

WEST TEXAS TIMES

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Lubbock Man Files \$75,000 Damage Suit Here

Minister and Family Leave Lubbock

The Reverend John L. Walker, former pastor of the Messiah Presbyterian Church, and his family left Tuesday for Charlotte, South Carolina, their home, and then on to Chicago, where he has accepted pastorate of a church.

For several years, the Walkers have endeared themselves to the church and many friends. He has been quite active in community projects and was an asset to his church.

Cliff Alexander to Head Black Political Fund

Washington, D.C.—Clifford Alexander, Jr., a former White House aide to both Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, has agreed to serve as coordinator for the establishment of a national nonpartisan black political fund.

According to Alexander, the fund would be used for:

+financing massive voter registration and political education campaigns in black communities throughout the country;

+providing financial assistance for black candidates of both parties;

+developing a national organization to turn out the black vote on election day;

+establishing black lobbying groups at every level of government to train blacks in practical campaign work;

+developing a national research and literature center.

The idea for a national nonpartisan black political "war chest" was suggested and outlined by Louis Martin at the National Urban League convention in New York City in July. Martin, a board member of the National Urban League, is vice president of Sengstacke Publications of Chicago.

For eight years, beginning in 1960, Martin was the top black political advisor to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, while serving as Vice Chairman of the Demo-



Senator Barbara Jordan, shown above greeting well-wishers and friends, spoke Tuesday evening of this week to a group of West Texas Democrats at the KOKO Palace here in Lubbock. (Times Photo)

cratic National Committee.

Martin emphasized, however, that the "black political war chest" would be strictly nonpartisan.

"The major problem for blacks now," Martin said, "is that American politics is a game for the super-rich, and we are not only black but also poor.

"If we could raise one dollar annually from each of the estimated 14 million voting-age blacks, this would provide black Americans with resources to become a strong and organized political force in our own right," Martin said.

Alexander indicated that he has conferred with attorneys to work out the legal aspects and mechanics for a national, nonpartisan fund-raising organization. He said he has talked with a number of black political leaders, both Democrats and Republicans, about the fund. The response, he said, has been "tremendously encouraging."

Memorial Service Read at Reece for T/Sgt. Fred T. Harden, Following Heart Attack

Funeral services were scheduled for T/Sgt. Fred T. Headen Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Selma, Alabama. Sgt. Headen was stricken Monday evening, September 21, with an apparent heart attack at his home at 1503 East 1st Place and was dead a few hours later after reaching Reece Air Force Base Infirmary.

The sergeant had spent almost half of his 43 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was 18 months away from 20-year retirement. He had been stationed at Abilene and Wichita Falls before being trans-

ferred to Reece here in Lubbock, in May of this year.

Sgt. Headen's body was transferred Thursday with local arrangements by Resthaven-Singleton Wilson Funeral Home to Williams and Son Funeral Home in Selma.

Survivors include his widow, Mary Frances; three brothers, Robert and James of Talladega, Ala., and Joseph of Boston, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Norris of Talladega and Mrs. Teresa Granum of Middleboro, Mass., and other relatives and friends.

He was a native of Talladega, Alabama.

Memorial services were conducted at Reece Air Force Base Chapel Wednesday afternoon.

Panthers Drop One To Vernon 16-0

By Harold Gentry

Last Friday night the Dunbar Panthers traveled to Vernon for a battle against the Vernon Lions.

The Panthers were defeated in this battle 16-0. Vernon received their points in the first quarter when they hit the unexpected Panthers—scoring two touchdowns and a safety.

Final Rites Pending in Greenville, Texas for Local Violence Victim, A. J. Harris

Final rites were pending Tuesday evening for 26-year-old A. J. Harris who was shot Monday afternoon in East Lubbock. Mrs. Hannah Jordan, 43, of 2415 East 28th Street, was hospitalized from the shooting.

According to police, Mrs. Jordan was found in the residence of Johnny Mayse, 2416 East 28th, suffering from a bullet wound in the right forehead.

Upon investigation, officers said

Joseph Stanley Ferguson, a young Lubbock black man, has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against Police Chief J. T. Alley, six other city of Lubbock officials and John Mitchell, U.S. Attorney General.

Ferguson claims he was second highest scorer on a competitive Civil Service examination given last May 20th and claims he has been refused the appointment as a probationary patrolman, even though the top scorer was not appointed, making him next in line for employment.

He also claims that the city police administrators have refused to give him any definite answers about why he was not appointed and that he has not been furnished a civil service statement, required by law, setting forth good and sufficient reasons for his rejection.

His lawsuit also cites a civil service commission hearing July 10th during which Alley's decision not to hire him was supported.

Also named in the suit are Al Couch, director of public services for the city; Jo McKinkley, assistant personnel director; Norman Heath, civil service director; R. C. Hurrence, chairman of civil service commission; John G. Wilkerson, and E. G. Pharr, both city administration officers.

The applicant seeks a total of \$75,000 in damages and exemplary penalties against the city.

Lubbock Men Attend AFNA at Philadelphia

Two Lubbock men, George Scott, Jr., and T. J. Patterson, represented Texas Tech University last week in Philadelphia, Pa., as they attended the second biennial convention of the American Foundation for Negro Affairs at the Sheraton Hotel.

Black leaders from throughout the nation, representing educational institutions, organizations and political subdivisions, were present at the meeting.

Charles R. Wesley, Ph. D., and executive director of the National Association for the Study of Negro Life and History of Washington, D. C., was keynote speaker on Thursday morning. He spoke on the "Responsibility For Unity."

The background and planning for the American Foundation for Negro Affairs spans a ten-year period. In the late fifties the idea of the Foundation was conceived by Samuel L. Evans, founder and organizer.



