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## Charges Filed In Overstreet Murder Case Here

Several months ago an article was published by the Manhattan Heights Times entitled, "Do you know who killed this man?" Well, late last Saturday night the Lubbock Police Department said they had solved one of the most mysterious murder cases lodged on their records in recent years.

The Police Department stated that two suspects are in custody who were connected with the slaying of a 33 year old Granvel Alexander Overstreet, 2819 East Broadway, and a third man who is in the State Prison at Huntsville was reported involved.

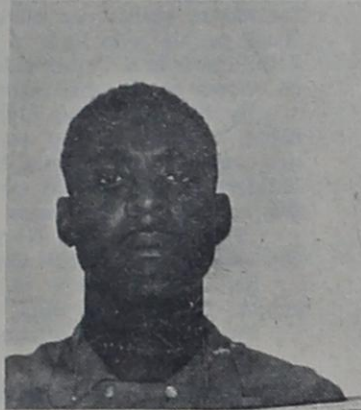
On Sunday morning, Lubbock Police Lt. John Arnold, who has been working continuously on the case for nearly four months, went to Huntsville to talk with the man identified in signed statements given by the two suspects arrested on Saturday.

According to the records, Overstreet's decomposed body was found last September 5th, 1964 near the City of Lubbock Cemetery by three youths: Areador Thompson, Don L. Phillips, and Gerald Nathan, all about fourteen, while hunting.

Up until last week the Lubbock Police Department had not developed any concrete information relating to the case.

The final pieces to the puzzle came to light on Saturday in a quick succession of events when Detective Sgt. Willis Clark received information that a Lubbock negro had bragged regarding the mysterious death before the body was ever found.

After further checking into the case, Clark and other Police officials found the Lubbock negroes connected with the case and the third party convicted of an armed robbery last August charged in Lubbock



Granvel Alexander Overstreet

identified as the suspected slayer.

Overstreet was reported missing on July 20, 1964, and his car was found later near the Mae Simmons Park. According to his wife, earlier in the morning he had gone to pay the rent and buy a pair of hose. Police found the hose he purchased under the front seat.

According to the two suspects who later confessed that they were present at the time of the slaying--the information began to fit the unsolved puzzle perfectly. They told the police that they met with Overstreet and the suspected slayer in Huntsville in a restaurant near 18th and Avenue A.

There was a drinking party, and all four men drove along the road near the cemetery. After several minutes of driving along the side of the road the car stopped and two of the men got out--while Overstreet and the driver of the vehicle remained inside. Several moments later Overstreet got out of the car.

It was at this time

**DON'T FORGET THE MAGIC SHOW**

Come one! Come all! and see Mr. Fred Mills, a star of Magic, in an evening of Magic at the Dunbar High School Auditorium Friday, February 26th, 8:00 P.M. in an exciting two hour show.

The benefit of this show will go toward the Educational Building of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Rev. S.R. Roberts, Pastor.

that Overstreet was knocked in the head with the pistol, stomped, and shot one time in the head by one of two men outside of the car. The slayer dragged the body about forty-five feet under a fence into a shallow ravine where it was discovered several weeks later by the three youths.

At the present time there has been no real motive uncovered for the slaying, but it was reported there was an argument several minutes before the slaying.

### Widow Awarded Insurance Suit

Jurors in 140th District Court on last Wednesday returned a verdict favoring Mrs. Odessa Peace in a civil action on an insurance policy.

The Reliable Insurance Company brought the suit against Mrs. Peace, a widow, and Leo W. Sedberry, owner of Sedberry's Funeral Home. The insurance company sought to have declared void a thousand dollar policy insuring the life of Leon Peace, late husband of Mrs. Peace.

The insurance company stated that Peace died July 26 and that when issued the policy nearly a year earlier, he had represented that he was not suffering from any illness or disease.

Jurors ruled that the deceased was in sound health at time the policy was issued and was entitled to the thousand dollar amount of the policy.

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### Dunbar Captures 1-AAA Cage Title

The fighting Dunbar Panthers defeated the Woodson Rams of Abilene by a score of 95-68, in the Dunbar Gym and breezed in to clinch the District IAAA Western Zone Cage Title.

Shotgun blasts from Tommy Ricks, scoring at the drop of a hat from almost anywhere on the court, was the

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## Another 'Most Beautiful' Contestant At Dunbar

With the final days of the Most Beautiful Contest drawing to a close at the Dunbar High School each contestant is working hard to be chosen by the student body.

Another one of the young ladies competing in this most talked about contest is Antoinette Roberson, 16, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Roberson of 2405 East 28th Street.

She is a junior at Dunbar, where she is a secretary in the choir and science club and a member of the Student



Antoinette Roberson Council.

Antoinette is a member of the St. Luke Baptist Church.

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## Talent Show Set Tonight

The annual Talent Show sponsored by the Dunbar Parent's Club will be held tonight, Thursday, February 11th, in the Dunbar Auditorium.

Some of the talent that will help season this pre-Spring affair are the Tonettes and little Sandra Hutchinson, one of last year's winners.



It appears as though the cute little couple above is shy to the photographer. Little Shelia Renee Patterson, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Patterson, of 2405 Globe Avenue, is making a bow, while the handsome Timothy Michael Walker, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Walker, Jr., 2411 Hickory Street, is standing tall for the completion of the photo. This picture was taken at the "Tom Thumb" wedding held here in December

# Scouts Stress Heritage

EDITORIAL: By Thomas James Patterson

The theme of Boy Scout Week, to be observed from February 7 to 13th this year, which is this week, is "Strengthen America's Heritage", . . . . . and a better one could not have been chosen.

The Boy Scouts of America have been known for fifty-five years for the great contributions they have made to the youth of our country. But there has been no finer activity than the current "Strengthen America's Heritage" program.

