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Debutante Ball On Tap Here Thursday



COUNCIL LEADERS—Officers of the Struggs Junior High School Student Council are, from left, Randy Howard, vice president; Glen Ranson, president; Angela Anderson, treasurer; and Lee Etta Hollins, secretary.

With the theme "We've Only Just Begun," sixteen lovely young ladies will be presented in the seventh debutante ball on Thursday evening at the Palm Room at 8. This affair is sponsored by the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

The young ladies being presented to society for the first time are Tammie Belvin, Anita Joyce Blackmore, Ruby Jewel Braxton, Vickie Brooks, Adrienne Caviel, Diedra Harris, Regina Johns, Shelia Lincoln, and Cassandra Murphy.

Also Donna Nelson, Equilla Peoples, Theodora Phea, Rosie Stokley, Loretta Jean Vaughn, Cynthia Watson, and Myrna Whitehead.

These young ladies are students in various high schools and universities. Their educational background include: Miss Belvin, a pre-nursing major at Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Belvin. Her escort is Finnis Brown, son of Mrs. Sudell Brown.

Miss Blackmore, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. J.E. Blackmore, Sr. and grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Vaughn of Oklahoma City, Okla., is a criminal law major at Central State University. Her escort is Joseph Blackmore, Jr., son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Blackmore and grand son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Washington.

Miss Braxton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Braxton, is a senior at Dunbar High School. Her escort is Rowland L. Strong, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Strong.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Weldon Jones, Miss Brooks is a senior at Mid-West High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Her escort is Larry DeWayne Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Miss Caviel is a chemical engineering major at the University of Houston. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caviel.

See debutantes pictures on page eight of this issue.

An elementary education major at Lubbock Christian College, Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Harris.

Miss Johns is a pre-med major at the University of Houston, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Johns. Her escort is her brother, Jerrold Johns.

Miss Lincoln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lincoln, is a senior at Monterey High School. Her escort is Vincent Thomas, son of Mrs. Majorie Thomas and Mr. Hammick Thomas.

A psychology major at Texas Tech University, Miss Murphy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Alexander. Her escort is Keith Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson.

A pre-law major at Lubbock Christian College, Miss Nelson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Nelson. Her escort is Willie DeShone, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie DeShone, Sr.

Another lovely debutante is Miss Equilla Peoples, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C.C. Peoples. She is a senior at Estacado High School. Her escort is Charles Waller.

Miss Phea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Phea, Jr., is a senior at Coronado High School. Her escort is Bobby Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Larry, Sr.

Mis Stokley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stokley, Jr., is a senior at Dunbar High School. Her escort is Heenan Johnson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Heenan Johnson.

Miss Vaughn, daughter of Mrs. John T. Vaughn of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is a business administration major at Central State University. Her escort is Barre' Wheatley, son of Mrs. R.A. Wheatley, Jr.

A senior at Lorenzo High School, Miss Watson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rainey Watson. Her escort is Jerry Lee Gonzales, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gonzales of Lorenzo.

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Estacado Band In Sun Bowl Parade

The 140-piece Estacado Marching Band will depart on Friday morning, Dec. 31, to represent the Lubbock Independent School District in the Sun Bowl Invitational Parade, to be held in El Paso. The band will be competing with over fifty other bands from Texas, New Mexico,

and Oklahoma for various awards and the coveted Grand Sweepstakes Trophy.

Following the parade on New Years Day, the Estacado Matador Band will tour portions of Old Mexico before returning to Lubbock on Sunday, Jan. 2. As part of the festival's activities, the

Matador Jazz Combo will perform on the campus of the University of Texas at El Paso. Estacado's combo and marching units are directed by David Riker.

Sponsors for the trip include Mr. and Mrs. Norris Stephenson, Mrs. Ida Shed, Mrs. Faye Williams, Mrs. Betty Larry, Mrs. Mildred Jones, Mrs. Christine Dixon, Mrs. Velma Lethridge, Miss Phyllis Preston, C. Doyle Gammill, and Mr. and Mrs. David Riker.

Ethnic Course Offered At Texas Tech University

Special to The Times

A course in interdisciplinary ethnic studies, which deals with economics, political science and sociology as they relate to ethnic groups, will be offered during the Spring Semester in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University.

The core course, Ethnic Studies 132, is part of the College's ethnic studies minor. It will be taught by economics Prof. Theodore Taylor, political science Prof. Albert Karnig and sociology Prof. Emory G. Davis. Dr. Vivian I. Davis, director of Ethnic Studies, Department of English, said professors and other experts will make lecture appearances before the class, which will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, in Holden Hall West, Room 8.

Students who wish to register for the course should report to the sociology table during regular Spring registration, Jan. 13-14.

The Ethnic Studies minor allows for concentrations in native American, Chicano and black studies, Davis said. Courses included as electives are from several departments within the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Ethnic Studies minor is recommended for students planning careers in human relations, education, law enforcement, business, medicine, law, social welfare, psychology or any other field which brings them in contact with the public, she said.

General studies majors may also find the minor beneficial to their work, Dr. Davis added.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Davis, Director Ethnic Studies, Department of English, Texas Tech University, 79409.

New Year's Day Mail Service Schedule

The U.S. Postal Service will provide normal mail service on Friday, December 31, the designated Federal New Year's Day holiday.

However, the Postal Service will operate on a normal Holiday schedule on Saturday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

On Friday, December 31, normal delivery services to residential areas and businesses will be provided. Collections will be provided on a Saturday schedule. Normal window service and lockbox service schedules will be observed.

On Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day, normal holiday schedules will be followed. No residential, business or rural delivery will be provided. No window service will be provided. Special delivery service and holiday collection service will be provided as usual.

Angels Of Darkness Distribute Baskets

Members of the Angels of Darkness distributed fruit baskets last Thursday evening to senior citizens of Edwards and Parkway Manor Nursing Home.

"We wanted to do something for the people in the nursing home," said Albert Ray Wilbon.

He continued, "Not only will we distribute fruit to these two nursing homes, but we see to it in the near future that all nursing homes in Lubbock will receive something from us."

After delivering the baskets, the members met in a short meeting to decide what kind of financial support to give several families in Lubbock. The entire membership agreed to support those families who had contacted them.

