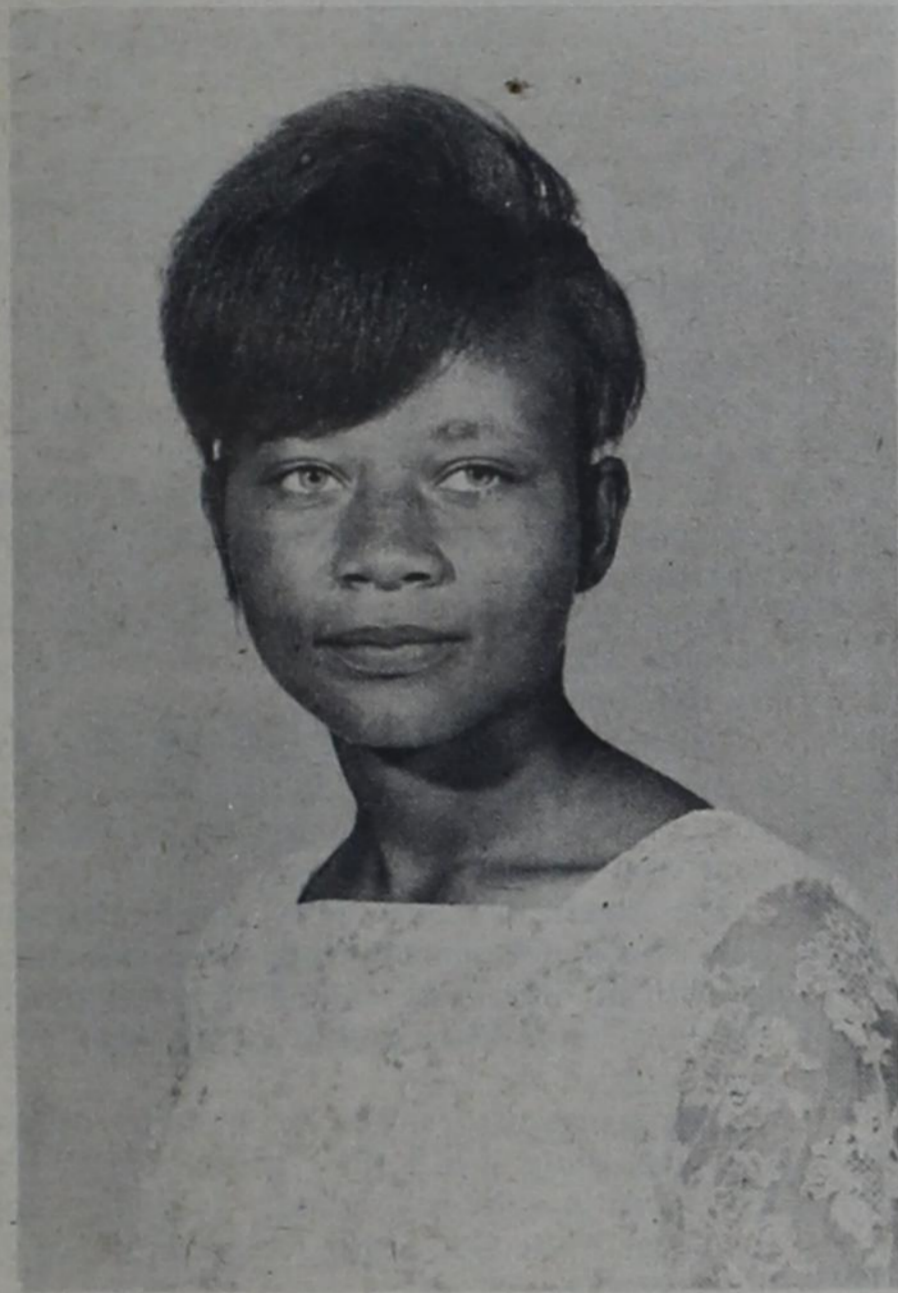


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Celebrates Birthday



Miss Livia Faye Bouston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bouston, a graduate from Frenship Jr. High School, celebrated her 14th birthday July 22nd. Faye is a member of New Galilee Baptist Church of Carlisle and an outstanding worker in the programs of the church.

West Texas Tuberculosis Assn. Workshop Planned

In a quarterly meeting Saturday at the Ming Tree Restaurant, the West Texas Tuberculosis Association approved a program of work for the coming year and heard committee reports.

Plans include a workshop in August and a symposium for physicians at a later date. New educational films were announced as available for service clubs and schools after September 1 and may

Rev. Alvin L. Butler Joins West Texas Times Staff



Rev. Alvin Butler has taken over the position as Area Subscription representative for the West Texas Times.

Rev. Butler will be in the Seagraves, Seminole and Midland area this week.

For any information as to how you can subscribe to the West Texas Times, then write to Rev. Alvin Butler, Box 225, Lubbock, Texas.

be booked by calling the WTTA at PO 2-0406 or writing Box 1504, Lubbock.

Dr. S. M. Kennedy of Lubbock is president of the 23 county association and Wilmer Smith of New Home, president-elect, were in charge of the general business sessions.

Midland Schools Under Fire in Court

A suit seeking a temporary restraining order against the Midland Independent School District's desegregation plan was filed there last Friday in the U. S. District Court at Pecos, Texas.

Midland Business Makes Ownership Change

Midland - An old Midland business is changing hands. Tom's Drug store, 204 North Lee has been bought by Adolphus R., (Rene) Titus. Mr. Titus has been employed at the drug store for the past 5 years and now has bought it.

Born in Fairfield, Texas, Mr. Titus graduated Texas Southern University at Houston with a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy, then moved to Midland where he's been employed in the drug store for the past 5 years. Titus' wife, Margie, is a Columbus, Texas, girl who along with her husband and 3 month old daughter Ericka live at 1625 Hickory in Midland.

Miss Mae Simmons to be Named Here this Week

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD TAKES STAND

Miss Mae Simmons to be Named Here this Week

The director of Mae Simmons Swimming Pool, James Otis Price, has announced that the annual "Miss Mae Simmons" contest will be held July 28th, Saturday.

Young ladies between ages 13-18 may participate in this year's fete. According to Price, they must be in school.

Winners of this affair will receive a trophy and an impressive newspaper story will be done on the winning party.

For further information, you may contact Price at PO2 6411.

Brother of City Woman Dies at Colorado City

Final rites were read for Willie Henry Childs, born November 21, 1893 last week. He was the son of the late George Childs and the late Alice Wilson.