Reverend Louise Sansom, of Los Angeles, California, spent two weeks in Lubbock recently visiting her parents, relatives and friends.

Reverend Sansom is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal McMorris of 2706 East 2nd Street and the aunt of R. J. Givens, Jr.

While in Lubbock Reverend Sansom was invited to speak at the Greater Love Baptist Church, Reverend H. R. Jefferson, pastor. Her topic was "Love".

Accompanying Reverend Sansom on this trip was Reverend S. T. Taylor, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

Probated Term Cut On Gerald Fountain

Judge James A. Ellis last Friday revoked the probation of Gerald Fountain, 19, of 2808 Weber Drive, and imposed a five year prison sentence.

Fountain was placed on probation last January 23 when he pleaded guilty to burglary in 137th District Court.

He was one of two suspects arrested after an alarm was set off at the W. D. Wilkins Distributing Company the night of October 17, 1969.

According to police, they found a pillow case containing about \$7,000 worth of watches and rings from the jewelry department.

According to Assistant District Attorney Ronnie Jackson, probation officers filed an application to revoke Fountain's probation after he was charged September 9th with attempted burglary of the O. Z. Ball Company in Slaton, Texas.

Fountain is also charged with malicious destruction of private property. He was arrested July 23rd after someone smashed a plate glass window at Malouf's in Monterrey Shopping Center.

EDITORIALS

The Whispering Grass in Lubbock

By T. J. Patterson

Brothers and sisters, after a recent trip to the city of Philadelphia, Penn., to attend the Second Biennial Convention of the American Foundation for Negro Affairs, one can't help but become motivated to see the "right on" movement of the black people throughout the nation. It was easy to observe that black people have placed emphasis upon the need for the black man to assume his responsibility toward aiding in the uplift of his fellowman and contributing to his country. With this in mind, I am more convinced than ever that these are valid aims and objectives.

However, I am also aware of the fact that the "whispering grass" in Lubbock has begun to blow in our direction and is trying to tell us something. To get my point across, I would liken the great silence in the black community of Lubbock—the lack of strong leadership in the black community and the surface apathy of the black community to the sounds of whispering grass that only whispers when the soft winds of spring blow through it. The grass does whisper, and the whisper, however soft and hard to hear, is telling us something and it is my opinion that the black community of Lubbock had better listen and take heed, now, for there is a

warning in the whispering grass. And, although the man "down-town" may say that the warning is not new nor real, it has taken on a new meaning.

The whispering grass warns that unless there is a birth of a strong political front and strong political leadership in the black community—by blacks—we might as well go ahead and have an abortion and get rid of the so-called black political baby we are carrying around. Unless the black, politically inclined leaders, we have in this city today stand up as men and women, without regard to party politics, and declare that they are not only black, but that they think black, intend to act black and are pro-black—so pro-black that if the party platform or the party intent doesn't include the ambitions and welfare of the blacks in Lubbock, to hell with the party—unless these leaders are willing to do just this, they should be replaced, immediately, by blacks who will take just such a stand.

The whispering grass also warns that regardless of how black we claim to be, how beautiful we say we are, how ready we think we are, there is an evergrowing number of blacks who are ready for nothing—and I do mean nothing. There are black parents who will allow their offspring to raise merry hell in school and even threaten to kick the teacher's behind—these parents and their children are ready for nothing. There are black people who will allow themselves to be used as pawns to get the vote for the individual or the party that pays

the highest price, and who bow and scrape everytime their white political boss visits the nearest outhouse—these blacks are ready for nothing. There are also black middle class "niggers" who think they have arrived, until their white counterpart kicks them in the behind and calls them a "showcase nigger". And as always, these middle class, and upperclass, blacks have until then forgotten their black brothers and sisters who haven't even started to make it yet—these "niggers" are ready for nothing.

The whispering grass will go "right on" and tell you that there are black religious leaders who spend all day Sunday begging their black brothers and sisters blind, and then spend Monday through Saturday living off of the fat of others sweat as they do their "own thing"—these leaders are ready for nothing except to pimp off of the faithful.

I'm sure you'll agree when I say the grass does whisper, and it does send a message to the black community. And that message, although you may not consider it new, is that this vast silence we now have in the black community could well be the silence before the storm. Or is it a sign of the times that four hundred more years and four hundred more black Moses will pass off the scene before we get our thing together! What a waste of time and human potential if we don't heed the warnings of the whispering grass.

"Right On", brothers and sisters, heed the grass!

Down To Earth

Dissent or Disruption: Cause for Christian Concern

By Jimmy R. Allen

A frightened nation looks at the disruptions in our society and wonders what the end will be.

At the same time frustrated and disinherited men look for signs of hope for redress of their grievances and opening doors of opportunity. They dissent and want to find ways to express it.

In a meeting in Houston last week, Leon Jaworski, president-elect of the American Bar Association, told a Baptist workshop on social issues that he was looking for a "bold church" which would take a firm stand for law and order in a rapidly disintegrating society.

He made a solid case that current disrespect for law among the young and the minorities and apathy about law among others are combustible elements with the potential for destroying a society which has the finest opportunity for all men to find a way to justice in the world has yet known. He called for a return to confidence in the system and its potential sensitivity to work justice.

Citing his studies in his role as a member of the presidential Commission on Causes and Prevention of Violence, he lamented the silence of churches and churchmen on the subject.

At the same time, in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Anita Allen, special assistant in the Office of

Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, was telling a Baptist audience that we will be "engulfed in the same kind of destruction we are trying to prevent" unless we correct the factors which breed dissent in our society. Calling for distinguishing between dissent and disruption, she denounced disruption, while pleading for change to accelerate.

