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# **SPAG Vote on Minority Representation Fails Again**

## Minority Business and Trade Executive Speaks to COMA



Isaac D. Olivares, director of the SER-Minority Business and Trade Associations Developers of Dallas, is shown addressing members of Comerciantes Organizados Mexico Americanos (COMA) last week at the Corral Cafe. (Staff Photo)

## City Housing Authority Revises Lease Contracts

In a Thursday night meeting, members of the Lubbock Housing Authority Board voted to revise lease contracts to tenants, making it easier for landlords to evict renters, and to broaden the grievance panel which hears complaints of tenants against the housing authority.

Action was also taken to notify the Housing and Urban Development office (HUD) in Dallas that the City of Lubbock had asked for payment of a \$25,703 service charge for garbage collection which had been accumulating since October 10, 1973.

The board had not paid the service charge because they said it was a tax, and the organization is tax exempt according to HUD guidelines.

The new lease gives the Housing Authority power to evict tenants with 14 days notice for violation of new provisions in the contract including defacement of property, disturbing neighbors, immoral conduct such as gambling, prostitution, or selling drugs, and keeping dogs on the premises.

David Stiles, executive director for the board, said the new lease

# Presbyterian Center Will Close for Season Holidays

The Presbyterian Center will be closed from December 19 to January 5.

This center is in need of volunteer workers. If there are persons interested in working at the center, contact Mrs. Maurine Fowell.

The Presbyterian Board meeting has been changed from the first Thursday night each month to the second Thursday night of each month.

The center gratefully acknowledges a donation of \$325.00 from the Student Organization for Black Unity (SOBU), an organization on the campus of Texas Tech University.

Mrs. Blanche Swisher is chairman of the publicity committee.

"gives (the authority) the right to evict for more reasons than it did before. Previously, we could only evict for failure to pay rent."

Eviction of a tenant because of an immoral act or for arrest will be based upon the renters conviction in court, Stiles said. For eviction under the other provisions, the landlord could rely on neighbor complaints.

Byrnie Bass, a member of the board, asked if people could not be evicted under the new lease on trumped up charges. Stiles said they could, "but it would get tossed out of court."

Bass said the provision put tenants at a disadvantage because those evicted could not find the financial means to pursue the matter in court. "We're leaving an awful lot up to the discretion of the landlord," he said.

Under the new grievance procedure, three officers will be appointed to the panel which hears tenants complaints; one officer will be named by the tenant, one by the housing authority, and one who has been agreed to by both parties. In the event the tenant and the authority cannot reach agreement on the third officer, the Human Relations Commission will make the appointment.

Previously, the board was composed of one officer appointed by the housing authority.

The board will hear "any type of complaint as long as it involves the Lubbock Housing Authority. The grievance itself has to be originated by the tenant," Stiles said.

In other action, the board decided to send a letter to the Dallas HUD office asking if the authority should pay the city's service charge for garbage collection.

Stiles said if HUD authorized the payments, the board would "have to dip into existing funds" to meet the \$25,000 charge.

Unless HUD pays the sum, the cost will be passed onto tenants which "could raise tenant rent 10 per cent," the director noted. Actual dollar cost for the rent

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"The steps made by your organization over the past six months is a good sign of things to come," said Isaac D. Olivares, director of the SER-Minority Business and Trade Associations Developers of Dallas. His comments were made at the monthly meeting of Comerciantes Organizados Mexico Americanos (COMA), a Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce in Lubbock, at the Corral Cafe on Clovis Road. Bidal Aguero, president, introduced Olivares.

Jorge Moreno, board of director for COMA, told the group about his recent attendance at the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce in Dallas last month. "There were representatives from ten cities in Texas, and much was discussed for benefit of the Mexican-American," said Moreno.

"This organization has the essential mission of creating commerce, organize and implement programs that will improve the economic conditions of the Mexican-American population in the State of Texas," he continued.

COMA became a member of this state organization.

Terry Adams of Texas Tech

University's College of Business Administration was present to explain a new funded program for minority business persons. A special project, with the use of a portable computer terminal, will be available for business persons in the minority community to use in their own business. "This new system will enable minority business persons to understand areas as accounting, finance, check cashing procedures, marketing, feasibility studies and other pertinent business procedures," he said.

Thirty members of COMA were present to use the computer terminal and ask questions on how this equipment will help their business.

Other business discussed at the meeting was the upcoming Christmas dance, appointment of a nominating committee, and plans for the annual meeting. Six persons were chosen to make nominations to the body at its next meeting, the second Tuesday in January.

Andrew Cruz received the monthly award presented by COMA to the business persons who brings in the most new members.

An attempt to increase minority representation on the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) board of directors and thus qualify the fifteen county region as an Economic Development District failed December 9th because a majority of members was not present for the general assembly meeting held at the Big Texan Steak Ranch.

The action at the general assembly meeting was an attempt to increase the number of at-large representatives on the board of directors by changing SPAG by-laws. If minorities filled the new positions, SPAG would meet federal guidelines for minority representation set out by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and qualify for creation of the district.

Truett Mayes, SPAG executive director, said the assembly was six short of the number necessary to constitute a majority vote on the issue.

"The members not present are being canvassed by mail," he said. If enough affirmative replies are returned, he organization will change its bylaws and qualify as an EDD.

"This is the third time we've voted. The last time, we got 31 of 32 votes" necessary to amend the bylaws, he said.

