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Negro History Week Observed at E. C. Struggs

Dunbar Grad Makes Dean's List At University of California



Mrs. Marilyn Virginia Gentry, a 1967 graduate of Dunbar High School here in Lubbock, Texas, and now attending the University of California at Riverside, California, made the Dean's List this past semester.

Mrs. Gentry entered school in September of 1968 and was employed by the University as a secretary in January.

Marilyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Parrish, formerly of Lubbock, now residing in Amarillo, at 1613 N. W. 15th Street. She is married to Sgt. John Gentry who is stationed at March AFB, California. Sgt. Gentry is a 1966 graduate of Dunbar and the son of Reverend Gentry of Lubbock. The Gentrys are the proud parents of a 6-month-old daughter, Tiffany Dawn.

Sgt. and Mrs. John Gentry reside at 246 East Big Spring Road, Riverside, California.

Scout Leaders Honored Here

Five Boy Scout leaders in the South Plains Boy Scout Council were honored with the Silver Beaver Award at the Council's Annual Recognition Dinner Monday night, February 3. A crowd of 491 people were present in the Texas Tech Union Ballroom to see Council Commissioner Carl Minor present the coveted award, for outstanding service to boyhood to Percy Eason of Ralls, Texas; to Lloyd C. Woods of Plainview, Texas; to Alex Webb of Slaton, Texas; and to Murray W. Owen, and I. L. "Tiny" Jones of Lubbock.

Eason has had 21 years in Scouting and is the district commissioner of the Comanche Trail District. Woods has served for 10 years, and is now Scoutmaster of Troop 221 in Plainview. Webb has been a Scout leader for 12 years and is the Scoutmaster of Troop 125 in Slaton. Owen's service covers 10 years, and he is Scoutmaster of Troop 402 at First Methodist Church in Lubbock. Jones has had 10 years of Scout leadership and is currently the district commissioner of the Longhorn District.

The Silver Beaver is conferred by the National Council at the Boy Scouts of America upon the recommendation of the local council. It is the highest award that a Scout Council can present a volunteer leader.

Returns From Washington, D.C.

Amarillo-Mrs. Neyma Patterson of 411 W. 2nd, Amarillo, has returned home after an extended visit to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Patterson went to Washington to attend the inauguration of President Nixon, accompanied by her parents and brother.

Mrs. Patterson's father is a former employee of President Johnson's father.

Dance Set Here Friday

Rodgers Community Center, 3200 Amherst, will have their teenage Valentine Dance, Friday, February 14, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be furnished by the "Night Raiders."

Admission will be 50¢ per person.

Lincoln Day Tea Set for Sunday

The third annual Lincoln Day Tea will be held Sunday afternoon, February 16, from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. at the Inn Town Inn with the theme "Achieving International and National Unity in our Times."

The public is cordially invited to come out and hear Dr. V. M. Coleman, Midland physician, as she speaks on this central theme. Dr. Coleman will share the program with several local citizens who will serve as a panel for group discussion.

Bob Tieul is in charge of this annual affair.

A week-long observance of Negro History Week is underway at E. C. Struggs Junior High School. Today's assembly will be on "The Negroes' Role in America's Greatness."

Mrs. Prenis Williams, girls' counselor, is sponsoring the program today.

"The purpose of all the activity this week is to make the Negro student aware of his place in America and increase his feeling of racial pride," Mrs. Williams said.

"We, of course, also hope that this week will show students the way that they too may make contributions, by staying in school and getting a good education."

The speakers, who will summarize and trace the history of the Negro from slavery to the present, include six Struggs students: Diann McDonald, Cheryl Jones, H. W. Williams, Terry Mc Brewer, Thomas Howard and Helen Hodge.

Mrs. Gertrude Lasley will sing two slave songs, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen." Shirley Lawson, another Struggs student, will conclude the assembly by singing "The Impossible Dream."

Thirty-five persons from the community, representing various professions, have been invited to attend today's program.

Leonard Chew, formerly of Lubbock and now executive director of Community Action Board at Marfa, Texas, was guest speaker at an assembly program Monday morning in regard to their week-long observance.

Chew discussed the need for Negroes to stay in school and get an education.

Lawrence Williams, a Texas Tech student, also spoke to the student body Tuesday morning. His topic was based around "Black Pride." He represented the Student Organization of Unity and Leadership (SOUL).

Nine students from Atkins Junior High School will visit Struggs Friday. These exchange students each will have a host student at Struggs, including Karen Barrier, Mike Boyter, Danny Gary, Richard Holt, Mark Martinez, Anita Moss, Ann Waters and Glenn Yarborough.