"We're in town to help all people, regardless of race, creed, or color," said Wilbon.

As one member echoed, "We're not just a motorcycle club, we also help people."

Earnings Gap Between Women And Men Has Widened

Washington — The gap between the earnings of women and men has nearly doubled since 1955, according to a publication released by the Women's Bureau, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

In constant dollars, taking inflation into account, the gap increased from \$1,911 in 1955 to \$3,433 in 1974, according to the report.

"The Earnings Gap Between Women and Men" reports that among year-round, full-time workers, men's earnings exceeded women's by 56 percent in 1955,

but by 1974 the differential had increased to 75 percent. The 1974 median earnings of women were \$6,772, compared with \$11,835 for men.

Although women were 32 percent of all year-round, full-time workers in 1974, they accounted for 63 percent of workers earning between \$3,000 and \$4,999, and for 58 percent of those earning \$5,000 to \$6,999. Women made up only 15 percent of the workers earning \$15,000 or more.

The publication notes two primary factors which have

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Lubbock Classroom Teachers Association Offers Scholarships

If you graduated from one of the five public high schools in Lubbock you may apply for one of five \$300.00 scholarships being offered by the Lubbock Classroom Teachers Association.

Applicants must have completed their sophomore year at college by the beginning of the fall term of 1977, be a full-time student (taking 12 or more hours) at an accredited college or university, and be preparing for employment in the field of education.

A candidate should pick up an application form from the office of any of the five high schools in Lubbock.

Applications should be completed and returned by the middle of February, 1977.

EDITORIALS

Dunbar Choir Needs Our Support

On the campus of Dunbar High School, there is a group of young people who are contributing a great deal to their music department. We are talking about the Dunbar High School Accappella Choir.

This fine group of young singers are under the direction of Ms. Charloett Greeson, a dedicated young lady in the music field. All of these young people have been working real hard for an upcoming trip to San Antonio next February.

It's going to cost money to get these young people to the Alamo City to participate with other such groups from throughout the great state of Texas. Of course, these monies will be needed to take care of travel, lodging and food.

Since these young people will be representing their high school and our community, as parents and patrons we should do what we can to help defray some of the expense. There are enough Dunbar supporters to pitch in and give something so these young people will have an opportunity to travel to and from San Antonio comfortably.

At this time, these young people need our financial support as well as our encouragement. If you are a member of an organization in the community, a concerned citizen or parent, any amount of money you would like to contribute would be most appreciative by these young people.

Let's face it, the cost to do anything is high these days. We shouldn't, however, let this prevent these young people from going to this effort.

In the past years, we've supported other activities of the school. So why not help these young people. We're sure the young people, Ms. Greeson and Roy Roberts, principal; would be more than happy to know that you want to help.

The state of Texas needs to know of this talent on the campus of Dunbar High School. Why not give what you can today. This would be a tremendous Christmas gift to such a deserving group of young people.

Let's help these young people.



As I See It . . .

by T.J. Patterson

It was a most interesting thing to watch the members of the Angels of Darkness help the needy of our community last week. These young people were most concerned with what they could do for the citizens in distress this Christmas.

After watching them last Thursday afternoon pass out fruit to the elderly at Edwards Nursing Home, it was good to see them work with such sincerity.

Another stop the same afternoon was a visit to the elderly at Parkway Manor Rest Home. Here, the same kind act kindness was displayed to the persons residing there.

Several telephone calls were sent to them to help persons in need. These concerned people did what they could to see that other brothers and sisters had a Christmas. This took money from their treasury and money from their own pockets.

It was good to see the joy in eyes of the Angels of Darkness. As one member said: "We just want to help the people of our community."

"We will go out of the way to help anybody, regardless of their race, creed or color," says Albert Ray Wilbon, treasurer.

It appears as though we will be hearing a lot from this fine organization. Their membership is growing, and they are making ready to do what they can when they are called upon by persons of Lubbock in distress.

As they said to me in several interviews and on my monthly television show, "What's Going On?", "we're not just a motorcycle club." As I See It, this writer not only believes in what they are saying, but has had an opportunity to also see them in action.

Hundreds of friends were on hand last Sunday afternoon to pay a tribute to two fine citizens of our community. This well known couple, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Struggs, celebrated their Golden Anniversary.

THE WEARY PICKET

This writer has known the Struggs since 1958, and can appreciate the contribution they have made in the field of education for more than forty years.

It was a beautiful affair last Sunday afternoon. Their daughter, Ms. Judith Struggs Berry, coordinated the affair. As Ms. Berry told this writer: "I wanted to do something for mom and dad." She did just that last Sunday afternoon. It was a beautiful and well deserving affair for two beautiful people.

As I mentioned to Prof. and Mrs. Struggs, they have a lot of friends in Lubbock, Texas and the world. Many of them paid their respects to them last Sunday.

This writer hopes that in the very near future I will be able to sit down with the Struggs and interview them. It is my hope that this opportunity will not be too far in the future.

A happy fifty years, Mr. and Mrs. Struggs!

This writer wishes the very best to the young ladies who will be presented on Thursday evening as debutantes. It is quite an honor for those young ladies to be presented to society. This writer hopes they will continue to remember this event in their lives and be thankful that an organization like the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was willing to present them.

This affair on Thursday evening at the Palm Room is always a beautiful one. As this writer mentioned several years ago, it would be a wonderful thing if such an event could be held once a year, instead of every other year. As I've said in the past, we hope there will be an annual debutante presentation in the very near future.



Black Empowerment

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

Sacredness of Life

Black Americans need to be constantly alert for the making of new friends as well as for vigilance against foes, both old and new.

Old enemies have arisen, with the cloak of the United States Supreme Court guarding them, among those who are advocates of the return of the "cruel and inhumane" . . . as well as inequitable . . . death penalty.

Blacks and the very poor generally die disproportionately under any "death penalty" laws. Hence, as many have argued—presently in vain—the "death penalty," under any circumstances, has always been and presumably always will be, inequitably applied.

Here, it is important to note that just as the death penalty—with all of its inequitable and inhumane features—is being re-inaugurated, the white churches of America are getting all stirred up over symbolic gestures regarding world hunger abroad.