Since then, however, Lubbock County has withdrawn from the regional planning body, decreasing the number necessary for ratification of the amendment change.

"If the same people voted for it this time as last time, we'll get it," Mayes said. "We only need 26 votes."

As an Economic Development District, six counties in the region as well as two to five cities would be eligible for 60 per cent grants for public works projects instead of the current 50-50 local-federal government split.

Governments in the SPAG region would also become eligible for planning grants to employ a development specialist who would work with local authorities, assisting the governments in developing industry, starting public works, and building community facilities.

Other EDA programs include business and industrial loans, technical assistance grants, and other monies for areas suffering severe unemployment.

Mayes said he "expects returns (on the mail out) by December 31st."

## **Annie Sanders Honored**

The Senior Missionary Society Number One of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church sponsored a fellowship dinner last Friday evening, Dec. 12, at 7:30. The affair served two purposes, to celebrate the approaching yuletide season and to honor a faithful servant of God who is an asset to her church, Mrs. Annie Ree Sanders.

The program began after the arrival of Rev. A.L. Davis, pastor, with the group singing a Christmas carol, "Jesus, Wonderful Child," led by Mrs. Rosanna Harris. Rev. Davis gave the invocation. Remarks were given by the president, Sister Ora L. Craven, who thanked each one for their presence. Special guests, Mrs. Carrie Ellis of St. John Baptist Church; Mrs. M. Terrell of Bethel A.M.E. Church; and Mrs. Novella Payton of Los Angeles, California, were acknowledged.

President Craven expressed her reasons for sponsoring this get-together. She also mentioned why the honoree was cited. She voiced the necessity of more fellowship, not only for her church, but for the entire community. "It is befitting for us to give Mrs. Sanders her flowers while she can see them and enjoy the aroma,"

said Mrs. Craven. Mrs. Craven presented Mrs. Katie Parks, who made the presentation. The theme of her presentation was "Love, Love, Love." Mrs. Parks cited some of the services Mrs. Sanders had rendered to her church, school and community, namely by gaining others to Christ by her devotion to the Sunday School, Usher's Board, Secretary of the Missionary Society, working in the Training Union, and anywhere else she has been needed. She has said many times, "Here I am, send me."

Recently Mrs. Sanders was appointed by Governor Dolph Briscoe as a volunteer regional coordinator for the first lady's



volunteer program. This area covered the South Plains Association of Governments.

She has also worked with the Boy Scouts, Dunbar P.T.A., and Booster Club. Mrs. Sanders has been acknowledged by Mayor Roy Bass for her unselfish services. She was also recognized by the Dunbar High School student body for 25 years of service to the school.

She has an over abundance of energy and is always striving to make every moment count to benefit mankind.

Besides her livelihood which takes most of her time, she makes home life interesting for her husband, Thomas; and son, Mark, who is a student at E.C. Struggs Junior High School. The Sanders have four other children, Mrs. Annie Lewis of Dallas, who does private nursing; a son, Thomas, Jr., who is serving in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at Reese Air Force Base; another son, David, who is a sophomore at Cowley Community College in Kansas; and Lawrence who is employed at Johnson Manufacturing Company.

President Craven and each president of the twelve circles purchased a lovely bed rest pillow for the honoree.

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# TSTI Offers Classes In Amarillo

Texas State Technical Institute of Amarillo is offering a new night class in welding and fabrication. This course is designed for the student who works during the day and wishes to learn welding and fabrication skills during the evening hours. A unique aspect of this class is that a person may enter the program at anytime due to the individualized instruction that the student receives.

Classes are held each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6 and 11 p.m. The course of instruction includes basic, intermediate and advanced welding and fabrication techniques. Students who attend only the

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# ED WORTATS 1/2 Black Men Are Still Needed

Black men in east Lubbock are still sitting back, and waiting, while women do their part. The best example of this occurred last Monday evening. An east Lubbock scouting troop produced their first eagle scout under the leadership of black women and white men.

But there were no black men involved in the program. There are approximately sixty boys who belong to Troop 139 of Bethel A.M.E. Church. These boys need black men and fathers to work with them.

As one lady said, "It's ridiculous that black men don't want to work with the boys of the community." Her statement is well taken.

Troop 139 has produced the first black Eagle Scout in Lubbock and the South Plains, certainly a fine achievement by a young seventeen year old Dunbar High School student. But this young man, and other scout like him, need black men in the troop to serve as counselors, teachers, and friends.

We all appreciate what these young fellows have been doing without the assistance of the men in our community. And we thank the black women for stepping in and working with the young men. Under their direction, these scouts now have the opportunity to achieve the qualities of good scouts and good citizenship by learning to pursue an active role in their community.

## The Truth Must Be **Brought to Light**

On Monday, December 15th, a subcommittee from the state legislature conducted hearings into alleged intimidation of employees who wanted to testify against the Lubbock State School.

At least six employees claim they were threatened with loss of job if they told the truth to state agencies. But Monday's hearing resulted in both sides telling two different stories and insisting that ther version was correct.

And, as usual the pawns in this situation are the institutionalized children. They do not have a choice in the

Many questions were left unanswered by the Monday hearing; many others unasked. Justice of the Peace Charles Smith said he had trouble getting cooperation from the staff at the school when he investigated the death of a baby girl. His report requested that a grand jury be convened to look into the situation. No action was taken, however, by the criminal district attorney's office on the request.