He was the second child of three children born of this marriage. One sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Childs was born in Wolf City, Hunt County, Texas and was reared in Honey Grove, Texas, where he attended Bralle High School.

He made Colorado City his permanent home in the year of 1939.

He leaves to mourn his passing one sister, Mrs. Susie Childs More of Lubbock, Texas; one niece, Mrs. Louise Moore Sparks, also of Lubbock, three grandnieces and one grand-nephew who is now serving in the Armed Forces and a host of friends and acquaintances.

We who knew Mr. Childs, "Red" to many of his friends, will miss him very much.

Mr. Childs left this world in his sleep early Monday morning, July 15th, 1968 at the age of seventy-four years, seven months and twenty four days.

Registration Set For Youth Football League Here

Registration for the Lubbock Youth Football League begins this week and will continue through August 3rd at T & D Sporting Goods, Holt's Sporting Goods and the Sports Center.

Boys 10 - 13 years of age who will not yet be in the eighth grade this fall are eligible for the league which plans to have 32 teams this year.

Jack Dillon, president of the league, said parents must furnish only helmets and shoes for the boys. The league provides all other equipment.

Nearly 600 boys registered in April and need not register again.

The league will officially begin with a coaching clinic August 7 - 9 at Jones Stadium, beginning at 6:00 p.m. each day.

The league started with 10 teams in 1966 and grew to 17 last year.

HONORED WITH VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Duncan were honored with a visit from Mrs. Vola Mills of Fort Worth, Texas, last week. Mrs. Mills is the mother of Mr. Duncan.

In a meeting Wednesday morning, the Lubbock School Board members met to discuss alternatives in busing Lubbock students. However, this was not prompted by "suggestions" given the board at their last meeting by Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) officials.

Slaton Improvement League Meets

The third meeting of the Slaton Neighborhood Improvement Council met last Thursday evening, July 18, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Mount Olive Baptist Church. Rev. M. A. Brown, chairman, presided over the meeting.

Present at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lacy, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Hastings, Mrs. Inez Pettie, Mr. Lonnie Gray, Mrs. Dona Hodge, Jessie Gibbs, Sally Smity, Rev. M. A. Brown, Susie Parker, Dora Hatchett, Eula Clemons, Myrtle Smith, Ben Scott, Jack Walker, Dr. Lee Vardy, who is target representative, and T. J. Patterson, assistant director of Community Action Board.

Rev. Hastings gave the invocation. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Dr. Vardy gave a brief summary of Head Start. He admitted that children in the program will receive all shots necessary before starting school in September, dental service, a physical examination by a medical doctor and each will be given a balanced diet which includes a snack at 9:15 a.m. and a noon meal.

Mr. Banks asked Dr. Vardy how much money was appropriated for Head Start. He said that the program was for 90 children and came to \$ 18, 000.

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ment of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) officials.

According to Supt. Nat Williams, there are no plans to bus any more students to school next fall than were bused to school last year.

The five-man HEW team was highly critical of the transportation system for Lubbock students because one of the five school system buses serves only Negro students and Negro schools. "There was no threat of withdrawal of federal funds over the issue," according to Williams.

He went on to add, "the bus in question, which currently serves Dunbar High School, E.C. Struggs Junior High School and Ella Iles Elementary School, may be re-routed to serve other schools."

Even if the bus is re-routed to visit additional or other schools, its passengers will continue to be all Negroes, Williams made known.

State statues providing for the busing of students to school, and also for state funds to be used for that purpose, will not allow any duplication of routes without jeopardizing state funding of the service.

If the load carried by the bus in question were integrated, it would create a duplication of routes and threaten state funds, Williams said.

A federal bill passed by the House and currently before a Senate subcommittee will prohibit the use of federal funds to compel the busing of students, to force abolition of a school or to force students to attend any school against the choice of their parents if

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KING FAMILY REUNION HELD HERE IN JUNE



The King family celebrated its fourth family reunion last month. The first reunion was held in June, 1964, and has been a regular family affair since that time each June.

The following members were present: Mrs. Mary Collins of Wolfe City, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds and family of Commerce, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds and family of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Georgia Gholston and family of Commerce; Flossie and Timothy Drake of Commerce; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hervey and daughter, Mr.

and Mrs. Alford Hervey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barber and daughter, Lue, Mrs. Verda Smith and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Evans and family, all of Lubbock.

Members of the family who were unable to attend the reunion called or sent messages.

Among the host friends and guests were Rev. and Mrs. Kado Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Locke and family and Mrs. Jennie V. Johnson.

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EDITORIAL

Since the second visit of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) last week, and another visit on tap for sometime about the first of August, it would appear to this newspaper that the question running through the minds of many of the citizens of West Texas who read this newspaper is: "Will Dunbar High School of Lubbock Be Closed?" This question seems to be especially predominate among the citizens who are concerned about the welfare of our youth.

Now, dear reader, the big question is this, what will "happen to Dunbar?" Will Dunbar be kept open or will it really be closed, like the schools in Amarillo, Abilene, Plainview, Slaton, Midland and Odessa? If a person were able to look at the previous record of what has happened to the Negro citizen of West Texas then one would only be able to decide that the only way to appease HEW was to close all Negro Schools and "shot gun" the pupils around the rest of the people in the school system in the area. This "shot gunning" would be without regard to Negro heritage, without regard to Negro economic conditions and certainly without regard to how or what the Negro taxpayers of any particular area felt toward whether their schools should or should not be closed.

Now let's take this thing in order. In regard to Negro Heritage—if the white man in America is entitled to be proud of being a white man, then it is the contention of this newspaper that the Negro is entitled to be proud to be a Negro. If you are going to take away from the Negro community the only "hub" that everyone in this nation has had to live around, in other words the schools, how can you possibly feel that you will ever be able to maintain a degree of Negro pride or Negro Heritage. If the Negro is going to be required to be homogenized into the rest of the American system to the extent that he will be required to lose the identity (how can 10% of anything be injected into the other 90% and not lose its identity?) then how are the Negroes of the next generation going to be able to point with pride to their history and say "we belong to the same group of people that produced Paul L. Dunbar, George Washington Carver, Willie Mays and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?" If the time has come when the Negro taxpayer in this country can't tell his representative of his country what he desires, or that things must be kept on a local basis, then the time will come when the Negro will not be able to tell anyone whether or not he is entitled to any consideration at all.