This is escapism, if there ever was such a thing. "Evil at home; 'niceness' far away" is the perennial of the powerful. It is merely another form of not only "pie in the sky by and by" but also of the perpetuation of tyranny.

The American religious establishment, if it believes life to be truly sacred must recognize that charitable or loving concern for others begins at home, and not abroad.

Criticism of the Pro-Life movement within the Roman Catholic Church for concentrating on the "unborn fetus" and overlooking the ending of life (i.e., the death penalty) has led to a salutary change in emphasis.

This change has come in the form of the announcement by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops that while the unborn must be protected "in a special way," we must affirm that "all of life, from its beginning to its ending is sacred" in character.

This is a real breakthrough of a kind for black Americans, especially since a far greater proportion of Roman Catholics than Protestants have been reported to hold a

legalistic view toward life involving an advocating of the death penalty.

Indeed, officially the Roman Catholic bishops have not spelled out their specific meaning for the phrase, "the sacredness of life." Nor have inter-religious conversations, including Jews, Moslems and Christians of all persuasions taken place to address a universal ethic upon which both agreement and fraternal cooperation could take place.

Still many blacks see in the Pro-Life movement, and especially its fresh verbalizing at least that in some way, all of life may be sacred, a potential ally first, against any long-range opening wedge for genocide (against the potentially vulnerable black and Jewish communities) and, second, against the death penalty.

The death penalty must be a primary concern of blacks. The Roman Catholic hierarchy are the most likely to be pressed to take a theological stand against the death penalty; and black Catholics would pull a tremendous coup if they could harness opposition to the death penalty with the Bishop's full blown anti-abortion or Pro-Life crusade.

Beyond being inequitably applied and in conflict with "the sacredness of life," the death penalty—in our age of advanced technology—is cruel in every instance.

Electrocution is immensely painful . . . and by no means instantaneously achieved. Preparations for hanging, the gas chamber and the firing squad are also cruel.

If the death penalty is to be imposed injections to induce prior sleep—during which non-consciousness—life's ending could be nontortuously brought about would seem to minimize the "cruel and inhumane" aspects of the method. The failure to require such approaches by our courts and the effective silence of our moral and ethical religious teachers and leaders suggests—along with the apparent approval of the death penalty by our highest court—that much in our society must be labelled "for less than humane."

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Police Beat

Theft

Lucy Burks of 919 East 36th Street, reported that two persons were responsible for taking gifts from under her Christmas tree one day last week.

According to Ms. Burks, these persons were the only people around the tree at the time they were taken.

The gifts were valued at \$20.

Criminal Mischief

Anderson Young, 500 East Broadway Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown shot some type of projectile into the back of his pickup one night last week.

The projectile shattered the front and back window of his camper shell, and broke out the back window of his pickup.

Damage to the vehicle was approximately \$100.

Burglary of a Habitation

Allison Sedberry of 1732 East Cornell Avenue reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown gained entry to his house one day last week. Entry was apparently gained through a window. The window screen was cut and the window latch broken.

Items taken from the house were a black and white television, color television, two cameras, radio clock, a tool chest, sewing machine, and \$300 worth of men and women's clothing.

The items taken were valued at \$1,890. There was \$200 worth of damage done to the house.

Aggravated Assault

Amy Nash of 2617 East 19th Street reported to Lubbock police that she had an argument with a man one day last week. According to the Nash lady, the man hit her about the head and chest with his fists.

Ms. Nash told police that the man picked up a broom handle and hit her several times. The blows from the broom knocked her to the ground.

She was taken to a local hospital where it was believed that she

Earnings Gap . . .

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contributed to the widening gap: the continued concentration of women in low-skilled, low-paying occupations and the dynamic rise in women's labor force participation which has resulted in a larger proportion of women in or near the entry level of jobs.

In commenting on the widening earnings gap, Women's Bureau Director Carmen R. Maymi said it indicates that the employment gains women have made recently in securing higher level and better paying positions have not been significant enough to start a trend toward closing the gap. She stressed the need for "renewed action to open more training and employment to women in the high-paying professional, technical, managerial, and craft occupations."

The publication provides statistical information which compares the occupational status, educational attainment, and work experience of women and men. It also includes data on the earnings differential between white and minority workers.

Single copies of "The Earnings Gap Between Women and Men" are available from the Women's Bureau, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Around The Hub City

Marsha McGraw, daughter of Mrs. Mary McGraw, is spending the Christmas holidays in Gary, Indiana, visiting her uncle, Jimmy Graves and family. She plans to return home Jan. 2.

The "Hub City" had many visitors last weekend, including friends and relatives from various cities in Texas and out-of-state. Among those visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of Houston, Texas, who spent several days with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Struggs. Other relatives of the Struggs visiting here included Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ammons, also of Houston.

Miss Carolyn Rollison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rollison, visited relatives here. She resides in Houston. Mrs. Sammie Long Kirvens of Houston visited her mother and family here, Mrs. Marie Long.

M/Sgt. Joe and Mrs. Willie Straws of Colorado Springs, Colo. were guests here. She is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervim Sparks.

Mrs. Maurice Johnson of Denver, Colorado, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C.B. Smith, here. Mrs. Freddie Miller of Fort Worth spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Mildred K. Lusk, and family.

Mrs. Nellie Fuller of Cleburne, Texas, and Mrs. Bertha Cowin of Hobbs, New Mexico, spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Leaner Goldstein.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Ervin and children of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin, Jr. of Brownfield, visited their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Griffin and son, Mr. and Mrs. Deville Griffin, and Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Griffin, all of New Orleans, La., were house guests of Mrs. Mildred K. Lusk. The brothers visited in the Hub City since last Thursday to Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Oswald "nee Linda Marie Lusk" Griffin and daughter,

Stacey Micheal, arrived here a few days before to be with her mother and brothers. They all witnessed the christening ceremonies of Stacey Sunday morning at Bethel A.M.E. Church by Rev. A.W. Wilson, pastor. Rev. Wilson christened Linda. The Griffins were traveling via station wagon.

