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GEORGE WOODS HONORED FOR SERVICES WITH DAY CARE.....



IN HONOR OF MR. GEORGE WOODS, a resident of Lubbock for 50 years, was honored last month by board members of the Lubbock Day Care Association. A special program was presented to him at the Carver Heights Nursery, 2905 Elm Avenue. He was presented a plaque by members of the board.
He is shown above with the late Roy Bass, former mayor of Lubbock. The plaque was presented to Mr. Woods on his 73rd birthday.

REV. & MRS. M.G. SHEPHARD INVITED TO INAUGURAL



Rev. & Mrs. M.G. Shephard

The Rev. and Mrs. M.G. Shephard received an invitation to attend the inaugural ceremony of Governor-Elect William Perry Clements, Jr. on January 16 in Austin. The opening event of this historic day will be a Prayer Service with Dr. W.A. Criswell of the 1st Baptist Church of Dallas as main speaker. The service will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Austin. After the Prayer Service, Rev. and Mrs. Shephard will attend the high noon Inauguration of Governor-Elect Clements which will be held under the auspices of the State Senate and House of Representatives. The Chairman of the Senate Inaugural Committee is Lloyd Doggett and Inaugural Committee for the House

Inaugural Committee is Wilhelmina Delco of Austin, a Black representative. The Shephards will take part in the Inaugural bar-b-que to be held at the Capitol following the ceremony. This is a traditional Texas bar-b-que held for all Texans. Following the bar-b-que, they will attend the Inaugural Parade on Congress Avenue. Gov. Clements, his guest, and other members of the official party will review the spectacular "All Texan Parade," with floats, marching bands and military units from every corner of the Lone Star State who will join in saluting the new governor. The finale of the inaugural Parade will be a breathtaking rendition of "Texas Our Texas,"

which will be performed by the combined bands in formation at the gates of the Capitol. At 4:30 p.m., the new governor and wife will salute Texas' greatest natural resource, our children, with a party on the lawn in the Capitol. There will be ice cream, clowns, and balloons for children of all ages. Among them will be little Russell and Stephanie who will surely enjoy the event. Following the celebration for young Texans, Rev. and Mrs. Shephard will attend the Inaugural Symphony in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium. This will be the first Inaugural Symphony Concert in Texas history. The Austin Symphony Orchestra will honor Gov. and Mrs. Clements.

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DAVID HAD A DREAM!

TO ALL CITIZENS OF LUBBOCK

by
Katie Parks, Acting Secretary

Mr. David Sowell has been a citizen of Lubbock for fourteen years, and is presently employed by Dunlap's Department Store as a sales clerk in the men's department.

He is a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church where he serves faithfully in many departments. After observing the business world for many years, David dreamed of ways he could help the minority community of Lubbock.

After talking with several east Lubbock business men and officers from the Small Business Administration office, who encouraged him, and told him it could be done.

On November 21, 1978, David started laying the foundation for his dream by calling a meeting for all interested citizens.

The citizens met with David and agreed to support him 100% in a finance or investment company to be organized by the group.

If you are interested in the growth and development of your community, please come to Mae Simmons Community Center on Wednesday evening, January 10, at 8 p.m., and let us help ourselves while helping others. Above all, let us work on one accord, and help David make his dream become a reality.

ALVIN M. CHATMAN YOUTH SPEAKER HERE



ALVIN M. CHATMAN

On "Youth Sunday" at Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church last week, Alvin M. Chatman brought the message: "Responsibilities of Youth in Today's Church." His message contained having faith, virtue, and knowledge. The message was well taken by adults as well as

the youth in attendance. Alvin is assistant superintendent at Carter Chapel. He is in his second year at Texas Tech University and recently completed a state board exam and is now prepared for E.M.S. (Emergency Medical Service.)

CONGER CASE WILL BE AIRED BY UPAL HERE

Members of the United Political Action League, UPAL, will meet Monday evening, January 8, at the Green-Fair Manor Community Center at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Elton Conger, coach and industrial education who was fired from his job by the Lubbock School Board of Trustees. He is expected to discuss "what really did happen."

The public is invited to attend this meeting. Dr. F.L. Lovings is president of the local organization.

"We hope the place is filled so they will know what did happen," said Dr. Lovings.

DUNBAR EX'S WANTED NOW!

Plans are being finalized to develop a reunion and everybody is excited about it, according to a spokesperson of the group of Dunbar graduates who are working hard to do something positive here.

At present time, special efforts are being made to contact all teachers and graduates as well to get involved in an upcoming event.

According to Joan Crawford, general chairperson of the local group, the Holiday Inn will serve as headquarters of the event which is scheduled to take place here on Friday, June 29. The day long activities will begin from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. A program and banquet is expected to take place at 7 p.m.

Ms. Crawford told the "Lubbock Digest" that activities will continue on Saturday morning, June 30, with a tour of "Old Dunbar" which is located on Date Avenue, home of Ellis Hles Elementary School. A highlight of the weekend of activities will include a dance which is scheduled for 9 p.m.

Sunday morning, July 1, will conclude the activities for the graduates with special Memorial Services at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, located at East 24th Street and Quin Avenue.

Ms. Crawford said: "There will be hospitality rooms open for 24 hours a day with hors d'oeuvres and whatever.

She continues: "As you can see, we are really working, and for everything to come off successfully, we really need you (Dunbar graduates) to pre-register by April 1st. The motel will need to know how many people to prepare for and other incidentals for the affair."

"We are also planning to take pictures after the tour on Saturday morning, and each class will have an opportunity to get together and do their own "thing" on Saturday afternoon. You will be hearing more about this form the chairperson and members of your class."

For further information
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RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Mrs. Katie Lynn motored to Marlin, Texas to visit her sister who recently got out of the hospital. She was accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. C.L. Harris and grandchildren, Debra Williams and Jack Rogers. They reported a wonderful trip. She found her sister doing fine.

Although it has been rather cold here, this writer will continue to advise our many readers

WHAT'S GOING ON

of who is coming to town and who is visiting here this new year. If you want to contribute something to this column, just let me hear from you. You may write me: *Ruby's Corner, Lubbock Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.* *Ok, by the way, I really appreciate the many compliments about this column.*

We have heard some beautiful comments about the lovely young ladies who were presented at the Debutante Ball last week. Congratulations

are in order for the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

This column will report more about the "Mr. Esquire Ball", which is sponsored by the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority later this year.

"Happy Birthday" is in order for Mary McKinney and Judith Newton.

Harrison (Bull) Davis and his daughter, Mary Ann Jones, are very happy this week. You see, she came from Dallas to be with her father on his birthday.

Mr. Sam Beaty lost her father on Christmas Day. He is Mr. Hershel Beaty of Longview, Texas. He was 33 years young. Due to the bad weather, the Beaty family made it home Sunday morning.