City Policeman's Son Injured in Traffic Mishap

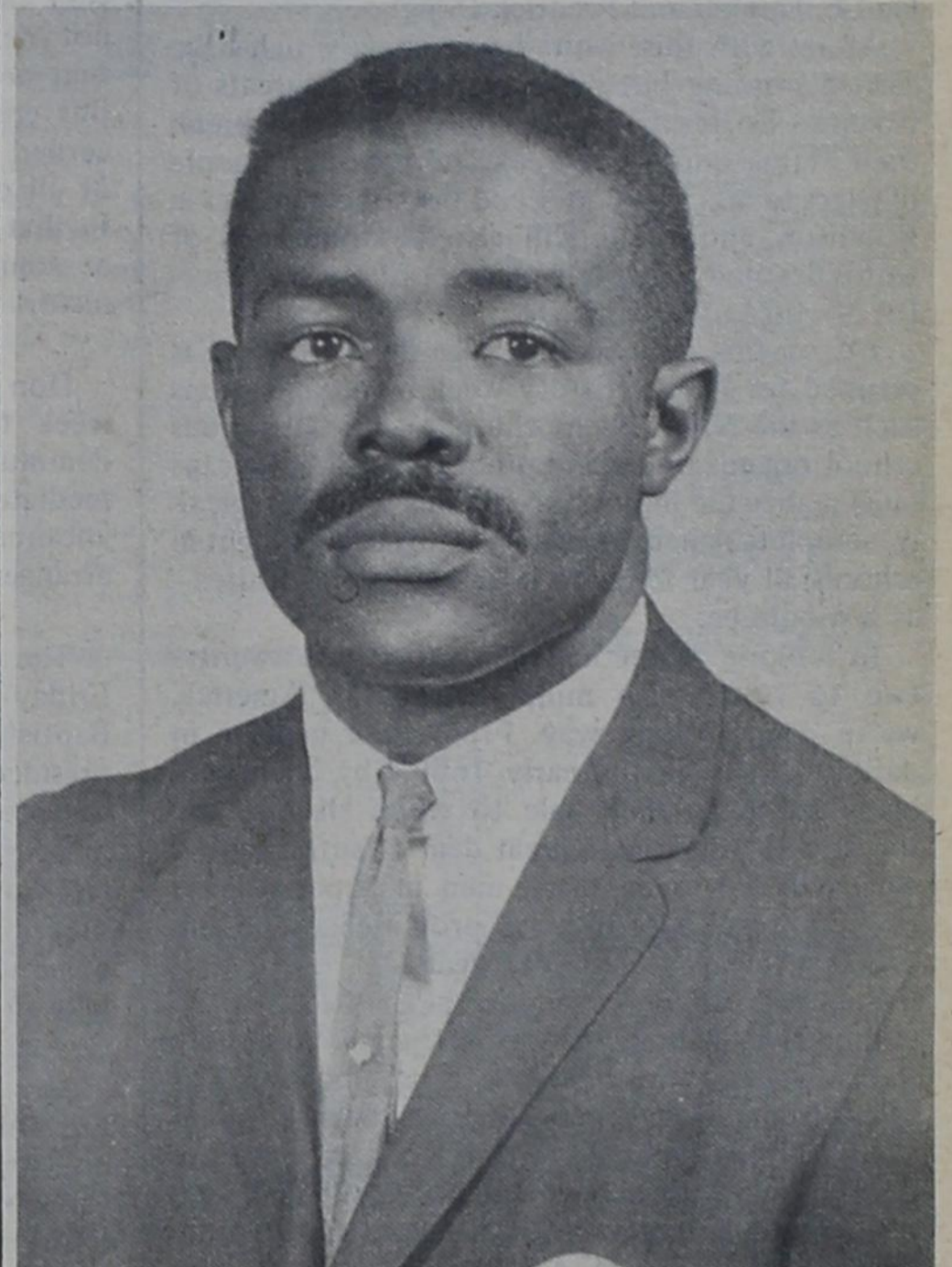
Last Sunday afternoon, a local policeman's son was injured when he tried to avoid hitting another car and swerved his auto into a utility pole, according to police officers.

William Britt, 18, of 2315 Birch Avenue, was in fair condition later at Methodist Hospital. He was in an accident at 1:14 p.m. at East 26th Street and Globe Avenue.

Police said Britt swerved to the right when the driver in front of him prepared to turn left onto Globe Avenue. After hitting the pole, the car twisted to the left and its rear end hit the other vehicle.

Britt's father is city Policeman William H. Britt.

Prenis Williams Elevated to Head Football Coach at Dunbar-High



Prenis Williams, a graduate of Dunbar High School 16 years ago, was named the school's fifth head football coach last Friday morning by the Lubbock School Board.

Williams, 33, has been the Panther's track coach for the last 10 years, directing them to 3 state titles during that time, will take the position vacated when James Hillyer accepted a Colorado State University position last month.

According to Pete Regus, Lubbock Athletic Director, Williams' election came upon recommendation of the school administration and met with unanimous approval of the board.

In the same action, the board extended Williams' current contract through June 1, 1970, and upped his salary to \$10,500 a year.

Williams, who returned to his

Texas Teenage Library Association Of Texas Convention Convened In Houston Today

The high schools of Lubbock will be represented at the Library Association of Texas State Convention, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 13, 14 and 15.

Members of the Library Clubs and their chaperons will leave Lubbock this morning, via chartered buses for Houston, Texas.

The meetings and lodging will be at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel. Representatives from Dunbar High School are A.G. Perryman, Ronald Kinner, Leon Bunton and William Merdith.

They are also student assistants in the library and will be accompanied by Mrs. Mildred Lusk, Librarian at Dunbar. The program provides recreation, including a sight-seeing tour of Houston. They will also have an opportunity of seeing the marvelous Astrodome.

The group will leave Houston for Lubbock Saturday.

alma mater in 1958, spent one year as head football, basketball and track coach at Austin County High School in Sealy after graduating from college in 1957.

Williams received a BS degree from Prairie View A & M College where he majored in industrial education with a minor in science. He has also done graduate work at Texas Tech.