Also visiting in our city during the holidays is Mrs. Lottie Turner of Washington, D.C., mother of Mrs. Heenan Johnson. She plans to spend a few months here.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Johns and family of Las Vegas, Nev., are visiting here. He is the brother of Mr. Alexander "Sonny" Johns and Mrs. Ruby Donaldson.

Ricky Cooke, Jr. is home visiting from college during the holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Fowler of Loraine, visited relatives here last week. They were here for the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Struggs.

Miss Clarissa Jay motored to

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WYATT'S Wishes You & Yours a
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

**Whites Surprised
On Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Q.W. White, 1812 East 26th Street, were surprised by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy White of Albuquerque, New Mexico, last Friday evening on their 39th wedding anniversary.

Friends of the White family were in attendance to surprise them when they came in to the lovely decorated living room of their home.

Not knowing what was going on, the Whites came in asking who "cut out all the lights?" When the lights were cut on, everyone present shouted "Happy Anniversary!"

The Whites received many lovely gifts and diamond rings from their son and daughter-in-law. "We're so happy," said Mr. White. His wife, who was dressed comfortably in her house shoes, said: "We were talking about our anniversary this morning, and look what has happen to us now."

After the surprise, everyone sat down to a delicious meal.

Drive carefully and avoid the sorrow that will come to you if you cripple a child for life.

SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

I have nothing to base it on except gut hunch but I'll take Texas Tech in the Bluebonnet Bowl, Houston in the Cotton Bowl and Texas A&M in the Sun Bowl.

There, three victories for the Southwest Conference—and not a blow has been struck in anger or self defense! In those other, or "secondary" bowls, I'll go with Michigan and Ohio State. For a bob or two I'd throw in support for Kentucky, too.

We here on the South Plains, regardless of the support given to Tech in tickets, are most interested in the battle with Nebraska. And it will be a battle.

If both teams play the way they are capable of playing, and there's nothing to think they won't, it will be a lot like the Tech-Texas game. That was a hard, physical game with a lot of offensive fireworks and good defensive play.

If the truth were known, Texas probably played its best game of the year against Tech. It was a do-or-die battle for the Longhorns. Their conference season depended on the outcome. They had to win.

Tech could, probably, afford a loss, but a defeat might have proven extremely critical. So, it was a key game for both teams.

Everyone knows that Tech won, by three points, 31-28. It shot the Raiders higher in the standings. It brought national recognition through SI and others.

It didn't, however, lay to rest those Doubting Thomases, who said that Tech wasn't for real. They persist today, and only a victory over Nebraska may end the doubt. After all, the Cornhuskers are no strangers to fame and bowl fortune.

By any method of reckoning—conference, season or by sticking a finger in the wind—there's no reason to think that the Raiders don't measure up. They do.

Texas really should have beaten Oklahoma, and the Sooners wound up tied for first in the topsy-turvy Big 8. Tech beat Colorado, one of the co-champions. Tech beat Texas when it played better than it did against OU—which beat Nebraska.

Besides, I think this group of young men is entirely dedicated. I think they fear no team. And I happen to think that they have the weapons to win.

It will be a hard fought game. It should be a game of big plays. It probably will have a generous share of passing. In fact, it could turn out to be one of the best offensive shows of the Jan. 1 weekend.

The Cotton Bowl brings together two of the top teams in the nation. Maryland must be good. The Terrapins are undefeated and no team does that well in any league if it doesn't have some pretty good football players.

The Terrapins are no strangers to bowls or to pressure games. They have, in Jerry Claiborne, one of the top coaches in the nation. They obviously have a first rate team, and this could well be the best game on Jan. 1.

Danny Davis, Wilson Whitley and Co. made believers of me. In the final analysis they sneaked by Tech, but they showed a good, strong club. They can move the ball and they have a stout defense.

It looks to be an explosive type of game, too, with either team willing to gamble. Davis made a couple of mistakes against Tech and, while it's exciting, it doesn't lead to confidence—except that Houston won.

So, settle back in your easy chairs and look for a lot of excitement. The Sugar Bowl certainly has a top attraction with Tony Dorsett and a fighting Georgia team. Michigan could well sidetrack upset-minded Southern Cal.

And, on Sunday, the Aggies unveil their ferocious defense and an offense that, after the Tech game, went into high gear. It promises to be a great weekend.

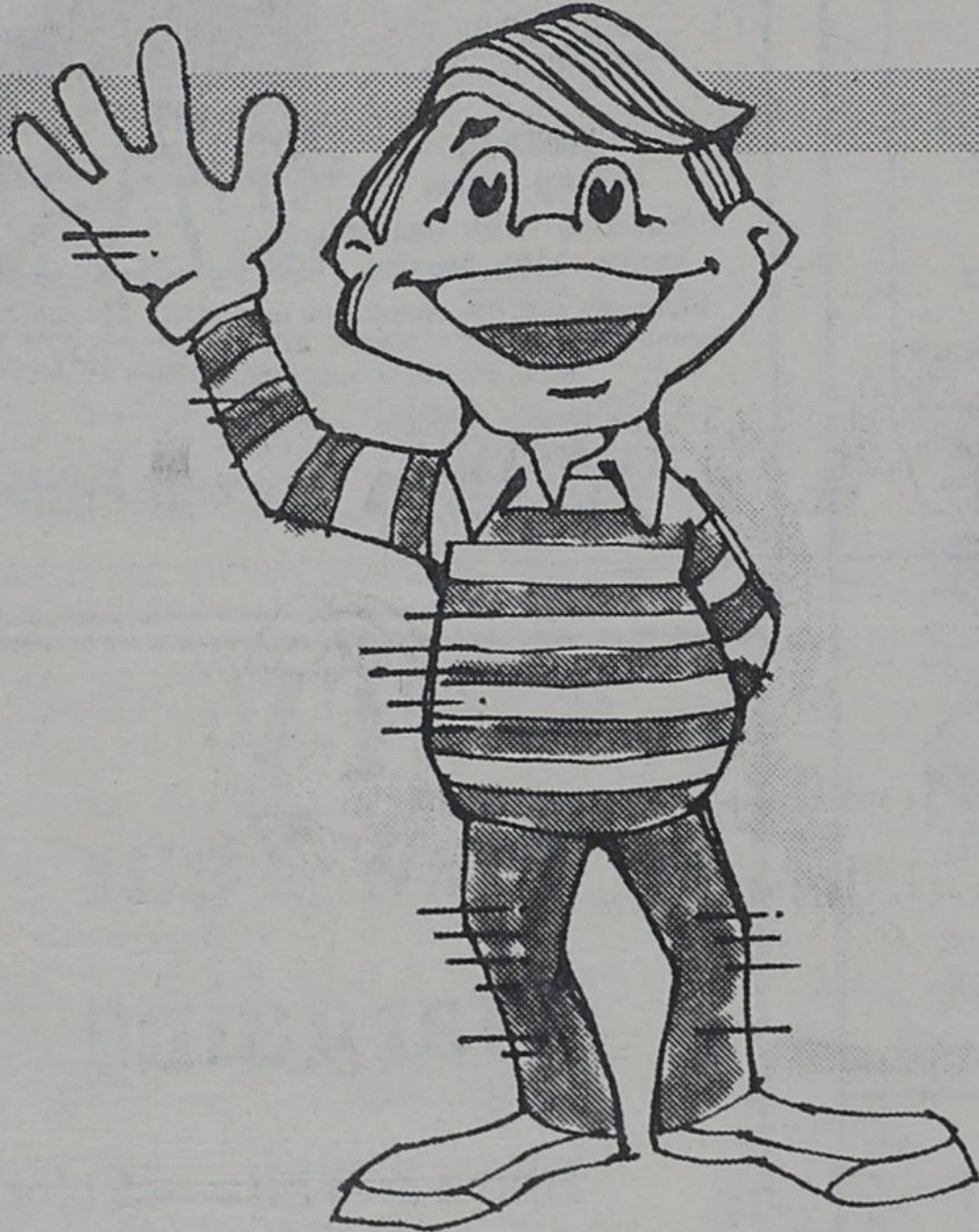
It was interesting to note that the College All Star-Pro champions game went by the wayside. The Chicago Tribune found out that skyrocketing costs made the game prohibitive, just as Lubbock sponsors decided the same thing.

