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## Mr. And Miss Dunbar Named Here

### Antoinette Roberson Named Dunbar's Most Beautiful



Antoinette Roberson, "Most Beautiful"

May we introduce to you, "Dunbar's Most Beautiful". She is Miss Antoinette Roberson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Roberson of 2405 East 28th street. A seventeen year old beauty who possesses all the qualifications of most beautiful.

#### QUEEN BEE CLUB MEETS

The member of the Queen Bee Club met in the home of Mrs. Ocie Hodge on twenty-second street last Tuesday. One of items for the discussion was what type of aid this organization could give Mrs. Maybell Bolton, a Leukemia victim. Mrs. Bolton has received other assistant from the Federation of Choirs.

The President of the Queen Bee Club is Mrs. Lovie J. McCutcheon, while Earnestine Davenport, Nellie Trusdale, and Estelle Pierce serve as Secretary, Treasure, and Benevolent Treasurer.

Antoinette is a junior at Dunbar, and is a member of several organizations within the institution, namely; secretary to the "A" choir, National Honor Society, Student Council, and secretary to the Student Council. She is also a member of the St. Luke Baptist Church.

#### ANNIVERSARY REHERSAL

According to Program Chairman, Mrs. D. Moore; Assistant Chariman, Mrs. Bettye Miller; and President, Oscar Illes, of the federation of choirs the first rehersal for the federation of choirs was held on Tuesday night at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

#### FINAL RITES FOR CAESAR BORROW

Final rites were held for Mr. Caesar Barrow last Sunday in Slaton, Texas at the Triumph Baptist Church, Reverend

Billie Eddins and Ollie Hill, Jr., as you might have guessed, are students of the Paul L. Dunbar High School, as well as seniors they are well respected young Americans. Each of these Dunbarites proved themselves capable of wearing the title of "Mr & Miss Dunbar," because of the response in voting from their school mates.

Billie is typical of many of the young ladies throughout the country who is looking forward to entering college after graduation. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Eddins of 3305 East 16th street. Billie, who is the head major-ette of the "A" band, plays the clarinet and basson. She is Vice President of the Dunbar Chapter of the National Honor Society, Historian of Future Teachers of America, member of the All-Region Band, Student Council Chairman of Handbook Committee, and a member of homeroom 131. Billie was elected "Girl of the Month of



Ollie Hill, Jr. and Billie Eddins

December "in 1964. She is a member of the St. Luke Baptist Church.

King Hill is a young man who is very much interested in music. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs.

Ollie Hill, Sr., of 3495 East 17th street. He is also a member of St. Luke Baptist Church. Ollie has been quite active in the Science Club, HiY, "A" Band, where he is Student Director of the band; String Orchestra Stage Band, and a great inspiration to all young men who follow him. For several years he has been quite active with the South Plains Boys Club.

He has four brothers and three sisters.

Queen Eddins and King Hill stated that they were very happy to receive such an honor and would do all that is possible to maintain such positions.

## State Prexy Visits Here



Annabell Hunter

Daughter Annabell Hunter, State President of Daughters of Elk, was in the hub city last

M.A. Brown officiating. The South Plains Funeral Home of Lubbock, Texas was in charge.

Mr. Barrow is the brother of Mr. Hardin Barrow of Lubbock. He was survived by three children and twelve grandchildren all of Slaton.

weekend for the presentation of the Charter to the Daughters of Elk of Lubbock. The new chapter, Friendly Chapter, has begun its work down the long road of Elkdom

The officers of Friendly Chapter are as follows: Luevirda Blanton, Daughter Ruler; Mercie D. Brown, Vice Daughter Ruler; Sarah Mitchell, Assistant Vice Daughter Ruler; Jessie Mae Evans,

Chaplain; Marie Derrick, Financial Secretary; Earnestine Harris, Recording Secretary; April Rose Hobdy, Treasurer; Bobbie Jean Patterson, Escort; Ollie Hemanes, Doorkeeper; and Pearl Harris, Gatekeeper.