All manner of activities will characterize this week. Churches of every denomination will develop the theme in their services. Newspapers, radio and television will give the week the notice it so richly deserves. This week schools and civic groups will participate. Patriotic organizations will play their important part. The goal is to bring home to everyone American principles and ideals which are eternal and which the scouts are pledged to sustain.

There is no question that Scouting---and its special emphasis on heritage --- makes a constructive difference in the life of a boy. A good Scout is able to explain to anyone what he believes his heritage to be; who created it, who preserves it, who defends it, and how . . .

The experience of the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America, which serves some twenty counties, shows that five thousand Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers display the American flag at their homes to show their appreciation of their heritage. They work at living by their Scout credo -- the Cub Scout Promise, The Boy Scout Oath, or the Explorer Code. Their scouting activities help to build and maintain personal fitness of body, mind, and spirit as a practical means of enjoying and passing on our heritage to those who follow them.

It is also the responsibility of every true American personally to understand and maintain the American way of life, to honor it by his own exemplary conduct, and to pass it intact to succeeding generations. Our country can be grateful to the Boy Scouts of America for the character building, citizenship training, and physical fitness program that it provides for our youth.

The Scout Law and Oath is worth rereading and remembering: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law. To help other people at all times, and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." Every Scout thus gains a philosophy to live by all of his life.

This week has marked the 55th Anniversary of The Boy Scouts of America. Some 5.5 million boys are now members. May their tribes increase, and may the movement last for centuries to come . . . Happy Birthday Scouts.

## POST OFFICE EMPLOYMENT NOW OPEN

The Lubbock, Texas Post Office is seeking applications from local residents who are interested in becoming postal clerks or city carriers, acting postmaster E.J. Chnemus announces.

Persons who apply and who pass a written test given by the civil service commission will be placed on a list of eligibles and will be considered for future openings.

Clerks and carriers are now paid a starting rate of \$2.48 per hour, with annual increases for six years to \$2.97 an hour and additional increases every three years to \$3.98 per hour. Anyone interested in a career in the postal service may obtain complete information from the examiner in charge, Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Room 16-B, Main Post Office Building, Lubbock, Texas.

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## Bandit Beats Slaton Man

On last Saturday night a Slaton Service station attendant was badly beaten and robbed of approximately \$94.00 in cash money by a negro bandit.

It was late Saturday night the attendant, Carl West, 43, remained in a Slaton Hospital with head injuries after he

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## PURELY PERSONAL

# The Challenge of The New Era

By RAY DAVIS

Several people have commented and expressed disagreement with the column last week, entitled "the duty of the businessman," and this disagreement is cordially welcomed and helpful.

My only purpose in writing is to help cast greater light on some of the many subjects which are not properly illuminated, and not to simply reflect that which is agreeable or comfortable to hear. For, if you will stop to think, much of the trouble that confronts and has confronted us has been the over-attention on the part of many to simply abide by and go along with what is, or seek popularity through agreeableness.

We speak of business, which is often "unkind", and for me to paint rosy pictures of it would be to mislead those people who look to a writer for honesty and fact. Still, there is a better side to business and this too will be shown as the discussion continues, as was intended.

By the expression of honest dissent, when it is indicated, to help in any way possible toward the greater achievements of America by aiding the men, women and children of my race in the assumption of a just place in this country, is my reason for writing.

This goal of the Negro, I believe, cannot be done by making the difficult appear easy or the rocky smooth. So, each subject is calculated and written to involve you; to urge you to think of another point of view.

For this I began writing, and for this, I will continue.

Today, America grapples to preserve Free Enterprise.

While one-third of the world embraces the practice of socialism and another half of the world has succumbed to communism, this nation searches for ways in which to meet the challenge.

The growing demands of the poor are daily becoming more vocal, and upon the doors of American business life, twenty million black Americans are pounding, demanding entrance.

This group—the men of the world of business—historically the guardians and protectors of the status quo, must answer that challenge or perhaps see that order which has been of the essence to private enterprise pass away.

The question is whether or not the practice of private enterprise can adopt and include elements which will give it renewed thrust. But in order for this to be accomplished, it will be necessary to recognize and account for the growing aspirations of men as increasingly each man seeks fuller realization of himself.

We need not discuss the need for jobs or the economic benefits which dictate that private enterprise be lent greater imagination and justice. It should suffice, here, to say that if America continues to waste 30% of her manpower (10% of its population, who are Negro and 20% of its white population who have been victims of a system they have often nurtured), then such a course invites disaster.

Nor do we need to say that men—white and Negro — need more and better jobs, for this theme has been belabored at length.

This part of our discussion will deal with men as creators of jobs, for increasingly, in this frenzy we are witnessing, few men are saying what should be said. The lecturers and speakers are talking only of employing men; of making jobs which men will fill.

But this course, untempered, can become one of the greatest tragedies of our age, unless it is done with foresight.

And this is one area where the Negro businessman may make a lasting contribution to the nation and the people whom he seeks to help.

The business of the future must provide more for a man than most of the businesses of the present day. It is not enough to say that Negroes need jobs. This is obvious.

Rather, a look should be taken at what now does exist in business, and it should be done in a critical manner, extricating each negative factor that exists, holding it up for study, in order to avoid or circumvent the mistakes of former ages.

Look at the jobs; look at the men; look at the people who make their living in the business offices, the factories and firms.

Ask—and seek to answer for yourself—why the men with "good jobs" are sometimes the most frustrated. Is it the poor who maintain the psychiatrists and overload the mental wards?

Why are ulcers and bald heads so prevalent among business men and executives?

Then, ask yourself where a man spends the greatest part of his waking life. Is it not working?

If a businessman says that he would help the people, then this is where he should begin—by looking and noting what does exist.

The problem then becomes more than the creation of jobs. It becomes the creation of jobs for people—jobs which will allow a man integrity within himself and kinship with his higher aspirations as a rational being. More simply, the businessman must realize that jobs are to be created for people; not people for jobs.