And last week, The Times ran a story on the state inquiry which quoted Dr. John Gladden, superintendant of the school, as saying the institution had had problems with a "few employees" in the past. The state inquiry, he said, "could be a response to some of our employees out here."

We ask that the legislative group continue to look into the matter. If there are problems at the school, the truth must be known.

## As I See It!

by T.J. Patterson

In a speech to Local 218 of the Laundry, Dry Cleaning and Dye House Workers Union last week in Dallas, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, wife of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said "No president can win significantly without the black vote. We (blacks) hold the balance of power."

Not only does this hold true for the presidential election, but blacks can have a significant voice at the state, county and city level if we decide to get out and vote. Even in Lubbock, black people's vote is highly significant and can easily determine who will be mayor, city councilperson, county commissioner, and state representative.

If we are going to be voters in 1976, we will have to read our mail in the next few weeks, because the Tax-Assessor's office will be sending out forms enabling voters to register for the upcoming elections. If you have moved since the last time you registered, it is mandatory that you fill out the forms and mail them back in. Otherwise, you can be purged from the rolls.

Current voters are registered until March, when the new

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law requires all voters to re-register. As I See It, voters should take advantage of this mail out, and re-register as soon as possible.

Last week, U.S. Senator John Tower, R.-Texas, warned Americans that the Social Security System is "limping its way into bankruptcy court."

The grim truth is that, at the current rate of spending and income, the Social Security System will run out of money by 1981," Tower said.

According to the Texan senator, the social security system has ceased to be the permanent and productive trust fund its creators tried to make it.

"It has become instead a forced transfer of income from the working generation to the retired generation," he said. One reason for the inability of the system to adequately provide is the declining birth rate and increasing life expectancies for Americans. In the future, fewer workers will be forced to underwrite higher benefits for a large number of retirees.

In 1935, the government calculated there would be 30 workers for each beneficiary. By 1955, according to Tower, the number had declined to six workers per beneficiary. Today, three employees support every one retiree, and Tower said the number will continue to decline even farther.

Yet social security has turned out to be the sole source of income for many older people. We cannot afford to let the system die.

Alternative methods for raising money other than a crushing payroll tax should be studied.

Black unemployment is still close to the same level it was four months ago, according to Department of Labor statistics. Despite manpower programs, black workers suffer during periods of high unemployment.

In October, the unemployment rate for blacks was 14.2 per cent; in September, 14.3 per cent; and in August, it was 14 per cent. Figures for last month have placed the percentage of blacks unemployed at 13.8 per cent.

Training people for skills and jobs will not alleviate recession-spawned problems which hit hard at the working class. The black community across the nation, and in Lubbock, has no real business or commercial base.

Until blacks begin taking the risks to start their own enterprises, all blacks will be subject to the whims of an economy which treats labor as an expendable resource. When blacks control their commerce, they will control their destiny.

In the November issue of the Estacado Echo, Jacob Montoya, coach and health teacher at the north Lubbock high school, said Chicanos do not try out for the football team since they "feel discouraged because of their small build, or their speed is not as fast as the blacks."

Why tell young people what they can't do because of certain factors, why tell them that they are limited? On the football field, in math class, or in the business world, desire and discipline can often overcome what amounts to only an apparent limitation.

Blacks, and more recently, Mexican-Americans, have been sold the same line over and over again.

One of the first words a child learns in this world is "no". And as he grows, he is always being told by adults that he cannot do one thing or the other.

We, as parents, as teachers, should emphasize positive character qualities over and above natural talents.

Until we help our young people develop confidence in themselves and their abilities, they will be saddled with a defeatist attitude which prevents them from deciding their own fate and prevents them from improving their situation.

#### STAR-SPANGLED HISTORY

HISTORICAL DRAWINGS BY JOSEPH BOGGS BEALE (1841-1926)



#### "CHRISTMAS WITH THE BEALE FAMILY"

Christmas has always been a time for families to gather together to celebrate the holiday season. At the turn of the century, candles were used on the tree. It is said that the candles represent the stars in the sky on the night of Christ's birth; and the star at the top of the tree, the Star of the East which led the three Wise Men to Bethlehem. Every member of the family helped to decorate the tree by making paper ornaments, strings of popcorn and cranberries and candy. From the collection of American National Insurance Company, Galveston, Texas.

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## JACK ANDERSON'S WIDIOKINY

# SPECIAL MILE

TAXES FATTEN BUREAUCRAT CATS by Jack Anderson with Joe Spear

(Copyright, 1976, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.) Washington-The real reason the average American's dollars are disappearing so fast isn't so much high prices as it is high taxes.

Inflation is measured on the Consumer Price Index, which is based on what prices were in 1967.

Since that time, prices have shot up 64 percent, a pretty steep climb on anyone's roller coaster. But taxes have soared more than double that rate. For the average family, taxes have increased at least 150 per cent.

Even this breathtaking figure doesn't really measure the true tax bite. It covers only income taxes and Social Security taxes. There is no reliable estimate for the other

Property taxes and sales taxes, for example, have been shooting up like sky rockets in most parts of the country. By the most conservative estimate, the total tax increase since 1967 is well over 200 per cent. This is a staggering tax

The public, moreover, is receiving less service for its

money because the bureaucrats are keeping more of it for themselves. They use it to pay themselves higher wages and to hire more bureaucrats. The more bureaucrats there are, the bigger the bosses become. This adds up to more promotions and still higher wages.