#### POSTAL NEWS FROM POSTMASTER

Postmaster E.J. Ohnemus said last week he had just been instructed by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski to extend all cooperation possible to students. Continued on Page 2



# What Is A Teacher?

Editorial: By Thomas James Patterson

According to Webster, a teacher is one who provides pupils or students with knowledge or an insight toward something. And yet teachers are many things, all of them important to the child. The teacher is the key to knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

To the community, the teacher represents the voice of understanding needed in the solution of problems in and out of the classroom. To the Nation, the teacher is necessary in all aspects of life, for it is he who instills the basic knowledge about the rights and responsibilities of government so that free citizens can govern themselves.

The welfare of America's economic strength, too, stems from the teacher who conveys not only the skills that advance the American Nation, but that enables her citizens to think and reason.

This dedicated profession, like any other, is populated on the other hand with individuals who classify themselves, hoping others will not find out as baby sitters and common laborers looking for a pay check in which to purchase luxuries and the like. These people are merely occupational misfits. They are complicating the future of our young. Let's hope that this phylum of personality is held to a few, because of our children.

If we would look back into the history of private and public school, we know that there was a need for preparing teachers. All states require certain qualifications for teachers, which can be acquired by entering a four-year accredited college.

Thousands of additional teachers are and will be needed at all levels. The shortage is attributable to many factors. Many teachers and potential teachers were lost by the school either to the services directly or to government and industry.

Many educators who freely admit that the salary situation should be improved, felt that the emphasis needs to be placed at other points if young people are to be attracted to the profession. Teaching is a basic need of a democracy and teachers are in the front line of its defenders. A democracy could not survive with an ignorant citizenry. Dedication to a cause may be felt wherever teachers come together. The satisfaction gained from contributing to this cause may be sensed whenever teachers come together. The satisfaction gained from contributing to this cause may be sensed whenever teachers exchange ideas about the young people they influence. Teaching is hard work, extending the class hours of the day or the week of the school year. It is also rewarding to the spirit of the teacher.

Time has changed the status of the teacher. He now lives under fewer restrictions and enjoys more of the privileges of other citizens than formerly. The conditions of his work have been improved with the construction of new buildings, although an overcrowded classroom in a new bu-

# 31st Annual Convention For Teachers

The thirty-first annual convention of the West Texas District Teachers Association, District VII -- Teachers



Charles E. Brown

### POSTMASTER...

nts, educators, bankers, and other volunteers in promoting and servicing the Treasury's School Savings Program in Lubbock, Texas.

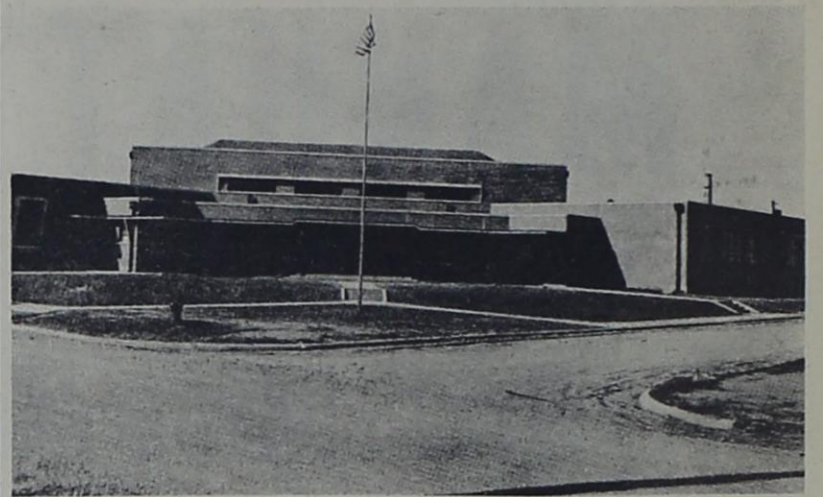
"I am pleased to carry out Mr. Gronouski's instructions," he said, "because any program which stimulates young Americans to save these days is for the good of the country and for themselves."

The school savings program during World War II, he noted, proved one of our most effective instruments for teaching thrift and good citizenship.

An adequate supply of savings stamps and books and promotional material, he said, will be on hand to meet the needs of the students and the community in carrying out the stamp consignment plan.