Honors, such as the 1968 Texas Sportswriters Spring Coach of the Year Award, and the 1962 Texas Southern University Quarterback Club Award as "Texas Track Coach of the Year" have been bestowed on Williams during his career.

While attending Dunbar, he lettered in football and basketball and played on Dunbar's undefeated 1951 grid team. In 1953, he was a member of the state basketball team and also played on the national championship football squad while at Prairie View.

Since his coming to Dunbar in 1958, he has served as football line coach and head track coach. State championships came in 1962, 1963 and 1968.

Club News

The Progressive Loyal Light Beautician's Club had their second meeting for the year in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Wright.

The president, Mrs. Doris Gilmore, presided over the meeting and plans were made for the remainder of the year.

Other members present were Janie Judie, Opal Robinson, Martha Williams and Shirley Cleveland.

All active cosmetologists are invited to become members of our club.

For further information about the club, please contact Mrs. Gilmore at the Magnificent Beauty Salon, 1704 East 4th Street.



EDITORIAL

Negro History Week

Negro History Week, February 9-15 this year, is celebrated during this month and from coast to coast both blacks and whites will get together in meetings and dinners and lectures. Also during this week, schools that haven't mentioned black history all year will have special assemblies telling of Christopher Attucks, Benjamin Banneker, Sojourner Truth, Booker T. Washington and perhaps Paul L. Dunbar and Fredrick Douglas.

Along with this, white newspapers which have carried nothing but news of riots and threats of violence by black men all year long will break their status quo for a week and devote a couple of pages to Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and Jackie Robinson and there will also be thousands of words devoted to the late prophet of non-violence, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

All of this is good, but regardless of what is planned for Negro History Week by organizations such as the NAACP, the churches and the various school organizations and other groups, Americans must realize the importance of this week. Tragically, complete American history is not being taught in schools all year long—to both blacks and whites—as it should be.

In looking at the history of the some twenty-two to twenty-five million blacks in America, we've come a long way. From their capture in darkest Africa in the early 1600's by their own black brothers, their sale to white slavers, and the trip to America, a great deal of suffering has occurred—yet many black men in America have risen to positions of great prominence and importance over the last 300 years.

America can rest assured that of the 22 to 25 million black people in this country now—probably the only ones who came on recent boats are at the U.N. in New York. There has been no great influx of black people to this country since the last slave ship docked in the early 1800's. Therefore, it stands to reason that the ancestors of the millions of blacks in America today were here before the American Revolution—making them just as American as the rest of the citizens of this great country.

Black Americans have made contributions to this country just as white Americans have. A black and white American stood first at the North Pole, just as many black and white men have made athletics in America what they are today. For these reasons, the black American should be proud of his heritage.

A baby born in an alley and abandoned on a doorstep with no known natural parents can develop into a great musician, a Pulitzer Prize winning chemist or an all-star baseball player.

This is Negro History Week—a week of special recognition of the contributions made by special people—but every week in the year should be as special and as positive as this week.

Around The Hub City

This is Negro History Week, through February 15, and we must realize the importance of this week-long celebration. It is amazing, as well as interesting, to look back at history and see some of the achievements of our black brothers which began during exploration of this country in the early 1600's.

Around the Hub City would like to encourage our community, not to look to this particular week as Negro History Week, without being concerned about the achievements of what our people have done during the entire year. One week just isn't enough. Let's hope also, that those who are not members of the Negro community will realize that we too have made sound contributions to this great country of ours and that we are concerned about it being brought to the attention of all of the youth of this great nation of ours. In that way, perhaps all of the youngsters, as well as some oldsters can understand, more of the history of the black man in America.

Don and Alfred Daniels received message last week that their father had passed away in a community near Caldwell, Texas. Don left immediately after the fact was known. Alfred and another relative left Saturday. At this report, arrangements were incomplete.

The Federation of Choirs held a call meeting Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. Vice-President Wilson Baldwin presided over the devotion and Mrs. Desma Moore was present and conducted further business.

Several decisions were reached which the group felt would assist in the progress of the Federation of Choirs, a very active organization within our community. Six of the ten churches that participate in the organization were represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Berry and son, Darrell Edward, have returned to Lubbock for an indefinite stay. Fulton, the son-in-law of the E. C. Struggs, is going through the preliminaries of securing a job here. Welcome home, Berrys.

Among the visitors driving to Big Spring last Sunday to see Brother Roscoe Taylor were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Struggs, Mrs. Lila Griffin, Paul Hemanes and Joe Murphy. Earlier in the week, Reverend A.W. Wilson and Mrs. Ruby Neal visited him.

He was reported in very good spirits.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mason visited their son last week. Mrs. Bell also accompanied them to the city of Houston.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence McNeal and daughter visited her mother here, Mrs. Vina Hibbler. Mrs. McNeal, nee Ethel Lou Hibbler, is a graduate of Dunbar High School and was a favorite among her set. They are stationed at Austin, Texas now after being moved from Idaho.

Richard Rollson and son, Richard, Jr., motored to Marshall, Texas last Sunday for a short visit with his mother.

Mrs. Sherna Davenport re-entered Methodist Hospital Monday morning for additional surgery.