Also, the pros started not to collaborate as willingly with the Chicago game as it had in the past. That was another thing that helped kill the game here, too.

Tech's basketball squad has a tough game here this week, taking on New Mexico State Thursday night. The Raiders ran into the stiff opposition expected in the Indiana Classic and dropped games to Miami (0) and Utah State.

Obviously, the Raiders played well to stay in both games, and Gerald Myers must be encouraged. He wasn't excited about the string of five victories, although he was pleased. He knows that this team still has a long way to go.

And so another year comes to a close. I hope that it has been a good year and that 1977 will be even better in every respect. To all our readers we do wish you a **Happy New Year** in every sense!



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Are You Listening Lubbock

by Harold M. Chatman
Sometime ago there was a meeting and later a big affair at the Country Club for the future leaders of our fair city. They were to be told about the workings of the city and acquainted with the various committees. All of this is well and good, and as it should be, but a question that arises in this writer's mind is the fact that 30 per cent of the population of this city either is unqualified or does not fall in the age boundary. Set by who?

Age has nothing to do with one's leadership ability, for even some children show some leadership ability. One's job title is not a true factor in determining leadership ability especially when most of this 30 per cent that has been left out has not been afforded the opportunity to obtain this title. This is not because of one's ability but it is due to one's economical condition or maybe yet due to another reason?

I am sure that all of this is a mistake or that this writer has had a bad nightmare for nothing like this could happen in this progressive city of ours or could it?!!

Wake up Lubbock you are a large city now.

The C.B. craze is sweeping through this country like wild fire and there are thousands or

perhaps millions of CB'ers all over this country. In Lubbock there is a club or organization of CB'ers which operate Metro Tower or Channel 10 which is manned 24 hours a day.

This writer monitors three or four channels in our city and has found this to be one of his favorites as it is a service channel for this organization. I have found that many strangers to our city would have been lost or stranded if it wasn't for the help of this organization and I salute you for a job well done.

I also found while listening to this channel there are those who would like to play or disrupt transmission just out of meanness or just playing. Stop and think it might be you who needs the help. Don't cry wolf!!

Daniels-Lenley Exchange Vows

With a Christmas theme last Saturday afternoon, Saundra Daniels and Levi L. Lenley exchanged marriage vows at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenza Moore, 3007 East Third Place.

Garnett Lee, well known musician, provided the music of the afternoon. Several solos were sung by Ms. Patricia Farrell and Ms. Paralee Rollison of Sacramento, California, both sisters of the bride. Ms. Mae Pearl Jackson sang the beautiful "I Believe."

Ms. Gloria Skief Williams of Houston was bridesmaid and William Shumate was best man. Rev. Charles Tanner performed the services.

A reception followed the ceremony in the den of the home.



TOM THUMB WEDDING HELD—Miss Tina Machell Gipson, age 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Gipson and Juan Hall, age 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hall, both of Slaton, were married in a Tom Thumb Wedding at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church last week. Minister was played by Robert Mitchell, age 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Williams of Slaton. In the Prince and Princess Contest, little Miss Tina M. Gipson was crowned princess and Master Andrew Jones Jr. was crowned prince. Rev. C.C. Peoples is pastor.