The stamp consignment plan, he said, has in the past, greatly eased the burden borne by our school systems. The plan eliminates the financial problems of the school savings program which our schools have had to handle.

ilding offers little improvement over an overcrowded one in an old building.



CARTER G. WOODSON JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

State Association of Texas was held last Friday, March 5th, in Abilene, Texas, the key city. This annual convention convened at the Carter G. Woodson Junior-Senior High School.

The President of the District Association, Charles E. Brown, Principal of Ella Illes Elementary School of Lubbock, presided over the convention. Mr. Brown stated, "Teachers are the most important group in the world today because they are responsible for developing the minds of tomorrow. So let us improve in our educational methods and re-evaluate our practices."

He went on to add, "Many opportunities have presented themselves to teachers of today, bringing with them added responsibilities. The teacher must excel in meeting these responsibilities in order to take advantage of the promises of the future. Your achievements will be limited only by the way you prepare yourself for the task at hand."

"May I challenge you to improve yourself as teachers. Make the most of the time spent with children. Don't be afraid to try something new. Remember it is change that brings about progress and in today's rapidly changing society progress cannot be overestimated. Let the children know that this is a new world, a new time, a new day, yet remember you are the one to build the bridge for them to cross," he went on to declare.

Dr. Thomas F. Freeman

man, Professor of Philosophy at Texas Southern University and Mi-



Dr. Thomas F. Freeman minister of the Mt. Horem Baptist Church, Houston, Texas was the guest speaker at the morning session of the convention. Before a very appreciative and attentive audience, the dynamic minister and educator delivered a thought provoking analysis of the inner motivations necessary for effective teaching in the classroom. For his subject he chose, "A Need For Excellence."

Dr. Freeman is a native of Richmond, Virginia, having completed his under-graduate studies at Virginia Union University, his professional training at Andover Newton and Harvard in Boston, Mass., and his graduate work at the Divinity school of the University of Chicago. Post Doctoral work was done at the University of Vienna in Austria in the summer of 1963. His recent book "The Choice of the Pew", published

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## OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY: A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY



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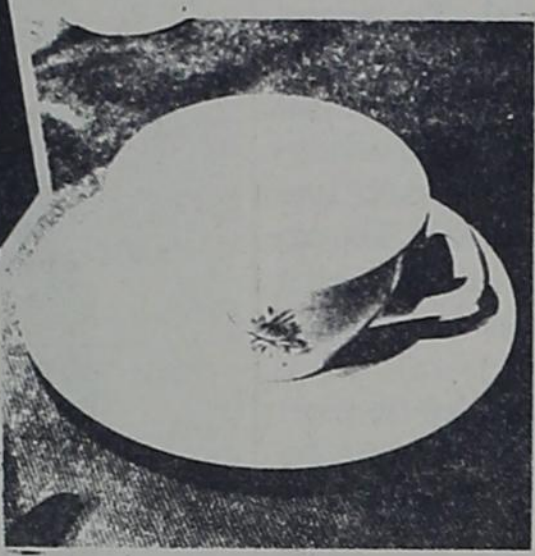
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We wish to encourage a membership of people who sincerely want to lose weight. If you are interested, please call Miss. Ruby Nell Phillips at PO 55882, President; or Mrs. Jessie Roquemore at PO 37252.

**SOUTHEAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Harry Stokley, Jr. has been named manger of the Green-Fair Manor housing project, it was announced by G. R. Billingsley, President of the Southeast Lubbock Development Corporation. Mr. Stokley's employment becomes effective March 15, 1965.

Mr. Stokley has been employed by the Urban Renewal Agency for the last 4+ years as chief interviewer and assistant relocation advisor. He received his BA degree in sociology from Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas. He is 32 years old and has a wife and two daughters.

Mr. Stokley graduated from the Army Leadership School at Fort Meade, Maryland. He served with the Medical Battalion in the 40th In-

fantry Division during the Korean Conflict. He received four Battle Stars and the Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant. Mr. Stokley is President of the Planned Parenthood Educational Committee of Lubbock and is Secretary of the

and handed over a yellow pocket knife. The deceased was stabbed one time in front in the left chest, one time in the back at the base of the right shoulder blade, one time at the base and to the left of spine, and one time in the left side of back about four inches from arm pit.