In regard to Negro economic conditions—it would be grossly unfair for any Negro mother in this country to have to send her children to a school and be required to compete with the other children if that mother would only be able to work for and not against the mother and father or the parents who also send their children to the same school. In other words, dear reader, it

is not fair for the children of this nation to be required to compete with each other, until such time as the adults who support those children have been given the time and opportunity to compete economically against each other. Many youngsters don't understand that just because little Mary's and Johnnie's father and mother can afford to give them nice clothes and things, their mother and father can't. They don't have the background to realize that Johnnie and Mary's folks might possibly make \$10,000 or \$15,000 a year while their folks only make \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year. Regardless of the fact that this country is running on the idea of equal opportunity, many Negro mothers can not make the same salary as most white mothers, simply because they have not had the opportunity, do not possess the background nor the necessary skills to compete on this basis. There is no way that most Negro families in this town can provide new cars, new clothes, and ten dollars a week expense money in order to help their children attend school.

Now we all know that it will not really matter to the parents, in other words, their feelings are not that important, unless one considers their feelings toward their little ones. We all know that the parents are past the point of going to school, but how do you explain to a little one that you can't provide for him like you know someone else in the other parts of town can care for their own. How do you make up to a little one the idea that his or her friends can give to the many campaigns that come through the schools, how can you make a little one give up the idea that the money you must have to get to work next week can't go toward the special program that is being promoted for "cultural" benefit of all the students, how can you explain that even though John Jone's daughter is able to buy everyone an ice cream cone, or a candy bar, you still must make your child carry a sack lunch because that is the best you can do!

Realizing of course, that most parents can't do these things, anyone with any sense would realize that if the closing of the Negro schools in this city is carried out, every Negro parent that can't afford to compete will be forced to do so anyway. Probably, it would not be unfair to predict that some Negro families would go with less food and necessities at home, in order to allow their children to compete in school.

Last but not least, everyone in this country should realize that even if the people concerned with Dunbar High School are "just" Negroes, they are entitled to the same opinion as everyone else in the nation—be they white, black or yellow. We have in the city of Lubbock, probably more pride in the Dunbar Panthers than any other school in the city. We are entitled to that pride, after all, many of the good, honest-taxpaying citizens of this city graduated from that high school. Not only that, but many of the people that are sending their children to that school are probably sending their children to college for the first time in the history of their family. Why then, Mr. HEW, can't they send their children to the place of their choosing?

Many reasons have been put forth for keeping Dunbar open. The convenience of the school location, the idea that people helping provide the tax money to support Dunbar graduated from the institution, and of course, many people have a great amount of pride in Dunbar—and rightly so—because it is a Negro school and because it has reached a point in athletics and scholastics that isn't always found in the other schools in Lubbock. Regardless of that, the Negro taxpayers in this city want to keep Dunbar open, why don't the white taxpayers pitch in and help? It would probably make the whole city proud if everyone—white and black-worked together!

Several things should be done if we are to keep our schools and maintain some degree of community pride. First, everyone who is interested should be willing to go to the next scheduled school board meet. Second, a coupon is provided in this issue of the paper, letting everyone express their feelings about this issue, and making it possible for the citizens to send this into the school board members letting them know how you feel. Third, your elected representatives in Washington should be informed of your feelings, either by telephone, wire, or letter, so they can help in the problem, by being better informed themselves.

This newspaper believes that if we can manage

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AS IT LOOKS FROM HERE—

Negro Press International

By LEON L. LEWIS

Recent approaches to analyze and solve the race problem in this country are amusing. And there will be just as much concrete results from these far-fetched attempts, as there have been over the last 100 years.

Black Americans can and will solve their own problems, like any other American. But as long as they remain Negroes, they will never solve any group problems in America.

Mexicans, Turks, Italians, East Indians, Puerto Ricans, Portuguese, Greeks, Chinese, Filipinos do not solve any problems as specific groups, and they are recognized in this country not very long after they get here. They are recognized right along with other Americans when they become naturalized, or are born here.

The so-called Negro is a creation of this country. He produced its food, tilled its soil, built its industries, elected its officials, served its communities, and when he died, he fertilized its soil.

He is propagated into a psychosis of needing someone to give him that with which he was born—his rights and his freedom.

Many have been fools enough to die for this country, and many other countries—if his country calls upon him.

Asking someone to give you rights and freedom in your own country is just the same as asking your neighbor if you can use the bathroom in your own house.

The American Negro (as he calls himself) problem is absolutely mental. He has been indoctrinated with an inferiority complex by this psycho-analytical hypothesis that it is rare that a few have escaped the web.

Over scores of years, he has honestly believed that the white man's floor is his ceiling. With few exceptions, he is absolutely dependent upon the Great White God-father for his existence and progress.

And if he is accorded this progress, he still is under the spell of inferiority and Negrophobia. He holds onto the political theory that it is his duty and obligation to elect and support a white American for public office in a civilization where Catholics try to defeat Protestants, Jew seek to down Irish, Mexicans try to defeat Caucasians.

Never does he realize the established political fact that until he makes it a religion to defeat every other racial person for public office except his own, he will remain a political serf and his habitat will be a roost for political refugees.

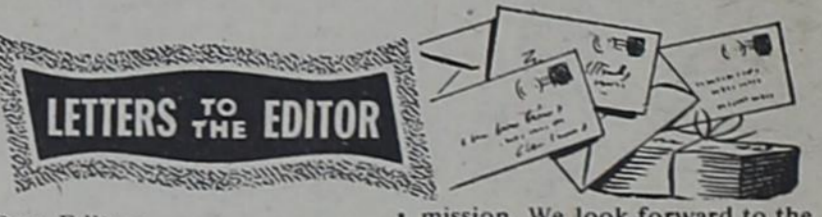
Copy the white American's political chicanery instead of his loyalty. Inherit the white American's ambition for money, and power, instead of his inert satisfactions.

Copy his business trickery, instead of his pretended honesty. Learn to be deceitful, untrustworthy and insincere all the while with a friendly smile on your face.

Adopt the philosophy of George Bernard Shaw that "any man who runs for public office is a scoundrel. Never trust anyone who has ever made a mistake."

Do like Westbrook Pegler said he would do if

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As two members of the Concerned Citizens organization of Lubbock, we would like to inform all interested persons of the need for communication between the white majority and the Negro or Latin American minorities in our city. Many are unaware that a big change is essential to improve Lubbock racial relations. Lubbock's Concerned Citizens, a large group of people of different races and from all walks of life strive for open and honest communication between races. Meeting every third Monday (of the month) from 12:15 to 1:00 in Mae Simmons Community Center on Oak and 21st, housewives, businessmen, students, etc. discuss methods of action for current problems. The Lubbock Minister's Association created this group, which fortunately multiplies with each meeting.

