

# WEST TEXAS TIMES

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Dedicated to Informing the Negro Citizens of West Texas

## Bishopites Home For The Holidays



Five former students of Mary & Mac Private School who are home for the holidays are from left to right: James Rayford, Julius Caesar Graves, III, Mary Humphrey, Cynthia Bunton and Cecille Joyce Graves.

## Concerned Citizens Group to Present Recommendations to School Board

(Editors Note: The following is a note which is to be presented to the Board of Directors of the Lubbock Independent School District in a morning meeting, January 7th.)

### Recommendations

The Employment Subcommittee for the Lubbock Independent School District (of the Concerned Citizens of Lubbock) recommends that the following report be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Lubbock Independent School District with an information copy to the Mayor's Human Resources Committee:

It is clearly in the public interest, and in the interest of private business as well, that every able-bodied adult have the opportunity to be fully employed at a living wage, to develop his potential, and to advance in keeping with his capabilities. Such opportunity would break the cycle of poverty, contribute to our economy, strengthen our institutions, increase human dignity, develop pride in self and community, and give a sense of belonging to the poor of all races whose feeling of alienation now pose a threat to our society.

This increased sense of involvement is particularly important in the case of the public schools because family and neighborhood attitudes are largely responsible for the poor motivation and lack of academic achievement often found among poor children. Thus school

## Funeral Home Moves To New Location Here

South Plains Funeral Home, owned and operated by Tull Thornton, Jr. and Leon Melton, has moved to a new location at 1715 East Broadway.

The move from the old familiar site for many years at 2302 Date Avenue, took place Tuesday, December 24th.

Mrs. Fannie Melton, president of the Burial Insurance and Assistance during Services, states: "Preparations for 'Open House' is underway. The new location, which includes buildings other than the funeral home, is personally owned, and is a much nicer place."

employment practices can help either to cause or to solve many of the academic problems encountered in the schools of our poorer neighborhoods.

Therefore, Concerned Citizens of Lubbock believe it is incumbent upon our public schools to lead the way in providing employment and training for substantial numbers from disadvantaged groups, many of whom can qualify only at the trainee level. Active recruitment measures are required to reach others who are qualified for established semi-skilled or skilled jobs, but who have been disillusioned with exclusion or restriction to menial and part-time jobs. Too often, they have found that announcements of "equal opportunity

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## City Youth Dies After Gunshot Wounds

Stanley Kenneth Brown, a 19-year-old city youngster, wounded in a Christmas night shooting, died shortly before 9:00 p.m. Saturday in the intensive care unit at Methodist Hospital here in Lubbock.

Brown became the fourth person to die in Lubbock County as a result of shootings and knifings during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day period.

A suspect, R. D. Nixon, 56, of 610 5th Street, had been charged last Friday with assault with intent to murder in connection with the Brown shooting. According to officers, charges were to be changed to murder.

The youth was shot once in the chest at a small grocery store in the 700 block of Avenue C Christmas night. It was learned that a .32 caliber pistol—which was found

## Former City Resident Dies at Los Angeles

Message has been received here of the passing of Mrs. Bernice Green in Los Angeles, California. She and her daughter, Ethelene, were residents of Lubbock several years ago.

She had many friends here. Mr. Paul Hemanes and his wife, Mrs. Ollie Hemanes, are planning to attend the services in Los Angeles.

Further information is not available at this time.

## Debutantes of 1968 Presented Last Monday Evening at Palm Room

### Open House Staged for "Len" Chew Friday at Multi-Service Center

A large number of Lubbock citizens attended an open house last Friday, December 27th, between 6 and 8 o'clock p.m. at the Multi-Service Center in the honor of Mr. L. C. "Len" Chew, Jr., former director of the center.

Presently Mr. Chew is the Executive Director of the Big Bend Community Action Board at Marfa, Texas.

### Brother of Lubbock Woman Succumbs After Heart Attack at Wichita Falls

Final rites were held Monday, December 23rd, at 2:30 p.m. at Anderson Chapel Methodist Church for Homer Thomas, brother of Mrs. Mae D. Simmons of Lubbock.

Mr. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thomas, Sr., was born October 5, 1912 at Dawson, Texas. He had been a citizen of Wichita Falls for 42 years. In March of 1950, he was married to Miss Odell King, who is among his survivors.

Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Mae D. Simmons of Lubbock and Mrs. Verma Sue Williams of Las Vegas, Nevada; his mother, Mrs. Callie Thomas, a patient in a rest home at Houston, Texas; four brothers, Steve of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Richard, Evans, and James, all of Houston, Texas; a nephew, James Martin, Jr., of Dawson, Texas; and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Thomas suffered a heart attack and passed away within 12 hours. He had been unable to as-

sume his favorite tasks for several weeks due to health conditions.

Rev. A. W. Harvey officiated at the ceremonies with Nelson-Matthews Funeral Home directing arrangements and burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

### Debs Honored With Dinner Here Monday

Mrs. Simmons returned home after attending the services.

Misses Linda Lusk and Donna Jones were honorees at a dinner in the home of Mrs. William R. Powell of 2902 Ute Avenue, Monday, December 23rd.

Mrs. Powell is a member of Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The dinner was planned as a part of the many activities being sponsored by families and friends of the debs who were to be presented by the sorority at the Palm Room at 8:00 on the 30th of December. Other debs present were Joan Newton, Robertha Johnson, Linda Williams, Alberta Lincoln, Sherly Wiley, Georgia McGowan, Dianna Baldwin and Celestine Johnson.

Miss Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones, 1838 Manhattan Drive. Miss Lusk is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lusk, of 2302 Birch Avenue.

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University; Donna Marie Jones, Trinity University; and Cynthia Bunton, Bishop College.

Gloria Skief was unable to participate in the event because of illness.

This year's theme was "Once in A Lifetime." Sorors Majorie Thomas and Lillian Jones were the official announcers in the lovely procession of some of West Texas' finest young ladies.

An official welcome to the society was given by Mrs. Clarence Ervin, Sr.

Marshals in the special presentation were Sgt. Carl Black, Tyrone Ervin, Eric Gamble, Clifton Garrett, Julius C. Graves, III, Sidney Hall, Arvid Ray Hicks, Herbert Johnson, Cadet Cpl. Larry Jones, Jerome McLin, David Mitchell, Jackie Mitchell, James Newton, Bobby Pillow, John Taylor, Bobby Thomas, Kenneth Thomas and Samuel Thomas.

Pictures of all eighteen of the young ladies who were presented last Monday evening are located on page six of this issue of the paper.

Basileus, Erma J. Johnson, expressed sincere thanks to the patrons and friends who made this presentation possible.

Other officers of this chapter of fine women include Barbara Williams, Basileus Elect; Claudier Kelley, Anti Basileus; Jo Ree Graves, Grammateus; Lillian Jones,

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## Golden Gloves Tourney Set for February, '69

The West Texas Regional Golden Gloves Tournament has been set for February, 1969 at Fair Park Coliseum. The Golden Gloves, under the auspices of the Lubbock Police Dept., is seeking young amateurs between the ages of 16 and 26, who are interested in entering the tourney. Application blanks are available at the Lubbock Police Department and at the Golden Gloves Gym at 1107 Avenue K. The Golden Gloves wants you! Mail your application blank to the Lubbock Police Department now!

## City Schools to Resume Classes Today

Holiday vacations ended today for the many thousands of city school children. The next regular scheduled holiday is Easter which comes early in May this year. Texas Tech and Lubbock Christian College both remain closed for several more days, scheduling their reopening next Monday.

## Ikettes To Appear Here Saturday Night



Look men, these young ladies—the Ikettes—would make a lovely group to take home to mom, but we would sure have to watch Pop. This group will appear Saturday night, January 4th, at 9:00 p.m. at the KOKO Palace with the Ike and Tina Turner Show. The Ikettes are well known throughout the country for their performances.



EDITORIAL

In 1969 We Pledge Continued Service

Another year is upon us and the West Texas Times goes into its eighth year of service. We remain the only Negro media in West Texas dedicated to informing the Negro citizens of this area.

At this point, the West Texas Times has acquired another quality which will enable us to move forward and continue to stimulate objective thinking by its many readers. With this issue we become a member of the Texas Press Association.

In looking at our goal for 1969, we are concerned about making our weekly publication a bigger and better weekly of which all West Texas can be proud. During the past years of service, we feel as though we have come a long way, but there are still higher stairs to climb in the year ahead.