President Ford, of course, has called for government economy. But the bureaucrats usually economize by trimming back on services rather than cutting down on their own comforts.

At the Commerce Department, for example, the bureaucrats decided they needed fancier telephones. According to a confidential memo on the subject, the system "will have touchtone and many advanced custom-calling features." Cost to the taxpayers: A cool \$200,668.16.

At the Library of Congress, Daniel Boorstin was sworn in last month as the new librarian. We discovered that he hired a dozen painters, carpenters and electricians to prepare the great hall for the occasion. They moved books around, removed doors and cut out a new door.

A library spokesman claimed the renovations were unrelated to Boorstin's inauguration.

Big Fish: The secret intelligence reports describe an astonishing episode in the Aegean Sea.

It happened on November 13. A small Greek fishing boat, named the "Mary," was trawling off the island of Lesbos. Suddenly, the steel cables of the net grew taut, and the boat began to list under the weight of some gigantic catch. The five-man crew strained their winches for 20 minutes,

hauling in the net. As their catch began to emerge, the fishermen stared in amazement. About 10 yards away, a periscope had popped out of the

water. Then came the top of a submarine. The Greeks immediately recognized the markings. They had snared a Turkish sub. The Greeks, panic-stricken, hastily sliced their lines and

headed for shore, leaving \$7,000 worth of nets wrapped around the Turkish submarine. Through binoculars, they watched four Turkish seamen scramble out of the tower and begin untangling the net.

Spook Scoop: CIA agents may be cold-blooded, but they do not lack a sense of humor. When the agency's spies were stalking the late Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba in 1961, they lost track of him for a few days. He turned up in Katanga, and the CIA chief there cabled the news to his superiors. "Thanks for Patrice," he telegrammed. "If we knew he was coming, we'd have baked a snake."

-Many intelligence officials are grousing over all the investigations of their activities, but a number of former spies couldn't be happier. At least a dozen ex-agents are now writing their memoirs, and they feel the current publicity will help them sell their books.

—One of the deepest mysteries about the CIA is how they choose the code names they assign to projects. The agency's surveillance of the Jack Anderson office, for example, was tagged "Mudhen." I was dubbed "Brandy," even though I am a teetotaler. The man who sits behind a desk in Havana and oversees Cuba's military operations in Angola is code-named "Ulysses," after the Greek hero who wandered the world for 10 years in search of adventure. The chair-bound Ulysses' real name, incidentally, is Armando Estrada Fernandez.

 A pretty, young secretary at the CIA, say our sources, has been keeping some secret files of her own. She's been dating a number of Congressmen and keeping a confidential record of their amorous abilities.

Secret Project: Hidden deep in the Pentagon's vaults of classified papers is the story of a fascinating secret project

which flopped. During the Vietnam war, a Pentagon whiz kid came up with a brilliant idea for clearing helicopter pads in the fense

jungle. All it would take, he figured, was a specially designed bomb that would blow down trees. The Air Force experimented with the idea and found,

according to the documents, that the bombs "precisely placed, would cut all trees up to twelve inches in diameter in a circle 100 feet in diameter.'

There was just one problem: "The trees would fall where they stood, leaving a tangle in which a helicopter could not land."



House Burglary

Athale Coleman, 1313 East 16th Street, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown gained entry to her house while she was away one day last week.

After a careful investigation, it was learned that entry was gained by forcing the kitchen door open and busting the door lock.

Taken from the house were several items, including a black/white and color television sets and one record player. These items were valued at approximately \$580. Damage to the door was approximately \$100. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### Theft Over \$20, Under \$200

Robert White, 1717 East 2nd Place, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown entered his back yard last week and took his purple ribbon pet bulldog that was valued at \$185.

After police came, he checked around the fence and found no holes in the fence for the dog to get out of the yard. The gate to the backyard was even locked. There was nothing else missing.

#### House Burglary

Mrs. B.C. Coleman, 3303 East Bates Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown gained entry to her home while she was away one day last week. It was learned that entry was gained through a window in the kitchen or garage. Both glasses were broken.

Nothing was missing, but several things were moved around in the house. The unknown persons moved an electric clock from the wall and was found in another part of the house.

#### Criminal Mischief Over \$20

Bessie Washington, 2807 Juniper Avenue, Number 7, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown broke into her 1972 model car one night last week.

Nothing was taken from her car, but the right door glass was

broken out. She did not give a cost to replace the glass.

#### Car Burglary

Linda Harvey, 1001 East 29th Street, No. 10, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown broke into her car and took an eight-track tape player.

Entry to the car was gained by pushing a sharp object, like a wire, between the window and door

Value of the tape, by the Staple Singers, was \$7.95.

#### Car Burglary

Ruben Brewer, 1607 Walnut Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown did forcibly enter his pickup and took a tape player one night last week.

Entry was apparently gained by the left vent window.

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#### Theft

Jeff Joiner, 1308 East 24th Street, reported to Lubbock police that his 1975 registration sticker was removed from his 1960 model car one evening last week. According to Mr. Joiner, the car was parked on the east side of his house.

"Why would someone want to take a \$1.00 registration sticker off a car parked in my yard?" said Mr. Joiner.

## **Around The Hub City**

Mrs. Arwilla Moore was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital Monday evening to undergo tests.

Mrs. Hallie Sheppard is a patient at West Texas Hospital. She suffered a heart ailment and has been in the intensive care unit, but was removed to room 352. She is improving at this report.