On July 11 a proposal was made to our City Council concerning fair employment opportunities for all and the need to develop a Human Relations Com-

mission. We look forward to the fulfillment of their promise to form a human resources type of committee as well as to their sincere efforts for increased racial harmony.

You, as an individual, can help by becoming involved in the many programs that so desperately need and appreciate volunteers. If you are interested in details of the Concerned Citizens or in volunteer services, call the Posey Neighborhood Multi-Service Center at PO 3-4117. Next meeting of the Concerned Citizens is (August 19th).

There is lots to be done in health, secretarial, and recreational fields this summer. No matter what your special interest you are needed. If you have the desire to do some good in your spare time, why not become involved with the Concerned Citizens? A few hours of enjoyable and worthwhile service can make a big difference in the betterment of Lubbock. The number to call is PO 3-4117.

Liz Barnes, 5707 Geneva and Ellen McLarty, 1305 58th Pl.

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NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL MEMBER

**THE POLICE
BEAT**

by: T. J. Patterson



BURGLARY

Joseph Jones, manager of Coronado Apartments, 1028 East 29th Street, reported that someone unknown pried open the back door to the office of the apartments and took a pipe wrench and twisted off the door handle to the inter offices and took an undetermined amount of money.

According to Jones, he has no idea who could have done this act. After further investigation it was learned the locks on the windows were broken. Approximately \$37.00 was taken.

THEFT

Percy Phenix, 2411 Fir Avenue reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone took from his '66 model car his hub caps. They were valued at \$50.

He had no idea who could have taken the caps, but he was very much disturbed about the whole affair.

STOLEN BIKE

David Elliot, 3006 East 3rd Street, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that his sting-ray bike was taken off of his porch. He has no idea who could have stolen the bike.

The bike was green and white.

HOUSE BURGLARY

Lewis V. Wilson, 1711 Avenue E, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that he had passed out on the porch at 1707 Avenue E. According to Wilson, while he was asleep, an unidentified man approached him to see if he was asleep. When he failed to wake up, the man reached his hand into Wilson's pocket and clipped him of \$19 which was in his billfold.

He has no idea who was responsible for the incident, but he was concerned when he awoke.

THEFT AT POOL

Lynn Moore, 2204 East 29th Street, told police that he was having a lovely swim the other day, but it was easily destroyed when he came out to change his clothing. He quickly learned that someone had gone into his locker and taken his wallet.

According to Moore, approximately \$10 was taken from the wallet.

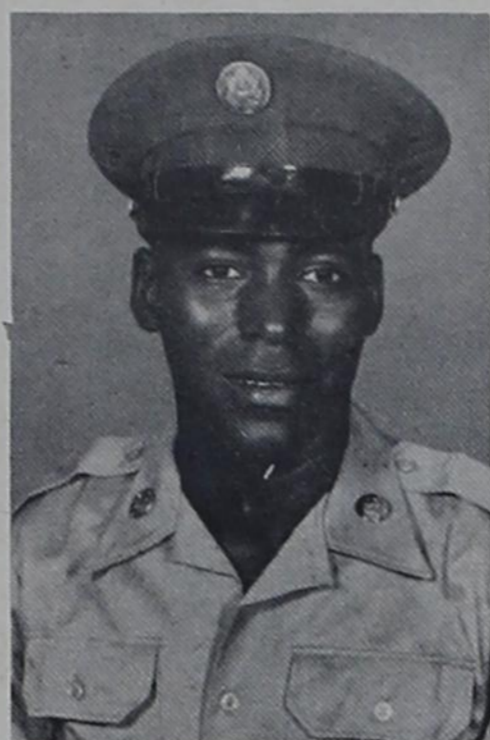
WOMAN ROBBED

A Lubbock woman told police that she was walking down the street when a man approached her and pulled a .38 caliber revolver on her and forced her from her car. At this point, he took

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NEWS ABOUT AREA MEN IN SERVICE



Another American Fighting Man is Jerry M. Colquitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rubie Blakemore of 1314 East 14th Street and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Colquitt of 1001 East 28th Street. Jerry is serving in the United States and is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is a 1967 graduate of Dunbar High School.

Slaton Improvement...

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The newly organized organization asked Dr. Vardy to talk to the Community Action Board about the possibility of a multi-Service Center in Slaton.

Prior to this meeting, the group met with the Mayor of Slaton, John Cain, Rudy Dominques, Commissioner Ward 4, and Henry Bollinger, Commissioner Ward 2. Mr. Ynosencio Quintero, target representative of CAB, was also present at this meeting.



Airman First Class Wilmer Ray Walker, 19 son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Arnold is home on leave for thirty days from Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth. Airman Walker has been in the service since June 25th, 1967.

Walker is a 1967 graduate of Ector High School. He is a Medical Service Specialist. He will leave Odessa on July 18th for Uteo Air Force Base in San Francisco. From there he will fly to Thailand where he will serve for a year.

Airman First Class George Washington Porter, 19, is in Odessa visiting his sister, Mrs. Beulah



Shaw, 412 Pecos, and his first cousin, Mrs. Elizabeth Norman, 1511 South Jackson of Odessa.

Airman Porter has been in the service since July 4, 1967, and has been stationed at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio. Porter is doing duty with the Air Force Security Police.

Porter is a 1967 graduate of Ector High School in Odessa, and resided in Odessa 6 years after moving to West Texas from Houston.

Porter will be leaving Odessa August 5th, returning to duty in San Antonio.

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passed by both houses and signed by the President.

The crucial portion of the bill is that part pertaining to the choice of a school for youngsters by their parents, Williams remarked.

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FROM MY SCRATCH PAD
By George Parrish

Amarillo - Well, here we go again, scanning over the *Old Scratch Pad*. We had a chance to watch the Golden Martins girls softball team last Wednesday evening. This is a team of girls from Our Community House Neighborhood Center, they are coached by Miss Linda Dianne Campbell. Linda is a NYC worker, working as a Program Aide this summer with Our Community House Center and is doing a very fine job. The game had to be called on account of rain, maybe it was good that it was called, because the girls wasn't doing so well but after the talk she gave them I

think they will do better in the next game.

I hope all of you will watch the talent show Saturday on Channel 4, you will get to see some of your own children perform. This show is sponsored by Kids, Inc. and is made up of children from Our Community House Neighborhood Center with the writer of this column as special guest, so make it a date to watch the show at 12:00 o'clock Saturday, July 27th.