In seeking a better newspaper, we feel that it is imperative that we limit our editorials to local issues, with only occasional side-trips to some soul-stirring national event. It's true, and we feel sure you'll agree, that few newspapers have the answers to local problems although they are "experts" on things beyond their control.

This weekly, as any other weekly, needs the cooperation of the business establishments in order to reach our goal. Business men, companies, industries, yes, even large corporations must be made aware of the purchasing power of the Negro citizens and impressed with the fact that advertising in this weekly is the very best means of communicating with the Black community. They must be further impressed that the citizens of this Black community will express their appreciation by directing their business to those who support their newspaper.

This newspaper, the West Texas Times, will continue to grow with West Texas and by the same token continue to be identified with its people. We'll gladly admit that this cannot be done without the help of the thousands of people who communicate through this media each week.

For seven long, hard-working years, we have tried to give to the public the concept of honest journalism. We favor or fear no one, but we are concerned about the welfare of the West Texas area and the people we serve, our advertisers and readers

We pledge to continue good service to you in 1969, and seek your complete cooperation either by purchasing the Times each week or seeking the participation of those businesses within the community whose advertisements are not seen in this weekly.

This is a community effort and we can become a better newspaper if only we push harder in 1969.

Readers, we solemnly pledge this continued service each week of 1969. This is your weekly. You are the ones who make it possible. Why not purchase your ticket and jump on board. We are on our way to becoming a better newspaper for you. Happy New Year!!

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Austin, Tex.—Bone dry areas of West and South Texas got a monumental Christmas present unwrapped before December 25. It was in the form of a \$10 billion master plan for development of Texas water resources, as revealed by the Texas Water Development Board.

Its long-sighted recommendation, which proposes moving water westward and southward through an elaborate network of canals and pipelines from Louisiana and East Texas, may leave the suppliers wondering whether it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive.

Highlights of the massive plan, compiled over a period of four years, includes the following proposals:

- Importation of 12 to 13 million acre feet of surplus water annually from Mississippi and transportation uphill through canals from Sulphur and Sabine River reservoirs to the Lubbock area and the Rio Grande Valley respectively. Pipelines would move it along to many Texas cities and irrigated farming areas of West Texas and on to New Mexico. Other waters from rain-rich East Texas basins would move through the same major facilities to the South and as far as El Paso on the western edge of the state.
•Construction of 67 major new dams and reservoirs and two salt water barriers at a cost of \$ 2.4 billion. They would contain a total of 33.6 million acre feet of conservation storage and 16.1 million acre feet of flood control capacity.
•Trans-Texas and Coastal canals would carry water across North Texas westward and down the Texas coast to the South. Major pipeline would move water from Pecos to El Paso.
•Rio Grande waters would be moved through another canal from Amistad Dam at Del Rio to Maverick and Webb Counties and to the vegetable-growing Winter Garden area around Carrizo Springs.
•Some 220,000 acre feet of supplemental surface water needed for San Antonio would be pipelined from Cuero, Cibolo and Goliad reservoirs in Guadalupe and San Antonio River basins. A longer-range possibility is diversion from the Colorado River.
•Power would have to be generated to pump water through the Trans-Texas canal and the pipeline to El Paso.
•Coastal division would provide 2.5 million acre feet of fresh water inflows to bays and estuaries and coastal wildlife refuges.
•Planners hope for congressional authorization of Cibolo, Cuero and Goliad projects by 1972, approval of a coastal canal, link with Mississippi River and Trans-Texas Canal by 1973, appropriations by 1974 and design-construction authorization by 1975. First water hopefully would be delivered through the Coastal Canal from Sabine northeast of Beaumont to the Rio Grande Valley in 1980. Goal for water movement through the 500-mile concrete-lined Trans-Texas Canal from East Texas is 1985—and from Mississippi westward in 1988.

Gov.-elect Preston Smith and Lt. Gov.-elect Ben Barnes lauded the plan and pledged cooperation in enacting the necessary state legislation. Smith urged unity and tempering of criticism with positive suggestions for improvement.

Water Board Executive Director Howard B. Boswell said no water development program on such a scale "has ever been attempted anywhere." Boswell emphasized that water users ultimately would pay the state's \$2.5 to \$3 billion share of the overall cost.