When the International Business Machines Corp. in Lexington, Ky. announced that it would no longer deal with any real estate agency failing to provide equal service to Negroes, its new policy was a powerful economic lever in support of equal housing opportunity. Since IBM guarantees the sales of homes owned by its employees being transferred from Lexington, apartment owners and real estate agents quickly agreed to support open housing. At least 10 Negro families have recently bought homes or rented apartments in previously white neighborhoods.

A Word About Black Power and Green Power In the Ghetto

(Editor's Note: Following are excerpts from the November-December, 1968 issue of Social Progress entitled "A Word about Black Power and Green Power".)

Not many Negroes own their own businesses. In fact, with the exception of a few cities (Atlanta, for example) Negro-owned capital is rare indeed. One of the bad results of this lack of "black economic power" is a deep sense of powerlessness and helplessness on the part of many younger Negroes.

It may be true that "love of money is the root of all evil." But the lack of money (or capital) is certainly not the root of all good. Or as the theologian put it, man does not live by bread alone, but he does not live without it. Every minority group in the United States that had "made it" sooner or later had to go through a phase of establishing its own economic institutions. In the early stages of a group's efforts to establish itself, if it lacked economic power, it sought some other kind of power, for example, the Irish who lacked economic institutions a generation after their arrival, took the route of politics.

Today much is made (and feared) of the slogan "Black Power." It is not a new term (Richard Wright wrote a book called Black Power thirty-odd years ago), but as used by some black militants today it is a frightening term. Until Negroes get some "green power," however, it will probably be around and used with all the force possible. Which suggests that efforts to establish Negro capital-building businesses in the ghetto might be a very fruitful endeavor. . . or to put it differently, some "black-green power" is needed and needed soon, in addition to jobs now.

Powerlessness has usually been built into the very fiber of the black ghetto. It helps to produce resentment, anger, and explosions. A group that has had power for a long time knows how to use it within well-understood rules that lead to orderly procedures. Groups that have no power, and therefore no well-understood rules, tend to move through conflict and threats to the orderly procedures of those who "run things." A city with a powerless group in it cannot expect to have peace and tranquillity these days until that group learns how to take and use power. (Dan W. Dodson in "Power as a Dimension of Education.") Meanwhile, the new phenomenon of previously silent blacks standing up and talking belligerently to white leadership can be attributed to a new-found sense of self-worth, almost directly attributable to the Black Power movement—on balance a healthy phase, however threatening it may seem to whites accustomed to Negroes who "know their place" and keep it.

The Federal Small Business Administration makes loans at low interest rates, both to help small businesses get through trying times and to help bring small businesses into being where they do not now exist. Another agency, Service Corps of Retired Executives, which has regional chapters throughout the country provides advice and technical assistance to such small businesses to help them establish themselves on a profit-making basis. Local seed money in the form of grants would also help to build the capital or economic base of Negro-owned businesses that are now so scarce and at the same time so urgently needed. Some church bodies and private foundations also make development capital available.

(Next Week, part two of this article, "Black Ghetto Leaders" will appear in this column.)

National Crime Prevention Week

This is National Crime Prevention Week—being celebrated all over the country. Human intelligence would require everyone in these United States to practice National Crime Prevention every week of the year. Let's try the idea locally for the next year.

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THE POLICE BEAT

by: T. J. Patterson



"Here I Go Again!!"

Here I go again, reminding you parents that each of you have a job to do. In looking around our community, it would appear as though many of us are shunning this important obligation to our young people.

I'm sure you'll agree that we must start at home as far as teaching our young people of what's right and wrong. By the same token, I'm sure you'll understand how important it is to counsel with them in order that they will not take the wrong step which will eventually lead them the wrong way.

Last Saturday evening, this reporter had an opportunity of going out for a sandwich and a Pepsi and to my surprise, I encountered a group of young people who had apparently talked someone into buying them some alcoholic beverages. Every one of these youngsters were in a drunken condition, although they could not have been over 16 or 17 years of age. To see them in this condition was most unpleasant.

What I'm trying to say, Mom and Dad, is that some of you are not looking after your children as you should. And when someone pulls your coat on some of their wrong doings, you become angry. It's time that something be done about the shortcomings of our young people.

At any time of the day or night, can you honestly say where your little boy or girl is? Can you tell what type of activity they are engaged with at this present time?

Get busy, Mom and Dad, we have a terrific job to do and we must start today.

Rape

It's sad to see that Lubbock has cases such as this one which happened here last week.

According to a young mother, a 35-year-old man knocked on the door of her house. She answered the door. At that point, the man forced his way inside. She tried to shut the door, but the man began to attack her.

The lady told police that she broke and ran into the bedroom and picked up her baby, but the attacker took the child away from her and placed it on the bed. He

then forced the lady onto the bed where he raped her.

Theft of Clock

Mrs. Jonell Johnson, 1016 David Street, was unhappy last week. You see someone took advantage of her means of telling time. Someone came into her house and took her alarm clock.

According to Jonell, the clock was minding its business as it was ticking away until someone came into her unlocked house.

The value of the clock was \$3.00. If anyone knows who could have taken Jonell's clock, then please tell them to return it.

Theft of Bike

Jessie Brewer, 3502 East Baylor, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone stole his bike from his residence.

The bike was valued at \$30.00.

Police Beat Prayer

O'Lord, help us as parents to realize how important it is to start at home teaching our children the Christian way of life. It's a hard task without Your help, Lord. Amen.