Mrs. Earnestine Moore of Fort Worth, Texas is visiting her children here. They are a son, Nathaniel Wright; and a daughter, Doris Williams.

A new subscriber to the "Lubbock Digest" is Mrs. Hortense Montgomery of Wichita Falls, Texas.

A subscription to the "Lubbock Digest" would make wonderful way to start the new year. Surely you know of some relatives or friends who want to know what is going on here. Let me hear from you.

This writer is quite elated over the recent honor given to one of my neighbors, Mr. George Woods, for his dedication to the Lubbock Day Care Association.

Ms. Carolyn Rollison of Houston, Texas spent the holidays here with her mom and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rollison.

There is a lot of good talk about what the Senior Citizens are doing each day at their meetings at the Mae Simmons Center. Why not go by and see what they are doing. This is a good and worthy program.

NEW HOPE PASTOR AIDE CLUB HOLD CHRISTMAS FETE HERE



Members of the Pastor's Aide Club of the New Hope Baptist Church held their Christmas program last

month in the home of its president, Mrs. Ruby Washington.

Members of the club exchanged Christmas gifts with one another.

Those in attendance were Rev. A.L. Dunn, pastor, Mrs. Dorothy Diamond, vice president; Mrs. Julia McFadden,

treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Clark, simplicity chairperson; Mrs. Callie Howard, secretary; and Mrs. Maudie Hamilton, member.

Among the guest in attendance were Mrs. Dora Johnson, Mrs. Helen Johnson, Mrs. Annie Taylor, Mrs. Azelma Hendrix, and Mrs. Arene Flemings. According to a spokesperson, the group had a wonderful time. The club wishes all citizens a *Prosperous New Year.*

Semi-Monthly Summary

HISTORY-MAKING BLACK HAPPENINGS:

Semi-Monthly Summary

(For your continuing collection of major black events please cut out this column and keep it in your own notebook. Please mark the date of each entry.)

International News

England — Once every ten years, the leading bishops of the Anglican Communion (comprised of the Church of England and Episcopal Churches throughout the world) meet in England under the patronage of that religious body's primate, the Archbishop of Canterbury. This summer 440 bishops from 165 nations met for what is called the Lambeth

Conference (so-named for the Archbishop of Canterbury's palace where the meetings formerly were held). The difference this summer was more than the minor one of a changed location. First, the largest delegation of bishops from outside of England were blacks from Africa, where the dwindling Anglican Communion has been making its largest and most dramatic gains. Secondly, in order to avert the hard racially-related issues facing the world body, the Archbishop of Canterbury opened the meeting by announcing that he felt the meeting should be more of a religious retreat for prayer and reflection rather than for

study, debate and interchange about the pressing social, economic and political issues of the world.

The Third World bishops, largely from free nations formerly colonized and exploited by Britain, were outraged. Joined by Canadian and American bishops, they forced a change in the Archbishop of Canterbury's arrangements.

In addition to having the Anglican Communion—formerly a politically conservative body—come to terms with real life issues, the prelates diminished the role

of the Archbishop of Canterbury by increasing the responsibilities of an Anglican Council which could speak and act for this world religious body in between the 10-year meetings of its major bishops.

The bishops voted to have the Anglican Communion take a major role in creating conditions for world justice and for the equitable distribution of the world's goods and resources.

England — Both Britain and the United States reportedly are pessimistic about the success of the transitional government in Zimbabwe; and the issue of sanctions—whether or not they should be lifted—is taking its place in the Feb. elections debate. Surprisingly, many conservatives have been low-keyed,

BLACK POETRY

Heh, black man,
—He who has the power to touch the soul of my being and warm my inner essence,
—He who with a smile or tender hello can make the sun to show its brilliance in my face,
—He who has the strength that I depend on when weary,
—He who has the love that I need and want so terribly as a woman—as a black woman,

You need me just as much as I need you and I demand very little of you except to be respected and cared for—treated as you care to be treated,
For I am as you are, an intelligent and strong human being and am worth as you are to me every bit of love that only you can give.

—Letha Joyce Perkins

You mean so much to me. Without you I am incomplete.

Listen to my heart; for it overflows with love for you—
So much that it makes me blind to the weaknesses and shortcomings that are yours.

Sometimes you take me and my love for granted; Sometimes you seem to think only of what you want, Sometimes you forget that I am just like you, That I am a part of you and that without me... you are nothing.

(Here Ms. Perkins speaks from her own heart—as from those of countless others like her—of the reciprocity of affection which all life requires for self-respect and fulfillment.)

Black poets, who may wish exposure to our reading public, may send copies of their poetry—for editing and with permission to use—in groups of 12 poems or more to C. May Associates, Box 157, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158. Poetry selected should normally appear within 12 or 20 weeks. Because of staff limitations, no copies are returned.

seeming not to wish to exploit the issue, as the racial issue was used in a previous election.

National News

Washington, D.C. — Blacks here and across the country have begun to see the need for a series of major political moves by blacks, most recently in the wake of rumors that Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan might run for the presidency in 1980. Black voters see a possible

President's own words, the problem of racism has largely been solved in our country.

Boston, Massachusetts — The controversial Public Broadcasting Service film, "Blacks Britannica" prepared to have its day in court as Boston's WGBH-TV contended that the production by Mr. David Koff advocated violence. Mr. Koff objected to the film's being edited by WGBH-TV.

The film has been described as a highly controversial and deeply disturbing but realistic portrayal of the growing revolutionary attitudes of younger blacks in Britain. While a considerable number of blacks hold high or responsible professional jobs and status, this situation does not prevail for blacks generally among whom the majority under 20 years of age are unemployed.

choice between a conservative Democrat like Moynihan who has been embraced by large numbers of white liberals and a right-wing "hard-liner" from the Republican Party, which seems partially evident from trends within Republican Party circles.

Senator Moynihan has allegedly paraded himself as a white expert on black affairs and is both feared and conspiciously disliked by large segments of the black community. The feeling has been expressed that Mr. Carter may not choose to run for re-election in 1980. Further, large numbers of blacks have been disappointed by his so-called Southern posture of "good will" where, in the

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POLICE HAPPENINGS AROUND LUBBOCK

AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

BOBBY JOE LARRY, 1514 East Auburn Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that he had just left the Thunderbird Club, East 23rd Street and Fir Avenue, one night last week when he had a problem.

According to the police report, he was walking to his pickup in the alley when the problem happened. He told police that a man, wearing a 3/4 ski mask, walked up to him and put a pistol in stomach and said: "I want it!"

Larry handed over his wallet which contained between \$600 and \$700 in cash. After taking the money, according to the police report, the man threw the wallet down to

the ground and walked off.

Larry told police he had been in the club having a few drinks. Larry said: "The man must have seen some of the money I was carrying." He went on to add: "I think I can find out who the man was."

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JUANITA RAFF, 2629 East Cornell Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown took advantage of her one day last week.