Courts Speak—A three-judge federal court here upheld constitutionality of an 1879 Texas law under which 42 student demonstrators were arrested for interfering with an Austin man's lawful pursuit of his business by picketing and blocking his driveway.

Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the death penalty in a 1965 Houston rape case and a 10-year sentence of a San Antonio man in a street-brawl stab-slaying.

Suit brought in federal court by Sinclair Oil Corporation against Gulf and Western Industries, Inc. has been indefinitely postponed.

Mobile Theater—Texas Fine Arts Commission plans to produce a mobile theatrical company to perform bilingual versions of popular plays in areas of the state which are predominately Latin-American.

Commission is getting a \$6,700 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to finance the plan.

Appointments—Governor-elect Smith named former State Senator Martin Dies, Jr. of Lufkin as his Secretary of State.

Smith also selected another former East Texas senator, Galloway Calhoun of Tyler, as his staff legal counsel.

Handicapped Children Grant—U. S. Office of Education has awarded Texas Education Agency and Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation a \$915,412 grant to strengthen education programs and related services for handicapped children.

This federal money is part of a \$29.7 million appropriation being distributed among the 50 states, Puerto Rico and Guam on a formula based on average daily attendance.

Around The Hub City

It's that time of the year again when some of our lovely young ladies are crowned as Debutantes. In the past this activity has been held every two years and this year's gala affair was as lovely as ever.

Around the Hub City would like to congratulate the following young ladies for a job well done last Monday night. They were Dianna Baldwin, Cynthia Bunton, Roberta Johnson, Celestine Johnson, Dorothy Jackson, Donna Jones, Alberta Lincoln, Linda Lusk, Florence Mayse, Sandra Morgan, Carol J. Morris, Georgia McCowan, Joan Newton, Catherine Ross, Gloria Skeif, Linda Wheeler, Shirley Wiley and Linda Williams.

May each of you exemplify the ideal role of a good deb throughout the year. The honor which was bestowed upon each of you is one that can surely be cherished throughout the years.

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Mr. Joe McGowen spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Vina Simmons, at Navasota, Texas. He was accompanied by William "Easter Boy" Kinnard. Mrs. Lillie Loud returned with them. She visited her family at Anderson, Texas.

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Earl Day and family were guests of his mother, Mrs. Mattie Day, and other members of the family. A graduate of Dunbar High School, he is presently employed by the Public School System in Lawton, Oklahoma.

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Mrs. Freddy Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie White of Fort Worth, Texas are house guests of their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lusk.

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The list of sick and shut-ins this week are Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Wilson, at home; Roscoe Taylor, Mrs. Ruby Neal, Mrs. M. E. Tucker and Mrs. Sherina Davenport are at Methodist hospital; and Mr. Johnny Wiggins is ill at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Struggs returned home last Saturday. They spent part of the holidays in Houston with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, and part in Dallas with her sister, Mrs. Mary Tieuel, and family. While in Houston, Mr. Struggs had his physical report from his doctor, with marvelous results. His next check up will be in 12 months.

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Among the visitors to Lubbock during the holiday season were Freddy Atkins and family from Kentucky, visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Charlie Mae Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deary and children from St. Louis, visiting both their mothers and other family members; Walter Johnson from Tucson, Arizona, visiting his mother, Mrs. Ida Johnson and brother, Lee; Mrs. M. B. Bennette of Chicago, a former resident of Lubbock. She is the house guest of Mrs. Sug Johnson; Mrs. Maxine Wilson of Los Angeles, visiting her mother, Mrs. Carrie Young, and daughter Carol, and other members of her family at West Carlisle.

Others include Mrs. Ruby James and her daughters, Charity and Vesta Joe Ellis, and son Frank Ellis. Frank and a friend, Robert Banks, spent the week-end here with his sister Mrs. Joe McGowen.

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Freddy Simmons left Lubbock Monday afternoon for San Antonio, Texas where he will spend a few days before returning to Houston. He spent part of the holiday season here with his mother, Mrs. Juanita Simmons and visited other relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Robertson and son, Rodney, were visitors in Lubbock last Sunday. They spent part of the holiday season in Waco, Texas visiting with relatives and friends. Mrs. Johnnie Wiggins accompanied them.