Childrens Tap Classes Opened Here at Hodges

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"Frankly Speaking" isn't exactly a farm program although from time to time Frank Megna will have as his guest the County Agent from your county; Tech Professors; soil conservationists—in other words people who will be of interest to farmers—but of interest to other people too. Some day, for instance, Frank may interview a "bunny girl," because a farmer's wife, or any man's wife, might be interested in knowing why a bunny girl becomes one.

Even when the subject is farming, Frank isn't telling you how to, he's just consulting with interesting people on the subject. This brings to mind Carl Ally's definition of a consultant: "A man who borrows your watch and tells you what time it is." But, after all, it is more fun to find out what time it is with someone else. Know what we mean? If not, you might

like to find out by watching "Frankly Speaking" . . . on Channel 28, Lubbock. Wes Youngblood, who has been in radio for years and is well known in this area, is also on the show.

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Detroit Scope Magazine Examines What We're Doing to Keep Our Children Out of Racism

"Since the beginning of the black revolution, black demands and tactics have brought about many reactions from the white population in the U. S. One of the most significant of those reactions may turn out to be the indictment of white society for the current racial friction. In the Kerner Commission Report on Civil Disorders and other studies conducted by predominantly white groups, white racism was defined as the chief enemy of racial peace. These studies seem to agree with Martin Luther King's conclusion that 'The American People are Infected with Racism'."

How white groups and individuals have begun to combat racism before it begins in white children is explored in an article by Jim Ingram in the February 8th issue

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From My Scratch Pad
By: George Parrish

Amarillo-Sorry that I missed you last week, but all of the news I had was old, because it was about the Hong Kong Flu, and that wasn't a very good item of news. To tell the truth I had the flu myself.

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Sunday evening was registration day for some 15 or more 4-year-old boys and girls at the Opportunity Neighborhood Center at 203 North Monroe Street.

Monday will mark the starting of a 4-year-old school for these youngsters. Mr. John Gordon was introduced by the coordinator of the center, Mr. George Parrish. Mr. Gordon told a group of parents and citizens of the community what the school will mean to the children and to the community. He then introduced the teacher, Mrs. Don Singleton.

The public is invited to come by and see this program in action.

Don't forget that this week is

Negro History Week. Mrs. B. L. Alexander invites the public to come by Carver Junior High School anytime this week and see some of the displays or attend some of the special programs that will be presented by the students.

Readers had you overlooked the fact that this is also Crime Prevention Week? I think it would be a very good idea to give some thought to the idea of crime prevention.

Have any of you noticed your child bringing something home that he or she couldn't account for or that you knew you didn't supply the money for them to buy it with? Then where did they get it? Think it over Mom and Pop!

Detroit Scope . . .
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of Detroit Scope Magazine.

Ingram details how some programs to broaden children's contact with racial minorities—on both the public and parochial school levels—are well received and how others have met parental opposition.

"Many black militant students feel that the public school system is offering 'Too little, too late and not enough black.'

"Children, as natural mimics, pick up their parents' prejudices. The concept that 'Somebody who is different from me is not inferior to me' must be taught early," Ingram writes.

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Mr. Clifton H. Garrett has been appointed to the position of Public Relations Director for Coronado Apartments. Mr. Garrett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Garrett, Sr., of Route 4, Floydada, Texas and is presently enrolled at Texas Tech.

Clifton chose to stay in Lubbock after his graduation from Dunbar High School in order to obtain further education at Tech. After graduation from Texas Tech, Clifton plans to use all of his energies in the assistance of community progress in the City of Lubbock.

Joseph Jones, manager of Coronado Apartments, feels Mr. Garrett will do an outstanding job in improving relations between the community and Coronado itself.

War Widows Eligible for GI Bill School-Loan Benefits

A reminder that war widows are eligible for GI Bill-type education and home loan benefits was issued by the Veterans Administration last week.

The education benefits are also available to wives of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled as the result of military service.

Under a new law which went into effect December 1, 1968, the widow of a man who died and the wife of a veteran who was permanently and totally disabled as the result of military service is entitled to 36 months of educational assistance from the VA.

An allowance of \$130 a month is paid for full-time training with

lesser sums paid for part-time training.

Unremarried widows of veterans who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict, or in the Post-Dorean period (since January 31, 1955) and who died in service or as the result of service are eligible for VA-guaranteed GI home loans.

This eligibility expires July 25, 1970, for World War II widows, with widows of Korean conflict veterans having until January 31, 1975, to use their entitlement. Generally, widows of Post-Korean service veterans have 20 years from the date of their husband's death to discharge from service to obtain loans.

The VA will guarantee 60 percent—up to a maximum of \$12,500—of the loan obtained by the widow. Long-term mortgages (up to 30 years) and little or no down-payments remain the principal advantages of GI loans.

The VA also listed some other benefits of particular interest to women:

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation: Monthly payments for widows and children of men who died in service or as the result of service.

Payment is generally \$120 per month plus 12 percent of the monthly basic pay now being received by a serviceman whose rank and years of service are the same as those of the deceased serviceman. Minimum payment is \$133 a month.

Death Pension: Monthly payment for needy unremarried widows and minor children of veterans whose deaths were not related to military service. The amount of the pension is keyed to income.

Reimbursement of burial expenses: Payment not to exceed \$250 may be made within two years to the widow, undertaker, or any other person who bore a veteran's funeral expenses.

