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'Most Beautiful' Contestant At Dunbar

One of the young ladies competing in the "Most Beautiful" contest this week at Dunbar High School is Joyce Evelyn Alexander, age 15, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Alexander, Sr.

She is a sophomore at Dunbar, where she is a secretary of the library club, secretary of homeroom 102, a member of the student council, and violinist in the Dunbar orchestra.



First Negro Born Here Recalls Many Changes



Shown above is the photo of the first Negro born here in Lubbock, Mrs. Myrtle Lee Means Brown, (at extreme right). Also shown in the picture are from left to right, Lloyd and Ezzell Tunstel. In the background from left to right are Mrs. Tunstel, Mrs. Waymond Henry, and Mrs. Rosa Means, mother of the first Negro child born here within the city limits of Lubbock.

This photo was taken about thirty-nine years ago in the 1700 block of Avenue A.

On October 29, 1920 the city of Lubbock had its first Negro baby. She was Myrtle Lee Means, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Means. Her father was the first Negro policeman in Lubbock. Myrtle was born in an old house on the corners of Avenue Q and Broadway. A physician by the name of Dr. W. Pebbler who practiced at the old Lubbock Sanitarium, was credited with delivering her.

Several of her friends (shown in picture) were very close to her since there were a very few playmates in the neigh-

borhood. She can remember Lawrence Neal, the second Negro baby born, as a schoolmate and friend.

"Walking to school in 1926 was the style in going to school---where as today school children ride automobiles or school buses", she stated.

Mrs. Means attended the old Dunbar School located at the corners of 17th and Avenue C. The principal of this institution was professor W.M. Wilson, and the first teacher employed by the city of Lubbock was Mrs. Ella Iles.

Final Rites Read For Lubbock Senior Citizen, Mr. I. Brown

Rites were read for Mr. Ivison Brown on last Friday, January 29, 1965 at the Rising Star Baptist Church 2:30 pm with the Reverend C.D. Collins officiating the ceremonies. The interment was held at the City of Lubbock Ceme-

tery with Jamison Funeral Home in charge of the burial.

Mr. Brown was born in Carwell, Texas, on the 25th day of October, 1903. He was united in matrimony to Miss Jewel D. Knox, and to this union six children were

born; Charlie B., Earl, Mattie Ivison, Jr., Opal G., and Ruby Jewel.

He and his family moved to Lubbock approximately thirty-five years ago. After coming to Lubbock, Mr. Brown became faithful with the church, and was a hard working member.

In 1939 his wife, Jewel, expired and left him in this world to bear the load. But November 16, 1949, he married the former Mrs. Willie Bell Rayford, and they were happily united until his death.

Mr. Brown became a member of the Rising Star Baptist Church fifteen years ago, and served in the capacity as a deacon for eight of these years.

He leaves to mourn a wife, Willie Bell Brown; three children, Johnny L., Lucille, and James Rayford; two brothers, Homer and Arthur Brown; three sisters, Mrs. Mollie Minton, Mrs. Gerry Bells, and Mrs. Lovie Evans; seventeen grand-children, and a host of relatives and friends.

Services Read For Mrs. Mornes

Services for Mrs. Johnnie Blocker Mornes were held on Friday, January 29, 1965, at 3:00 pm at Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 2510 Fir Avenue, Lubbock, Tex-

as with Reverend S. R. Roberts, officiating.

Mrs. Mornes was born to the parents of Mr. and Mrs. John Hester Blocker on August 5, 1910 at Goliath, Texas. It was here she grew up and attended public school.

She was baptised in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in 1926, under the pastoralship of Reverend Paul Weaner. She was married to Mr. Sherman Mornes and to this union was born one daughter.

Mrs. Mornes departed this life on January 25, 1965 in Galveston, while a patient in the hospital.

Her survivors are her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Byrd; two sisters, Mrs. Vinnie Givins and Mrs. Ruby Brown; two nephews, two uncles, three aunts, and a host of friends.

March Of Dimes Termed Success

The Lubbock Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has supervised the "March of Dimes" program in East Lubbock for another successful year, and the chairmanship of Mrs. Mae D. Simmons adds once again added to its fruitful drive.