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Mrs. Maurice Johnson of Denver, Colorado made a brief visit to Lubbock for the Yule time activities and to see her mother, sister and family.

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**THE POLICE  
BEAT**

by: T. J. Patterson



**Break In Reported**

David Adkisson, 1215 East 34th Street, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone unknown broke into his business.

According to Adkisson, entry was gained by the back store room door. Once inside the building the burglar took \$98.00 from the safe which was left unlocked. The safe was kept in the storeroom which was locked.

It would appear as though this establishment should lock their safe as well as the door which protects it. Don't you think so?

**Bike Stolen**

James King, 1612 Avenue C, was an unpleasant person the other day. You see, his bike was minding its own business when someone unknown decided to take it. He told police that he could easily identify it because it had one broken spoke.

The value of the bike was believed to be \$50.00. If there is anyone reading this column who has seen a bike with a broken spoke and no owner, please contact James. He will certainly appreciate it.

**Simple Assault**

How does this one grab you? A young lady who was enjoying herself at a local club until some

of her peers came up and decided that they didn't like her. This led from one thing to another.

The attractive lady was easily overcome by the others and received a few scratches as well as bite marks on her lovely face.

She told police that she would definitely file charges against the pair who put those scratches on her pretty face.

Would you believe that there are simple assaults such as this in Lubbock?

**House Burglary**

Fred McFarland, of 2703 East 10th Street, reported that someone broke into his house while he was away. Entry was gained by merely raising up the back window.

Once inside, the burglar took \$92.00 in money which was in McFarland's piggy bank.

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**Police Beat Prayer**

O'Lord, as we approach the New Year, help us to live a much better life. Help us to learn how important it is for us to treat our fellow man right. Amen.

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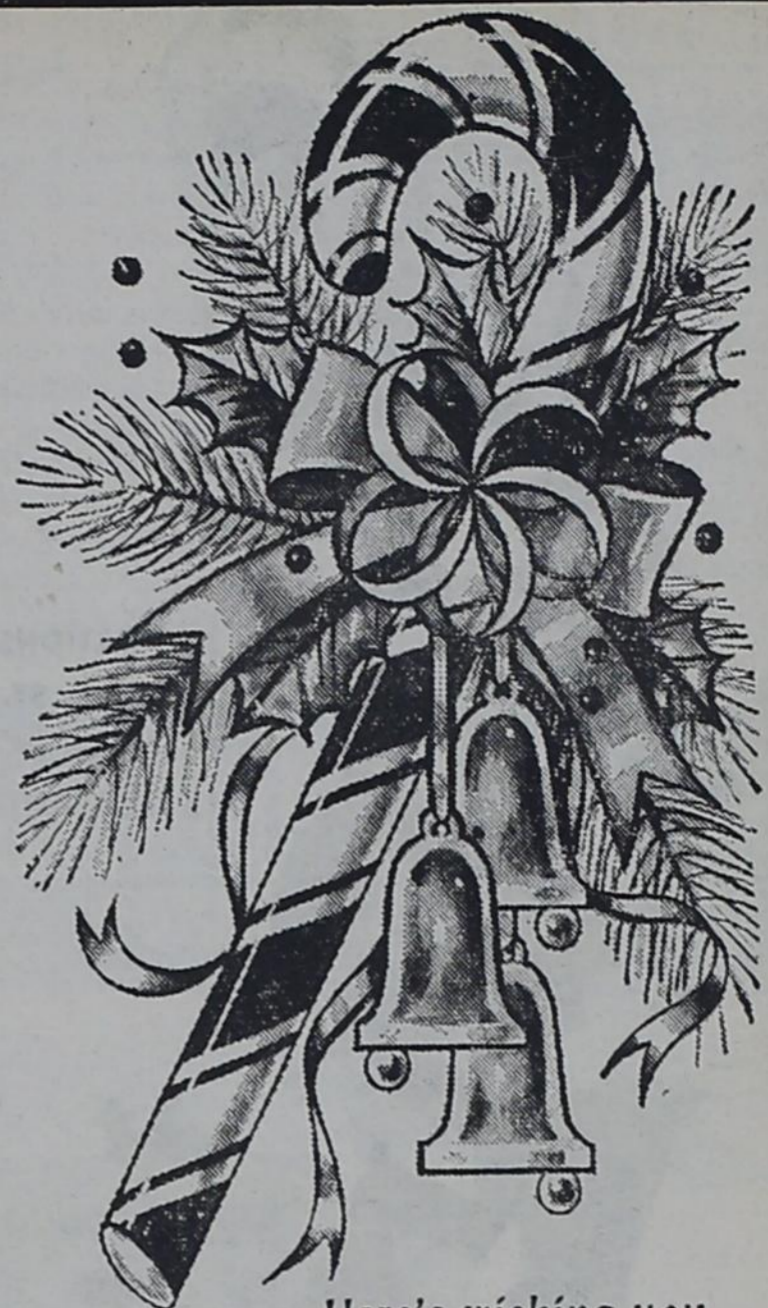
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**Happy Holidays from Col. Sanders**