Undoubtedly, much of the frustration and neurosis which exists in the world of business has been caused by inept attempts to bend men and women to con-

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## OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY: A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY



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CONTINENTAL FEATURES



## The Beautician's Corner



Calling all Beauticians! Today is Thursday, February 11, the forty-second day of 1965 with three hundred and twenty three to follow and the President, Mrs. O. Long, has turned the second page in her book for the New Year's work for the beauticians. State and local taxes are paid in advance, and committees are reporting.

Miss Mary Leftwich is really working to bring the trophy back home!

A special thanks went out to the Bingo Committee... It was a big success. Big plans are in the making for a big Spring Style Show....

Be sure to read your Manhattan Heights Times each week for the coming events... Don't forget we meet twice each month.

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## City Beauticians Observe Beauty Salon Week

In observance of Beauty Salon Week, the Beauticians will close Beauty Salon Week by attending Church Sunday, February 14th, Tuesday.

DUNBAR PANTHERS... Continued from page 1 main instrument in the Panther's machine as he hit the scoreboard for 38 points despite only three tallies in the first quarter.

There were three other Panthers who hit in the double figures in this contest. Quincey White contributed 14 points, while Jimmy Gary and Clarence Hawkins each hit 10.

The coach of these fighting Panthers, Curtis Gipson, stated that the Panthers will play the opportunity to compete with many other schools. Personally, I think they have done a swell job, and with the eagerness each player shows, I see no reason why they shouldn't be one of the better teams on the South Plains.

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Five o'clock noon, at The Church of God in Christ, Rev. C. D. Haynes, Pastor. The President, Mrs. O. H. Long, is requesting all beauticians to wear dark dresses.

winner of the Wichita Falls and Fort Worth contest which is scheduled for sometime this week, and the winner of the contest between Dunbar and the unannounced winner will go to the State Meet held at Prairie View College each year.

The victory on Saturday night for the Panthers upped their league mark to 7-1 and they are now 21-2 for the season. The terrific offensive displayed on Saturday should assure the Panthers a spot in the District victory against any other zone winner.

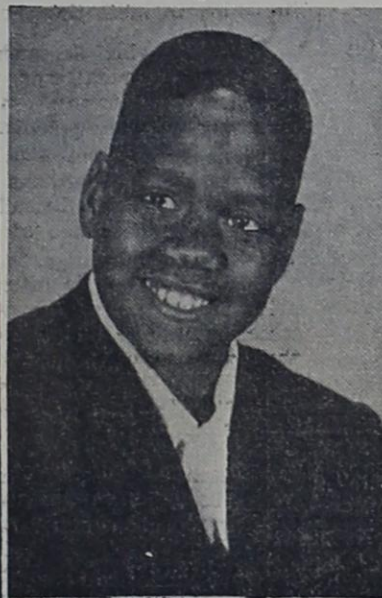
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## Mary & Mac Sports Talk

With basketball season at its peak for this year, Mary & Mac's Tigers and Tigerettes have been seen on the court by many speculators.

The Tigers and Tigerettes of this institution have done a wonderful job in basketball thus far. The Tigers have a

four and three record, while the girls have a one and one record.



Julius C. Graves

The Tigerettes include the following young ladies; Cecille Graves, Cynthia Bunton, Wilma Williams, Sandra Sneed, Kimberly McVade, Waverly Ann Moore, and Ruby Fobbs.

The Tigers include the following; Ira Fobbs, Joe Sherman Cornish, R. B. Young, Bobby Bunton, Ronnie Sneed, Donald Humphrey, Robert Walker, Kenneth McGee, Herman Moore, Lafayette Cannon and Julius C. Graves.

The trainer for both teams is Rickey Cooke.

The Tigers and Tigerettes motored to Tahoka last night to play two games with Dunbar School. On Saturday the Tigers will journey to Ralls to play as one of the participants in the Ralls tournament, by the way, Ralls defeated the Tigers last week by a score of 42-40, at Ralls.

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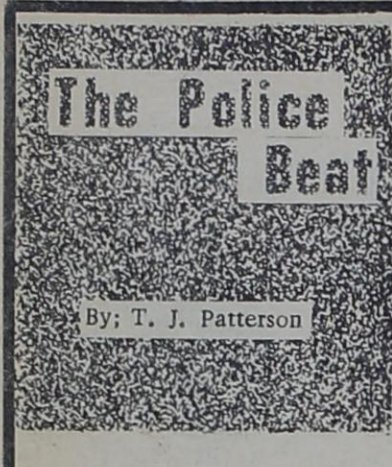
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**COT STOLEN**

Mrs. Lorane Jamerson of 1603 Avenue B, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that she put a steel cot at the rear of her house, facing east, and on the following morning the cot was gone --- who stole? Well, no one knows....What made her miss it was when she went to put it in her shed....There was no cot....

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**BEATS WIFE WITH IRON**

Mrs. Osalee Adams of 602 Avenue A reported that her husband came home drunk and broke the front door glass out on last Saturday night. She stated she was lying in the bed when he came into the house....

and before she could get up he hit her in the head with an electric iron. She was taken to Methodist Hospital for treatment.

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**RUNS INTO HR GROCERY**

George Louis Montgomery, 3502 Teak and Isaac James Castillow, 2210 Redbud, were riding in their automobile when it crashed into the Fir Avenue Grocery, 2600 Fir Avenue. Upon arrival of a Police Car the two named people were found in the car and in a very drunken condition. They smelled of alcohol and had difficulty walking. Their speech was difficult to understand. The owner of the automobile was booked for negligent collision by hitting a fixed object....

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"I ONLY WANT TO PAY MY RENT"

An attendant at 1515 Avenue C, Apt #27, was

arrested for disturbing the peace. The police arrived at the place where all the noise was being made. The attendant was loud and insisted that he was paying the rent on the apartment. He even insisted upon going down to the Manager's Office to prove to the Police Officers that he was telling the truth. He was asked by officers where his place of work was, but was unable to give place of employment. As matter of the facts indicated.... he was arrested....He left in the squad car yelling, "I only want to pay my rent."