These two officials place the challenge before the conscience of Christians in concrete terms. Both want the society changing for the better. Both reject disruption. The difference is one of degree or emphasis.

It is the dilemma every churchman and every Christian faces. How strong should be the emphasis on dissent and calling for immediate change? How strong should be the emphasis on order at any cost?

We stand at a crucial period in the life of our nation. Frightened voices are calling for more stringent controls and for a higher degree of order—even at the cost of constitutional guarantees if necessary. Others are pleading for faster change as the only hope to avert the catastrophe of chaos.

Most Christians agree that Romans 13 calls for respect for authority even when one does not agree with that authority's direction. Therefore, thoughtful Christians overwhelmingly view disruption without constructive solutions as merely obstructionist and damaging.

Order must be maintained if constructive change is to be brought about. The tension arises when the Christian begins seeking solutions which will bring a greater degree of hope and confidence in the system to those who are victims of greed,

prejudice, and selfishness in our society.

It is certain the price is too high to pay if order must be maintained at the cost of justice. The churches of Germany found that out under Adolph Hitler. However, it is also certain that chaos and destruction of the finest system of self government ever evolved by mankind will not bring justice to the very ones who stridently call for its destruction.

Sensitivity to changing circumstances toward higher levels of justice should be the goal for Christians. Determination to do that in an orderly process in a democracy should also be the attitude of Christians.

Our nation deserves our highest brand of loyalty—the effort to help her live up to her ideals in an orderly process. Thus we can aim for "liberty and justice for all."



He "Pulls Some Coattails"

Dear Editor:

While working here in Lubbock with the poverty program, I have seen hunger, poverty, and every other problem encountered by the underprivileged.

The cure for these programs is elimination, but, how do you begin when you find all these so-called slick people are trying for a free ride. They should realize they are depriving many needy people of food and medical care that are so sorely needed. Brothers and sisters, how do you say, "That man ain't treating us right," when we steal from ourself? I know of incidents where one family has sent different members to the same agency with a slightly different address and obtained double aid.

I ask you, "Is this fair?" If you say yes, they you deserve the ultimate fate. Realize all programs are funded and funds are at a minimum. Let's take some of the booze money and buy food when we have it. Stop riding unless it's absolutely necessary.

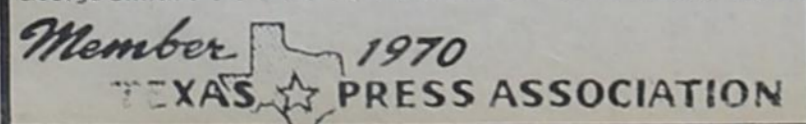
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STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
 AND **Sidelights**
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Austin, Tex.—A fight is brewing over the proposed constitutional amendment to set the maximum limits on tax assessments of farm, ranch and timber land.

An amendment (no. 3) on the November ballot would authorize the Legislature to provide a uniform method of assessment for lands, based on their capability to support livestock raising or farm and forest crop production.

A 15-member special committee headed by State Sen. Wayne Connally of Floresville has completed the last of 11 hearings over the state on this measure. Its tentative report summarizing testimony favoring the amendment will be presented before November 3. Committee's recommendations to the Legislature will be delayed until next year.

"Agriculturists are saying they can no longer operate if taxes continue to increase as they have in recent years," Connally told newsmen. "When

land on one side of a barbed wire fence is assessed at \$1,000 an acre, and the same land on the other side of the fence at \$150 an acre, somebody is going to cry."

An earlier amendment (1966) which had the same general purpose is "unworkable", say proponents of Amendment no. 3. Present provisions apply only to individual land owners, exclude timberlands and owners who earn less than half their income from farm property.

Texas State Teachers Association is opposing the new amendment on grounds that it "could virtually destroy the tax base of many school districts" and open the door to favors for other groups.

Connally maintains the proposal would not result in major revenue loss statewide and that the Legislature would have to appropriate supplemental funds to districts suffering income decline.

City Sales Taxes Up—Local option sales taxes in 420 cities brought municipal governments more than \$35 million for the second quarter of this year.

This is an increase from \$30.9 million the first quarter.

Tax is calculated and refunded to cities by Comptroller Robert S. Calvert on a quarterly basis.

Biggest yield was to Houston, which received \$7.2 million for the second quarter.



Police Beat

Wheatley School Looted

Burglars broke in to Phillis Wheatley Elementary School, 2800 Redbud Avenue, one night last week and took two color television sets, metal cabinets and phonographs.

Loss was estimated at \$900.00.

House Burglary

Jacqueline Johnson, 1014 East 29th Street, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone did take her television set, record albums, three pair of pants and some other items.

She stated that the items were valued at about \$500.00.

Car Burglary

Lowell Cleaver, 814 David Avenue, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone did gain entry of his pickup. According to Mr. Cleaver, the doors of the pickup were locked. Entry was apparently gained by someone pulling the window glass on the passenger side of the vehicle out.

Taken from the pickup was an ax handle and other tools, valued at \$9.00.

Burglary

It was learned that someone did break into Caviel's Pharmacy, located at 1719 Avenue A, one night last week. Entry was gained by breaking the front glass.

An undetermined amount of goods were taken from the store. Damage to the window was approximately \$125.00.

Aggravated Assault

A Lubbock woman told police that several young ladies, between the ages of 14 and 19, jumped on her young sister.

The lady said that she had to intervene to possibly save her 14-year-old sister from being cut. However, one of the young girls did cut her sister on the right forearm.

Burglary

Annie Mae Jones, of 702 Walnut Avenue, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone did burglarize the Posey Com-

munity Clothing Center, at 1514 East Broadway.