While her car was parked in the driveway, someone, without her permission, took her license tag.

Her license tag number is **AXY 882**.



The tag is valued at \$2.00.

BURGLARY OF HABITATION

WANDA JACKSON, 2802 Juniper Avenue, Apt. No. 2, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown did gain entry to her apartment one day last

week by breaking a back glass and opening the window. The bed had

been pushed away from the wall so persons could enter the apartment.

Exit, according to the police report, was made by way of the front door.

A neighbor told police that he heard some noises, but did not check on the noise.

Jackson did work a double shift and did not arrive home until 8 a.m. in the morning.

Taken from the apartment were a stereo turn table with radio and walnut speakers and a piggy bank filled with pennies. These items were valued at approximately \$1000.

BURGLARY OF HABITATION

JAMES ROY LEWIS, 2006 Date Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons did gain entry to his house by prying open a window on the eastside of the house one day last week.

According to the police report, each room had been gone through and exit was made through the east door.

Witnesses told police they did see four young Black males carrying a trunk.

Taken from the house were four nams, an assortment of meat and sausage, and an antique trunk bottom.

BURGLARY OF VEHICLE

BENNY RALPH WILLIAMS, a Black brother from Littlefield (206 Galveston), reported to Lubbock police that

persons unknown did gain entry to his pickup by forcing the right passenger door quarter glass open and causing a damage to gain entry.

He told police that the unknown person did remove from the cab of his pickup a .410 single shotgun and a tape case with some "hot soul music" which included 24 tapes.

He told police these items were valued at approximately \$230.

Washington, D.C. — Data continues to be reported and compiled, adding up to an "open book" in the King-Kennedy Assassination hearings. The FBI has been both defended and criticized by blacks. Evidence thus mounts that no official or final conclusion should have been made previously. What the outcome of the present hearings may be remains in some considerable doubt.

Prayer Poem

RICHES...FREELY

Few among our readers, if any, will recall the name of one John Sweeney, a famous poet and hymn writer of the past century. They will remember, however, some of the unforgettable words he has written.

In one hymn he tells us, in a most happy way, of the wealth, the good and glory, which are already ours. To some, the words are quaint. But their message is distinctly clear. In "O Beulah Land," John Sweeney writes:

*I've reached the land of corn and wine
And all its riches freely mine;
Here shines undimmed one blissful day,*

For all my night has passed away.

*O Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land
As on thy highest mount I stand,
I look away across the sea,
Where mansions are prepared for me,
And view the shining glory shore,
My heaven, my home, forevermore!*

In Isaiah 62:4, the Lord speaks of Beulah as the land in which he finds delight and which he has prepared for those who love and serve Him.



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Editorials

TELL IT LIKE IT IS

by T.J. Patterson

"People Talking About Conger"

As a result of the firing of Elton Conger, local Black coach and industrial education teacher, recently, the grapevine is telling this writer they are sorry they didn't work hard to re-elect Joan Y. Ervin to the School Board of Trustees. At the same time, there have been those who are upset with themselves because they voted for the woman who ran against Ms. Ervin, Lynn Stafford.

It appears as though, finally, Black brothers and sisters are beginning to wake up from a long winter's sleep. The only think which disturbs this writer is: "Have we slept too long?"

Only time will tell how concern we are about the Elton Conger thing as well as the political situation in our community. It is time for us to start paying attention to what is really going on here. If we'd continue to look around us, from day to day, we'd discover many things which are not going as they should.

Anyway, this writer hopes the Elton Conger Episode will continue to be a warning to all of us.

It appears as though this weekly newspaper is beginning to reach some of us. As we've said, from time to time, we put all we got each week in this media for you, our readers. Just Monday evening of this week (January 1st), in all the icy weather, a Black brother came by this writer's house and said he was going to enter the political arena. This is great!!!

He made it positively clear that he was tired of what was going on and is beginning to get his political machine in motion in early 1979. As he said: "It's time for someone to run from the Black community to win an office in our city, and I know I can win."

This brother talked like a winner and was very serious about what he was considering. You know, he can win the race he has in mind. At this time, however, this writer will not reveal the brother's name or the position he is seeking. When he announces, he will come to you and ask for your support and cooperation.

It appears as though he can win, if we get behind him and work with his concern.

At this time, Brother, hold on and surely, you will reach that political goal you've set for 1980.

Last week, some positive things begin to happen in east Lubbock. A new organization was born!! It bears the name of CITIZENS OF PROGRESS (COP). Those attending this meeting at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, the present home of this organization, were quite elated over the this organization.

It appears as though this organization will be getting down to the "nitty gritty" of things that are not right for Blacks in Lubbock. From what this writer observed, this organization will not duplicate their efforts with organizations such as the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Its chairman, Harold M. Chatman, has appointed several committees which will make monthly reports to the entire body. Not only will this become a reality, but this organization will also utilize the "block concept" to get the word out to the thousands of Blacks in Lubbock. If this is done, many things will be accomplished in the Black community. As many of you may recall, the United Black Coalition started out the same way.

This writer hopes this group will stand tall and take care of business. Business is needed to be taken care of badly in the Black community. At the same time, let us not fight an organization which could help all of us. This organization will compliment, in this writer's opinion, the efforts of the NAACP and the United Political Action League (UPAL). COP, too, is good for all of us, but we will have to stand behind it so it can grow into a strong political tool we so badly need here.

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By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
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MINORITIES AND CRIME Part IV of Six Parts

ANDREW YOUNG
As a "Set-Up," i.e., a "Sitting Duck"

(Here, in a series of six vitally important articles on Minorities and Crime, a fresh perspective is provided with which all black Americans should be deeply familiar. It must be shared in every possible way with white Americans for the mutual good which it affords. The six articles are historical in nature. Two relate to the unique roles of Ambassador Andrew Young, and the final article seeks your help in suggesting a workable way out of the historic impasse which presently makes matters increasingly worse.)

The initial and continuing furor, in both the national press, the national administration and the halls of Congress, over United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young is largely an extension of the traditional American picture of black Americans as being unfaithful to our laws.

Mr. Young was depicted as being inimical to the nation's interests when he began in office speaking forth truths regarding America's failure to treat Africa and Africans with an appropriate deference and respect.

Ever since the days of legal enslavement, black males in particular were expected—and most often required—to obfuscate, that is, to speak as those in power decreed while giving the outward appearance of dealing honestly with their own feelings and per-

ceptions of reality.

Ambassador Young was pilloried in the press and calls for impeachment were made in the Congress because of the ostensibly criminal behavior of speaking one's mind while being black.

The Andrew Young case is especially significant for all black Americans, in terms of our being viewed in a criminal light, on a variety of grounds.

Perhaps the most basic of these grounds is that it is perceived as "wrong" or even as seditious for blacks to differ with the official statements of whites—including particularly the government "line" even though such a position may enhance the good and the strategic position of the nation. In this sense, Andrew Young—as with all black Americans—is like a "set-up," i.e., a "Sitting Duck."