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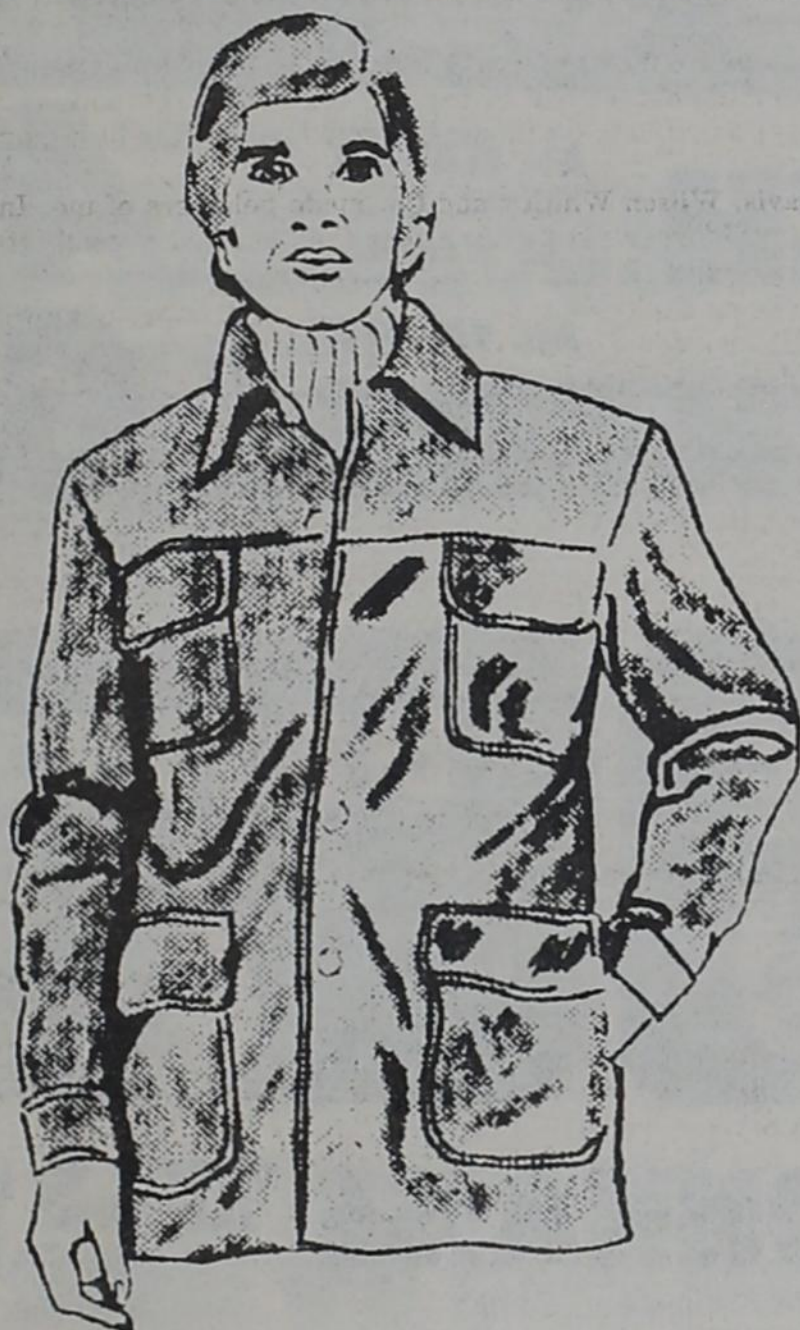
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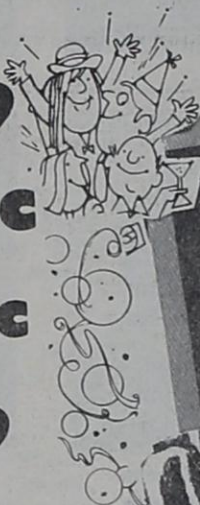
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Debutante Ball . . .

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Miss Whitehead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Toliver, is a senior at Estacado High School. Her escort is Jerry Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Turner.

These young ladies will be welcomed to society by Dr. Vivian Davis, english professor at Texas Tech University. Official announcer will be Soror. Willie Myrtle Washington.

Crowning of the "Queen Debutante Cotillion" will be Ms. Linda Barber, 1975 queen.

Music will be furnished by Unity.

Lubbock Theatre Centre Needs Old Sheets

Got any old sheets? The Lubbock Theatre Centre is looking for old sheets to clothe musketeers as the LTC prepares for its special production of "The Three Musketeers", starring an all high-school cast.

Celeste Ward, director of the production, says that the cast hopes to reach underprivileged students in Lubbock.

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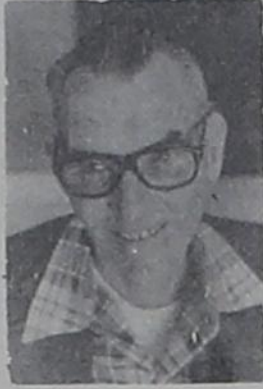
Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Do you realize that Sheridan's Ride celebrated its first birthday with the West Texas Times this month? 'Tis true. A whole year without a break and still going strong.

In fact, we're going strong enough that a recent column about the Dallas Civic Opera appearance by Beverly Sills paid off in a kind of astonishing way. Some anonymous benefactor went ahead and made me a member, paid in full for year 1977, in the East Dallas Chamber of Commerce!

When you consider that East Dallas has among its many colorful and striking civic and industrial institutions the home of the late H.L. Hunt on beautiful White Rock Lake—well, this column is wading through high cotton, indeed. And, whoever that kind person was who paid me the tribute, wherever he is, has my deep gratitude.



Before I touch on a couple of the Christmas movies in town (and there are a tidy handful that opened during the past week or so), I want to mention a recording that was loaned to me over the holidays, a long-playing privately issued job, beautifully done, that has roots in our own town.

I am speaking of "Merry Christmas" played and narrated by Lubbock's outstanding piano and organ entertainer and teaching authority, Mrs. Nell Oldham.

I have known Nell Oldham for many, many years now, ever since I came to this city. I have been at events where her playing has been such an integral part of enjoyment and I have served along with her as director (she was the founding light and longtime president) of Lubbock Community Concerts Association.

A collection of the world's most beloved old and modern Christmas carols and songs feature the album, one side devoted to piano transcriptions by Mrs. Oldham and the other side has Nell at her finest at the console of the organ.

It also boasts another delightful touch, that second side. For this Macon, Ga. native but a true Texan now, takes time off to narrate the charming " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas (In Texas)" as only she can do it with that Peachtree Street soft accent of hers. And when she bids Santa and his buckboard goodbye with her drawing "Merry Christmas You-All" it's a delight.

You ask around the record shops for "Merry Christmas" by Nell Oldham. You'll find it most pleasurable listening, any time of the year.

Another lady in town had and has reason to be peacock proud these holidays. She is Mrs. Durwood Pennington. You may know her better as "Ernestine" who has a beauty salon in the basement of the Texas Commerce Bank.