It appears as though the door was left unlocked. Approximately \$17.00 worth of clothing was taken.

around the hub city

Little Darrell E. Berry is recuperating satisfactorily at the home of his mother after being released from Methodist Hospital last Saturday morning. Darrell suffered a broken hip and also a broken wrist late Wednesday afternoon when he was hit by a car across the street from his home. He was rushed by ambulance to the hospital. He is the son of Fulton Berry and Mrs. Judy Struggs Berry.

Maunita Terrell escaped injury last Thursday afternoon as a passenger in a car that was involved in a two car mishap.

Residents listed on the sick and shut-in list are W. H. Henry, Mrs. Bessie Mason, G. Holiday, Mrs. L. M. Knowles, Mrs. L. Lewis, Paul Hemanes and Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin. Mrs. Ervin is home from the hospital and recuperating nicely.

Mrs. Lucreasia Lester and her two proteges were week-end visitors here as guests of her sister, Mrs. Leaner Goldstein and family. The children are Vicki and Clifton Welch.

Mrs. Mary Francis Headen, accompanied by her brother, Charles Maxey, and a sister, Mrs. Izetta Maull, left early Friday morning for their home in Selma, Alabama, where services were scheduled for her husband, Sgt. Fred T. Headen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis C. Okah visited briefly in Lubbock last week while enroute to Eugene, Oregon, where he will study. Mrs. Okah, nee Nawita Myrl Hardy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mason of Houston. They were guests here of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mason.

After 200 Years?

Journalists Agree That Threat Of Press Suppression Is Real

By Paul R. Conrad, Executive Director
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(Third In a Series)

Seattle, Wash. (NNW)—Why would America's press, free of government controls throughout the nation's nearly 200 years, now fear substantial loss of that freedom?

Journalists considered U.S. newspapers, magazines and broadcasters to be more responsible than ever before, and for the most part, eminently sound financially. Yet publishers, editors, broadcast news personalities and journalism educators generally agree the threat of press suppression is real and probably greater than at any time since the First Amendment was added to the Constitution.

The press reacted instantly, and many felt immoderately, to criticism from Vice President Spiro T. Agnew in three widely-publicized speeches decrying news management and bias. Despite the Vice President's protestations that he was not advocating censorship, newsmen accused the Nixon Administration of trying to intimidate the press.

But many journalists now admit it wasn't so much what the Vice President said as the number of American citizens who seemed to agree with him. At a time when the U. S. Supreme Court has, in decisive opinions, extended the reach of constitutional press freedom to insure "uninhibited, robust and wide open" debate on public issues, great segments of their elected and appointed representatives seem bent on stifling that kind of news coverage.

For example:

The American Bar Association in 1968 launched a nationwide effort to cut off press access to information about criminal prosecutions and even some court proceedings, in the name of avoiding press reports which might prejudice jurors.

At all levels of government, but particularly at the federal level, newsmen and press photographers have been subpoenaed before grand juries and into courts to testify as to confidential information they have obtained from news sources, or to supply photographs and television films for use in prosecutions.

There is growing clamor among liberals for a governmentally-enforced "right of access" to the press, guaranteeing any individual or group space in the nation's newspapers to express their particular views.

There has even been a proposal, by Dr. Walter Menninger of the President's Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, that newsmen be licensed in the same way as are doctors and lawyers.

Of a more general concern are polls which show a public distrust of the news media. A survey of several hundred high school students in Colorado has been publicized in journalistic circles as representative of the attitudes of young people. Asked whether the press should be controlled by government to prevent unfair attacks on individuals, a substantial majority favored outright control, while the next largest group voted for some controls. A small minority voted against any form of censorship.

Journalists fear that this basic lack of commitment to a free press, coupled with general disgruntlement with the news, may bring even more strident calls for controls. There is little doubt that the far right counts the press as an enemy. But the far left is almost equally at odds with the news media, considering them captives of and apologists for the "establishment". Even the "silent majority" is suspected of blaming the press for stimulating extremist activity by giving it publicity.

While newsmen sympathize with this view, they insist a news blackout is no answer to protests and demonstrations. Says Wes Gallagher, general manager of the Associated Press, "The task of the journalist in every medium is to hold a magnifying mirror before our society to show warts and all. The man who lets us see all our faults is seldom front-runner in a popularity contest."

One of the criticisms most often leveled at U. S. journalism these days is "media concentration", referring to the decline in the number of newspapers and cross-ownership of various news media. Yet this too puzzles the thoughtful journalist. The nation has never had so many news disseminating agencies cranking and beaming out information. In addition to more than 1,700 daily newspapers there are an estimated 9,000 non-daily newspapers, 6,400 radio stations, 840 television stations, and more special interest magazines than at any time previously. Volunteer organizations, churches, trade associations, unions and a host of other groups publish newsletters and bulletins by the thousands (the U. S. Post Office Department currently shows more than 20,000 periodicals holding permits for regular mailings).

Newsmen generally are resigned to a certain amount of unpopularity. The editor who finds both sides mad at him usually feels he must be doing a pretty good job covering an issue. But as the nation looks to its 200th birthday, newsmen wonder just how much press unpopularity the country can afford. Because they believe most sincerely that the American experiment in government would have never succeeded without a press free of prior governmental restraint (they accept, reluctantly, the limitations of libel law).

A "right of access" to the press, benign as it sounds, means government would be telling the news media what to disseminate. Muzzling of news sources at the police station and courthouse means limited opportunity to report on vital governmental activity. Licensing of newsmen, no matter how well-intended and well-administered, would have government deeply involved in press operations. Subpoenaed newsmen can't be doing their jobs while sitting in the prosecutor's office, and they may very likely lose the confidence of news sources if they are forced to reveal information given in confidence. A Vice President may not be advocating censorship, but the government he represents grants radio and television licenses, and can take them away.