For ten years she has been chairman of this program, and this year there were some fifty individuals under her supervision.

Mrs. Simmons states, "This program is one which is of importance to all people, and it is a great necessity."

The March of Dimes

TEEN AGE SOCIAL SET THIS WEEK

All teen-agers are invited to attend a "Teen age tie and apron social" sponsored by Mrs. Carolyn Woodard, Mrs. Mildred Benson, and Mrs. Leola A. Thornton on Friday, February 5, 1965, at 8:00 pm at the Carver Heights Community Center.

This is a benefit social for the Miss Jabberwock Contest sponsored by the Lubbock Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

According to Mrs. Means there were extra-curricular activities during her school days. She can remember the football team, especially;

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program covers several phases of medical disorder. Such as birth defects---which is one of the deadliest of them all. Birth defects are a national emergency! At least 250,000 American babies---700 a day---are born each year with birth defects. One out of every forty babies born alive does not live to reach its first birthday.

This is why the contributions made by you to the March of Dimes helps finance a growing nationwide network of birth defect study and treatment centers. And further, your contributions support dedicated research scientists seeking causes, cures or ways of preventing many birth defects.

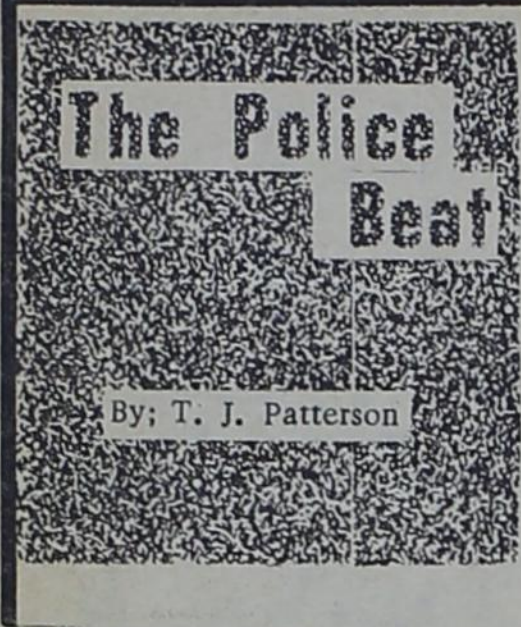
Bicycle Winner In Art Contest



Lambert Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson of 1830 Manhattan Drive, was one of the winners in the Stokeley Van Camp Art contest held recently. His prize was a brand new 1965 Road Master Bicycle.

Lambert is a third grader at the Wheatley Elementary School.

He only said two words when he found he had won the bicycle, "Gee Whiz!!"



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"I can remember when Professor and Mrs. E. C. Struggs joined the faculty," she stated. Professor Struggs became principal after Mr. Wilson.

"Nearly all of the students attendign school with me lived within three blocks of the school", she added, "and for years I resided at 1708 Avenue A--in the vicinity of the present Lusk Boot Shop and Samaria Hotel. You know there is something all students have in common today and even during the days I attended school -- we hated for Mom or Dad to see our bad grades."

Some of the student who were her classmates were Katherine Thomas White, Valeria Johnson, George Johnson, Lawrence Neal, Lloyd Tugstel, Richard Knox, Sarah Bailey Mitchell, Gladys Cronk, and Roy Perknis, Sr.

"Mrs. Waymond Henry gave me the recipe to bake my first cake-- which was quite a success -- and to me this was one of the thrills of my life", she stated.

Today the former Myrtle Lee Means, now Mrs. Myrtle Lee Brown,

resides in the Hub City at 1901 Avenue A.

It is the hope of this exclusive interview with the first Negro born in Lubbock, that the people who make their home in this young thriving city can capture in

their minds exactly how the city on the caprock has grown, from dirt and cobblestone roads to modern pavement--from stucco type educational institutions to ultra modern million dollar plants.