Mr. Phil Brown remains in room 836 at Methodist Hospital.



Mrs. Catherine McCormick talked with her son, Walter, from a wheelchair last Saturday at the V.A. Hospital at Amarillo. He had undergone serious surgery on both hips and is unable to walk. The bones were replaced with steel.

Mrs. Catherine McCormick remains on the shut-in list and was feeling fair last week. Mrs. Callie Cato is still in the intensive care unit at Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Octavia Givens entered Methodist Hospital Monday. She is scheduled for surgery.

Other residents of Lubbock in Methodist Hospital include Mrs. Alberta Franklin, room 599; Mrs. Leaner Goldstein, room 585; Rev. Roy C. Jones who has undergone surgery, but is recuperating satisfactorily in room 397. Michael McGraw, who was injured in a football injury this year, is in room 391. Rev. T.B. Reece is home from Methodist Hospital, and is reported to be resting satisfactorily.

Mr. E.C. Struggs has been shut-in a few days, but is improving. Mr. Willie Lusk, Jr., is also improving. Mr. Ennis Skief has been released from Methodist Hospital and is recuperating satisfactorily.

Mrs. Minnie Jackson spent last week at home with her family. She is a patient at Lakeside Rest Home. Mr. Richard Lea is still confined at Methodist Hospital and is recuperating from a one car smash-up a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Doris Ragland is reported to be doing better. Mr. Salone Cunningham is home again from his monthly check-up at the V.A. Hospital at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Buster Banks of Amarillo is still a patient at the V.A. Hospital there. He is reported to be slowly improving. Mrs. Mary Williams is still on the shut-in list.

## **Luther Williams is Lubbock's** First Black Eagle Scout

In Court of Honor ceremonies last Monday evening at Mae Simmons Community, Luther Williams was presented as the first black Eagle Scout in Lubbock and the South Plains. "It takes 24 merit badges and 8 skill badges for a scout to qualify for such an honor," says Hal Fletchner, scoutmaster of Troop 139.

"I want all of you scouts to work hard to achieve this goal," says Williams after being presented to a group of approximately 80 scouts and parents. One of the requirements to achieve this goal

Mrs. Marvell White of Amarillo, Texas, is here spending some time with her dear friend, Mrs. Nellie Priestly.

Some of the out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral rites last week for Mr. Roger Carlton Priestly were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White of Amarillo, Roger Priestly and daughters, Mrs. Belinda Sykes and Mrs. Yolanda Johnson of El Paso; Mr. Adolph Priestly and Mrs. Bernice Pullum of San Antonio; Mr. Horace Priestly of Sea Side, California; Mrs. Harry Jackson and Mrs. John Jackson of Pleasant, Texas.

of Eagle Scout is for the scout to choose fourteen of the badges and the remaining ten are required by the National Scout Office.

Williams passed the oral test at the South Plains Council last week.

Other scouts of the troop received merit badges at the ceremonies which ended with a delicious meal prepared by parents and friends of Troop 139. Doug Wheeler and Duane Parker, assistant scoutmasters, presented merit badges to those scouts who had worked hard to reach their

Mrs. Jeff Joiner, chairperson of troop committee, said, "It is an honor for me to be a part of such a wonderful program as scouting." She continued, "Scouting wears on you and you want to do something for these boys."

Williams is the son of Mrs. Mattie Williams of 2405 Weber Drive and is a junior at Dunbar High School. He is active in several school activities including the stage band, marching band, drama and speech teams. He is a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Scouts Jeffery Austin and Kevin Bryant led in the devotions. Leroy Adams was named the "Best Camper" of the month.





## **Looking Back Over The Years**

# "Black People Don't Know What to Do," says Mrs. Nellie Ross

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Nellie Ross, a resident of Lubbock since 1937. tells how she came to Lubbock in 1926 looking for a homestead.)

Mrs. Ross, when did you come to Lubbock and why?

"I first came to Lubbock the second week in September, 1926. I was looking for a homestead and stayed here about six months. I was a widow and spent all my time looking in the newspapers trying to find the best paying jobs in Texas. After looking real hard, I finally found a job in Wichita Falls. That's where I went from Lubbock."

Who did you go to work for in Wichita Falls?

"I went to work for J.C. Mintgion. I was their cook and maid. They were real rich people and they paid me a fair wage. As a widow, they paid me \$16 a week. You know, T.J., I've been a widow over 50 years."

How long did you work for the

Mintgion family? "I worked for them until about 1932. I left Wichita Falls and moved to Fort Worth, where I stayed a very short while. I lived with my uncle and his children there. I spent what little money I had in that town. You know, it doesn't take long to get broke when you don't have anything

coming in. I met a white hobo on the Katy railroad track there and asked him for 25 cents so I could have money to write my daddy for some money. He gave me the money."

Where did you go from Fort Worth?

"My daddy didn't have the money to send for me. He lived in Dennison, Texas, and he hocked his Winchester rifle to send for

Were you born in Dennison, Texas?

"No, I was born in Huntsville, out on Highway 75, which was ten miles out of town. I lived there until I was 19 years old. I drifted all over Texas while I was a young lady. I even moved to Mexia where the oil boom was. I have seen more money in Mexia than I have ever seen in my life. This was in 1919 when all those people got rich. I will never forget how the first oil well came in. The oil would just sprinkle all over you. Oil showered like a big heavy rain. It was some sight to see. The dress I had on was covered with oil. To be specific, this happened in the month of March, 1919, when all those poor people got rich. When I say poor people had money, I'm talking about all the black people in Mexia. Money was like those leaves you see drifted up in my fack yard."