These are the reasons newsmen worry about press freedom in the 1970's.

Federation of Choirs Meet Here Sunday

Messiah Presbyterian Church was host to the Federation of Choirs last Sunday afternoon. The meeting was held at New Hope Baptist Church. Most of the choirs were absent and all reported except one.

The next host church will be St. Matthews Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, October 24th, Rev. R. S. Stanley, host pastor.

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By George Parrish

I must say that I am happy, and feel sure our readers are also, that we are getting our papers on time once more. I would like to thank you one and all for buying a "Times" from the paper-boys each week. If you have a boy that would like to make some week-end spending money, why not give me a call and let's get him started. Next week I will list each boy that is selling the paper here in Amarillo, and his address so that if you miss your paper you can call the nearest boy and get one delivered. In the meantime, please call me and give me your news each week.



Mrs. Devorah Lamar of 1612 N.W. 15th has returned home after an extended vacation touring New York City and Nantucket, Mass. While in New York she visited New York City Hall, Madison Square Garden, the New York Public Library, crossed the Queensboro Bridge, and the George Washington Bridge and toured Times Square.

Today, Sunday, September 27th, was Mrs. J. E. Green's birthday. Mrs. Green, of 609 Arnold, wouldn't disclose her age, but this writer wishes her many more happy birthdays.

This last week has been anniversary week around our house. Mrs. Parrish and I celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary Saturday, the 26th, and Tuesday, the 22nd, our daughter, Marilyn, and her husband John, Gentry, celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Lee Mitchell, 50, of 1608 N.W. 18th, were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church here in Amarillo. The Reverend A. J. Davis, Sr., officiated and burial was held in Llano Cemetery under direction of Warford's Mortuary.

Mrs. Mitchell was found dead in her apartment Tuesday morning. At the time of this report, Justice of the Peace Bonita Potter had not ruled on the cause of death.

A native of Mexia, Texas, Mrs. Mitchell moved to Amarillo a year ago from Denver. She was a member of Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church and is survived by her husband, a daughter, her mother, and three grandchildren.

The Opportunity School, located in the Opportunity Neighborhood Center at 203 North Monroe, is something that would be of great interest to anyone that would take the time to see about it, and I assure you that it would be time well spent.

This school is operated just as the Headstart classes are. There is one teacher, Mrs. Donald Singleton, and one teacher's aide, Mrs. Derrick Mathis. The First Presbyterian Church is the sponsor of the school, which is in its third year. They were not held up this year, as in the past, due to non-compliance with HEW, since they are fully integrated.

Why not go by sometime and visit the school and while there talk with some of the Opportunity Center staff? Ask them about some of the programs they have going, who knows, you might find out something you would be interested in?

SNYDER

Spiritual Crusaders Here Church Fellowship Held Soul Seniors Meet

By R. J. Nelson

Spiritual Crusaders Scheduled

The Spiritual Crusaders will perform live here on KSNY Radio Sunday morning at 8:30. For extra fine spiritual music be sure and tune your radios to 1450, KSNY, Sunday, October 4th at 8:30 a.m.

Mount Olive Baptist Church

The Mount Olive Baptist Church choir performed last Thursday in the Baptist Church of Colorado City, Texas. They attended the homecoming of pastor F. N. Nelson of Colorado City.

1970 Stone Soul Seniors Meet Here

The 1970 graduates of Snyder High School met last week-end and told of their college experiences and to see all of their hometown friends. Stone Soul Seniors to return were: Edward Brandon, Billy Ray Hall, Eddie Ray McClain, Willis H. Harrison and Mamie Braziel. They all have had a few weeks of college and new friends.

Willis had a little more experiences to tell of, as an outstanding football player for Ranger Junior College.

Zurn Jenkins was home earlier in the week.

They all report they are doing fine so far, and everyone was happy to see the students back.

Fellowship of Churches

The churches all had a wonderful time Sunday at Friendwill Baptist Church as Rev. O. J. Archie preached from the book of Isaiah. The New Mount Singers will

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I've never met Senator Barbara Jordan, and I really thought I would have a chance to do so last Tuesday night of this week, but I found out when I arrived at the Democrat meeting that the people in command, especially Ernest Butler and Joe Phea who were



stationed at the door, were not interested in talking to me, or to a representative of the West Texas Times, under any circumstances. I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to visit with Senator Jordan, but above all that, I'm equally sorry that the Democrats on the platform did not even see fit to recognize the representation of Mr. Patterson, our editor, or Mr. Richardson, one of our reporters and columnist, when they acknowledged the press.

Sorry readers, we've only been in business now nine years, perhaps one of these days we can tell you that we went to some function and everyone there was willing to accept the fact that your newspaper was present and recognized. Perhaps some day the Demos will be like the Republicans have been over the last four or five years. Everytime a representative of your paper shows up at one of their functions, someone takes us in tow and makes us feel like we are really something. Ah well, what are you going to do when you are faced with a party that thinks that the Negro will always vote Democrat. I guess it is something like the merchant in down-town Lubbock, they tell us they will never need to buy advertising from this newspaper—after all to hear it from them, "the niggers are gonna buy from us anyway". We'll see—we'll just see.

render a program at Friendwill Baptist Church this Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

United Black Coalition Sets Thursday Meeting

A regular meeting, billed as very important, of the United Black Coalition is scheduled for next Thursday evening, October 8th, at 8 in the Mae Simmons Multi-Service Center.