Children's education: In addition to education benefits for qualified wives and widows, an allowance of \$130 a month for

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The U.S. Army Reserve teaches skills to build careers

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How did all of this come to be? America is a world leader because of the leadership made by Americans. Some were rich, some were poor, many adventurers, some brave, others were slaves!

Truly Americans of today are fortunate to have Negroes as those who helped make it possible for our country to be what it is today. The Negro's role in the history of America is a great one. Since it is impossible to trace a complete history within the limitations of this page, which is dedicated to Negro History Week, only highlights of specific names and facts are presented here.

Let's turn back to the beginning of modern history. Let's turn back the pages of modern history to the point where the development of the new world was beginning and see some of the contributions made by the black man.

It took tremendous courage to explore this world of ours—and later to explore this great country of ours. When European nations explored the new world, we find Pedro Nino, a Negro, was a pilot of one of Columbus' ships. We learn that he was one of many who sailed with pride to find the new world.

Along with Nino, there were many Negroes who traveled with the Conquistadors as they conquered Mexico. There were 30 Negroes in 1513 who traveled with Balboa at the time he discovered the Pacific Ocean.

Negroes also helped explore the states of Arizona and New Mexico—seeking the lost cities of gold.

A Negro was the first to plant and harvest a wheat crop in the new world. In 1565, a Negro helped in building St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in America today.

Anthony and Isbella, the first among Africans brought to America in 1619 to Jamestown, gave birth to the first black American born in this country. There were twenty Negroes aboard the first ship to dock at Jamestown.

During the 17th Century, Negroes were given the opportunity to work for their freedom, but due to the dire need for cheap labor, laws were written to make Negroes slaves in order to solve this short labor problem.

On March 5, 1770, the first American credited with dying for the cause of Independence for America in the American Revolution was Crispus Attucks, a run-away slave, who was killed by British bullets in Boston. Peter Salem was at the Battle of Bunker Hill and an estimated 5,000 blacks fought the British during the war. A Negro crossed the Potomac River with George Washington on December 25, 1776, in the same boat.

Then there were the others, Prince Hall—founder of the Negro Masonic Hall; Benjamin Banneker—mathematician, astronomer and writer who helped develop Washington, D.C.; Paul Cuffe—distinguished colonial businessman and philanthropist; Harriett Tubman—"Moses" to her people because of her work with the underground railroad; Sojourner Truth—speaker against slavery to everyone who would listen; Fredrick Douglas—fiery orator, writer, abolitionist and statesman who escaped slavery to help the cause of freedom.

Then came the Emancipation Proclamation, and the opportunity of blacks to improve themselves. Blacks such as Booker T. Washington—founder of Tuskegee Institute; George Washington Carver—"friend of the peanut"; and Paul L. Dunbar; all allowing hope to the entire race of Negro people in America.

This hope led to the establishment of such organizations as the NAACP in 1909; and in 1910 the Urban League was established, and the Negro moved from freedom toward the goal of civil rights.

There have been Negroes such as W. C. Handy, Benjamin Davis, Jr., William McCleod-Du Bois, Jackie Robinson, Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson, Mary McCleod Bethune, Martin Luther King, Jr., and many, many others who have helped show the way. Is it no wonder that a week is set aside each year to remember the great contributions of the many listed here, along with those overlooked, in order to show our pride?

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Chosen Teacher of The Month At Coronado for January



Mrs. Mattie Hillyer, January Teacher of the Month at Coronado High School, holds a double armload of physical education equipment. Mrs. Hillyer, who teaches girls P.E., joined the Coronado staff this year.

Mrs. Mattie Hillyer, 1823 Manhattan Drive, was chosen teacher of the month for January by the

Future Teachers of America of Coronado High School.

Mrs. Hillyer has been teaching in the Lubbock Public School System for seven years. She taught at Ella R. Iles Elementary School and E. C. Struggs Junior High School prior to going to Coronado. Physical Education was Mrs. Hillyer's major at Prairie View A & M College. She has a masters degree in physical education.

Aside from being an active member of the community, she is also a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a member of Greater Saint Luke Baptist

Memo from Mac R. B. 'Mac' McAlister State Representative

If public relations could be delivered in a No. 3 washtub, it would make the job easy, but unfortunately it can't. For that reason we legislators are constantly invited to receptions and dinners by various groups in order to present their needs in a friendly, informal manner. San Antonio did their thing last week called the "La Tamaha" (no guarantee on spelling) . . . It was a marvelous dinner and show with several hundred San Antonio folks coming over to host it.

