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# Eastern Little League All Stars Time to Be Heard Lose Second Tahoka Outing

The Eastern Little League All-Stars scored another victory in the Little League Torunament at Tahoka, by downing the Southwest Little League All-Stars 5-1.

On their next appearance they were defeated by the Tahoka Little League All-Stars 6-3. In the record books a defeat is recorded, but the spectators who saw the contest said they went down fighting like champs.

These little fellows should be patted on the back for the magnificant job they have done to represent the Eastern Little League. Without the aid of their qualified manager, Mr. Jackie Clark, and coach, Mr. Charles Sedberry, all of this could not be attained.

As citizens, parents, sisters, brothers and friends of our little leagu-

#### Urban Renewal **Report Made**

Urban Renewal in Lubbock began with concern about the housing conditions of minority groups. In 1954 City officials set up a Manhattan Heights addition to the city, the first Negro residential sub-division to be approved by FHA for loan insurance, in an attempt to give deserving Negroes the opportunity for decent homes in a decent neighborhood. Improved lots were sold for the cost of water, sewer, and paving. Approximately 100 single-family lots were developed from 1954 through 1958. After the passage of the Texas Urban Renewal Law in July of 1957, a public hearing was held by the City Officials to determine if the City's usage of the newly authorized urabn renewal powers would be submitted to a vote of the tax paying citizens. The election was held on November 25, 1957, and carried 8 to 1. That asme day, the night after the returns were in (1) the City Commission canvassed

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Dodgers	11	3	.785
Grays	10	3	.766
Barrons	8	4	.667
Indians	6	7	.461
Monarchs	4	8	.334
Giants	1	12	.078

ers..let us all continue to support them next year This little league program is very essential

to our young athletes. Here is the final standings of the Eastern Little League.

### **Receives AKA Scholarship**

The Lubbock Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority announced this week that it has extended its educational program to include a \$200 scholarship to be awarded to Miss Helen Jean Young, a 1962 graduate of Dunbar Jr-Sr High School.

Helenis a sophomore at Paul Quinn College at Waco, Texas. Seh is an English major, and a minor in Spanish. This fall she plans to return to Paul Quinn to continue her study.

She is a member of the Modern Dance Group Spanish Club, and the Van Dykettes. This year she plans to go out for one of the school's cheerleaders. Her hobbies are

and declaring that the city would exercise its urban renewla powers through an Urban Renewal Agency, and (3) appointed a board of nine members to govern the newly formed agency.



Miss Helen Young reading, writing short stories, dancing, and pllaying cards.

Miss Young is very grateful to the AKA's for Continued on Page 2

## August Graduate

Hattie Mae Gipson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mannie Williams of 23-07 Ash Street, will receive her Bachelor of Science Degree from Bishop College at Dallas, Texas on August 6th. She is a major in Elemenfary Education.

It would appear after Gov. John Connally's speech on state-wide television last week that some of the "New Frontiermen" have developed a small amount of insight in the last two years.

Gov. Connally has really "split the blanket", so to speak, with his friend in Washington, the Honorable L.B.J. Last Sunday the Governor explained his position in a wire story from Flordia stating that he took his Civil Rights stand as the Governor of Texas, while Mr. Johnson was on the other side of the fence as Vice-President of the United States.

The thing that is most appalling to us here in Lubbock is the fact that the District Director of the NAACP for Texas has been quoted as saying that the Governor could not possibly believe his (NAACP) people would believe in or endorse the Governor's stand.

This statement by an official of the NAACP poses several questions that should be answered, here in Lubbock as well as everywher across the nation.

Number one, if the present proposed Civil Rights Bill is passed and made into a law--and if the Negro citizen of the United States is ever fully integrated--and if the fully integrated, EN-TIRE Negro population of the United States ever rises to a position of responsibility and prestige-how can they expect to keep anything they may have personally acquired for themselves, ie. property, valuables, good jobs, if they have given away the same personal freedoms the President has asked the entire U.S. population to lay down now. Remember, no matter how terrible the present plight of the Negro today--without freedom there could not even be a June 19th whereby a complete race celebrates the Emanciapiation Proclamation.

We have found that in talking to the Negro Citizens of West Texas that they have a sort of "borne up" feeling about today's attacks on segregation. They feel as though they are riding a crest where all the evils imposed upon them for so many years will soon be cured--but everyone realizes that you may eventually fall off of a crest and when you do, you may be so deeply entrenched in the mire you have lost all the headway you had prior to climbing on the crest. At the same time in talking to the citizens, we have determined that no Negro is ready and willing, from the top of the crest, to give up his personal freedoms; the right to exclude people from his home, his business, and his automobile; the right to work as he sees fit, for whom he pleases, and when he wishes to work.

the vote, (2) passed a resolution declaring that a slum and blight existed in the city of Lubbock

The Urban Renewal Agency was organized, and attention was turned to the Negro residential section of town because of the iminence of the construction of Dunbar Jr-Sr High School, a facility which could not be ignored as it would provide most of the locality's share of federally financed urban renewal project. Two areas were set up for projects. A 35 acre area called Coronado (triangular) and the surrounding 370 acres called Yellowhouse. Planning funds were approved, and planning was completed March 24, 19-58 for the 35 acre Coronado Project. On May 26, 1958, a contract was msde with the Federal Government to carry out the 35 acre project. In June Continued on Page 3



Sne is the wife of Curtis Gipson, basketball coach and teacher at Dunbar Jr-Sr High School, and the mother of two ch-Continued on Page 2

For these reasons, from talking to Negroes from around West Texas, we pose our question to the director of the NAACP that we had earlier men-

#### Voter List low

It was revealed last week by a Texas U.S. Congressman woh wants to remain anonymous, that according to a study made in Washington on Negro voting revealed that in Texas there are 22 counties of 254 in which less than 15 per cent of voting - age Negroes are registered. This study was made for all southern states.