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MY VIEWS

By Eddie P. Richardson

For survival, we must become involved in our community. We must forget old camps and become one community within this city, making our voices heard.



It is past time for us to cast aside class, social standings, economic standings, . . . etc. and become one strong united group of people working for a better community and city.

We have some very committed people working for a better place to live, work and bring up our children. There, too, are many so-called leaders who are playing games. And this game playing and hustling is a full time job with them.

This type of activity keeps them in the spotlight and has some financial gain. For example, some of our so-called political wheels will sell his own mother for a dollar. They play all the candidates, not for his platform, but for the dollars they can make. They do not try to support the best man, just the biggest dollar. They even play one or more candidates for the same office. The best candidate for any office does not have a chance with these people—unless they have enough money to line their pockets.

Then we have those black intellectual game players. They read books in order to keep up with the latest things. They become an expert on current events which help keep them in the spotlight and receiving attention. Name the game and some of the spotlight hunters are right on top of it. The progress that has been accomplished in black history was not attained by game players and publicity seekers, but dedicated, sincere, hardworking individuals.

The progress and accomplishments of the black people over the years has never been a game. Nor are the legitimate aims of black people who wish to become first class citizens. The black community has never been served well by assorted hustlers and phonies—playing at being leaders.

Across the country, a small but determined body of black men and women are dedicating their energies—and in many cases their lives—to the tasks of making America a better place to live. In whatever their endeavor; education, art, music, literature, sports or community service, they are concerned, sincere, hardworking people who believe in freedom, justice and equal opportunity for all people.

Their task is monumental, and it is not made easy by the diversionary tactics of the game players. It is imperative that the black community know the difference between the committed and the comedians!

Black unity is a must, let's use it here to make our voices heard. We still need some sort of representative system for elections in the city of Lubbock. We were promised consideration of a city charter amendment, and that's all we have so far, a promise. Residential requirements for candidates is a good idea, let's get something moving on this idea and make our voices heard.

Closing thought: "Remember we are a minority—Let's all get serious and work for a united community."

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CHURCH SERVICES

Giving Our Whole Self

By Rev. M. T. Reed

No infrequently we hear someone complain that he does not get much benefit from the worship services of the church. Never yet, so far as I can recall, have I heard anyone complaining about how little he has been able to add to the services of the church. Instead many people are quite complacent about what they do and seem to feel that if they make a financial contribution their responsibility has been fulfilled. Yet how many other contributions there are that we can make to the church! The church needs our prayers. It needs our concern, it needs our fellowship in worship. It also needs our service through whatever talents we may possess.

Unless we desire that the church may receive many things from us and freely offer them in the name of Christ, the money we give, however much it may be needed, may be little more than empty gesture.

It is not wrong, of course, to go to church in order to receive a blessing. That is inherent in the church's ministry. At the same time, we need to remember that the greatest blessing does not come just because we expect to receive one. It comes because we offer the wholehearted giving of one's self—that giving that has no thought

of any return—but is offered out of love that we have toward God.

Spiritual Pilgrimage

By B. L. Dixon

Dear Father in heaven, I'm so thankful you've kept me still by your side. What would I do with Thee? When my father and mother passed on, I prayed into eternal life with Thee. Teach me the way, O'Lord, lead me in a plain path because of mine enemies, O'God of my salvation, I have failed unless I believed to see the goodness of the Lord. Never leave me alone. Ask in the name of Jesus and it shall be given; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be open to you. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart. Wait on the Lord.

Greater Saint Luke Baptist

The Lovely Sunset Association Board will be held in Lubbock October 15 and 16. St. Luke will be the host during this meeting.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Prayer gives power to weakness and opens to poverty the world's wealth. It puts fruits and flowers where thorns and briars flourish.

Let us continue to pray for those on the sick list this week. Brother Wilmar Wilson is still shut-

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Mrs. Clara Maye Harris, mother of Mrs. Angie (J. D.) L. Anderson Gant, was a visitor recently in Lubbock.

Mrs. Harris, who had not been in Lubbock since mid-1956, also had the opportunity to visit many other relatives and friends, including her grandchildren; Daniel Johnson, Thelma Jo and Freddie Joe Anderson and Joan Faye; her aunt, Mrs. Ada Evans; sister Willie Reid and cousin, Mrs. Odessa Long.