Specifically, Ambassador Young criticized, in the French press, the French government's role of intervention in Africa as possibly being more in France's economic interests than in line with humanitarian concerns. (By implication, the same sentiments would hold, in some degree, for U.S. involvements in Africa.)

Mr. Young was roundly denounced in the white press throughout the country and calls for his impeachment were renewed. Meanwhile, no major headlines were given on the same day to the statements of the ministerial of the Organization of African Unity to the same effect,

although considerably more pointed and stronger.

France's announced intervention in African policy—which had already bitterly divided French public opinion—was denounced by the black African Council as "a sordid maneuver aimed at reconquering last positions and perpetuating the shameful exploitation of African riches."

American calls for Russian and Cuban "hands off" in Africa were not echoed in regard to strongly entrenched Chinese People's Republic involvements nor to those of France.

What Andrew Young had done was to perform a positive and priceless diplomatic service for the United States, in terms of encouraging U.S. credibility as a non-predatory nation in Africa. Yet "It's Time To Fire Young" editorials, some of which seemed to be canned and spread among newspapers in a possibly organized way, appeared in much of the white press throughout the country.

Even the relatively staid and relatively circumspect New York Times suggested that Ambassador Young might have made a better approach. This same paper, incidentally, rarely attacked the manifestly crude and conscious or unconscious racist and African-baiting antics of former U.N. Ambassador Patrick Moynihan. In the America as presently developed, blacks simply are not "free" even to speak the truth... in the very best inter-

ests and for the security and

The same general picture painted here applied, in an even more pointed way, with respect to Dr. Young's remarks regarding political prisoners in America. To date, no serious White House efforts of a "human rights" nature has been made on behalf of the "Wilmington 10."

Further, in practically every major community in the United States where blacks are to be found in significant numbers, civil rights organizations are busied with cases involving ostensible political imprisonments and murders.

The "unsolved" Chicago Panther murders of the early 1970's thus (in the inherited American pattern of tradition with respect to minorities—and especially blacks—and crime) are illustrative of and clear-cut confirmations in regard to the apparently continuing pattern of largely local political imprisonments and murders which are held to plague and disgrace our land. Such occurrences as those to which Ambassador Andrew Young spoke of rather clearly but gently or gingerly must be accepted as apparent fact and corrected forthwith if we are to break our inherited perceptions regarding blacks and crime and become a true and worthy leader for human rights in the world community of nations.

(The next article deals with the discrediting of black leadership as being crime-prone.)

This organization is a result of the recent meetings with the management of the Plains Co-Op Oil Mill. This writer hopes we will see great things from this organization in time to come.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

CAUCUS IN OPPOSITION TO THE TUITION TAX CREDIT

Aiding the rich and well-to-do is what the "tuition tax credit" move seeks to do. The Caucus asks you to oppose it. Here is its stand:

Clearly, such legislation would run counter to Federal education policy which has been developed over many years. At the post-secondary level, the programs of Federal aid to education have been aimed at implementing the principle that direct assistance be targeted to students and families with minimal resources who might otherwise be unable to obtain an adequate education.

Remember you may write to your Congressmen and Senators at: Congressional Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 or Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Please congratulate them for their important work and let them know where Black America stands on critical issues.

We are very much disturbed by support expressed in both the House and the Senate for legislation to provide tuition tax credit relief for the cost of postsecondary, private and parochial elementary and secondary education. Such credits would not be targeted to those most in need, would threaten existing student aid programs, would be exorbitant in cost, and could have a devastating impact on the public schools of this country.

The proposal to provide tax credits for tuition joins most directly the issues of Federal assistance to more affluent citizens and the Federal role in furthering education. A tax credit for tuition costs has the effect of a direct grant to parents to pay part of their children's schooling costs, with a consequent loss in revenue to the Federal government.

Who, then, would receive the benefit of the tuition tax credit? The Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation estimates that under the proposal passed by the Senate Finance Committee, families with incomes over \$20,000 per year would receive 78 percent of the benefits, while families with incomes under \$9,000 per year would receive only 6 percent of the benefits. In addition, parents of public school students through twelfth would receive no benefits at all.

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Why Not?

by Eddie P. Richardson

1978 is gone, so let's hope for a more positive 1979 in the socio-economic, political, social, and all other ways than we had in 1978. As for as progress is concerned, we are over 20 years behind and still going backwards.

Only us (BLACK PEOPLE) can help us. We have got to get out act together. We need to unite, learn to work together for the common good of us all.

Looking back over 1978, we can easily see where we really are!! The events of 1978 should make us all think and take a look around us. We need to take off those rose colored glasses and look around us and see where we really are. Black folks, we have a long row to hoe.

If we fail to get it together in 1979, we will fast move ourselves to back of the bus. Black people let's get our act together and get our show on the road or get lost in the shuffle. We have to get our stuff together. NOW IS THE TIME!! WHY NOT??

The Lubbock Digest

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As PUBLISHERS of this weekly newspaper, we owe to YOU, the reading public, to be factual and fair. You may be critical of some things that are written, but at least you will have the satisfaction of knowing they are truthful and to the point.

People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible; and we will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would do. And this we think is fair.

So this is our resolution to you: Feel free at any time to call this office for information concerning this newspaper or any other matter that is of concern to you.

This isn't a propagandist sheet made to chastise or vilify; This is a newspaper made to educate and not to agitate.

T. J. Patterson Editor
Eddie F. Richardson Editor

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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY



ARIES — March 21-April 20
 Anger is the submission of the Soul to negative and raw energy. If you feel inclined to anger, remember that it only takes you backward through the cycle of evolution. If you keep going backward, you'll never be first.

TAURUS — April 21-May
 In spite of a bit of belt-tightening on your part, you may be experiencing a more positive mood, which could lead to things turning out the way you want them to. Be consistent—don't give in to bizarre mood changes. Seek an active expression for Peace.

GEMINI — May 22-June 21
 Now is a good time to re-talk proposals or money favors—if you're not falling in love and/or enraptured with a dream come true. Remember... after tomorrow, today is gone. People are not forever, either.

CANCER — June 22-July 23
 If you know who, what and which person, place or thing will take you into a down mood—avoid them like the plague. A stalwart energy is supporting all your activities. You'll be perfectly all right if you proceed with Truth and Caution.

LEO — July 24-August 23
 If right this moment is not a good time, one day in the future will be, so allow your magnanimous self to be content with small rewards, limited opportunity, and behind-the-scenes work, which will secure you a better future on a better day.

VIRGO — August 24-September 23
 Be determined that you will walk in the Sun once more, and you most certainly will. In the meantime, guard your health, eat fresh fruit and produce, stop criticizing what you don't like and can't stand. If you're booted out of a nice position—enjoy this image of freedom. Another task will come and demand your immediate attention.