When did you come to Lubbock again?

"I left Dennison and came to Shallowater where my sister lived. I decided to come back to Lubbock and stay in 1937. I was still hunting someplace to homestead. As I told you, I was just drifting from place to place. I hope it will never happen to you, T.J."

Why were you drifting so much?

"Well, when you are unhappily married, and you thought you were going to be happy, you really don't know where you are going to go. You just drift from place to place. One time, I had three rooms rented-two in Texas and one in Oklahoma. I wasn't in one of them. That's just how unhappy I was in those days, because of my previous marriage."

Have you remarried since your first time?

"I've had no desire to re-marry. I thought that one mess was enough for me. So I left it alone."

What kind of jobs have you looked for in your life?

"Well, I started to be a real estate broker, but I couldn't make much money. I tried to do this when I came back to Lubbock the second time. I sold a little property, but that was too slow for me. You know, I've tried some of everything. I have done it in order to make it. I have raised sweet potatoes; worked at the combine; worked at the compress; managed farms and even been a chef cook in

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"I've held two cooking jobs here. I don't mean making hamburgers. I have held cooking jobs where it was a man's job. Now a chef is supposed to be a man's job, but I've held that position. I've also been a pastry cook. I didn't do anything but make all the bread, cakes, pies and cookies."

Didn't you drive back and forth from Post, as a cook?

"Yes, that's true. That was in 1970 when I drove back and forth from Post, cooking. It was hard on me, but I have the determination to hold on. God is on my side."

Do many people envy you, Mrs.

"That's what I've always wondered. So many funny things will happen, and I would always wonder why they would happen to me. People are just jealous when you try to do something that is right. You know, I'm working now at the Lubbock State School as a Foster Grandparent. I don't believe in giving up, no matter

what people say.' How does a lady of your age keep on working?

"I tell you how I explain it. Every morning when I get up, I have a meditation I go through. I ask God to lead me and guide me. I then ask Him to bless me with my health and strength. God will lead and guide you and keep you from all hurt, harm and danger. If I take a notion to go somewhere, I just go and come back as late as I want to. I wlways read the 23rd Psalm."

What kind of advice can you leave for young people?

"Well, if they would go ahead and work for a living and pray for God to take care of them. God will always take care of them. T.J., did you know I've been a widow for going on 55 years, and young peope can make it like I am."

Mrs. Ross, how old are you?

"I am 75 past. You see I was 75 in August. Just this year, my muscles won't stand for too much heavy work. I am still doing more heavy work than I should. My muscles have gotten weak and they can't do what they once did."

Have you ever been sick?

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admitted to that hospital. You see, I was working for the Mintgions and told those people I had to go there. I stayed in that hospital for 24 hours. It cost over a thousand dollars then. In those days, that was a lot of money."

Has it been hard for you in Lubbock?

"T.J., I've been up the rough side of the mountain, and I've enjoyed my stay here."

Why is it black people don't own many businesses in Lubbock?

"Well, I'll tell you what it is. Most black people spend their time trying to hinder you and me. They don't know what they want until they see you with something. After this, they have wasted so much time trying to hinder you or me or somebody else until they don't have time to do anything. They just don't know what to do. Many blacks are not interested and are lazy. Many blacks in Lubbock are too lazy to try to solve a problem."

Do you think urban renewal help the black people or hurt them?

"It helped me because I had an understanding. I prayer over mine. Many black people went out there and bought homes that the white folks had left in Cherry Point. Some of the sewer pipes were already worn out. Whenever you go and buy a used house, you always check your sewer pipes first. That is the most important part of the house."

(Next week Mrs. Ross talks about the welfare program working for the wrong people.)

### **Crowd Enjoyed** Patterson-Brown **Musical Program**

Members and friends of Bethel A.M.E. Church were present last Sunday afternoon to hear the voices of the Brown and Patterson families. The families came in singing one of their favorites, "Thank You Master." The groups were presented by Ms. Sarah Wadley, who served as mistress of ceremonies.

The Browns, A.W., F.E., Walter, Timothy and mother, Mrs. Sudell Brown, sang "Lord, Help Me To Hold Out", "What A Friend", and "Old Ship of Zion." The Pattersons, Shelia Renee, Avis Elise and mother, Mrs. Bobbie Patterson sang "Someday", "God Will Take Care of You", and "Steal Away."

Both families teamed up and sang "I've Decided", and "Lord I

Wonder."

Rev. A.W. Wilson, pastor, gave the remarks. He praised both groups for a splendid job well done. "I knew my grandsons could sing, but both groups will make another choir for Bethel," said Rev. Wilson.

"We would like for all families with talent to sing to participate in these kinds of programs," said Ms. Wadley.

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Final rites were conducted Friday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. at Greater St. Luke Baptist Church for Mrs. Florence Craven Guyton, 71, who had been a resident of Lubbock since 1930.

A member of a family of ten children, she was born Dec. 10, 1904, at Brenham, Texas, to the union of Mr. Miles and Miss Mattie Cleveland Craven. She spent her early years at her birthplace and attended elementary school. Mrs. Guyton was converted at an early age and from the beginning was faithful and learned to share and work.

She was united in holy wedlock to Mr. Oren Guyton and this union



was blessed with four children.