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**MAN KICKS DOWN DOOR**

The Lubbock Police Department was summoned last week in regard to a male kicking down a front door in the 2600 block of Hickory Street. After breaking down the door he came in and began using profane language.

**SHOOTS CEILING DUE TO HIS ANGER**

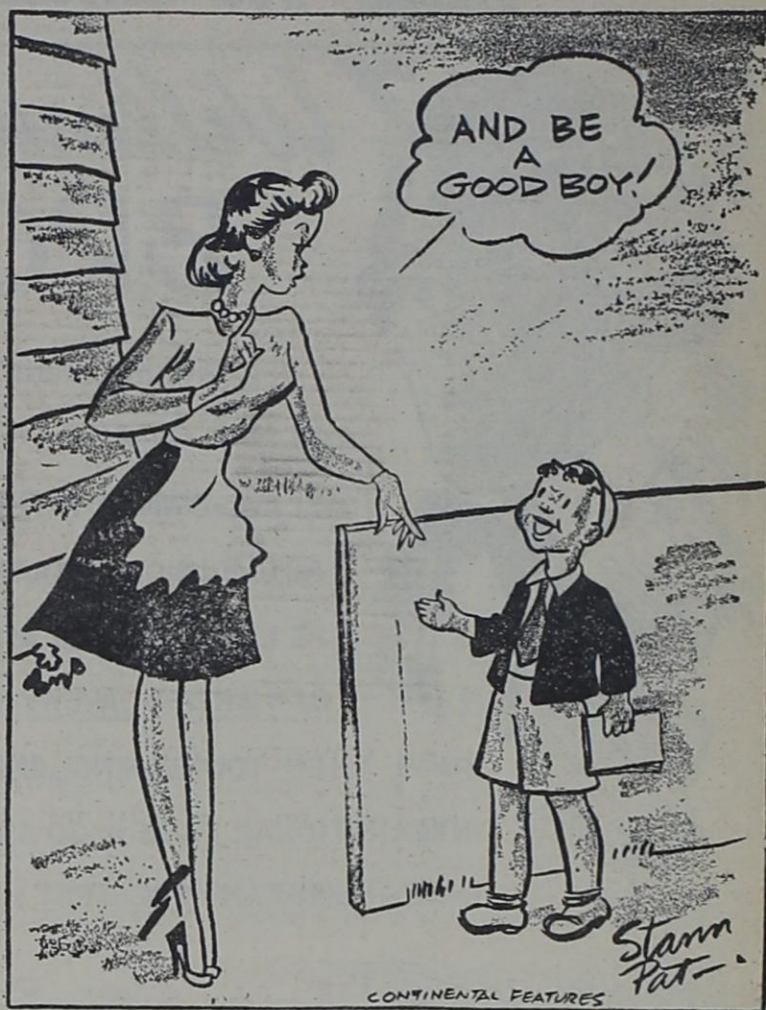
Two males got into an argument at 3220 East 5th Street here in Lubbock last weekend and one pulled his gun and shot a hole in the ceiling. One of the young men stated that while he was going to telephone the police department about the incident, his companion got into a pink and black '59 Mercury and fled to Idalou.

**HOUSE LOOTED FOR PIGGY BANK**

An unidentified person broke into an apartment at 2228 Redbutl Avenue (Crestheaven Apartmentst) while the attendants were fast asleep, and escaped into the dark night with a blue dog piggy bank containing five dollars, three Kennedy half-dollars, and an

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**Do's And Don'ts**



The worst thing about money is that it so often costs so much.

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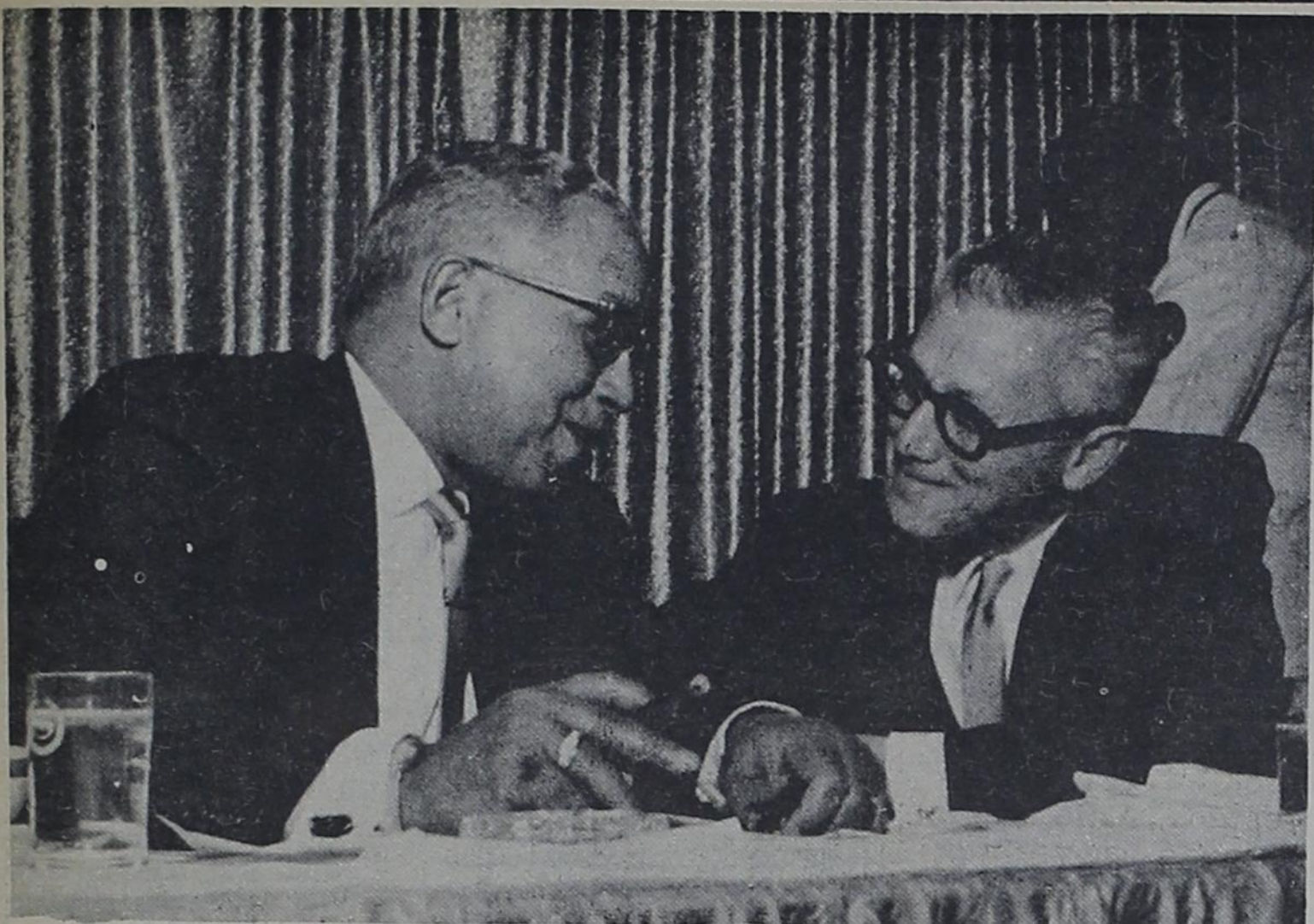
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Relaxed chat— Frank Stanley, Sr. President of the National Negro Publishers Association chats and enjoys a good cigar with former Florida