LIBRA — September 24-October 23
 You should go into a garden—real or imagined and pray for peace. There are fictitious energies in the air waves that could topple your sense of serenity, balance, and refinement. Don't let the ego involve your body in petty melodramas and confused dialogues. You need a week away from everyone!

SCORPIO — October 24-November 22
 Unconventional emotions are difficult to deal with if the soul does not aspire towards a knowledge of Love, Beauty, Wisdom and Truth. However, if the soul is transcendent, the ecstasy experienced during this period could very well reveal the "God."

SAGITTARIUS — November 23-December 21
 If your mind wants to dream, and if your heart urges you on, listen—but with a practical ear. The great play must first be written; the great dance must first be choreographed; the painting put on canvas. The dream is only concretized and made actual by the hard-work activities of the dreamer. Wise guys already know this.

CAPRICORN — December 22-January 20
 If you like responsibility because it gives you something to do, you'll be well-stocked for winter. But the activity might be carried on in the midst of some pesky obstacle that keeps you wishing you were absolutely alone—but truly—none of us are ever all alone. Look ahead and see a Bright Focus!

AQUARIUS — January 21-February 19
 Sometimes it is worthwhile to leave the crowd and to go alone into a quiet space and reflect the causes and effects of things and events in daily life. But then you must get up and continue the responsible position of being some things to most people, and all things to yourself.

PISCES — February 20-march 20
 Someone may have talked you into changing your mind on a very important issue—and then... they revised the plan or idea to suit themselves, leaving you chaotic or confused. Do not lose confidence in your intuitive judgment and innate sense of knowing what is from what isn't. Practice being firm; stay focused. Everything is all right!

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 in this tribute to fine arts in Texas.
 The Shepherds will climax the inaugural day with their attendance at the "Texas Inaugural Gala", sometimes known as the Governor's Ball. They will return the following day.

BLACK POETRY

MY STORY
 My story is not a twice told story.
 It's not a once told story.
 Coz my dream is yet to come true.
 Mine is a story unsung.
 —Robert Louis Jimerson

(Some day we'll sing a song of freedom. Do not let the Scriptures remind us that "the last shall be first!")

Black poets, who may wish exposure to our reading public, may send copies of their poetry—for editing and with permission to use—in groups of 12 poems or more to C. May Associates, Box 157, Silkirk, N.Y. 12158. Poetry selected should normally appear within 12 to 20 weeks. Because of staff limitations, no copies are returned.

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Across The Nation

News From Home Folks

This feature is a news compilation from more than 100 black-owned and oriented newspapers in this nation. It deals with what blacks, who are all-too-often little recognized, are doing to promote full participation in American life by black Americans. It is thus a salute from all of our readers for unsung heroes... and is designed to be a challenge for all of us to keep on doing our very best.

Publisher-Editor Toni Davis of *The Dallas Weekly* shares with us an editorial which reflects the constant spirit of vigilance on all voting propositions, so many of which are prepared in a form which appears to be designed to confuse more than to help the voting public. Mr. Davis writes:

This newspaper is undertaking the massive job of reading and studying the BOMB PROGRAM that will be placed before us before we seek your help in either VOTING FOR OR AGAINST IT. At first glance most of us were unhappy with many of the items included and the giant appropriations for so-called ART HOUSES that are not for everyone... a BASKETBALL PALACE that will make the MAYOR mighty happy... and here and there has something for us... we hope this has been improved or changed for the better... this is not the time to be asking for changes... we are not at the point where we must say YEAH or NAY to their request and must have the guts for whatever must be done...!! SOONER or LATER everything must come down to this... and all of us must have the WHAT-EVER to do what must be done and devil take the hindmost... When they talk about this or that being such great ART and the need to house them... they so easily forget to make them available to all... they have greater ALLOWANCES for someone that has not paid one centime of TAXES than for those that reside here and are

trying to GET AHEAD... not so in HOUSTON... AUSTIN... OKLAHOMA CITY... TULSA... GALVESTON... even MIDLAND and ODESSA do better by their locals than DALLAS... Phone from out of town and doors open... dates become available that have been denied locals... Then... after they get their desires with YOUR VOTE... here comes an OFFICE STAFF with nary or just a token black... when in fact blacks have the ability to handle well any chore within the front office... IF... IF given the chance... which in DALLAS... they NEVER GET... so why not VOTE AGAINST or DENY them the right to use your tax money in such a manner if that is the thing to do... and we intend to ask the MAYOR to do just THAT and report back to you... plus we shall ask a few others that will hold the appointments in their hands... so read this newspaper next week for the FULL REPORT and then we shall ask your vote accordingly... THANKS... in advance for your cooperation and proper vote...!!

The Ft. Lauderdale *Westside Gazette* writes editorially through the pen of its Editor-in-Chief Levi Henry, of how total black community involvement should be sought in all concerns affecting the black community as a whole. The thoughtful remarks are a challenge to us all, and read as follows:

Dania has become a hotbed of unrest in the last month with a demonstration by black youth almost weekly. Therein lies the problem—the fact that the leaders of the black community as a whole. The thoughtful remarks are a challenge to us all, and read as follows:

The idea of demonstrations is great if the cause is to benefit the total community. But, every effort should be made to include the entire citizenship.

Unification is not the only key, it is the only means by which the lock can be opened.

At present there is division between the residents of Dania who have roots there—jobs, businesses, homes, interests—and the demonstrators who are products of those roots and who, in their youth, are full of impatience and zeal to get the job done. Regardless of which group is right, both must work in unison to achieve the goal they seek.

It is incomprehensible that the city government and leaders of the demonstrations have not realized yet that danger—to the participants and the community—must be averted. Carelessly discharged firearms, fistcuffs and traffic hazards have no place in these, or any other, demonstrations.

We are aware of the lack of black participation in all phases of local government—not only in Dania, but in Ft. Lauderdale, in Hollywood, in Pompano, in Deerfield, in Broward County. We need black elected and appointed officials, civil servants, professionals and para-professionals.

Put, surely, the incident of the accidentally fired weapon in Dania recently is clear warning that we already have enough lousy policemen! Surely, the incident of police allegedly making school children lie face down on the ground in a drug search is evidence that inhumane policemen are worse than none at all.

Surely, the low number of black policemen and firemen and elected officials in all Broward County gives more than a modicum of credence to the recent charges of racism" being well entrenched here.

But, haven't we had enough of inept, inhuman, ignorant racists in powerful positions here in Broward to have a bird in hand when we start shaking the bush? In short, how many of our demonstrators are qualified, willing or even interested in applying for these positions? Let these people come forward—let us all work for them—give us someone to follow.

With all the affirmative action, civil service and "open" positions that any city may claim, aren't we really fighting the wind with our hands? If the Department's regulations or the Oregon Revised Statutes should be changed to give the state more authority over products used in the manufacture of

and eager bodies and minds?