We are yet experiencing something that I can't understand. Last night I was talking to some officers of the police force that were on duty at a record hop we were giving and they talked about the rough night they were having, before 11:00 o'clock there had been four knife fights in which people had been cut. Why do we have to do such things when there are so many others doing things to try to make this a better town and country for us to live in and yet here we are fighting among ourselves. Lets stop and ask ourself one question. Why?

I am yet waiting to get some news from the churches, clubs and any organization of Amarillo. May-

MIDLAND INTER-COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE DISCUSSES LOCAL PROBLEMS

Midland - Minimum wage laws on the local level was the discussion topic at a meeting of the Inter-Communication Committee of Midland held in the 1st National Room of the 1st National Bank at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14th. The Committee is an outgrowth

of an April program on Negro history where Mrs. Bill Dennis offered to chair a group in order to keep discussions going and lines of communication open between groups. At the last general meeting, the need for social and civic activities of all groups to be reported in all news media was discussed. A committee volunteered to gather facts concerning the news policies of local and area media: Members include, Mr. Earl Booker, Mrs. Tom Abernathy, Mrs. Willie Mae McLaughlin and Mr. Joe Haryluk. Present at a subsequent meeting was an additional member, Mr. Byron Vaughn.

Midland City Councilmen J. Wilmot Hunt and J. W. Miller answered questions at the June 30 general meeting. Mr. Hunt stated taht there is a city ordinance on fair employment practices in hiring city personnel. He said members of minority groups have been hired in several departments and that persons interested in jobs should apply to Mr. Rusty Gifford.

Mr. Marvin Wheat explained opportunities for job training available through the Texas Employment Commission. He also called attention to Neighborhood Youth Corps, On-Job-Training (OJT), and Jobs Corps.

Around The Hub City...
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\$27 in one dollar bills from the lady, she admits.

The man, who was apprehended by police, told the policeman that he had given the money back to her. Aside from this, another witness who was standing by stated the same thing.

I wonder who one should believe? It appears as though everything these days are on the phony side...

Well this just about clears the scratch pad for this week, so until next week we will say so long.

Mr. J. W. Miller offered to speak to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, on employment needs at its next meeting.

FROM GAIL'S ODESSA DESK . . .

The following teachers from Carver Elementary School in Odessa, Texas are working toward their masters degree, Mrs. Ruley Banks who is attending Texas Southern University in Houston; Mrs. Billy Mayfield, A & M College in Prairieview; Mrs. Jane Holley, Hardin-Simmons in Abilene; Miss Lanette Jones, Graduate Center at Terminal, Texas; Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Texas Women's University at Denton, and Miss Ava Thomas, Prairieview A & M College.

Mrs. Ruby Randolph, 4th grade teacher at Carver Elementary, and Mrs. Mean Poindexter, a former 6th grade teacher at Carver Elementary, attended a one-week work shop last week in an Operation Impact session in Lubbock, Texas.

An Adult Sewing Class, and an Adult Basic Education Class are being held nightly at Blackshear Junior High School. The adult sewing class starts at 9:00 p.m. and the adult basic education class at 7:00. These classes, sponsored by the Enter-Faith Council of Churches, have been in operation since spring of last year. Mr. Edward K. Downing, Principal of Blackshear Junior High is the director of both programs.

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Success Strikes Twice for Former Member Of the Supremes, Florence Ballard



For many years, many professional observers of the show business scene have been predicting that one of the members of the Supremes would someday become a star in her own right - and it is happening - today!

Remember the original Supremes, America's Number One female vocal group? Then of course you remember Florence Ballard. . . the tall statuesque beauty that Diana and Mary called "the quite one" . . . and the member of the trio whose fresh talent was immediately recognized by the nation's major critics who unanimously hailed Florence as "a young Pearl Bailey".

Florence Ballard has now embarked upon a new career as a solo recording artist and performer, and from all indications, she will be every bit as successful as when she appeared on the nation's top television shows and in all of the best supper clubs with America's sweethearts of song.

Florence has signed an exclusive recording contract with ABC Records, and her first single for the label, "It Doesn't Matter How I Say It" is frequently heard on the nation's airwaves. ABC Records plans to release Florence's debut album within the month.

Some of America's hippest young with-it designers were commissioned to create a stunning new wardrobe especially for Florence, featuring what is certain to become the most talked about fashion "look" since the 30's influence hit the contemporary scene.

But everything that's new about Florence isn't restricted to her career.

On February 29th; in Honolulu, Hawaii; Florence married her long-time beau, Thomas Chapman, a former member of the Motown Record Corporation staff. Mr. Chapman now also advises Florence in a management capacity.

The couple make their home in Detroit, but commute regularly between the Motor City and New York, where they have sublet a luxury apartment.

Florence Ballard was born in Detroit in 1943. One of twelve children, she inherited her musical talent from her father, who played the guitar. She made her professional singing debut at the age of fifteen and shortly afterward joined with Diana Ross and Mary Wilson to form the Supremes. Beginning in August 1964 and continuing in quick succession thereafter, seven of their consecutive recording reached the Number One position on the United States record charts, a fete still unmatched by any other American vocal group. Florence has appeared throughout the United States and Canada, as well as in the Caribbean, England, Europe and the Far East. Her name has become a household word to popular music fans throughout the world.

Florence is now ready to encore those club dates and television shows that were the scenes of her earlier triumphs. From this day forward, you'll be seeing more of Florence. . . and in all of those familiar places.

King Family . . .

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The family assembled at Mrs. Verda Smith's house for a big cook out.

The following Sunday, the family assembled with guests at the American Legion Hall in Yellow-house Canyon and made pictures.

The reunion will be held in June, 1969 at Cooper, Texas. The family is looking forward to the occasion. The parents, Mr. Joe and Mary King, have long passed away, one death has occurred since the first reunion. It was the death of William Thomas of Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds.

As It Looks From Here . . .
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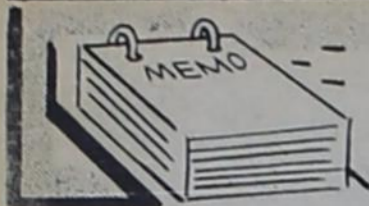
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CLUB CALENDAR

ROYAL LADIES CLUB

The Royal Ladies held their annual Salad Party Monday night, July 15, at the Pleasure Garden.

There were approximately 100 guest-attending this affair. Thirteen members received a gift of \$15.00 each.

The next meeting will be in the home of the president, Mrs. C. Owens. We are now getting ready for our Labor Day party.