Governor Leroy Collins and presently director of the U.S. Commerce Community Relations Service, during the Publishers' Mid-Winter

Workshop being held in St. Louis. The Governor who also headed the National Association of Broadcasters, was guest speaker before a record workshop audience.

# Is Jesse James Dead????

By JOSEPH L. TURNER

The wave of crime and terrorism presently sweeping the coun-

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try gives rise to the questions, "Is Jesse James Dead? What about the Daltons and the Ford Brothers, Billy the Kid, and all the other dangerous desperados who roamed the land, robbing banks, trains, post offices, Wells-Fargo offices, and stage-coaches, shooting, terrorizing, and murdering innocent people almost a century ago."

If these dangerous badmen are

not dead or at least reincarnated then there must be some aspect of our own society that is to blame for producing the current rise of criminalism.

One would certainly think that in almost 100 years, "any" civilized group of people could advance to the degree that crime and lawlessness could be minimized through strong laws and through efficient law enforcement. America is reputed to be the most advanced nation in civilization, and yet it has had its Jesse Jamss, its Al Capone, its John Dillinger, and is now "enjoying" its era of Mafia and Costa Nostra.

Besides the wave of bank robberies, gem thefts, muggings breaking in homes, hi-jackings of armored trucks, and the like, there are others such as church bombings, cross burnings, midnight ambushes, and lynchings of all kind. People are being threatened and intimidated and denied rights and freedoms because of what is called "the personal rights of the individual." In incidents where legal action is brought against such perpetrators, legal loopholes are used as escapes and there seems to be an attitude of unconcern by persons of responsibility.

The nation, and indeed the world was horrified at the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy and the events following his assassination. For almost a year, the conscious of the nation was laid open for everyone to look at, and to ask, how and why in this day and age could something like that hap-

# Negro Community Given Reprieve

WASHINGTON --(NPI)-- Be-leagured residents of Toby Town, a "pocket of poverty" in Mary-lan affluent Montgomery county, have been given an extension until April 1, to comply with county demands to construct minimum sanitation facilities.

Toby Town residents have been in the spotlight for nearly a month now, since a law suit was filed, revealing that one of the residents may have been defrauded in his land. Until then, Toby Town had been forgotten and neglected for nearly a century.

Fifteen families live in the area, sharing one (non-working) central well, and an outdoor privy. All are descendants of

two freed slaves who were given the land after the Civil War. In recent years Toby Town has been encircled by an expensive housing development.

Montgomery County filed suit to recover funds paid in wel-fare assistance to an aged resident of the community, who had at one time owned a large tract of land. The county charges that a "benefactor" of the resident illegally obtained the old man's property, and must repay the county for assistance given.

When the story of Toby Town was revealed, county health of-

pen? Then, just as suddenly as the reawakening came, it was gone.

Equally as suddenly and shock-ingly came the news of the murder of the civil rights workers in Mississippi. The news struck a hard blow to the conscious of the nation and to its image abroad. But just as before, it rolled with the punch and sauntered back into unconcern and isolationism, believing that since "we have such a great society with so much 'freedom' God is on our side, and things are bound to work out right."

What people fail to realize is that they must do something to prove they are on God's side, that they will not let the suffering of the oppressed continue, that they will not continue to turn their heads when there are cries against injustice, that they will be quick to act when freedom, property, life and limb are threatened by any force, idea, or group.

Jesse James and the badmen of his era are no doubt long since dead, but the attitude of indifference which permitted their kind to survive, to grow and continue to prey on the life and resources of the rest of the nation, is very much alive.

The world has nothing to bestow; From our own selves our joys must flow, And that dear hut-- our home.  
NATHANIEL COTTON

officials issued an order (Jan.9) to build 15 privies and three wells within 60 days or face possible prosecution.

Last week, the extension was granted after interested organization and residents protested that winter weather and frozen ground made it impossible to meet the deadline. Several private groups, including the NAACP, have offered to pay for construction of the facilities.