The Portland, Oregon *Skanner* shares with us an Oregon state story which should be exceedingly helpful to many of our readers across the nation. We are deeply grateful for these timely words:

Along with the Consumer Products Safety Commission, the Mobile Home Division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Office of Toxic Substances in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are also studying the effects of formaldehyde in consumer products.

Controversy over the use of formaldehyde as a binder for consumer products is complicated because not all people are allergic to the substance. Those persons who do react to formaldehyde often do so in varying degrees. And manufacturers say there is presently no known substitute for urea formaldehyde as a binder. There have been industrial standards developed for exposure to air borne formaldehyde but there are no regulations aimed at protecting the health of the general public.

"The problem has been cascading recently because of the increase in the number of mobile homes," University of Washington researcher Breyse told OSPIRG. His study sampled more than 200 homes and included interviews with about 250 residents over a three year period. Most of the individuals interviewed in the study reported that when they left their homes on weekends or on vacations, their symptoms subsided, and, in some cases, disappeared. Reactions re-occurred, however, when residents returned to the mobile homes.

The formaldehyde problem is acute in mobile homes because of the tighter construction and amounts of particle board and paneling used in a relatively small space. Builders of conventional homes and apartments have also received complaints from workers and people who have moved into new residents where particle board is used extensively. Workers in office buildings and other structures where materials containing formaldehyde are used have also been affected by the air borne particles...

The Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Division of the Oregon Department of Commerce should take an aggressive role in alerting the public to the possible health problems caused by air borne formaldehyde in mobile homes, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) said recently.

Last week, OSPIRG sent a letter to Cornelius Bateson, director of the Department of Commerce, asking him to require the Mobile Home Division to publicize the addresses and phone numbers of federal agencies studying the use of formaldehyde in consumer products. OSPIRG also asked the state agency to monitor Oregon-based complaints to determine if the Department's regulations or the Oregon Revised Statutes should be changed to give the state more authority over products used in the manufacture of

mobile homes constructed or sold in Oregon. Presently, Oregonians only know to contact the Mobile Home Division through "word of mouth." There are no state efforts to let people know the Mobile Home Division takes such complaints or refers consumers to the appropriate federal agencies.

"Because of the increased cost of conventional housing, more home buyers are turning to mobile homes," OSPIRG told Bateson. "The Department of Commerce has the responsibility to both the present and future mobile home dwellers to assure that the homes they purchase are safe and habitable."

All of our black representatives in the U.S. Congress serve heroic and uniquely significant roles. We must honor each and all of them. Still, time and circumstance has made Representative Augustus Hawkins (Democrat of California) a "man of the hour" in a variety of ways. The following, which is shared with us by the Columbus, Ohio *Onyx* indicates just one of these many ways:

Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif., recalls that when he first came to Congress in 1963, the late Adam Clayton Powell had the habit of attaching an anti-discrimination amendment to every major bill in the House.

Hawkins said he initially supported the amendments. But because of the additions, Congress defeated a vocational education bill, better housing legislation and countless other important measures.

Soon Hawkins realized the defeat of these bills—and not his anti-discrimination votes—were the things that would be remembered by the voters and might defeat him.

So he stopped voting for the Powell amendments and started pushing for Congress to grapple with the controversial subject of discrimination and "for one time, dispose of the issue." The result, said Hawkins, was the Civil Rights laws of the mid 1960s.

The same situation faces Congress now on abortion. Hawkins told his colleagues on the House Education and Labor Committee.

He urged defeat of an anti-abortion amendment Rep. Edward Beard, D-R.I., was attempting to attach to legislation prohibiting discrimination against pregnant workers in company health benefit plans.

"We have consumed more than one-third of the session debating this issue. I've voted on it 12 times... let's dispose of it, not dispose of the bills on which it is attached," Hawkins said.

His appeal failed, and Beard's amendment passed

19-12. The full bill would not be forced to start one, however.

Getting our people out... to register and to vote... and to serve the civic needs of our communities is a major concern in every black community throughout the nation. For that reason, the following account provided by the Ft. Lauderdale *Westside Gazette* is deeply significant as an example of what can be done:

The Broward County Human Relations Division is asking the cooperation of the entire community in submitting nominations for the 1978 "Community Service Awards."

These prestigious annual awards will be given to those whose dedication and contributions have led to the enrichment and betterment of human relations in Broward County.

An emphasis will be placed on awarding those individuals who have volunteered and utilized their own personal time and resources to promote better human relations. Nominees may be individuals, representatives of social service agencies, community-at-large religious groups, news media, elected officials or any person(s) who have fostered improved understanding in human relations.

The awards will be granted to the people who the community feels have excelled for the areas of service in Communications, Education, Employment, Housing, Parental School Involvement, Police Community Relations, Handicapped or Disabled, Women's Concerns, and Youth.

In addition to those nominated by the people of the community, the Human Relations Advisory Board will also select a person from the community for the first annual "Sam Delevoe-Human Relations Award" for outstanding service in the area of Civil Rights.

No more than two awards

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taion concerning this "first" for the graduates of Dunbar High School may contact: Joan Crawford, 762-8063; Francis Bell, 762-3600; Milton Cook, 744-5194; Vernita Holmes, 763-1840; Martha Jones, 744-1840; Arthur "Gut" Jones, 744-6618; or Bobbie Patterson, 744-9714.

The local group will meet Friday evening, January 5, at 6 p.m. at 1320 East 15th Street. "We hope many will get involved so this can become a great event for the community as well as great image builders for the Black community of Lubbock," concluded Ms. Crawford.

may be granted in each area. Special emphasis will be given to worthy nominees not previously recognized for their services to the community. Although the number of nominations a person receives will be considered, the judgment will not be based on quantities. The award decisions will be made by an ad hoc committee from the Human Relations Division and Advisory Board.

The Winston-Salem *Chronicle's* Editor-Publisher, Ernest H. Pitt, has editorialized strongly—in much the same spirit as our black editor-publisher repeatedly do in our behalf—on what he calls "Affirmative Stagnation." There is a solemn reminder here for black voters (that is, the one-third who do vote!) in every state. *The Chronicle* editorial follows:

After paying much lip service to the idea of Affirmative Action and hiring a black personnel director for the State, the Hunt Administra-

tion has finally released its figures on the "advancement of minorities" over the past twenty months.

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For those who did not lose complete faith in Governor Hunt over the Wilmington 10 decision, consider now his record in minority hiring.

We feel that the 1,049 blacks hired since June 1976 are a mere token to North Carolina's minority population. The State can and must do more to increase minority employment... unless Jim Hunt thinks he can get a second term with only 1,049 black votes...