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Patricia Jo Glaspie

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Miss Glaspie is a former student of Dunbar High School, and a member of the Church of Christ. The groom-elect is a graduate of Dunbar High School, and is also in the United Air Force. He is stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

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**Man Running**  
This really is something strange for someone to do late at night. a man was arrested by the Police Department for the illegal possession of alcoholic beverages. Policemen were patrolling on Avenue "C" when all of a sudden a man ran out of an old house at 1704 Avenue "C". The man ran around the Harlem Grill and across into some apartments. He was apprehended because of the nine pints of Italian Swiss Colony Muscatel Wine he had in his possession.

**HOUSE BURGLARY**

Another burglary in the city last week. A home located at 2610 Fir Avenue was broken into. Entry was gained by prying with what was apparently a small screw driver, which opened the front door. After gaining entrance the unknown person or persons went to the bedrooms which are located on the North Side of the house and completely ransacked the rooms. There were several items missing from the rooms, including a 32-20 pistol and a black woman's

suit with fur collar valued at \$20.00. The gun was valued at \$30.00. The owner of the house stated that she left for work before seven o'clock that morning and her children had gone to school shortly after eight o'clock, and upon returning she discovered the house had been broken into.

**MAN MURDERED**

There was a murder in the hub city on last week. A Lubbockite call the Police Department to report a murder, and upon the arrival of the officers, he told of fight between Arthur Jackson and Melvin Clence Evans. Evans, the deceased, was lying with his face down in front of 212 18th street. Jamison ambulance picked up the body and took it to Methodist Hospital, where it was pronounced dead by Dr. Porres at 12:20 A.M.

The police was advised to go to 209 18th street where the other man involved in the offense was residing. Upon arrival Jackson came to the door and invited police in and seated in the room was another man. Jackson told police that he was the one who had stabbed Evans,

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# Ella Mae Bennett...Mother Away From Home At TSU

By Betsy B. Johnson

Houston FORWARD TIMES



MRS. BENETT(right) confers with Dorm residents. (F-T Photo by ARTICE VAUGHN)

Mrs. Ella Mae Bennett is truly a young lady's Mother Away From Home.

One has only to visit the Garrett Lanier Hall for Women to see the love, care, and thoughtfulness that Mrs. Ben-

nett out into her position of Associate Dean of Women at Texas Southern University. She truly has the interest of these young people at heart.

Mrs. Bennett has been at Texas Southern for more than ten years and she served in many capacities. Former Dean of Students, Dr. Ina Bolton Brown, was indeed fortunate when she ch-

ose Mrs. Bennett as an assistant.

Mrs. Bennett is a strict disciplinarian, but at the same time, she is able to keep the confidence and respect of her young ladies. She is well liked by the students even after they leave the University.

Her philosophy is that a person might have, there is always some good and she looks for the good and usually finds it. She also feels that a person's attitude is also affected by their background. Mrs. Bennett enjoys finding out about her charges. She feels that she has a moral obligation to give young women an appreciation for finer womanhood.

Believe it or not, when a young lady has a caller she immediately knows of whom the person is asking and can rapidly connect the student and her caller, in spite of the several thousand involved. She is never conscious of the University regulations, yet she never loses the human touch.

The young ladies are aware of this and in the majority of instances, they try to obey regulations. When a student first arrives as a freshman Mrs. Bennett tries to teach them to set goals, have values, and assume a proper attitude toward college. She impresses upon them that their first goal is to attain an education that will equip them for a life full of many responsibilities.

Mrs. Bennett has many unusual experiences with both student and parents. These range from the over indulged student to the over protective parent; to the shy student to the over aggressive student; to the slow learner to the academically gifted. There are sometimes problems with rules and regulations of the Univer-

sity. In each instance she is able to cope with the problem, professional and with dignity. For the most part irate parents and students understand her point of view and the problem disappears. In most instances, she is able to help her young people.

Mrs. Bennett has many duties as associate Dean of Women. These duties range all the way from giving approval of attire for the various affairs on campus, to academic achievement, to routing telephone calls to various dormitories.