Houston.. Mrs. Annie Mae Ellis, a registered nurse who lives at 8717 Bertwood, helped to save the life of her neighbor, Mr. Young, who was suffering a heart attack at his home. Thinking her husband had indigestion, Mrs. Young went to the home of Mrs. Ellis for an alkalizer, upon returning for another, the nurse went over to take a look at her neighbor and found him gasping for breath. After checking his chest, she noticed he was having heart failure and rushed to awaken her husband, Leroy where they immediately carried him to Homestead Hospital to be examined and then later rushed to Ben Taub, where the patient is in good condition. This fast action of Mrs. Ellis, employee of Dr. R. L. Hardy helped to save his life.

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# Slaton News

## Slaton's Evans High School Completes First Semester

By: Mr. Earl Williams, Jr.

Evans High School of Slaton, Texas has just successfully completed the first semester of the current school year. The P.T.A. climaxed its fund-raising drive for the initial semester when curtains for the stage in the auditorium were installed. To all the patrons who were so generous to contribute to the drive, the P.T.A. says thanks.

On January 13, 1965, Principal O.B. Allen was

the keynote speaker at the Lavelly Sunset Board conference held at Triumph Baptist Church. On the same program, the Evans High School Choral Club, under the direction of Miss Barbara Gardner, sang two spirituals.

The Evans High School Basketball Team is currently in second place in District BB. On Tuesday night, January 26th, the Wolverines defeated Lincoln High School Trojans of Snyder, Texas, 46-43. In the "B" game,

the Dragons were once more trounced by the Wolverines, 45-38.

Again on Saturday night, January 30th, the Wolverines defeated B. T. Washington Dragons of Sweetwater. The score in the Varsity Game was 46-45. Richard Washington scored fifteen points for the Wolverines. In the B game the young Wolverines defeated the Dragons 48-42. Paul Hall was the leading scorer with fourteen points for Wolverines.

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undetermined amount of pennies. In addition to this the entrant went into a dresser drawer and took \$39.00 from a purse lying inside it.

### CONCEALED WEAPON UNDER CAR SEAT

Last Friday night a four door '56 Chevrolet was going east on 19th Street in the 1200 block, and was making an excessive amount of noise. This car was stopped by patrolmen and the driver was questioned about the noise his muf-

flers were making. One of the patrolmen happened to look up under the front seat of the automobile and there under the seat was an MM Automatic (Amstar). This particular weapon contained five rounds of live ammunition.

Each week we of The MANHATTAN HEIGHTS Times will endeavor to bring you some of the highlights of the "crime wave" which engulfs our city. We hope you enjoy reading "The Police Beat".

## Confident Living



# IT PAYS TO ASK

By Norman Vincent Peale

An eviction notice! That's what came out in the mail to Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. of Long Island City. The rented house that had been home to them was condemned for a projected bridge.

They combed the area for a suitable house to move into. With the little girl in a stroller Mrs. G. walked the neighborhood daily. In the evening, he would go out and search. But every house was beyond their means or in bad condition.

Weeks passed and the deadline for eviction overtook them. Mrs. G. and the children went to stay with her mother. Mr. G. moved in with his. For two months more they continued house hunting seven days a week. Still no house.

One evening they were sitting in Mr. G's mother's living room, discouraged and miserable, when their young son put down his crayons and came and stood before his parents. "I know how you can get a house," he said. They smiled at him tolerantly. "Ask God, He'll help you."

Now, although this couple had tried to teach their children, religion, they, as Mr. G. puts it, were "empty Christians." They went through the motions of attending church on Sundays and that was about it. But in their predicament the boy's confident suggestion stirred something within them; they looked at each other, thought for a moment and decided to try. Right there they got down on their knees, the parents and the two children.

"My voice," says Mr. G., "sounded weird to me as I groped for words. All I asked for was a house. My wife asked for a house with large rooms and with a yard where the children would be safe when at play. Our little girl, who at the old place had slept in our room, said she wanted a room for herself. Our son the last to speak his piece, asked that we be given all these things plus 'a clubhouse in the yard.' 'I felt a little embarrassed after we had finished praying. But a feeling of calm descended on our minds.

"The next day my wife phoned me at work. One of the real estate men with whom we had been in contact had called her. That

evening we were to take a look at another house.

"As we approached the place, hoping against hope that it would meet our needs, I was wondering how I would explain to my son that you don't get everything you pray for, but you have to make the best of what is given. I was thinking of that clubhouse he so passionately wanted.

"The house was practically everything we had dreamed of -- large rooms, a side yard, rent we could afford. But I noticed the boy standing at a window, gazing at that side yard, looking very puzzled.

"The agent went on talking and explaining and then asked if we would like to see the back yard. That was the first we'd heard that there was also a yard in back. My son shot out the back door. Second later he reappeared, his eyes full of happiness, shouting,

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of events. More often the answer is fresh inspiration, a new idea or an influx of new strength. Sometimes, too, the answer may be No. But even with a No answer, if we will take it, we

receive the serenity to accept the frustration and then usually we are led to answers. My mother used to tell us "when God shuts a door He is leading you to the right open door -- the one He wants you to enter." It pays to keep on asking.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## MOUNT GILEAD SETS MAGIC SHOW BENEFIT

The Mount Gilead Baptist Church is asking all to come out and see Mr. Fred Mill in an evening of Magic, presented at Dunbar Auditorium on Friday, February 26th, at 8:00 pm. This program is under the auspices of the senior choir. The benefits from this show will go for the educational building.

Sister H.M. Johnson is president of the choir and sister Vinia Thompson is secretary.

## MESSIAH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The youth were in charge of the morning

Worship, the theme was "Go tell it on the Mountain." Isaiah Frederick Simmons, son of Mrs. Juanita Simmons, Supt. of youth work was the speaker. Mr. Simmons said, "starting at home and telling on the mountains, across the seas, the privilege of Christian youth witnessing is the high honor of telling what happens when Christ comes near to other young people."