Ernestine's son, Richard Steels, Ph.D. has written a deep analytical study. It's about the author Thomas Wolfe and is a study in psychoanalytic literary criticism. Now, there's a heady subject. The first part is said to deal with Wolfe's famous novel, "Look Homeward, Angel!" and its leading character, Eugene Gant, whom Dr. Steele feels is Wolfe's own artistic self-portrait. At present Dr. Steele is director of inpatient services at High Plains Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center in Hays, Kansas.

So, you see the reason for Ernestine's pride. She not only has a smart son but now she has an author in the family. Happy days.

It's too bad to report that the film "Norman . . . Is That You?" down at Showplace 4 isn't much of a movie. It is the story of a tangled mess of a family, the wife taking off with her brother-in-law, the son enjoying a life style of difference with his boyfriend. The show was a poor play to begin with (it played the Hayloft Dinner Theatre some time back) and the film hasn't gone far from that. It is forced and contrived and dull. There is a smile or chuckle here and there, but that's about it.

It is a shame to see the incomparable Pearl Bailey in the lead role, but I'm afraid somebody done Pearl Mae wrong. It's a waste of a great talent in a nothing.

The other lead role is played by Sanford and Son star, Redd Foxx. If you dote on Foxx you might enjoy him. Frankly, he's away out of his depth on the screen and not all his nightclub, television experience can save him from this one.

It's too bad that moviemakers, when they have a good thing, they can't let well enough alone. A case in hand is the current third film in a series, "The Pink Panther Strikes Again" now at the Cinema West. You'll remember how funny the first film was with Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau and his sidekick Herbert Lom as Inspector Dreyfus. That was a truly funny film. Then came "The Return of the Pink Panther" which had its funny moments, too, but nothing so frothy as the original. Now the third film is with us and Blake Edwards, script-writer, producer-director, has come to his nadir. The picture is, in its way, as forced as "Norman . . . Is That You?" but I will admit that the Panther show is a little more sturdy and does have its intermittent laughs.

If you like Peter Sellers, and I do, then you'll laugh at his antics in spite of yourself. He is a funny man.

Herbert Lom, driven batty by his colleague's madness tries to put an end to the whole world to get rid of his nemesis. He is superb in this jacked up role as most of his work has always been.

I found parts of "The Pink Panther" genuinely amusing but I do hope Edwards and company has by now come to the realization that once is enough, two is too much and three is unfortunate.

More on the big movies in the continuation of the column later.

CHURCH SERVICES

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with Dr. Emory Davis delivering the last sermon of the year. His subject was "An Eye Watch to Life." He reminded all members of their responsibility as Christians. Senior Choir Number Two was responsible for the music of the hour.

Among the visitors last Sunday

Hub City . . .

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Brookshire, Christmas Day to pick up her daughter, Chantelle, who had been visiting her grandmother. They returned early Sunday morning.

Charles Melton is home from medical school in Dallas for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Scott and children, Eddie and Francis, returned from Houston Sunday afternoon after spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberson.

The sick and shut-in list includes Mrs. Lester C. Brown, Mrs. Ruby Neal and father, Mr. Ike Roberts. All are victims of the flu. Mr. Salone Cunningham is not feeling well at this report.

Willie Blocker is somewhat improved. Mrs. Susie Moore is about the same. Mrs. Minnie Walker remains a patient at Methodist Hospital, Mrs. Maunita Terrell is recuperating slowly.

Mr. Julius Caesar Graves is recuperating satisfactorily after having surgery early Sunday morning. He has been in the intensive care unit for several days.

Mrs. G.H. Davis and her niece, Mrs. Johnnie Derrough, left last Thursday for several days of vacationing in Fort Worth, Waxahachie and other points south.

Mrs. A.W. Wilson left early Monday morning for her home in Camden, Arkansas.

morning were members of Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and their 1976 debutants. Others included Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Johns of Las Vegas, Nev., Mr. and Mrs. Rainey Watson of Lorenzo, Mrs. Alma Haynes and family of Smyer, and Mrs. Lottie Turner of Washington, D.C., mother of Mrs. Heenan Johnson.

Baptism services were held for little Stacy Michelle Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Griffin of New Orleans, La. Rev. A.W. Wilson, our pastor, conducted the services. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mildred Lusk.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members. Those on the sick list include Mrs. Maunita Terrell, Brother Salone Cunningham, and Mrs. Leaner Goldstein. Mr. Caesar Graves is also ill this week in St. Mary's Hospital.

Mount Gilead Baptist Church

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Let us not forget our business meeting which will be held Monday evening, Jan. 3, at 8. All members are asked to be present so we may begin another year. Let us pray that this new year will hold more love and cooperation with each other for the members of Mount Gilead.

New Year will be filled with good health, happiness, and the continued mercy and good grace of God.

New Hope Baptist Church

Watch services will be held Friday evening, Dec. 31. Pastor Dunn is asking our choir and ushers to be at their posts of duty. Let all of our members be in attendance.

A leadership training school will be held for all auxiliary leaders and members of the church Monday night, Jan. 3, through Jan. 7, at 7:30 nightly.

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Church News . . .

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This event will close with the installation of church officers on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 3.

Our church conference will be held Monday evening, Jan. 10, at 7:30 in fellowship hall. All officers and members are asked to attend.

The Board of Christian Education wishes to thank its many members and friends for their devoted concern and support to make their annual Christmas Bazaar a success. Ms. W.M. Cox is president; Ms. F.L. Barrow is project chairlady.

Remember those who are sick and shut-in. Visit and send them

Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ

The congregation in Littlefield, Texas, will be hosting the monthly area fellowship for the month of January. This program is set for Jan. 2. The fellowship

will begin at 2:30. Lunch will be served at 1.

As we've said in the past, we are always glad to have our many visitors to worship with us each Sunday morning. We sincerely hope they will continue to come back and worship with us.

Sisters Rita Stiggers and Clariss Rogers asked for our prayers.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut-in members.

Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

Watch services will be held at our church on Friday, Dec. 31, at 11. We will begin fellowship hour earlier with a soul food luncheon. Do come and worship with us.

All auxiliaries will meet next week as scheduled.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut-in members.

Mount Olive Baptist Church

Snyder, Texas — Sunday School was called to worship by the Assistant Supt. Sister Rosa N. Walker, presiding. High points were given by the pastor, Rev. E.D. Toines, and were enjoyed by all.