Two of them preceded her in

The Guyton family moved to Lubbock in 1930 and immediately she became a member of the St. Luke Baptist Church and served willingly in the Missionary Society until her health began to fail. She exemplified a Christian's character that will be remembered by members of her church and friends.

Her pastor, Rev. A.L. Davis, gave a glowing tribute to her in his eulogy. He explained how she had left her footprints in the sands of time. "Like Job, she endured her suffering many months without complaining," he said.

Mrs. Guyton departed this life after a lengthy illness Dec. 8, at Methodist Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Lawrence of Los Angeles, California, and Luther of Lubbock; seven sisters, Mrs. Lorene Craven of Oakland, California; Mrs. Novella Payton of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Elsie Locke of Fort Worth; Mrs. Willie Ida Twiggs of Kenny, Texas; Mrs. Lillie Bailey of Navasota, Mrs. Lottie McGowan of Brenham, Mrs. Mary Emma Vickers of Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Willie M. Embry of Wichita, Kansas; two brothers, James Craven, Sr., of Lubbock and Rufus Craven of Oakland, California; eleven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, many other relatives and many, many friends.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery with Jamison & Son Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Mrs. Willie B. Grayson, 1303 W. 32nd for the Thanksgiving holiday was their daughter and children, Mrs. Pearlene Martin, Lois Ann and Grover Jr. of Amarillo. They also visited Mrs. Dollie Wright and Mrs. Willie B. Jackson, their aunts. Mrs. Wright also had her son for a weekend guest. Kenneth L. Wright who is now living in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith and children Patrick and Sharlot visited with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith in Hazel Hurst, Miss. for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Griffin will leave Tuesday, Dec. 8 for Dallas, for the state board which will convene at the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, across the street from Bishop College. There he will bring the message on Thursday morning. They will return to the city on the weekend.

**Beard Chapel Methodist Church** 

The Sunday School opened at 9:45 with the Supt. Sis. Josie Madkins in charge. After the devotional the teachers took charge of their classes. The subject of the lesson was "Understanding Matthew's Gospel". Highlights on the lesson were given by the pastor, Rev. Bob Tieuel, Jr.

The 11 a.m. service opened with Bro. Howard Carter at the piano. and the congregation singing Joy To the World. The message was

Active pallbearers were Travis Durham, Terry W. Guyton, Robert Terry, Donnell Guyton, Luther Guyton, Jr., and George Mc-

Visiting in the home of Mr. and brought by the pastor from Luke 22:1, "The Day of the Passover". The Lord's supper was given.

After the morning service, a drawing was held for a 12-inch black and white TV and a \$25.00 bag of groceries, sponsored by the trustee board. Cora Ivory was winner of the TV. She is with the Lamesa police department. Mr. Cecil Beggs of Plainview won the groceries. The money will help pay for conference claims, also the other auxiliaries of the church put on entertainment on Saturday to raise money.

The church and pastor were at the United Baptist Church at 3 p.m. for the closing of the 12th anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Griffin.



James E. Sanson, son of Mrs. Narvella Sansom, was promoted from Sp 4 class to Sargeant, and to his surprize on his promotion day, his mother, brothers Mike and Rhyna, and his sisters Laney and Melody Sansom, joined him on this happy occasion and shared it with him in Lawton, Oklahoma.



Sgt. and Mrs. James Sansom recently visited their mother after Mrs. Sansom returned from 9 months special duty in West Germany. Mrs. James Sansom is serving in the U.S. Army.

The military mothers met recently for election of officers for 1976. The officers elected were Mrs. Narvella Sanson, president; Mrs. Jeannie McGee, vice president; Mrs. Hazel Brown, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Opal Boone, reporter. Also they had their annual Christmas party and exchanged gifts Monday night.

On the sick list for the week are Mrs. Hattie Gallington, Mrs. Nora Ray, and Mrs. Wonda Allen.

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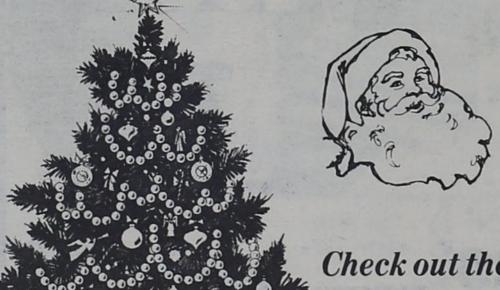
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by Joe Kelly

Oklahoma State, despite its 3-3 record, has a better basketball team than that. The Cowboys, when they finally get it all put together, could make waves in the Big 8 Conference.

They made it uncomfortable for Texas Tech Saturday night. The Cowboy's appeared to be on the verge of getting run out of the Coliseum when wham! Here they came. They came from eight points behind and into a four-point lead.

Fortunately. Gerald Myers saw a chink in the armor and Tech went into a zone. The Cowboys had good ball movement and attacked the zone well, but their shooting fell off. And Ronnie Daniel, who had 10 points in the first 11:12, was bl. nked.

Daniel came into the game touted as better than Chuckie Williams of K-State, and he made a believer of folks for a short while. He made you downright nervous.

Steve Dunn did a pretty good job on Daniel, but picked up a couple of fouls in less than four minutes and Daniel went to work. The 5-11 junior darted like a ping pong ball in a gale, penetrating the defense, driving the basket and putting up shots that touched only the bottom strands of the

Then came the zone and Daniel was through. He didn't get another point, the Raiders took charge and the Cowboys didn't have enough firepower to overcome the Raider lead.