In the evening, the Junior and Senior High students of Messiah, had dinner with the First Presbyterian Church U. S. in their educational building, after dinner there was a very interesting discussion on:

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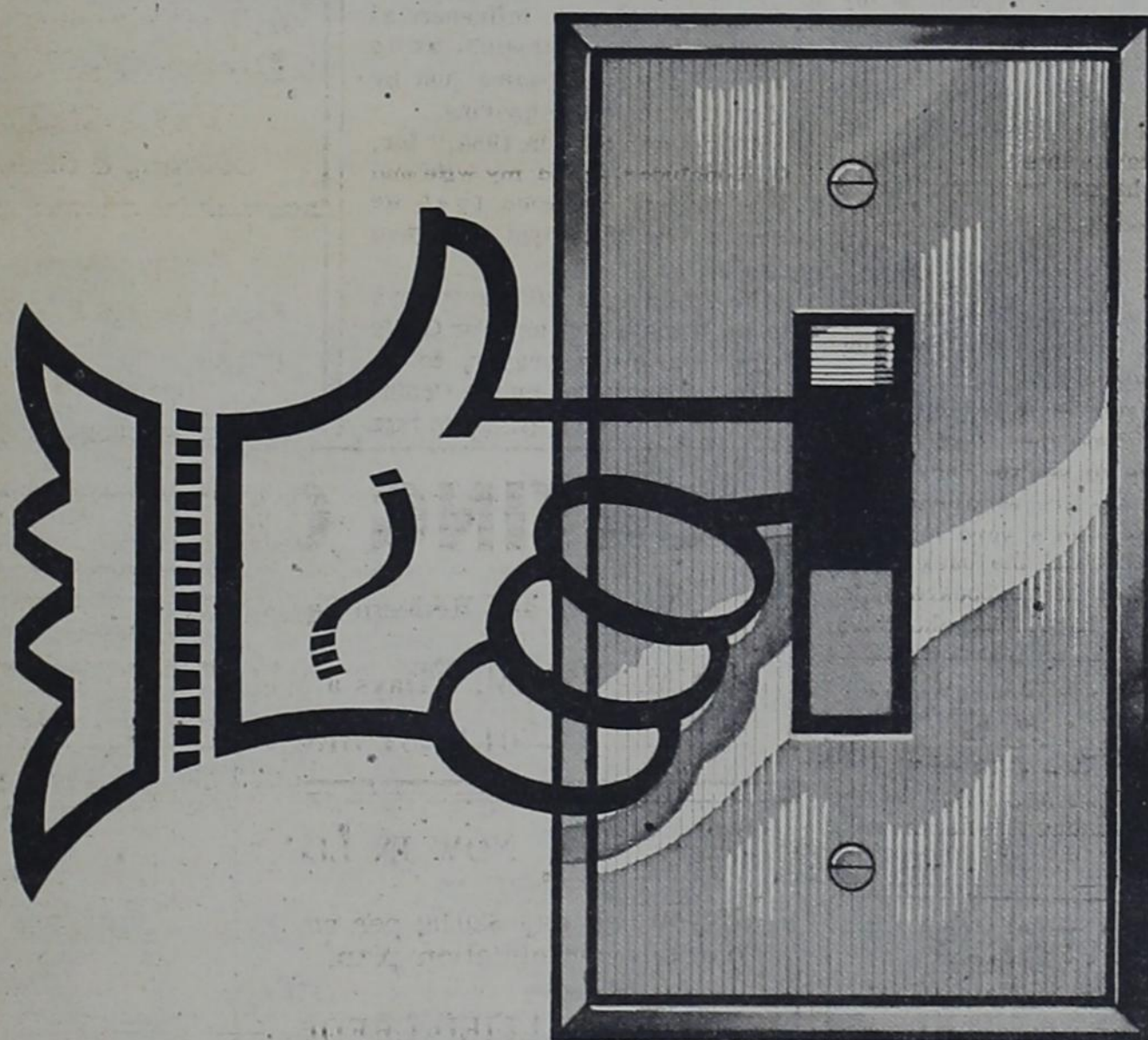
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## Pulpit And Pew "NEITHER BLACK NOR WHITE"

"Black Religion" and "Southern White Protestantism" are titles of two books recently debated by a panel of Negro and white theologians at Atlanta's Interdenominational Theological Center. Reports of the debate are summed up in a statement by Dr. Charles Cofer, ITC Dean of Instruction, who served as moderator. He said, "just as the white Protestant has not represented the religion of Jesus Christ, the Negro has not represented the religion of Jesus Christ."

At first glance, either in the North or in the South, one might get the impression that the Negro's religion is different from that of the white man. A large segment of the practiced religion of the Negro is highly emotional, aided and abetted by those ministers who assume that they have not really preached until they've made people shout. The Negro's God has been, for a long time, a somewhere in-the-sky based Grand Santa Claus who is to be asked for food, jobs, clothes, cars, houses, winning numbers in policy or what have you. Some Negro worshippers even offer "God" a thank-you prayer when their number hits, testifying to their friends that "God" has blessed them.

The average white man's religion is cold by comparison. He has just about all the things the Negro has been praying for years, hence his prayers are not "give me" prayers. Rather, he thanks God, much like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable - "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are..." He considered God "his" partner, in business, farming, war, etc.

With the upsurge of the Negro's "stride towards freedom," both Negro and white religion has taken on a different character in many quarters. The Negro's religion became active and militant when he began to discover that his "Santa Claus god" was not going to come down in person to give him his rights. A new God was born in the Negro's mind;

a God that now became the One who "created all men to dwell in the face of the earth." With his "new" God, the Negro marched, fought, bled and died to prove his kinship with the rest of mankind.

White religion was not ready to accept this new God of the Negro as being their God too. White religionists resisted as their preachers preached on such moral sins as drinking, gambling, woman-chasing, etc., with deaf ears towards the cry of God's dark skinned children. The inevitable happened when not only white Protestants, but also white Roman Catholics and Jews recognized that the suffering Negro, dying on pagan altars of hate, was THEIR brother too; created by THEIR God. There this has happened, religion is neither black nor white.