Our readers may wish to address congratulatory messages and messages of encouragement to the papers which report happenings of interest or concern to us. Such messages may be sent to

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A CHAMPION'S LIFE
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A review of *Joe Louis: My Life*, by Joe Louis with Edna and Art Rust, Harcourt, Brace Jovanovich, N.Y., 1978, hardcover, 277 pages, \$10.95.

Joe Louis represents, as well as any black American, the possibility as well as the need for blacks to "pull themselves up by themselves with whatever bootstraps they may possess."

Born the son of a penniless sharecropper on an Alabama farm in 1914, Joe Louis was two years old when his father was placed in a home for the Negro insane. In spite of the frequent difficulties of blacks paying up all debts before leaving the county—a classic means of keeping sharecropping blacks in continuing bondage—, Joe Louis was able to leave his native state for a new home in Detroit.

Joe Louis' mother sought the very best for her son and provided him with money for music lessons on the violin—money he used secretly to learn boxing instead. That

Joe Louis inspires so many black people to lay is due doubtless to his determination to be a winner in spite of all the roadblocks which might be placed before him.

That our benighted, unemployed black youth are besieged by a literal mountain of problems is a fact which no one can deny. But Joe Louis would say to all such unfortunate youth that mountains are for mastering and not bemoaning.

Here is the bold and refreshing story of a born fighter who serves today, as he has done for several generations, as a ready role model for blacks, all of whom must develop a championship mentality, if we are to move out of our present plight.

This book is well worth reading. After reading it, share its message with a "non-reading" and hopeless youth. In this determined way on the part of the book's readers, we may all become champions in the spirit of Joe Louis.

OUR GIANTS SPEAK

W.E.B. DuBOIS
AND BOOKER T. WASHINGTON
REVISITED

In the following two sections on the early impression of life during the Civil War period, Booker T. Washington discusses how blacks looked at the issue of emancipation and how enslavement took the spirit of self-reliance and self-help out of the white people on the plantations.

During the next several months, we shall be featuring six crucial circumstances in the life of W.E.B. DuBois and the same for Dr. Booker T. Washington. Scholars too are seeking to look empathetically to see the essential similarities at least in the spirit with which black Americans must meet common problems.

We ask that you adapt, in your own mind, the Key Questions, so that the common human conditions faced by these two black pioneers emerge or come to the surface.

Part I of Two Parts

I have said that there are few instances of a member of

my race betraying a specific trust. One of the best illustrations of this which I know of is in the case of an ex-slave from Virginia whom I met not long ago in a little town in the state of Ohio. I found that this man had made a contract with his master, two or three years previous to the Emancipation Proclamation, to the effect that the slave was to be permitted to buy himself, by paying so much per year for his body; and while he was paying for himself, he was to be permitted to labour where and for whom he pleased. Finding that he could secure better wages in Ohio, he went there.

When freedom came, he was still in debt to his master some three hundred dollars. Notwithstanding that the Emancipation Proclamation freed him from any obligation to his master, this black man walked the greater portion of the distance back to where his old master lived in Virginia, and placed the last dollar, with interest, in his hands. In talking to me about this, the man told me that he

knew that he did not have to pay the debt, but that he had given his word to his master, and his word he had never broken. He felt that he could not enjoy his freedom till he had fulfilled his promise.

From some things that I have said one may get the idea that some of the slaves did not want freedom. This is not true. I have never seen one who did not want to be free, or one who would return to slavery.

I pity from the bottom of my heart any nation or body of people that is so unfortunate as to get entangled in the net of slavery. I have long ceased to cherish any spirit of bitterness against the Southern white people on account of the enslavement of my race. No one section of our country was wholly responsible for its introduction, and, besides, it was recognized and protected for years by the General Government.

Having once got its tentacles fastened on to the economic and social life of the Republic, it was no easy matter for the country to relieve itself of the institution. Then, when we rid ourselves of prejudice, or racial feeling, and look facts in the face, we must acknowledge that, notwithstanding the cruelty and moral wrong of slavery, the ten million Negroes inhabiting this country, who themselves or whose ancestors went through the school of American slavery, are in a stronger and more hopeful condition, materially, intellectually, morally, and religiously, than is that of an equal number of black people in any other portion of the globe. This is so to such an extent that Negroes in this country, who themselves or whose forefathers went through the school of slavery, are constantly returning

BLACK EVENTS QUIZ

(This quiz is designed to accompany *History-Making Black Happenings*. It can be used for classroom discussion or to help you focus your own thinking on current issues.)

1) Do you feel that world religious bodies such as the Anglican or Episcopal Church may exercise any real or substantial influence upon Third World affairs?

2) The "survival-minded" British seem to be avoiding racial issues in the upcoming elections in Zimbabwe. What reasons do you suppose that these hot or deeply sensitive issues may play a relatively minor electoral role?

3) What do you feel are the prospects of Mr. Carter's not running for re-election? Do you feel that he has an "honest heart" and is developing a "good head" as well? Or do you feel otherwise?

4) Why might black Americans do to head off a possible continuation in the 1980 presidential elections between a conservative republican and conservative Democrat? Should this be done?

5) Should the King-Kennedy assassination hearings and investigation continue or be closed? Why?

to Africa as missionaries to enlighten those who remained in the wilderness. This I say, not to justify slavery, —on the other hand, I condemn it as an institution, as we all know that in America it was established for selfish and racial reasons, and not from missionary motive—to call attention to a fact that shows how Providence often uses men and institutions to accomplish a purpose. When persons ask me in these days how, in the midst of what sometimes seem hopelessly discouraging conditions, I can have such faith in the future of the race in this country, I point to them of the wilderness through which and out of which, a good Providence has already led us.

Key Questions:
1. What peculiar problems does this episode reveal? Are they still present today?
2. How well were today's circumstances handled? Were there any "hidden agendas"?
3. What important lessons may be learned from today's episode? How would you have possibly handled them differently?

International News:
Zimbabwe — The transfer of power in this overwhelmingly black nation to the black majority has continued to occupy...and to confuse...the international news headlines.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, reputedly the leader of the largely black-populated nation's most substantial bloc of supporters, kept the transitional government's uncertainty alive by implied word of a withdrawal from the transitional governing body. The bishop reportedly was disenchanted by the dismissal of a minister of justice whom he had appointed. Meanwhile, hopes for participation by significant "guerrilla" groups remained dim. No resolution of the tensions threatening to destroy the possibility of a peaceful transition to black majority rule seemed to be in sight.

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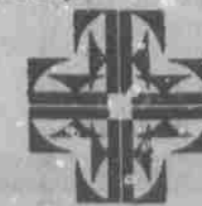
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Although it was quite cold last Sunday morning, a few of our members assembled in the House of the Lord during the morning worship services to hear Rev. Edwin Scott deliver a splendid message. It was a good way to start the new year off with Mrs. Bobbie Patterson sang a lovely solo.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church and community. Those on the sick list include Mrs. Doris Ragland, Mrs. W.H. Stevens, and the brother of Mrs. Hortense King in Denver, Colorado.