*From My Scratch Pad*  
 By: George Parrish  
 Amarillo—Capt. and Mrs. Issac Payne, IV and daughter Kimberly, were recently home for a pre-holiday visit.



Mrs. Payne is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charley W. Wilson, of 1101 N. W. 21st Street here in Amarillo.

Capt. Payne just returned from one year of service in South Vietnam. He and his family will soon be residing at Beale AFB, California.

Mrs. S. L. Neal left Friday for Los Angeles, California to visit her sister, Mrs. A. L. Foster, for the holidays.

Rev. A. L. Davis and family left Friday via car to visit their daughter in Arizona. While away they will also visit in El Paso.

We are happy to have the following students home from college for the holidays; Evelyn Hambric, Rose King, Melvin Austin, and David Mitchell, all of Prairie View; Delores Neal, Texas Women's Uni-

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versity at Dallas; Maxine Robb, Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas; Gilbert Oate, Glenn Jones, La Verne Faine, and Peter Gilbreath, all of Langston University; Langston, Oklahoma; Dwight Cowans, Huston-Tillotson, Austin; Willie Cobel, Texas Southern University, Houston; Johnny Allen, Jr., Colorado State University; Greely, Colorado; Morris Overstreet, San Angelo State, San Angelo; and Terrence Woods, Texas University, Austin. We hope you fellows and girls have a happy stay at home and best of luck to you when you return to school.

I think it would be nice for you to know that one of our local ministers was elected to office in the Amarillo Ministerial Association. Rev. J. W. Hackett, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, was elected vice-president of the Amarillo Ministerial Association.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish motored to Mineola, Texas to visit with parents and friends. Accompanying them was their daughter, Dianne. While in East Texas they plan to visit in Tyler, Hawkins and Grand Prairie.

**Concerned Citizens Present...**  
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 ity employers" did not improve their job prospects. They have learned to ignore such announcements in order to avoid the painful process of rejection because of their race or ethnic group. Place-

ment workers must be given real reason for optimism before they can develop confidence among those so disillusioned.

Concerned Citizens recommend that the Board of Trustees of the Lubbock Independent School District consider the following measures to improve the schools in disadvantaged neighborhoods while leading the way toward enlarging employment opportunities:

- 1) Raising of minimum wages for established positions to provide a living wage and to compete with other large employers.
  - 2) Establishment of suitable on-the-job training positions in every department, and possible conversion of some established positions, at appropriately lower pay scales, for persons who are otherwise "not qualified" for established positions.
  - 3) Use of the Negro and Mexican-American press and of the Multi-Service Centers and Neighborhood Centers as clearing houses for information on job openings and applicants.
  - 4) Establishment of teacher aide positions to employ residents of the poorer neighborhoods at the sub-professional level, particularly in the problem schools of their neighborhoods where pupil-teacher ratios need to be much smaller.
- The teaching aide positions should follow the New Careers approach outlined in Frank Riessman's *Blueprint for The Disadvantaged* (New York: Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 1968. Paper, \$ 0.75). New Careers positions would be on a continuum with opportunity to advance through ability, experience, and part-time and summer university work to regular teaching status. Riessman's three reasons (p. 11) for the New Careers strategy are fully appropriate to the special needs of the schools in our poorer neighborhoods:
- 1) To improve the quality of service.
  - 2) To develop adequate manpower for education needs.
  - 3) To make available meaningful work to populations now excluded from a range of occupational opportunity.