The 19th district in Texas, around Lubbock, has the highest number of counties with fewer than 15 per cent Negroes on the voting lists. Of much less all issues. For Continued on Page 4

tioned. When the Director of the NAACP asid the Governor could not be speaking for his people, whom did he mean? Did he mean the people employed by the NAACP, the Directors of the NAACP, or did he mean as he so implied the complete Negro population of the state of Texas? As far as anyone man being able to speak for the entire Negro population of Texas, we must disagree with him. Even in one area as small in Texas as West Texas we find many people who cannotassociate themselves with the NA-ACP on even a few issues Continued on Page 4

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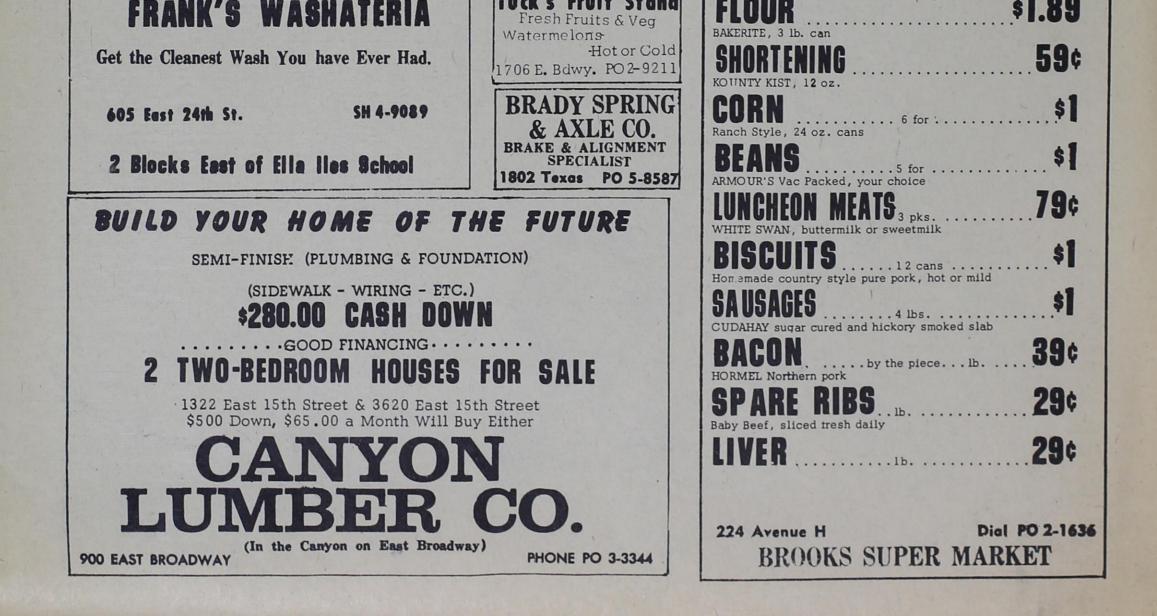
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Captain Alcestee M. Drisdale, R.N., of West Point, Texas, (right) now stationed at the U.S. Air Force Hospital Andrews in Washington, D.C., has received promotion to Major. Upon receiving this promotion she became the highest ranking female Prairie View College graduate in the Armed Forces. Dr. E.B. Evans, president of Prairie View College, (left) announced the promotion of Captain Drisdale.

URBAN RENEWAL ... the remainder of the Negro area under study, and a hearing was held on March 23, 1961 on amending the 35 acre project to include the 370 acres of surrounding territory. This amendment was approved, and on August 9, 1961, the Federal Government entered into

contract with the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Lubbock to excute the enlarged proiect.

Progress has been rapid since this time. At the present time 67 per cent of the land to be acquired has been accomplished at a cost of \$3,655, 000, 28 per cent of the



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EDITORIAL ...

this reason, we would

suggest that the Negro

citizens of this area take

a firm stand on what he

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believes and then voice

their opinion to the peo-

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across the country, at

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If being a Negro, and

you are a Negro.

1281 families to be relocated have been successfully relocated, 36 per cent of the acquired buildings have been cleared, site improvements are 24 per cent complete (water, sewer, paving), 92 per cent of the supporting facilities have been constructed (schools, parks, etc.) with the overpass scheduled for completion this fall, 3 per cent of the land has been resold and is underredevelopment representing \$1,500,000 private investment, and 48 per cent of the property possible to be retained and rehabilitated has been retained and renewed by the original owners.

Almost 300 families which have been relocated have greatly improved their living conditions. The project has spurred Manhattan Heights development to increase from 100 single family houses to 300 single fa-

VOTER REGISTRATION .... the 20 counties in the West Texas district five have less than 15 per Negro registration.

The 18th, another West

Texas Congressional Distrcits with two conuties under 15 per cent figure were those of Reps. Wright Patton of Texark-Fisher of San Angelo.

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freedom, then it is time that you as a free citizen stopped long enough to think and consider the consequences. Can you honestly sell your freedom and the freedom of the rest of the citizens of the United States down the river for a law that does not guarantee you anymore than you now have? Will you give the Federal Government the right to take away what you now have and may eventually acquire?

We think not, because we know that everyone can eventually realize that all that is promised can never be received, and what has already been accomplished was too hard to earn and too dear to do away with.

Remember we are all free citizens and we all have some feeling on these issues that effect us.

For this reason if you disagree with the picked representatives that always maket eiropinions public, you are invited to state your opinions in "your" newspaper .In this manner your representatives will get a better idea of howato represent you as a citizen...