Garrett Lanier Hall for Women appears to be a central outlet for the campus. It is a joy to see Mrs. Bennett perform in the office. She is so gracious to the more than 400 young ladies keep her busy and she loves her work. This office is open around the clock and she is on call at any hour of the day and night. In spite of this, she teaches two classes in psychology.

In addition to this routine responsibilities. This can become quite involved at times. Every case of an illness or disciplinary matter has to be written up and given to the Dean of Students. All weekend passes must be approved by Mrs. Bennett and signed by her each Thursday. Usually she works three weekends a month and many weekends she is fortunate if she gets one day off.

There are two areas of service that Mrs. Bennett is quite proud of, they are the realm of religion and employment. More than three fourths of her young pe-

SOUTHEAST DEVELOP.. Men's Civic Club. The Southeast Lubbock Development Corporation is a twelve-man citizens' advisory board appointed by the City Council. The Board is sponsor of Green-Fair Manor, multi-family housing project, consisting of 236 units being constructed in southeast Lubbock.

ople go to church on Sunday. Most of the time she does not have cars enough to take them. The young people are fortunate in that many of the churches provide transportation for the students.

Along with her many other duties she finds time to screen both employees. She has provided extensive help to the students by providing employment for them. This alone has kept many worth while students in school.

Mrs. Bennett is rewarded in many small ways by her former and present students. She receives many letters over the years of commendation from both her successful and not-so-successful students. Many of the letters are requests for her to pass the information on to other students in the hope that they will really understand that Mrs. Bennett has their best interest at heart.

Each Christmas she receives hundreds of cards from ex-students. These cards have notes about new born babies, new homes, and a general bringing up to date on the year past. Mrs. Bennett would be broke if she had to purchase gifts for all the wedding invitations, engagements, and debutante balls, she receives. Many of her ex-charges still will write for advice as to careers, higher education and other social and physical problems. Even after they leave Texas Southern University, Mrs. Bennett helps them to get employment.

Editor's note: Due to the length of this article we will complete the story in next week's issue. Thank you.

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# The Beautician's Corner



Beauticians!! Those of you who didn't receive a letter from President Long concerning the activities time and place of the league meetings please call her. She checked her roll and every beautician in and around Lubbock and should have received some type of mail from her. She is still looking for you while the fee is still low...

We hope the "Flu" will soon leave Lubbock. Many of the operators are still sniffing...

Did you hear about Lady Fair receiving a message that her Aunt had passed.

Say, did you see in the paper where Mrs. Jessie Mae Taylor made the society page. I wonder why is it we do not have any trouble putting our pictures in the Ma-

Manhattan Height's Times?

Yes, its true the beauticians will have their Spring Show and Dance in one of the newest and largest places in town. Tickets will be out soon. Watch for the date.

"Money isn't everything" They tell us, but still it will buy a lot of things that nothing else will, so latch on girls and learn all you can while you can.

### Y'TEEN AT

#### WICHITA FALLS

Young ladies from Dunbar, Lubbock, and Monterey High Schools attended a Y'Teen retreat at Wichita Falls, Texas on last Friday, March 5th. This special program was given to familiarize young ladies more about the Y'Teen.

Those attending from Dunbar were as follows: Lynda Lusk, Vickey Moore, Tyndal Hollins, Dessie Morrison, Elizabeth Brown, and Carolyn Phillips.

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# Confident Living



## DON'T SETTLE FOR YOUR LIMITATIONS

By Norman Vincent Peale

In the crowded lobby of a Palm Beach hotel a man walked up to me and said, "I heard you talk to out insurance convention this morning. I want to tell you my own experience. I was supposed to be a salesman, but I couldn't sell. Every time I got with a prospect I'd freeze up..."

This man was maybe 35 years of age, alert-looking, full of enthusiasm, with an engaging country-boy kind of simplicity about him.

"It wasn't," he continued, "that I had any lack of belief in the insurance. And I liked people. And there I had something to sell that people needed but I just couldn't seem to open up and tell them about it. So, I was very unhappy, believe me."