One panelist said that "churches always take on the coloring of the community...the community tends to create the church in its own image and it is a two way interacting process." With this we can agree.

Negroes were the have-nots. Whites were the haves. Their religions and their God (s) reflected the community of their diverse existences.

For example, one can see even yet among the have nots, Negro AND white, a similarity in their concept of God and their practice of religion. They are both very emotional. They are both yet screaming to God in prayer for the things they need and for deliverance.

One can also note that as middle class Negroes earn more of the things they need and want, their God becomes less and less the "Director of a Heavenly Mail Order Supply House."

There is an ALTAR somewhere in the future where the God who is to be worshipped is colorless. When we get there, we'll discover that religion can be neither black nor white.

Witnesses Jesus Christ through better Race Relations."

SLATON MAN SLUGGED...  
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was slugged several times with a tire tool.

The attendant told Slaton Police that the assailant drove into the station driveway and asked for water for a leaking radiator. After the car had been serviced, the man followed West into the station, talked awhile and in-

quired the distance to Snyder.

The attendant went on to state that he turned his back and the negro struck him on the back of his head with his fist, then struck him in the face. Later the negro hit him several times with a tire tool.

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He who reigns within himself and rules passions, desires, and fears, is more than a king. Milton..

PURELY PERSONAL...  
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form to jobs; taking the job as more important than the person.

And in the context of ensuing discussions, this point will be repeatedly raised because of its importance... because it is a statement of the challenge to the businessman.

We speak glowingly and fearfully of tomorrow, but seldom believe ourselves, for it is hard for most of us to pitch our minds into the future. Yet, it is not difficult to look at the progress which has been made during the last 20 years and estimate that the world is growing in number, achievement and tension—which points to an ultra-dynamic future.

If this is so, then, much of the progress and change will be made and created by business. It, therefore, becomes increasingly necessary for business to aid people in their efforts to meet tomorrow, for this is only a more developed concept of self interest.

The creation of jobs, of itself, is not the answer to such a challenge, for the fact is that business and businessmen will not be successful if they only initiate, sustain or foster the outmoded concepts of yesterday.

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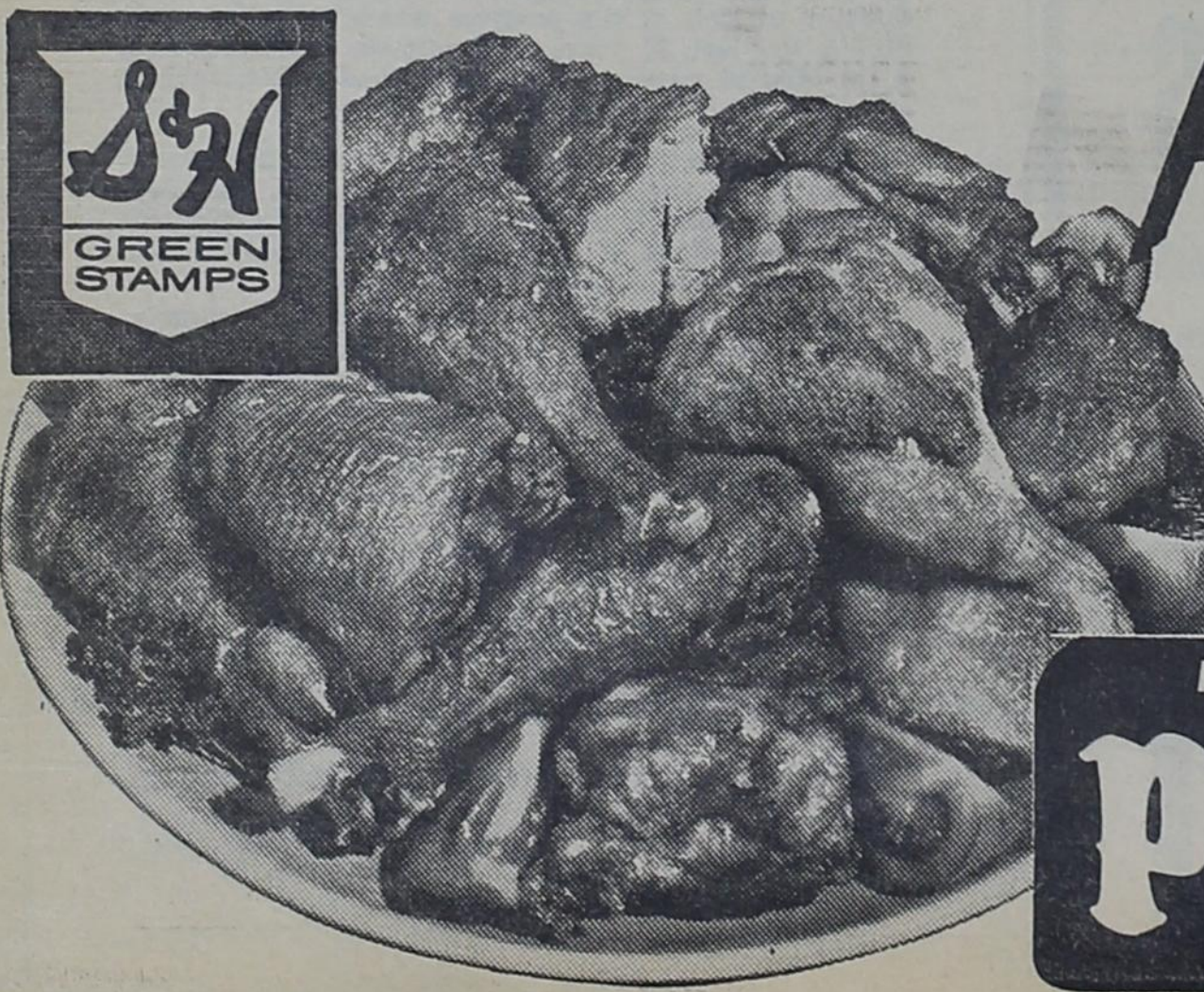
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