YOUNG ADULTS PROGRESSIVE CLUB

The Young Adults Progressive Club met Sunday afternoon at the regular meeting place with President Harvey presiding.

Old and new business was discussed.

August 5th, there will be a "Jitney Dance". August 20th, the counselors and members will go out for dinner.

There were two more members added to the roll. They are Misses LaGloria Lewis and Mary Lee Lewis. They told the club that they are definitely interested in doing something for the organization.

We missed the Gilmore sisters, Miss Hines and Katy Jaushlin, along with the other ladies who have been absent.

CITY WIDE MISSION

Our next meeting will be in the home of Sister G. H. Davis.

We've been missing some of the members from their regular meet-

ing. The Mission needs you. May we see you at the next meeting?

NEWS FROM AND ABOUT OUR TOWN

Miss Fannie Price, of the Royal Ladies' favorite members, is going on her vacation soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ervin, Sr. are making big plans for their daughter.

Mrs. Bernice Brooks and daughters will arrive in a few days to spend the rest of the summer in or city. They are from Dallas.

Mrs. G. H. Davis is home after visiting her brother in Denver.

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Derrough spent last week visiting her family. She reported having a nice time.

If you are interested in having a place to have your parties, why not call the Pleasure Garden or SH 4-6642.

Sgt. Alvertis Williams of El Paso, Texas visited Miss Lois Wilkins last Sunday afternoon.

Look out Lois, you have a few more months at Draughon's.

PRIDE OF MARSHALL

The Pride of Marshall, chapter number 796, will meet tonight, Thursday, at the usual hour.

The meeting is very important for each member. You are requested to attend.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAN

The Knights of Pythian and the Calanthes of Lubbock have purchased a building.

All meetings will be held in your own building now. We have no excuse to offer.

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Around the Hub City

Mrs. E. T. Hubbard and Mrs. Clarence Fagon left Monday afternoon for Seattle, Washington via plane after spending a three week vacation here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Fagan is a daughter of Mrs. Carrie Sanders and Mrs. Hubbard is her sister-in-law.

Melvin Mason who was injured in a car wreck three weeks ago has been removed from the intensive care unit at Methodist Hospital and is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. William Britt and family spent a week in Birmingham and Ozark, Alabama. Mrs. Britt is still there where she is enjoying visiting relatives and friends.

Britt is a patrolman on the Lubbock Police Department.

From Gail's Desk . . .

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tary School in Odessa are attending the West Texas Educational Center in Midland, Texas, for the month of July. They are Mrs. Erma Coleman, 4th grade teacher; Mrs. Willie Guster, 6th grade teacher; Mrs. Elayne Hunt, 5th grade teacher; and Mrs. Jeraldine Stoute, remedial reading. These teachers are teaching English as a second language.

Mr. Edward K. Downing, 500 Carver, Principal of Blackshear Junior High School, is serving as a consultant for a Title VI Program at Prairieview A & M College in Prairieview, Texas. The program is a three-week course.

Carlisle - Mr. and Mrs. Kendell Clecker and their daughter, Carole, from Coahoma visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Thomas of 5437 41st Street over the past weekend.

Mr. Clecker is a coach at Coahoma and Mrs. Clecker teaches the 4th grade there.

Mrs. Thomas enjoyed the visit by the Cleckers but could not get the full benefit due to the fact that she is area representative of the World Book and Child Craft

David Gentry is home from the hospital and is recuperating nicely but he is yet unable to get out.

The Mae Simmons Drill Team is getting into shape for all activities according to their sponsor, Officer William Britt of Lubbock Police Department. Could it be possible that they are making plans for trips this year? What about that Britt?

I wonder if he needs any type of assistance from Mr. and Mrs. Lubbock...

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Struggs have returned home from Houston, Texas after spending a month keeping an appointment with the doctor and attending to other business.

Mr. Lillie B. Wortham went home from Highland Hospital last Monday. She was scheduled for eye surgery, but the date had to be postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Fowler and daughter, Lisa, of Los Angeles, California, visited with the Struggs family last week. They are relatives. They were enroute home from a vacation trip. Among other Texas towns visited were Wichita Falls, Houston, Colorado City, and others.

Mrs. Lovis McCutcheon is critically ill at the home of her aunt at Colorado City, Texas. She has been ill some time.

The summer crew at Mae Simmons Community Center, under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Price, consists of sixteen; which includes volunteer aid alos.

This year's summer program is certainly an asset to the community.

According to Mrs. Price, a pre-school graduation and style show are on tap for Friday night, July the 26th, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Fashions in the style show are sponsored by Sears.

High School students are encouraged to enter the Mae Simmons Community Center Ping Pong Tournament (two out of three singles elimination).

This affair will be sponsored on August 2, Friday, at 6:30 p. m. There is an admission of

JENKINS CHAPEL I.M.E. METHODIST CHURCH Slaton, Texas



The members of the Jenkins Chapel I. M. E. Church, 955 South 7th Street, will hold its pastor and wife's, Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Atkins, First Anniversary August 1 through 4, in Slaton, Texas.

Sunday afternoon, August 4th, during the anniversary hour, churches from Lubbock, Littlefield, Tahoka and Southland, Texas will be present.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

.25 for each enrollee. The winner of the center tournament will compete in city competition August 8, Thursday at 6:30 p. m. at Hodges Community Center.

AROUND THE HUB CITY would like to encourage all high school graduates to take advantage of preparing themselves for tomorrow. There are many opportunities for young people this day and time. It is up to us as adults to continue to remind them that they have a job to do and they must start now. . .

Editorial . . .

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to get HEW off the backs of our elected school officials, we can also help the elected school officials to improve the status of Dunbar. In this manner, we may be able to prove to the people elected to office that it would be far better to let us alone and let us run our own system, than to have to depend on someone else to tell us how.

Any reader interested can contact our elected officials, the Honorable George Mahon, House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515; and the Honorable John Tower, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510; let them know how you feel.

It would be the promise of this paper, that if we can get the citizens of this city to write their school board, and the elected officials in Washington, telling them how we feel about the closing or keeping open of Dunbar, we will endeavor in the very near future to make this institution the very best in the city as far as educational facilities are concerned.

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CHURCH NEWS

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Services were largely attended last Sunday morning. The Reverend E. J. Kilpartick delivered a wonderful message from the subject, "Peculiar People". It was a spiritual treat. The Youth Choir, with Mrs. David Ray Lewis who was assisted by Mrs. Charles Campbell, furnished the music.