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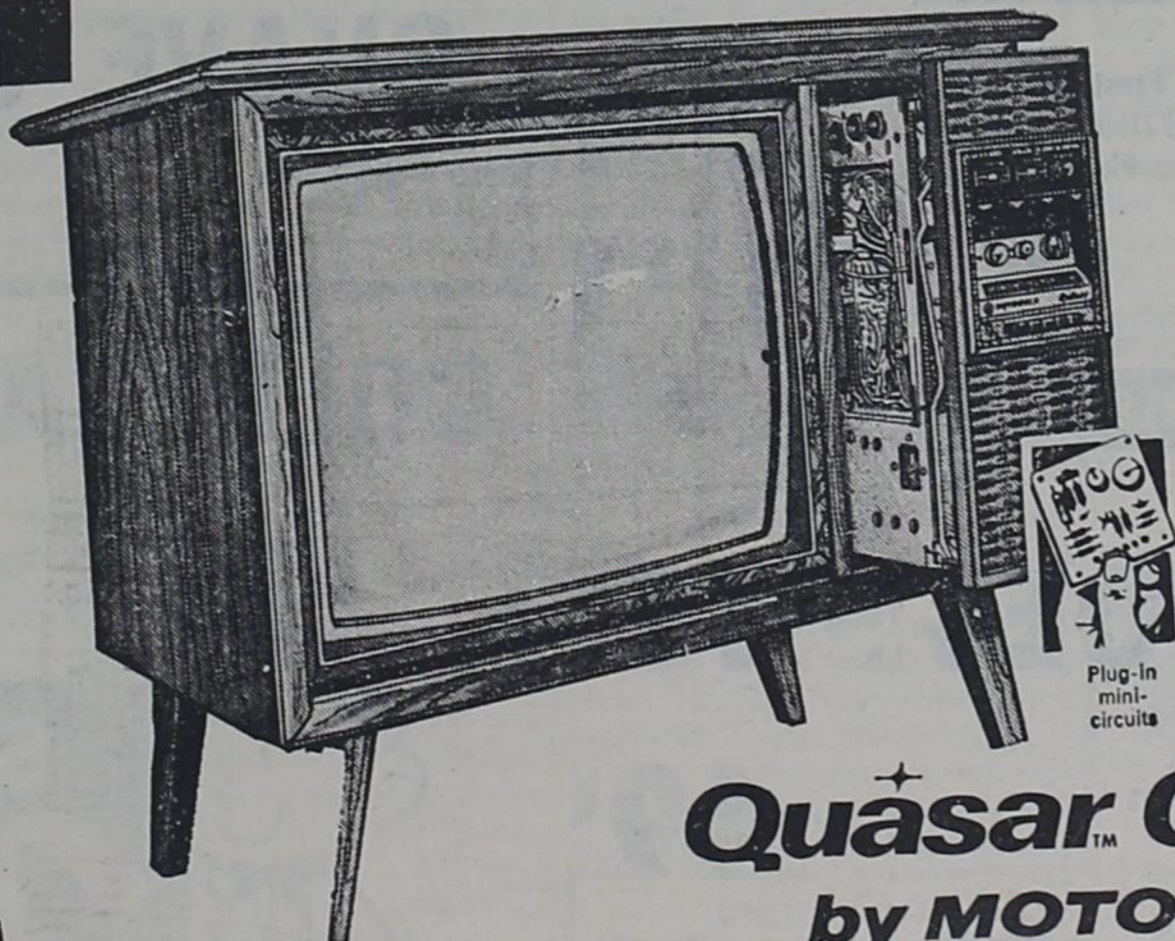
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Some things you should know about Afro-American History—Boley, Oklahoma is well known as the largest all-black town in the United States. Nearly sixty years ago, Negroes from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and other Southern states learned via the "grapevine" and Marcus Garvey, the black liberationist, that there was a town in central Oklahoma, owned and operated solely by blacks. The population began to swell and by 1925, several thousand blacks were engaged in farming and allied industries in the trade area.

The town was incorporated and, interestingly enough, named after a white man—a Mr. Boley—who was one of the principal owners of the small railroad line that brought hundreds of "freedom seekers" to the town and Okfuskee County on the St. Smith and Western RR.

Mayors and city councilmen were often elected in hotly contested elections, and the area was, until the days of Franklin Roosevelt, a Republican stronghold. At one time, there were two banks; a state bank and a national bank; seven gins; nearly one hundred retail establishments; a well-equipped post-office and a state temple for Masons. Boley gained national attention in 1932, when members of Pretty Boy Floyd's gang attempted the hold-up of the last remaining solvent bank and were killed on the spot. Pretty Boy Floyd had warned them it would be a dangerous undertaking and it proved to be just that.

Today the town is supplied with good water, modern telephone service, gas, and a modern sewage system and according to the Boley Chamber of Commerce—M.W. Lee, Jr., president—is building one of the largest resort areas in the state.

Lee is also manager of the Lee Manufacturing Enterprises in the town (barbeque supplies) and is an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Illinois. Total trade area population is some four-thousand souls. From information furnished by the Boley Chamber of Commerce.

How Did My Neighbor Die? \$100.00 Reward Offered—As we write these lines, this correspondent has just returned from Hobbs, New Mexico where we learned from authorities, some facts concerning the mysterious death of a long-time friend and neighbor—Mrs. Lucille McClain and widow of an old friend of mine who died some seven or eight years ago, I believe. A number of bellringers will remember Moses McClain who was a genius in so many lines of endeavor.

In nine days, Mrs. McClain would have been seventy years old. She lived alone but drove well, her late husband's car, and often spent the night next door with a neighbor of mine. She loved people, wore a smile and was an ardent church worker. Some of the police authorities think she killed herself. Others are doubtful.

This column will personally give one hundred dollars to any person who has information that would lead to the individual or persons responsible for her death, if the case is ruled "suicide".

A Report—"The black ghettos of the nation are teeming with millions of human citizens in stiff competition with as many rodents and rats for a bare existence. And at any given moment you may hear the awful moan of these millions as they cry out, 'We want to be free, free from squalor and dirt that encompasses their surroundings; free from vicious cycles that hold captive the youth and induce them to lives of dope and crime, promiscuity and illegitimacy; free from the lowest wages and the highest cost of living; free from being the first fired and the last hired.'

"Yes to be free from the economic exploitation that finds the black resident both urban and rural the victim of high prices in the local grocery store. They are the victims of high rent, of costly clothing and of limited credit. They are exploited in insurance rates, in their daily income, in the cost of decent housing and the cry is always the same: 'We want to be free'."

From the State of the Country Report of African Methodist Episcopal Zion Convention.

Getting to Know You—The Revolution in Ireland—"One of the major contributing factors to the conflict is the totally separate educational system in North Ireland. Catholic and Protestant children never have occasion to know each other. They even compete in different styles of athletic events. The ultimate impact of historical divisions nurtured by a lifelong separation means that they encounter each other only in confrontations." From Down to Earth by Jimmy R. Allen.