Official Board meeting is held each Monday evening at 8 p.m.

Members of the Ma Jones Missionary Society meet at the church each Monday afternoon at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Choir Number One meets at the church each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We invite our members and friends to come and be with us.

Senior Choir Number One meets in the home of Mrs. L.C. Struggs each Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

Senior Choir Number Two practices at the church each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

GREATER SAINT LUKE BAPTIST

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Pray to be perfect, through material leaven. Forbid the spirit so on earth to be; But if for any wish thou darrest not pray, Then pray to God to cast that wish away.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church. Those on the sick list include Brother Lovings, the husband of Sister Odie Lovings, who is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital. Also Sisters Roxie Reed, Mary Lee, Ellen Tillman, and Dolly Howard are shut in.

MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. A.L. Patrick, delivering a splendid message.

Ushers meet at the church each Monday evening at 7 p.m. Senior Choir practices on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

The Prayer Band meets at the church each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. The Young Matrons, Deacons and Laymen Brotherhood meet at the church on Wednesday evenings at 7 and 8 p.m.

The Youth Department meets at the church meet at the church at 7 p.m.

Teachers meeting is held each Friday evening at 7 p.m.

The Deacons meet at the church the first and third Saturday of each month.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

A NEW PERSON IN CHRIST

ROMANS 8:1-4; EPHESIANS 2:1-10

Romans 8:1-4

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.
 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
 4 in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins,
 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.
 3 Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind,

and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us,
 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
 6 and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
 7 that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not because of works, lest any man should boast.
 9 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

MEMORY SELECTION

If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. 2 Cor. 5:17.

LYONS CHAPEL BAPTIST

Despite chilly weather on Christmas Eve, services at our church was very enjoyable. The Missionary Society presented their last program for the year 1978. Sister Elnora Jones, president, gave her annual address. A scrumptious soul food dinner was served after church in fellowship hall. On last Sunday morning, each lady in attendance received a lovely rose on behalf of the pastor and church. That really got the new year off to a good start.

Sunday morning, January 14, will be Youth Day. We are looking forward to a very outstanding program. Our young people of the church are doing a fantastic job, so let us put our arms around them and give them our support. The slogan is: "A mind is a terrible thing to waste", is true indeed. So let us encourage our youth.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Titus on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Titus, born December 31, 1978 at Methodist Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. We know they are very proud parents.

Remember the sick and shut in members of the church and community. Sister Savanna Goodie is on the sick and shut in list. Sister Karen

Edwards and Brother James Jones have been ill. They are reported to be doing nicely at this report.

The Pastor, along with the members, would like to wish each and everyone a very happy and successful new year! May all your burdens be light and your tomorrows be bright. Remember to put God first, others second, and self last, and you can't go wrong.

TWENTIETH & BIRCH CHURCH OF CHRIST

A cordial welcome to all our visitors. We are always pleased to have you worshipping with us each Sunday. We trust you will find inspiration and fellowship here. Come again soon. Have a prosperous new year.

The following sisters requested the prayers of the church: Sisters Vera Hightower, Sheila Hollins, Johnnie Levels, Katherine Patton, Sandra McCormick, and Erma Cole.

Brother Alfred Wright had been in and out of the hospital during the course of the past week. He is now home in somewhat improved condition. Sister Mary Newton, desires our prayers. She's been sick since last week and was expected to have surgery. She had gone to the Midland and Odessa area to spend some time when she got ill.

Brother Steven Williams and Brother Waldo Green were away from us last weekend. They were gone on preaching assignments.

The Fourth Annual Texas State Lectureship will be held January 16 through 18 in San Antonio, Texas. Host congregation will be the Coliseum Park Church of Christ.

The Fourth Annual Elders' Workshop will be held January 17 through 19 with the Sunset Church of Christ as host congregation.

MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST

Pastor and wife wish each family and each person a Happy 1979 and many happy New Years to come. We have been impressed with kind of cooperative effort we see within the church. We are a team, bound together in the common interest of being God's people, and sharing the love Christ has shared with us. Your words, your smiles, your talents, your friendship are like special gifts all year.

The warm fellowship of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church would like say welcome to our many visitors. If you are a new resident of Lubbock, we hope you will find our city warm and friendly. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to come and worship with us and participate in any or all of our services or activities. Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship service begins at 11 a.m.

GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST

Church Reporting and Conference will be held Monday evening, January 8, at 7:30 p.m. All members are expected to be in attendance.

A lovely shower was held for little Tyronda Dionne, the latest addition to the Savage family last Sunday. It was sponsored by the Users. Deacons and Auxiliary heads will meet with the Pastor on Friday evening, January 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Mid week Prayer Services are held each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend. Fifth Sunday will be General Mission will be held Monday evening, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are asked to attend.

Let us continue to remember those who are sick, shut in, and bereaved in our church and community. Those on the sick list include Ms. Callie Cato, Ms. Lonnie Smith, and Ms. Edgington.

Food for thought: "There was no room for

Him in the inn, but let us have room for Him in our hearts."

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

Installation of Officers will be held Sunday afternoon, January 7, at 3 p.m. Dr. J.S. Loud will serve as installation officer. All persons

elect to serve in any capacity must be installed prior to performing any services or duties as officers.

Young People's Day will be observed on Sunday, January 14. Your support would be appreciated and prayers are always needed. Any adult who would like to work with our young people is invited to do so.

Church reporting and conference will be held Monday evening, January 8, at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

The Baptist Ministers Union services will be held at our church on Friday evening, January 12, at 7 p.m.

Prayer Poem

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), a Quaker and an ardent abolitionist, worked steadfastly for the emancipation movement. He had a strong conviction, thus, of the oneness of mankind. In 1872, he wrote the hymn which expresses exquisitely the oneness of the human family under God.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways,
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
 In purer lives thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,

Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the hearts of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,
 Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
 O still small voice of calm.
 Amen

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WORDS OF LIFE

Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"There is... one God and Father of us all."
 —Ephesians 4:45

1. God, the cosmic presence, pervades the universe. When God came upon and contemplated the void (or the nothingness) of which we are told in the beginning of Genesis, his life's imprint, his life's impact and his life's breath it was which gave form and substance to our life and to our world. God's world reflects... and is... his life.

2. God is one. This is the ancient Hebrew lesson learned in Egyptian captivity from the teachings of Central Africa. There is one life-spirit, so the ancient Africans taught; there is one "life-force."

While the Hebrews are credited with popularizing the "one God" idea in their Mediterranean world, they learned this great lesson from our African past.

3. God is the Father of us all. We are "one family." A family is not "all alike." It is comprised of uniquely different children, with uniquely different outlooks and assets. Yet it remains "one family." So it is with the "family of man."

While we must take pride in our different "heritages," let us keep uppermost in our minds that we are one family with "one God and Father of us all."



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