Among the visitors worshipping with us were Mrs. E. T. Hubbard and Mrs. Clarence Fagans of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Lurline Gardner and her son, Fred, and grandson from Connecticut, and other visitors.

The Senior Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the regular time with Sisters Lewis, Knowles, Fair and Knowles in charge of devotions.

Sister B.M. Jamerson led in prayer while Sister Fair read the scripture.

Sister Willie Mae who was a delegate to the Missionary meeting at Paul Quinn College gave a wonderful report of the meeting.

We will sponsor a song feast on the second Sunday in August and the Freedom Gospel Singers will provide the entertainment.

The program will be held at 3 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this affair.

Sister Fleta Owens is president of the organization.

Bethel A. M. E. Church entertained the District Sunday School Convention last week. Rev. T. B. Reece, presiding elder, and Dean L. E. Ausbie were in charge of the classes during the week.

Quite a large number of young people were present. The meeting closed Thursday evening.

The following ministers delivered messages: Rev. Brown, Rev. Davis and Rev. McNeal.

MACKKEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Odessa, Texas
The 1968 and 1969 Theme of the United Methodist Church is: "A New Church for a New World"—Word—Work—and World. Mission and Ministry:

The United Methodist Church came into being on April 23rd, 1968, in Dallas, Texas.

It is a new church in name and in structure. But will it be really new? Will it be a renewed church? The answer to these questions depends not on conference nor committees. It will be the work of the Holy Spirit - as men and women of this new church make room for the Spirit's work and submit themselves to His leading. New structures and new programs will be meaningful as they serve this higher end. To prepare the way for the renewal of the Spirit, we United Methodist will do well to examine ourselves and to examine the goals of our new church.

RIISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rising Star Baptist Church will be on the air Sunday morning with 1440 on your radio dial as the correct frequency to find our program. This program will originate from Amarillo, Texas from 7 a.m. until 8 a.m.

If anyone tuned in last Sunday to hear the broadcast and could

not get it, the tape was damaged.

Announcements are as follows: Monday, Missionary meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Youth Choir rehearsal at 7 p.m.; Usher Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Senior Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Mid-Week Prayer service; Friday, Teacher's meeting beginning at 8 p.m. and Brotherhood is on tap Saturday night at 8 p.m.

The Rising Star Baptist Training Union and Sunday School departments are having a picnic tomorrow, Friday, July 26 at Mackenize State Park, beginning at 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We are asking all members and their friends to please bring their children.

Please visit the sick and shut-ins this week. They are Brother Bob Phillips and Brother David Gentry who are both at home during much better.

New Hope Baptist Church

West Texas Baptist District Association will hold its annual session with the New Light Baptist Church of San Angelo August 5th - 9th.

Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday, July 28th, at 2:30 p.m. in the church auditorium.

Ushers rehearsal will be held next week, Friday night, August 2nd, at 8:00 p.m.

Manhattan Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church

The children of the community, between the ages of 5 and 15, are invited to attend Vacation Bible School now in session at the 7th Day Adventist Church at 1517 East 25th, through July 28th of this month. The classes are from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. each day.

Classes will include, craft nature study as Bible Stories on the subject of "God's Beautiful World."

A special graduation exercise will be held at the close of the 10 day school. Children of any faith are invited to attend.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

Lamesa, Texas
Rev. J. H. Nelson will be leaving Lamesa on the 29th of July to be a special guest of the Willowgrove District Association in Waco, Texas. The Association meeting will be held at the Lovers Leap Baptist Church, the 29th of July through the 4th of August.

The pastor and members of St. John Baptist Church of Lamesa invites all interested persons to come out each Sunday and enjoy services with us.

FOUNTAIN CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

Lamesa, Texas
Gibson Memorial Church will hold their annual conference the 6th through 9th of August in Wichita Falls, Texas. Bishop N. S. Curry, presiding elder and host pastor, G. R. Patterson, will serve as host to the conference.

Our pastor, Rev. C. R. Garrett of Fountain Chapel is asking each member to give 20¢ a month for every month that Jesus preached while on earth, at the August 4th report service.

We will be sponsoring an overall program at 3:00 p.m., the first Sunday in August. Guest preacher

at this service will be the Reverend A. L. Butler, of New Galilee Baptist Church of Carlisle, Texas.

NEW GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH

Carlisle, Texas
Rev. L. H. Johnson closed a very successful revival the 21st of July at New Galilee. Assisting Rev. Johnson with this well attended revival were Rev. Robinson and Rev. Morrison.

New Galilee has planned a special program for July 28th, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and urged to attend.

Brother Roosevelt Murphy, one of Carlisle's most outstanding citizens, and a member of New Galilee has organized a brotherhood program which will meet the third Sunday of each month in the church.

Rev. Bledso was the guest speaker at the St. Luke Methodist Church in Levelland, Texas this past week. Rev. Morrison was also present to help in this occasion.

Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church

The Lovely Sunset District Association will be held at the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church August 14th through August 16th. The following committees have been appointed for the entertainment of this meeting:

Housing committee: Sisters Jewel Mims, Hazel Taylor and Jewel McKinney; Pre-opening program; Sisters Desma Moore, Clara Leonard, Billie Overstreet, Janice Parks and Gertrude Lasley; Food and general hostesses; Sisters Nellie Fuller, O. L. Graven, Etta M. Tucker, Mattie Denson, Katherine Williams, Darlene Howard, Desma Moore, Gertrude Lasley, Jewel Mims, Mattie Barnes, Mary Stevens and others who choose to help.

Let us make this meeting a great meeting for our guest that they may see Jesus through the fellowship of Saint Luke.

August 4, 1968 marks Youth Day for our church. The committee for this great event is Sisters

Dorothy Jackson, Susan Matters, Jessie Jones, Gertrude Lasley, Mattie Denson, Mattie Walker, Jewel McKinney, Lucille Cleveland and Brother Lonnie Love.

They are asking for full cooperation of the church.

We are invited to the anniversary service of Saint James Baptist Church as they honor their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Kado Lang, on the fourth Sunday in July at 3:00 p.m.

The Saint Mark Baptist Church honors their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. James Thomas, the first Sunday in August at 3:00 p.m.

The Junior Missionary Society meets at the church each Monday night at 7 p.m. Ladies, let us not neglect our meetings.

Prayer meeting is held each meeting night at the church at 8 p.m. The only way us is down on your knees.

The Eunice Circle met in the home of Sister Merle Terry, 2406 Fir Avenue, Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Let us pray for and visit our sick. Sister Lovie McCutcheon is ill in Colorado City, Texas. Brother C. A. Henderson remains in the Lubbock Osteopathic Clinic.