The message for the morning service was delivered by Rev. E.D. Toines. He spoke on "Thank God We Have a Savior." Scripture reading was from Luke 2:11.

The choir presented a Christmas program at the evening services. It was most inspiring and enjoyed by all.

Park Heights Baptist Church

The Park Heights Baptist Church of San Angelo sponsored a Christmas Party for 35 Senior Citizens at the Randolph Neighborhood Center, Friday evening, Dec. 10. The event was enjoyed by all those who participated. The group who sponsored the affair were the Young Married's II under the direction of Mrs. Youngblood. Mrs. Dillard Woods is the director of the group.

Christmas carols were sung by the gathering and refreshments

were served. Each Senior Citizen was presented with a small gift from the sponsoring group.

Lyons Chapel Baptist Church

With 1977 right around the corner, the Missionary Society ended their last program for the year, with a splendid dinner, honoring the Senior Citizens. Everyone looked lovely. We were entertained by the youth department of the church. We were presented with a short play and the smaller children recited speeches. The entire church joined in singing Christmas carols. A drawing was held for a couple of gifts that were given away.

We are now in the process of getting ready for installation of all officers, which will be held Sunday, Jan. 9, 1977. Everyone is asked to please try and be present.

We, the members of Lyons Chapel, along with the pastor, would like to wish each and everyone a very prosperous and happy New Year. May all your endeavors and goals you strive for be reached. Let's put God first, others second and self last and perhaps 1977 will be even better than 1976.

George Smothers Honored Here

Members of the Men's Civic Club took time last Wednesday evening at Lou Stubbs Party House to pay tribute to one of their most faithful members, George Smothers.

After a delicious menu of barbeque beef and all the trimmings, members of the organization expressed their appreciation for the services of Mr. Smothers, who will be moving to Waco, Texas, next month.

As one member said: "You can always depend upon George Smothers to do what he said he would do." "It has been a privilege to know this man," said James Craven, Sr.

George Woods, former president and longtime member, gave a brief history of the contributions he (George) has made to the club and community. "Not only have I worked with George in the club, but in the Eastern Little League," he said.

"We'll miss George when he leaves us," said Harold M. Chatman. "We hate to see him move to Waco, but that's life," said Harvey Davis, president.

Dr. F.L. Lovings, another longtime member, expressed appreciation for the works of George Smothers. "I've enjoyed working with him," was the feeling of Sidney Hall.

"It was hard to get him out here this evening," said Mrs. Josephine Smothers, his wife. "We'll be forever grateful to what you all have done for him," she continued.

"I didn't expect anything like this, because there was no meeting about it," commented Mr. Smothers. "It's so wonderful to know that you have friends to do something for you," he smiled.

Lubbock School Lunch Menu

Monday, January 3

- Corn Dog, W/ Mustard
- Au-Gratin Potatoes
- Buttered Green Beans
- Pear Half-Peanut Butter Cookie
- 1/2 Pint Milk

Secondary Choice

- Liver and Onions
- Sliced Beets

Tuesday, January 4

- Pizza Squares
- Buttered W-K Corn
- Italian Salad
- Peach Half - Cookie
- 1/2 Pint Milk

Secondary Choice

- Baked Meat Loaf
- Buttered Black Eyed Peas

Wednesday, January 5

- Chicken Fried Steak
- Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy
- Buttered English Peas
- Apple Cobbler
- Hot Rolls - Butter
- 1/2 Pint Milk

Secondary Choice

- Chicken Pot Pie
- Fried Okra

Thursday, January 6

- Tacos, W/Lettuce and Cheese
- Pinto Beans
- Chilled Fruit Cup
- Jello W/Topping
- Cornbread
- 1/2 Pint Milk

Secondary Choice

- Polish Sausages W/Sauerkraut
- Corn on the Cob

Friday, January 7

- Batter Fried Fish W/Tartar Sauce
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The Black Experience and The President's Daughter: It is an established fact that President-Elect Carter's daughter, Amy, will be going to an integrated school after January 20. There are 10 percent white, 30 percent Spanish and children of foreign diplomats and 60 percent Black. The enrollment is 213. The school was named for Thaddeus Stevens, an anti-slavery advocate. President Carter is the second president in history to have a child enrolled in the school. The first one was Teddy Roosevelt.



The decision will make news across the world. It shows that the President has been right on the race question from the beginning, believes Dr. Benjamin Mays, black member of the Atlanta school board and president of same for several years. He believes that it was a decision unrelated to the Plains church incident which Carter was influential enough to have the majority of the church vote that all people who want to join the church in Plains may do so.

Dr. Mays states that there are those who will argue that Amy will suffer academically if she "is in school where the majority are blacks and other minorities. I refute this. There is no evidence that white children, perform less well when in school with blacks. There are test scores to prove this." He adds: "In any school there will be some who will score very high even if they come from the ghetto."

Mays concludes: "Integrated schools are good for everybody. The Bible and all of our constitutional documents give the foundation upon which our nation has to be built. It is assumed in these documents that every person has the right to live and develop without artificial barriers."

Of course a great number of bellringers pray that Amy will grow up having never known prejudice and that she will live a life of freedom and this is what America is all about.

To Our Bellringers: We take this opportunity to proclaim to each of you our hope and confidence that God will be with you this season and throughout the coming year.

A booklet of daily meditations for the Christian observance of Lent, 1977, prepared by the A.M.E., the A.M.E. Zion and the C.M.E. predominantly black denominations, will be used by thousands of Christians of various creeds and races in the winter and spring. COCU is sponsoring the project.

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THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to express our most heartfelt gratitude to those who contributed to the Salvation Army Christmas drive, making it truly a success. We would like to express appreciation to the Avalanche-Journal, The West Texas Times, the radio and TV stations and to the merchants of Lubbock for allowing us to have a Kettle Stand in front of their establishments. To the Christmas Clearance Bureau of The United Way of Lubbock, who coordinated our efforts to the U.S. Marines "Toys for Tots" headed by Capt. Don Curd and 1st Sgt. Salmons. Almost 15,000 toys were collected and/or purchased by the U.S. Marines reserve and The Salvation Army.

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