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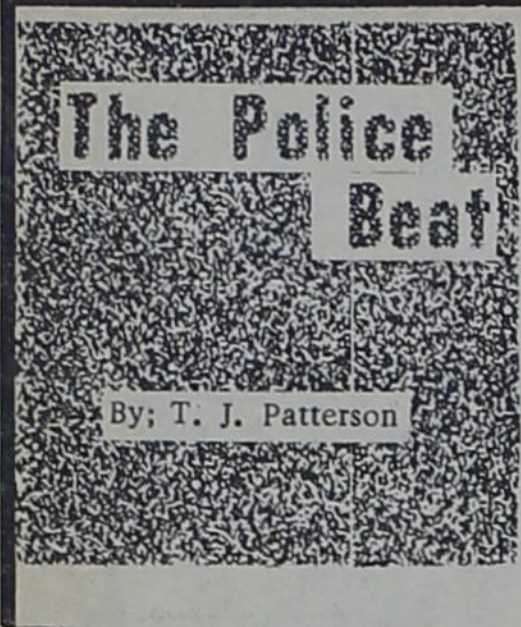
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"Nearly all of the students attendign school with me lived within three blocks of the school", she added, "and for years I resided at 1708 Avenue A--in the vicinity of the present Lusk Boot Shop and Samaria Hotel. You know there is something all students have in common today and even during the days I attended school -- we hated for Mom or Dad to see our bad grades."

Some of the student who were her classmates were Katherine Thomas White, Valeria Johnson, George Johnson, Lawrence Neal, Lloyd Tugstiel, Richard Knox, Sarah Bailey Mitchell, Gladys Cronk, and Roy Perknis, Sr.

"Mrs. Waymond Henry gave me the recipe to bake my first cake-- which was quite a success -- and to me this was one of the thrills of my life", she stated.

Today the former Myrtle Lee Means, now Mrs. Myrtle Lee Brown,

resides in the Hub City at 1901 Avenue A.

It is the hope of this exclusive interview with the first Negro born in Lubbock, that the people who make their home in this young thriving city can capture in

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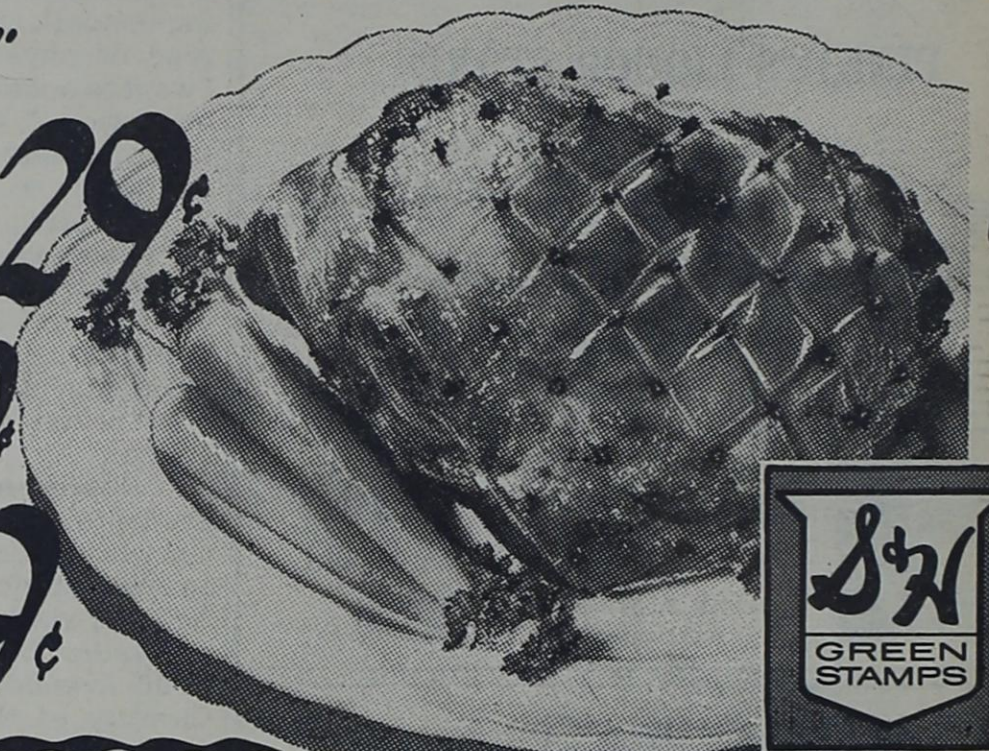
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