Best Editorial Quote of the Week—"We (black people) have the opportunity to pool our resources, solidify our intellect and move forward rapidly. We must be cautious of the many perils which exist—envy of one another, suspicion of each other and being afraid that somebody else black will rise above us in any given endeavor. We should all be offering strength and guidance to each other." From the West Texas Times on Black Brotherhood.

The second Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area Pastor's School will be held October 5-7, 1970, on the Eastern New Mexico University campus, Portales, New Mexico. One of the outstanding four lecturers is Dr. J. Robert Nelson, professor of systematic theology at Boston University and editor-at-large of The Christian Century.

The theme of the meet is, "Can the Church Survive the Crisis?"
Ora E. Myers, newswoman of The Kansas City Call, informs me that D. W. Porter, formerly of Woodson High School in Abilene is now Central High School principal in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Church News . . . Continued From Page Five in and Sister Annie Hinton is ill.

New Hope Baptist Church The B.M. & E. Convention will be held at Atlanta, Texas, October 13 through 16th.

Members on the sick list this week are Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin who is resting at home; Mrs. Marie Hibbler and Mrs. McKinney. Let us continue to pray for these people.

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

Mrs. M. T. Reed has just attended a meeting of the Human Rights Workshop as an officer of the Conference WSCS at Ceta Canyon. The meeting ended last Sunday.

The first Sunday in October is "World Wide Communion and Benevolence" Sunday. Every member is encouraged to participate.

The second Sunday, October 11, is "Laymen Sunday." The Laymen of the church are to take the lead in the worship and the emphasis of the church's general program.

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday school for all ages opened at 9:45 a.m. with Supt. Morris at his post. After the Sunday school devotion, the school proceeded to its class work. After class work the school assembled in the sanctuary for the general review with a question and answer period.

In the 11 a.m. services, devotion was conducted by the deacons of the church and singing was by the congregation.

The message was brought by Pastor Dixon, entitled, "The Excuse That Backfired". His text was found in the Book of Matt. 25: 14-30. At 3:00 p.m. our church family was in service with the St. John Baptist Church.

In the evening services the pastor spoke from the theme, "The Christian in the World Today". His text was found in St. Luke, 10th Chapter, pointing up the assurance, the blessings and the love of God for his elected ones.

May we remember the sick and poor and needy everywhere.

Amarillo Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church

Church school opened at the usual hour Sunday, with Brother N. J. Neal, superintendent, in charge.

Sunday was youth day, and the following youths participated individually in the service. Prayer; Sherry Herndon, responsive reading; Gladys Ingram, the Decalogue; Donald Jones, announcements; Elaine Davis, special paper; Bernadine Mallory of Wyatt Memorial

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Methodist Church. Her subject was "He Leadeth Me Beside the Still Waters." Welcome to visitors; Cathy Green, honor to our pastor, Lisa Davis, and the morning offering; Nicy Wilson and Dianne Parrish.

Sunday was the close of this conference year and the pastor will be leaving for the annual conference Tuesday. Rev. Davis expressed his thanks to the members for their kindness and cooperation during the past year and also over the past six years he has been here. He brought a very touching message from the 121 Psalm, entitled "Looking Heavenwardly".

Let us not forget our sick and shut-ins in our prayers and visitations.

New Jerusalem Baptist Church

Sociology classes are being held each Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p. m. in our church, and Old Testament study is also being conducted each Sunday evening at 6:00. New Jerusalem Baptist Church is located at 3524 East Broadway.

New Officers Elected for Les Jeune Premier Bridge Club

The Les Jeune Premier Bridge Club elected new officers for the coming year recently. They are; Mrs. Doris Bunton, president; Mrs. James Emma Knighten, vice-president; Mrs. Rubye Johns, secretary; Mrs. Margorie Thomas, assistant secretary; Mrs. C. R. Smith, treasurer and Mrs. Willie Myrtle Washington, critic.

The last meeting was held at Mrs. James Knighten's home, with Mrs. Marjorie Thomas winning first place; Mrs. Fannie Melton second and Miss Rubye Johns taking the booby prize.

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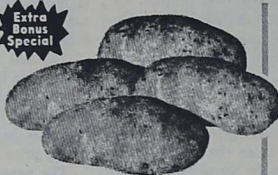
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- Sliced Beef or Pork With Brown Gravy Morton House 12 1/2-Ounce Can **65¢**
- Barbecue Beans Campbell's 16-Ounce Can **25¢**
- Crisco Oil Pure Vegetable 24-Ounce Bottle **59¢**
- Peanut Butter Jif, Creamy or Crunchy 18-Ounce Jar **69¢**
- Bar-B-Que Sauce Kraft's 18-Ounce Bottle **43¢**



POTATOES

Russets, All Purpose

20 Pound Bag 89¢

- Spinach California, Fresh Poly Bag Each **39¢**
- Leaf Lettuce California Large Bunches Each **23¢**



CABBAGE

Firm, Green Heads

5¢ Pound

- Lemons California, Full-O-Juice Pound **35¢**
- Oranges California, Full-O-Juice Pound **29¢**

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MEAT PIES

Beef, Chicken or Turkey, Morton's

6-Ounce Pie **17¢**

- Niblets Corn In Butter Sauce Green Giant 10-Ounce Package **39¢**
- Fruit Pies Apple, Johnson's 9-Inch Pie **89¢**

- Cheese Pizza Fox Deluxe 14-Ounce Package **73¢**
- Pie Shells Johnson's, 9 Inch Twin Pak **49¢**

WAFFLES

Breakfast Treat

10¢ 5-Ounce

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