"My trouble was no confidence. That I knew. I'd always been shy. But that wasn't all. I wasn't living right and I knew that, too. Guess a troubled conscience was getting in my way. It was like I had claps on me that I couldn't shake--clamps of fearfulness and self-doubt, even self-dislike."

"Well, I wanted to qualify for this convention. And you can't unless you have a high volume of sales. I knew that without some drastic change in me I'd never make it."

"So, finally I went to my pastor, a Baptist preacher in a little town in Louisiana. What a man he is! And he said to me, 'Bill, you'll never break free from these weaknesses all on your own. Get with it and ask the Lord to release you. Dedicate your life to Him and ask His help--not just so you can sell insurance, but that you may become an organized person.'"

"I followed that advice. I got my living into line with my conscience. And I learned to go about my daily work without forgetting the Lord and when things got tough I looked to Him for strength and guidance."

"Then I was able to sell. But by that time I realized that my greatest blessing wasn't that I could sell insurance. The big thing that I was free in mind and soul."

His face positively glowed. Among the men who had been standing around us listening there were several; with misty eyes. And I didn't blame them for they were

seeing one of life's wonders: a person who has struck off his mental shackles and does not settle for his limitations.

The average person uses only a small fraction of his latent capacity, his potential force. Some authorities estimate the average person uses somewhere around 10 per cent of his capacity. I suppose one reason for this situation is that we never devote enough attention and time to deliberate, systematic development of our personalities. But another reason is that we get ourselves tangled up in self-imposed limitations.

Lynn Summer, a top advertising man, used to say, "Some people spend their lives perfecting their faults." A person tells himself, "Beyond this point I cannot go." He puts aside perfectly normal aspirations, deciding, "That's something I could never do." And having settled for self-imposed limitations he has to keep justifying this to himself and other. Such men will almost eagerly explain to you that they would like to do such-and-such, but they just don't have the ability! There are even those who claim they cannot live a moral life because the "haven't got what it takes"--they're just plain weak." And in some cases they

actually carry their rationalizing to the point of declaring with an air of pious resignation, "It's God's will!"

But the Scriptures clearly imply that there's a spiritual giant within each one of us. They tell us that we do not need to remain enslaved by weakness or victimized by frustrating limitations. The giant within you is always struggling to burst his way out of the prison you have made for him. Why not set him free?

"The great central fact of the universe is that spirit of infinite life and power that is back of all," wrote Williams James. "The great central fact in human life is the coming into a conscious vital realization of our oneness with this infinite life and the opening of ourselves fully to this divine inflow." This, he says, "is to attach the belts of our machinery to the powerhouse of the Universe..."

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# CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH NEWS NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

West Texas District Board will convene with the St. John Baptist Church of Odessa, Texas on 10 and 11th of March.

Junior ushers are asked to meet with the director of the usher board on Saturday, March 13th, at 4:00 P.M. All boys and girls from 13-18 are invited to join in this group of people.

Arron and Bow Tie Social will be sponsored by the M.E. Colvin Circle on Friday night, March 12th, at 8:00 P.M. at 2806 Walnut Avenue.

## ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sisters Rosanna Harris, Gertrude Lasley, and Desma Moore are being presented in recital the second Sunday in March. If you miss this service you will miss a treat. This service will begin at 3:00 P.M.

First Sunday in April the Challenge of the Cross. Sisters Helen Davis and Jimmie Demerson are presenting the Challenge of the Cross. Talent will be displayed from the city. The best actors and actresses of Lubbock will be presented. This service will be held at 3:00 P.M.

Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will celebrate our anniversary service the first Sunday in May. Captains will make their reports on

# Pulpit And Pew GOSPEL ACCORDING TO CLARENCE JORDAN

"Turning his back on his father, because he could not turn his face to his brother," eloquently sums up the gospel message of the "other" brother in the story of the Prodigal Son as told by the Rev. Dr. Clarence Jordan on a long-playing Koinonia Record.

This would be just another narrative record, if it were not for certain facts about the story-teller. Clarence Jordan is white, south Georgia southerner, with all the typical Southern drawl and dialect, that of times grates the ears of Negroes. He is a scholar with a doctor's degree in theology and a graduate degree in agriculture. He was just another Southerner until 1942 when he, his family and several friends began living on a farm near Americus, Ga., calling it "Koinonia Farm"—a venture in Christian community.