"I was afraid of this game," Mye's said later. "We beat them up there last year and I was afraid that we wouldn't respect them enough. Yeah, and they had that loss to West Texas, too."

Gerald also knew that this was the last game before the Far West Classic, two weeks away, and "I didn't want to go into that tournament with a loss on my mind for two weeks."

I was curious why the Cowboys stayed in their zone defense late in the game when they were trailing by nine to 11 points. Gerald shrugged his shoulders.

"I don't know," he replied, "but I was glad to see it."

Why didn't Tech move outside and set up the open floor crip shot? "You can get into trouble doing that and we were able to control the ball, eat up time," Gerald replied. "Shoot, they helped us by staying in the

Rick Bullock, as usual, led the scoring parade, even though he played only 30 minutes. Bullock had 18 points in the first half, blocked three shots and was the top rebounder.

The big guy isn't selfish, though. He had a couple of assists and generally did a good job on 6-8 Dave Kragel. Lonnie Boeckman, the 7-3 center, was a different story. Boeckman has an easy touch and, when he gets some weight, could be an outstanding player.

It was a satisfying victory for the Raiders, who go into the Christmas break 4-1 and with momentum for the road ahead. After the West Coast games there's only North Carolina at home before the conference starts.

The only school that may have played a tougher schedule than Tech is SMU. And the Ponies, Arkansas and A&M, so far, indicate that they may be the chief challengers to Tech.

I, for one, was sort of sorry that the SWC decided against a national championship, although it's possible to see the problems that such an arrangement would provoke.

The SWC has a tie up with the Cotton Bowl, and other conferences have similar arrangements. A national championship game, after the bowls, would diminish interest in the bowl games. In fact, it might kill them.

At the same time, the Super Bowl in pro football has created enough interest to put the pressure on the colleges. Could A&M stop Ohio State? Could Arkansas whip Oklahoma? Would Alabama beat Michigan?

The question of who really is No. 1 is left unanswered every year. Must it continue? It would be great if it was possible to take the top 10 teams and have a playoff.

At the same time, this is college football, not the pros, and collegians are in school ostensibly to get an education. Football is just part of that

Nope, I'm inclined to go along with the present situation. Bowl games are an award for merit, usually with regional attraction for one of the teams. I'd prefer the bowls to a national playoff which, in the end, might mean nothing.

Jackie Sullivan has announced his candidacy for sheriff, the best unkept secret for two years that I've heard. It should be interesting.

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### Lubbock Woman, Tyndal Hollins, Attends Confab at Levenworth, Kansas



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She had been a part of the prison

Jackie, an old friend, was a heckuva baseball player. He proved that he could run a baseball team and that is no mean feat. when you consider the assortment of individuals involved. That might not qualify him as a sheriff, but it's a pretty good endorsement.

ministry for over three years and has traveled all over Texas singing to those who are confined behind bars. She has visited Huntsville's Ellis Unit, Goree Unit and Segoville Correctional Institute; Dallas County and City jails spreading God's word in song and conversation.

All the prisons in Leavenworth were visited. Singing and praising God was the main event of the trip. "The highlight of the trip came when over 300 men and women accepted Christ as their Savior," said Ms. Hollins.

"The trip," according to Ms. Hollins, "was most enjoyable and a blessing was truly received as one of the men said: 'I may be confined inside a prison wall, but I was set free from a prison within when Christ came into my life'."

"There is a great work to be done for men and women behind bars who are hungry for God's word," she continued.

### **Pearl Reed Circle States Social**

The newly organized Pearl Read Circle of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church ends the year's activities with a Christmas social for their many members and friends.

Attending the gala affair were: Pastor, Rev. S.R. Roberts; general president, Sis. L.T. Thornton, Sis. Nora Sims, Sis. Corine Mitchell, Sis. Coquitt and Sis. Leroy Hicks as special guest.

The glow of Christmas filled the fellowship hall in Christmas colors, and the exchanging of gifts.

The circle was organized in March of this year with Sis. Vinia Thompson as president. A short time later the group gave a Shamrock Tea for members and friends fo the church. Fourteen members paid many visits to homes with sword in hand and a smiling face, going wherever they could enter. The affair was enjoyed by those attending.

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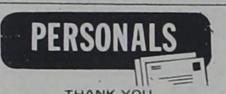
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### Sister Mary Doss to Appear in Musical Recital Sunday



In their final program of the year, The Angelic Choir of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church will present Sis. Mary Doss, a newcomer to the church, in a musical recital. The theme will be "Life's Candlelight."

Housing Authority . . .

Continued From Page One increase would be a sum up to an extra \$1.25 per month.

Motion was also passed to increase the amount of money the housing authority contributes to the earned home payment account and the non-routine maintenance reserve accounts for Turnkey III purchase homes. The money will be reimbursed by HUD.

There will be no increase in the money home purchasers have to pay into the account, Stiles said.

The program will be presented on Sunday, December 21st at 7 p.m. Rev. S.R. Roberts is pastor.

Sister Doss comes from Crane, Texas, and is a faithful worker in the church. Under the atmosphere of a devoted Christian family, Mary has a beautiful voice and sings well. She will sing "In The Ghetto," "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," "All of My Life," and many other favorite songs.

Sis. Anne White is special guest.

Mary will also sing an array of
Christmas songs. It will be
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