A copy of Riessman's booklet is attached for inclusion with the report to the school board.

Respectfully submitted,  
 By E. D. Toines  
 Chairman.

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**Poitier's Career Had Corny Beginning**

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

For every actor there is perhaps one situation or moment which, more than any other, influences the direction which his career will take. For superstar Sidney Poitier, the world's number one boxoffice grosser and recently in Philadelphia for filming of his newest movie, Universal's "The Lost Man," that fateful turning point came in a Bahamian jail at the tender age of eleven.

"It was a warm, moonlit night," Poitier recalls with a smile, "and I had joined three friends in staging a raid on a corn field. Each one of us took a gunny sack full of corn and there was no possible way we could have eaten it all, but our boyhood logic told us to take advantage of a good thing.

"We then went to a spot not far from the corn field and built a bonfire, another not-so-smart move. Well, all the constable had to do was follow the glow of the fire and walk right to us.

"And he did.  
"The four of us wound up in a cold jail thinking of all that good roasted corn going to waste. Then the magistrate called our parents

**Thank You Note**

We wish to thank our many friends for the many deeds of kindness shown us during our recent bereavement in the passing of our mother, Mrs. Othello Precipha.

Words are so inadequate to express our deep feeling and appreciation, but we pray that God will continue to bless you and surround you with loving friends whenever you are needed.

Gratefully,  
Mrs. Willie Jewel Sedberry & family;  
Mr. Leroy Precipha.

and told them it would cost them ten shillings (about \$2.50) before we could be released.

"One by one the other three boys left as their fathers came in and glowered admonishingly at them with a look that could only mean they were going to catch holy hell when they got home.

"Well, I was without a doubt the poorest kid in the group and I had to spend the night in that jail because my father had to go through half the countryside trying to raise the ten shillings from his equally poor friends.

"When he finally came for me, I was the most disheartened little kid you ever saw. But I didn't even mind the five-minute lecture by the magistrate as he accepted the fine because I could see that same look in my father's eyes that the other boys had winced at the night before.

"Surprisingly, however, there was no wolloping once we got home. Instead, my father wired my older brother in Miami for enough money to send me there to stay with him. Dad was thoroughly convinced that if I stayed in the Bahamas I'd come to no good and he figured I'd tread a better path in Miami, so off I went.

"From there I journeyed to New York and eventually the acting career which was to alter my life. So you see, I can say with authenticity that my career really did have a rather 'corny' beginning."

**Christmas Marked by Shootings and Stabbings Here Last Week**

Shootings and stabbings in Lubbock County last week left four dead and three others wounded—resulting in charges against three men and a woman. One of the four died late Friday night and charges were changed from assault with intent to murder to murder this week.

This two-day spree of homicide was called by local law authorities, "one of the bloodiest on record."

According to authorities, a middle-aged husband and wife were being sought Friday after charges of murder with malice were filed against them. The charges stem

from the early morning Christmas shooting of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Blake at their home at 1507 Teak Avenue.

Mrs. Blake, 43, was pronounced dead on arrival at West Texas Hospital with a gunshot wound in the back. Her husband suffered from a wound in the jaw and was admitted to Methodist Hospital.

R. D. Nixon, 56, of 610 5th Street, was charged with the Christmas shooting of a 19-year-old city youth, Stanley Kenneth Brown, of 700 Avenue D. He died last Friday

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**CHURCH NEWS**

**Carter Chapel C.M.E.**

All worship services and activities at Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church, 411 Elm Avenue, ceased this week. Worship services and religious activities will begin immediately at the newly acquired facilities for the church at 420 North Quirt Avenue, the former Epworth Methodist Church. Religious services for the formal opening will be conducted as follows:

January 5th at 10:45 a.m., regular worship services. Communion message: "A Prescription from St. Paul," Philippians 3:12-16.

3:00 p.m. Pre-opening services will be conducted by pastor. The invocation by Bishop W. D. Haynes of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ No. 2. The scripture will be given by Rev. Adolphus Cleveland of New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

The sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. L. Walker, minister of Messiah Presbyterian Church. Superintendent M. J. Alexander will officiate at the offering. Visiting choirs will render the music.

January 12th at 10:45 a.m. regular worship service will be conducted by Rev. C. C. Campbell.