Brother Joe Henderson is ill in the Methodist Hospital. Sister Lorene Crawford is ill in her home, Brother Perryman is ill in his home and Brother Wilmar Wilson and Sister Mary Brown are shut in. Sister Claudia Kelly is ill in her home.

The Y. W. A. meets at the church each Monday night at 7:30.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

Two of our youth will participate in Youth in Dialogue at Ceta Canyon this week. They left Monday morning. The youth

attending are Merry Jo Walker and Rhonda Jo Davis. They will return tomorrow, Friday.

Our church closed our Church Anniversary last Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Zen W. Holmes as the preacher.

A fellowship lunch was served in the dining area after this worship hour.

Mrs. L. B. Wortham is in Highland Hospital and Mr. Sam B. Crawford is ill in his home, 4319 East 65th Street. Let them hear from you. Why not send a card of cheer?

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Susie Moore and family on the death of her brother Monday, July 15, at Colorado City, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Goode on the death of their uncle in Gilmer, Texas, July 17th. Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Strong on the death of their cousin July 18th in Dallas, Texas.

Flowers on the alter last Sunday were given by Mrs. Aleza Franklin of Sherman, Texas in memory of her mother—Mrs. Jennie Mask—who was an aunt of the pastor.

Twentieth and Birch Church of Christ

Visitation program began Tuesday, July 23, with J. W. Carroll as chairman in the home of Brother Rainwater.

Youth Fellowship for our youth will be held here at the church Saturday, July 27th, at 8:00 p.m.

Our annual fellowship meeting will be coming up on August 4th. Brother Alleye is chairman of the fellowship committee. The elders encourage everyone to cooperate with Brother Alleye in making the fellowship successful.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to visit Sister Albrooks and Brother Pitts.

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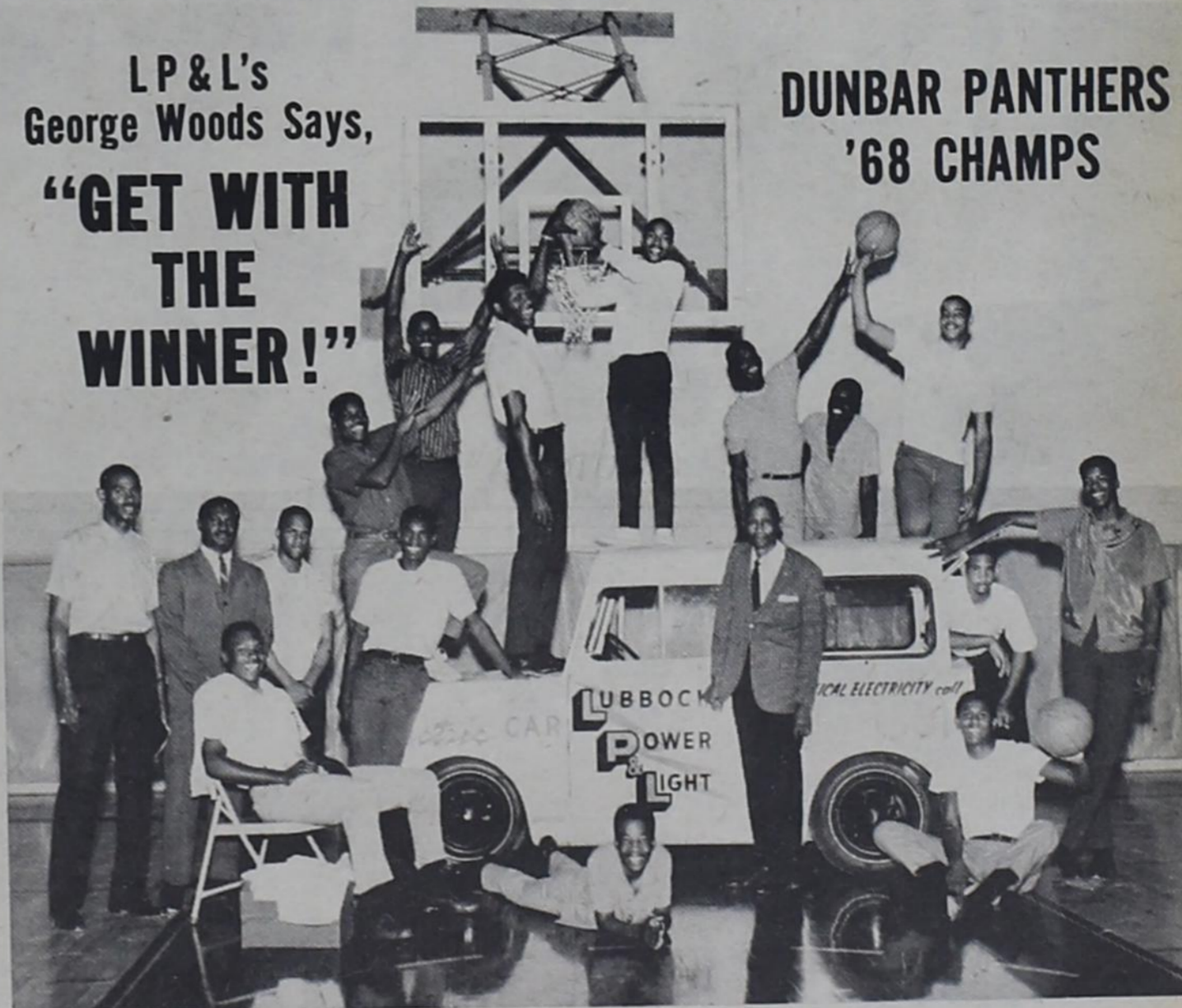
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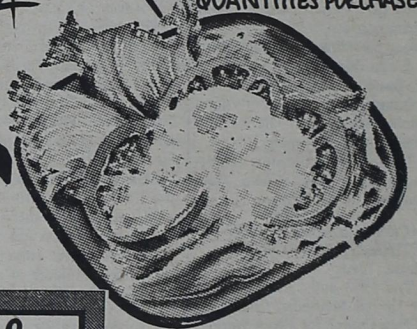
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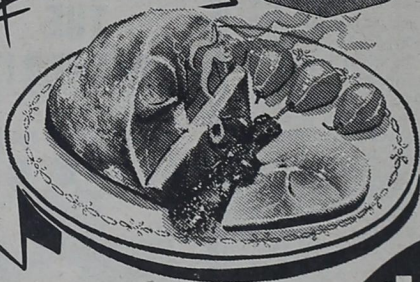
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