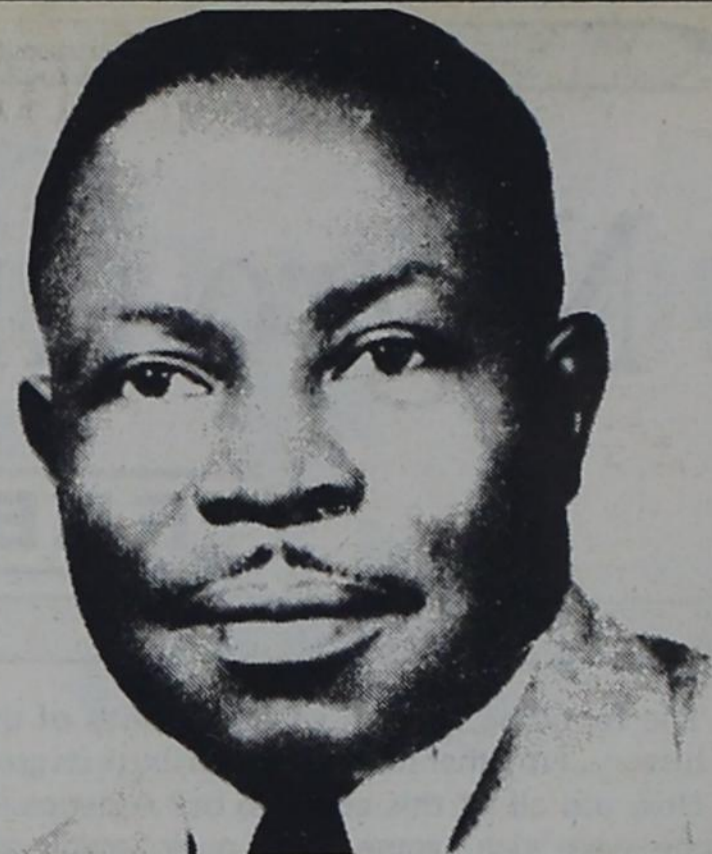
They subtly reminded us of their medical school, the proposed dental school and another great year for the "Hemisphere Center."

The cruel grind is about to get underway in committee work. I had been told my "Elections Com-
Church where she is a teacher for beginners in the Sunday School Department.

Mrs. Hillyer said, "Some of my happiest moments have been spent at Coronado High School. I like physical education. Tennis is my favorite sport. But to be perfectly honest, I like all sports. And I enjoy meeting people, of these, young people are my main interest."

Her husband, Coach James Hillyer, former head coach at Dunbar, is now a Colorado State University assistant coach at Fort Collins, Colorado.

She has a daughter, Laura Lynn, a student at Wheatley Elementary School. In talking about her future plans, she said that she and Laura would join Coach Hillyer as soon as possible at the end of the school year.



NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH welcomes their newly elected pastor, the Reverend H. K. Jefferson.

Reverend Jefferson is the former organizer and pastor of the Greater True Way Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California.

The public is invited to join us in our services each Sunday and hear this great humanitarian, pastor and gospel singer, at 11:00 a.m. Sunday school begins each Sunday at 9:45 a.m., with evening worship at 7:00 p.m., at the New Light Baptist Church, 7th Street and Davis Avenue here in Lubbock.

mittee" would be one of those that would meet only once or twice. The Chairman informed us at the organizational meeting that many bills are coming our way and we would be meeting every Monday night.

Already Representative Elmer Tarbox has had 10 days of around-the-clock meetings with the appropriations committee, conducting hearings with all major agencies. Texas Tech had its day this week. Elmer tells me everyone should have the opportunity to sit on that appropriations committee at sometime in their life. He says it is truly an education to see where our dollars are invested in our great state.

Before I become too oriented in state government, may I say this. It is my horseback opinion that a minimum of a million dollars per year could be saved if we updated our methods of operation in many facets of state government starting with telephones, office setups, help, terms of office, annual meetings, et cetera.

The "How To" is the knotty question. Now please don't suggest we employ a consultant and vote him a million dollars to research the problem. Let me look at it a little longer. Keep your letters coming.

G. I. Benefits . . .

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full-time college level training is paid to children (under 26) of veterans who died or were permanently and totally disabled as the result of military service.

The VA invites women who have questions about possible benefits to visit the VA office in Lubbock located at 1612-20 19th Street, or by writing the VA Regional office at 1400 North Valley Mills Drive, Waco, Texas, 76710.

Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church

Amarillo-Sunday was Founders Day—in observance of the founding of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The morning worship service was brought by the Reverend Rollo Davidson, minister of the Phillips Methodist Church, Phillips, Texas. The message was enjoyed by all. This was pulpit exchange day as our pastor, Reverend A. J. Davis, Sr., was at the Phillips Methodist Church.

At 3:00 p.m. a Founders Day program and Tea was given at which time Mrs. N. J. Neal was the speaker. Mrs. Lula E. Alexander was program chairman. The finance committee reported that \$1,069 was raised during the days activities. We want to thank all of our members and friends for joining us in this celebration.

Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church

Amarillo-On the 5th and 6th of February the Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church was host to the Executive Board of the Original West Texas District Association. The first business meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. on February 5, with all the officers present. At 7:00 p.m. the Brotherhood of Jenkins Chapel presented a very inspiring program. A panel discussion was presented that aroused the interest of the entire delegation. At 8:30 the welcome program was presented by the Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church, assisted by others of the city including the Reverend A. J. Davis, Reverend V. P. Perry, and principal Arthur G. Champion. On Thursday February 6, 1969, at 10 a.m. the Executive Board opened its regular business. The "Hi noon sermon" was delivered by the Reverend Wallace of Midland, Texas. Subject of Reverend Wallace's sermon was "The Word Made
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CHURCH NEWS

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Services were largely attended last Sunday morning at Bethel. Reverend A. W. Wilson, pastor, delivered the message.

L. C. Brown of the Steward Board presented the church with a beautiful church register board which will prove quite useful.