At 3:30 p.m., the formal opening will be conducted by presiding elders and the bishop of the Northwest Texas Conference, conducted by the pastor.

Invocation will be by presiding elder W. E. Patterson of the Wichita-Amarillo District. Scripture will be by presiding elder E. J. Lott of the Abilene District.

The sermon will be by Bishop Norris S. Curry of the Eighth Episcopal District. The trustees will officiate the offering. Bishop Curry will take charge of the dedication service.

The processional of choirs, officers and ministers singing "The C. M. E. Church is Marching On."

**Mount Vernon United Methodist Church**

Our thanks to you who sponsored and participated in the Christmas program. 1968 was a beautiful Christmas year. We did not leave Christ out of Christmas at St. Luke.

Members and friends, again you succeeded in making someone happy. To see little eyes light up as Santa visited the ones we helped would have let you know the test of all Christian activity is, "Will it add to the glory of God?" God is pleased when we give for in his word it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut-ins: Sisters Lommie Evans remains in the Methodist

Hospital; Annie Roquemore remains in the St. Mary's Hospital and Sister Lola McCornic is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital. Sister Bessie M. McGuire is home now. Brother Oscar Iles is recuperating in his home. Sister Lillian Howard is ill in her home.

**New Hope Baptist Church**

A Bible study course will begin this week. All members are urged to attend this much needed service.

Our winter revival will begin Sunday, January 5th, through the 12th. Rev. A. L. Patrick of San Diego, California, will serve as our guest speaker. Let us build the revival up and invite our friends to attend with us.

Installation of officers will be held on Sunday, January 5th, at 3:00 p.m.

**Bethel A. M. E. Church**

The morning services were conducted by Brother F. E. Brown and Rev. Kilpatrick who delivered a wonderful message.

Among the visitors were Melvin Mason, Sr. and family from Houston, Texas; also Mrs. Mason's son, Sp/4 Theodore Hardy who is enroute to Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Mrs. Herman Johnson of Denver, Colorado.

Linda Lusk is home from college for the holiday season. Carolyn Rollinson and Linda Scott, students at Texas Southern University at Houston, are also home for the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Wilson are ill with the flu, along with Mrs. Ruby Neal, Mrs. M. E. Tucker and Sherna Davenport, all patients at Methodist Hospital.

Senior Choir No. 2 dedicated a song to Melvin Mason and his wife. Melvin was a musician here before moving to Houston.

**Lyons Chapel Missionary Baptist Church**

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. was well attended with Supt. Brown and staff on time.

At the 11:00 a.m. services, Rev. O. D. Hollins brought the message. This being his second sermon since his illness. His subject was taken from Second Kings 5:13. His subject was "Stumbling Over Simplicity." His message was unique.

Visitors worshipping with us for the first time were Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Norman of San Jose, California, Mrs. Dianna Baldwin and Miss Carla Snell, both from West Texas State at Canyon, Texas, were present. Mrs. Norman, Carla and Dianna sung with the Gospel Chorus.

At 3:00 p.m., due to the illness of the quartet singers from New York, our own Mrs. Ella Faye Norman and Miss Carla Snell, with the chorus, rendered a spiritual song feast. Mrs. Jackson of Saint John Baptist Church, Mrs. Green of St. Matthews, and Mrs. Howard of St. Luke Baptist Churches rendered solos for the special program.

At 6:00 p.m., B.T.U. was in order with Sister E. Brooks in charge. It was well attended by many of our members and friends.

At 7:30 p.m., closing out our last regular Sunday night services for the year, was in high gear. Don't forget prayer meeting each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

You are always welcome at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, at East 24th Street and Quirt Avenue. Rev. O. D. Hollins is minister.

**Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church**

Amarillo-Sunday school opened at the usual hour with Sister Crilla Manning in charge.

Worship services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Wade. He took his text from St. Luke 2:7-16; "A Message That Matters."

We are happy to welcome back our college students that are home for the holidays. They are: Evelyn Hambric, from Prairie View A & M College; Rose King, also of Prairie View; Iris Mayberry, Huston-Tillotson; Julia Mayberry, Texas Women's University; Terrence Woods, University of Texas and Johnny Allen, Jr., Colorado State.

**Debutants Presented...**

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