In 1956, Rev. Jordan's application of that which makes Christianity Christian brought the wrath of Southern bigotry and prejudice down upon his head. He set up an interracial children's camp on the farm—yes, in Georgia—but it was soon closed by court injunction; it was bombed; he was boycotted; crosses were burned; insurances were cancelled, and all other forms of ugly, heathenish reaction were heaped upon him, his family and neighbors.

But there were friends, Christian and otherwise, who believed in "the gospel according to Clarence Jordan," who came to his rescue, pledging insurance assistance, giving and loaning money. The violence-ridden crisis has passed, despite continued boycotting. Clarence Jordan has told the story of racial crisis, appealing for change of hearts, in lectures and sermons throughout the nation. Today he has a new "sermon"—a long playing record called "The Rich Man and Lazarus" on the Koinonia Records label (Box 1476 Evanston, Ill.)

You've heard the parables of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, but never like he tells them. For example, the Good Samaritan is a Negro in South Georgia who sees a robbed and beaten white man revealed by the headlights of his car as he drives along the ro-

ad. Knowing much of beatings, ostracization and mistreatment, this Negro has compassion, stops, aids, and takes the "white cracker" (no doubt) to a hospital, with the rest of the story, in essence, told as it was in the 1st century by Jesus of Nazareth.

It is a gripping and soul-searching experience to sit and listen to these familiar parables told in an unfamiliar manner. It is easy to imagine Jesus of Nazareth, or Jordan of Georgia, telling them the same way. Jordan of Georgia has this advantage, however, that his voice can be heard by infinitely more persons than ever heard Jesus of Nazareth's voice.

My first reaction was that Negroes ought buy this record and give it as a Christmas gift to at least one white acquaintance. At any rate, many, many whites, North and South ought hear this record. They ought keep it handy so they can play it for their friends, neighbors and visitors. They ought let Jordan's gentle, drawling voice penetrate the core of their being until they've heard the story with the ears of their soul.

Clarence Jordan is extending the gospel according to his insight and experience. He is in the process of issuing what he calls a Koinonia "cotton patch" translation of the New Testament... a translation that seeks to convey as simply as possible to the plan man of today the startling ideas of the Christian faith as proclaimed in the first century," he says.

What an Altar! Now, sitting in the comfort of the home, we can worship God as we listen to "the Truth that makes men free." We can feel the piercing, searching sword of "the Word" cutting away at prejudice, injustice and bigotry, letting the teardrops of our melting heart fall in the privacy of our own personal encounter with the Creator of all men.

Not all Altars are in churches. Not all sermons are preached behind pulpits. Clarence Jordan has made an Altar out of a record player. Amen, Amen, Amer!

that day. Let us go into this meeting prayerfully and spiritually. CHURCH OF CHRIST

The ladies fellowship meeting which is held monthly met in the home of Sister Bernadine Newman last Tuesday evening at 8:00. This meeting was sponsored by Sisters Vera Hightower and Bernadine Newman.

TEACHERS MEET... Continued from Page 2 by the American Press, is being widely acclaimed by both laymen and clergy throughout the Nation. He currently serves as National President of Alpha Kappa Honor Society. He is married to the former Clarice Estell of Chicago, and the father of three children, two boys and a girl.

During the luncheon program, Raymond E. Henderson presided over

the program. The introduction of the speaker was made by Mr. C.A. Thomas, past president of T.S.A.T. the luncheon address was given by Dr. Vernon McDaniel, P.H.D., Executive Secretary of Teachers State Association of Texas.

Mrs. Eula Williams, a teacher of Ella Iles Elementary School, presented a wonderful selection to the assembly. Five of the seventeen awards for distinguished service went to teachers in the Lubbock Public School System. Each of these individuals have twenty years of teaching experiences in the Public Schools of

Texas. Those receiving such awards were: Mrs. Mary G. Hill, Mrs. L.F. Barrow, Mrs. Mae Simmons, Mrs. F.A. Lewis, and Mrs. L.M. Sherfield.

Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Struggs were honored by the Lubbock Public School faculty for their forty years of service.

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