth We k will be observed during the week of January 30 thru February 3.

Let us make sure that we will work and help make this a profitable week for youth.

*********** MESSIAH UNITED P PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On behalf of our church and the sponsors of the Stay at Home Tea, Mrs. Louise and Willie M. Sedberry, we would like to thank our many friends for their cooperative donation which made this project a success.

To each of you we are very grateful.

GREATER SAINT LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH

The choirs of the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church presented a dynamic program last Sunday afternoon, January 15.

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Dr. Chatman was appointed by Gov. Price Daniel to the President's White House Conference on Youth in 1960 and to the Conference on the Aged in 1961.

He received several awards including a n bonorary degree (Doctor of Humanities) in 1955 from Paul Quinn College and was the Alumni speaker. He received Achievement Award from Prairie View A&M College, 1956, and was the Alumni speaker.

Dr. Chatman was elected as "Man of the Year", Lubbock, for six consecutive years.

He was Presiding Judge of Pre-

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official in the Democratic Party | cinct No. 20; author of "History of Negroes of Limestone County' and "History of Negroes in Medicine from 1886 to 1955."

Another significant honor bestowed upon Dr. Chatman was the time he was elected "Mr. Homecoming" for Dunbar High School in Mexia, Texas, October, 1963

He was also appointed by Gov. John Connally and con immed 'm the Senate to the Board . _nectors of Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, four sons, a granddaughter and a number of neices and nephews.

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