Mrs. L. M. Knowles and Mrs. A. W. Wilson will attend the Governor's Ball at San Angelo, Texas Friday. Funds raised will go to a phase of the finance program at Paul Quinn College.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. Ruby Neal and Mrs. Ira Belle Williams along with a group of youngsters and teenagers from Bethel were guests at Lubbock View Christian Church last Sunday afternoon in a Race Relation Sunday program. They reported a lovely program and fine entertainment.

Evening services were brief with several present.

Lyons Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

At 9:45 a.m. last Sunday morning, the Sunday School was well attended with Supt. Sammie Miller and staff on time.

At the 11:00 a.m. worship hour which was well attended, our pastor, Reverend O. D. Hollins, brought the message. His subject was: "The Closed Door." His text was Rev. 3:20.

Seven were added to the church. At 3:00 p.m., the youths rendered a special meeting. Reverend Adolphus Cleveland, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church, brought the message. His subject was: "To Seek a Newer World." His text was St.

John 3:17. His message was educational and spiritual to the youths.

At the 6:00 B.T.U. services, the president, Elnora Brooks, presided over the meeting with many attending.

At 7:30 p.m., the choir rendered a unique program. Remember that you are always welcome to the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, with Reverend O. D. Hollins, pastor. Our church is located at East 24th and Quirt Avenue.

New Hope Baptist Church

The M. E. Colvin Circle met Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Joan Ervin, 2806 Walnut Avenue.

Special services were held Tuesday evening, February 11, at 8:00 p.m. at St. Johns Baptist Church, Reverend E. D. Toines, minister. This service was sponsored by their W.M.S. and our women participated.

The Solace Board sponsored a special service last evening, Wednesday, at 8:00 p.m. with members of other churches participating.

Special Ushers Rehearsal will be held Saturday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. All members are expected to attend.

A Twin Rally has been launched and will end Sunday, April 20. It is important that everyone do all they can to make this program a great success.

"Miss New Hope" will be presented Friday night, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. Those young ladies participating in this program include: Sue Howard, W.M.S.; Peggy Moss, Choirs; Linda Holmes, Ushers; Wynette Ball, B.T.U.; Jacquelin

Thomas, Education Board; Peggy Henry, Solace Board; Winnie F. Morgan, Deaconess; Shirley Lawson, Youth Fellowship; and Sandra Alexander, Brotherhood.

Whisper a prayer for the sick and shut-ins. They include Mrs. Winnie Knighten, Mrs. Louise Hill, Mrs. Mable Viggers, Mrs. Laura Shans, along with little Master Savage, who is in the Methodist Hospital.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 16, our church will observe the "Quadrennial Emphasis" with the Banquet on Reconciliation. Bring the whole family and get yourself first hand information. The meal will be only 50¢.

The pastor's membership class will begin this week. All young persons, children and adults interested in the study class for membership may contact Reverend M. T. Reed.

Reverend Reed was the preacher at the First United Methodist Church last Sunday evening, February 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church

The Eunice Circle will meet tonight, Thursday, in the home of Sister Ocie Hodge, 2824 22nd Street, at 8:00 p.m.

The Sarah, Martha and Jochabed Circles met in the homes of Sisters Blanche Durham, 313 Guava Street; Merle Terry, 2406 Fir Avenue; and Elizabeth Bruner, 1611 Avenue C. The Y.W.A. meets at the church

each Monday night at 8:00 p.m. Ladies between ages 17 and 24 are asked to come out and be with us. We will do you some good.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick. Our sick list this week includes Sister Johnnie Mae Robertson who is ill at her home. Sister Lommie Evans remains ill in Methodist Hospital. Sister Annie Roquemore is also ill in her home. Brother Oscar Iles is recuperating in his home. Sister Mary Brown remains a patient at Golden Age Rest Home.

Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ

A special musical program is set for Saturday, February 15th, after the regular evening service at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ.

Regular evening service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Some of the featured singers scheduled for this special musical include Mrs. Gertrude Lasley of Saint Luke, Clarence Ervin of New Hope, Katie Overstreet of Christ Temple, a group of singers from Clovis, New Mexico and other talent from area towns. Also expected are the Lewis Brothers from Fort Worth, Texas.

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Church News ...

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 Flesh." The closing sermon at 8:00 was delivered by the Reverend C. C. Cyphers of Ft. Worth, Texas.

On Sunday, February 9, Sunday School was opened at 9:30 by Supt. Scott with his staff of teachers. Morning worship opened at 10:46 with the Youth Choir furnishing the music. The sermon was brought by the pastor, Reverend J. W. Wade. Scripture for the sermon text was found in Revelation, 3:15-16. The sermon was "The Disgusted Christ." The closing sermon was "The Lost Christ" found in Luke, 2:44-46, delivered by Pastor Wade.

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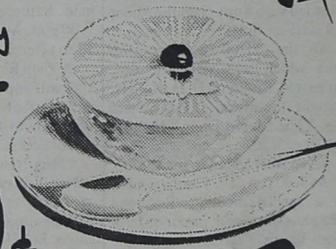


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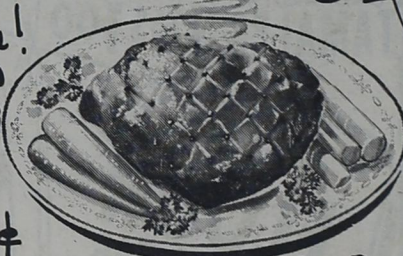
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