

# "BE SOMEBODY IN 1979!!"

"Western Region Meeting at Hilton"

## MASONS TO MEET HERE FOR REGIONAL MEETING

The twelfth annual Western Regional meeting of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and Jurisdiction will hold its public opening program on Saturday morning, March 24, at 9 a.m. at the Hilton Inn. The Lodge has taken an opportunity to invite the public to attend this meeting, and meet several of their Grand Lodge officers who will be in attendance. Among those officers present will include the Most Worshipful Grand Master I. H. Clayborn of Dallas, Most Ancient Grand Matron Mrs. S. E. Julius of Texas City, Mrs. Eddie M. Johnson, Worthy Grand Matron, of Houston; and the illustrious Jimmy Harde-

man, Deputy of the State of Texas of Scottish Rite Masons. All are expected to be present at the day long meeting. According to James P. Burrell, Worshipful Master of the Pride of Lubbock No. 328, the combined membership of these groups have a membership of over 100,000 members. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge is composed of eight regions over the state of Texas. The regional meetings are held between Grand Lodge sessions to give the Grand officers a chance to meet in the locations where the lodges, courts, and chapters are located. It also gives them a chance

to meet the membership who make up the Grand Lodge. Once a year, according to Mr. Burrell, the eight regions meet in Fort Worth the last week in June for the Grand Communication. The Masonic Mosque is the meeting place for this event. In view of the fact that all officers and delegates are active church members where they live, the Lodge can't resist the temptation to gather at the Mount Olive Baptist Church and the Mount Zion Baptist Church to listen to some of the best worship this side of heaven. "All of us wish we could just stay there until the next session of the Grand



Members of Pride of Lubbock No. 328

### PRIDE OF LUBBOCK LODGE SPONSORS CONCERT HERE

The Pride of Lubbock Lodge No. 328, High Noon Club, will sponsor a concert Friday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lubbock Civic Center. Featured artists will include The Mass Choir and Johnny Ray Watson. Not only will the public be entertained with outstanding music, but there will be drawing for prizes. First prize will be a stereo; second prize, microwave oven; and third prize, a shotgun. Participants don't have to be present to win one of the above mentioned prizes. "We are going to have a great time at the Civic Center," said James P. Burrell.

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## NAMED WOMAN OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH HERE

The membership committee of the Young Women Christian Association has chosen Mrs. Rose Wilson as its "Woman of the Month" for March.

Mrs. Wilson was selected because of her untiring efforts to serve her community.

She is a member of such organizations as the Coalition for Equal Justice, Neighborhood Housing Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and National Hook-Up for Black Women.

She is currently serving as president of the Magnificent Seven Civic Club, supervisor of the Magnificent Seven Teenette Club, supervisor of the NAACP Youth Council, assistant treasurer of the NAACP, and a Black moderator of CASS.

She is a member of the Stokes-Parker District of Federated Clubs, League of Women Voters, United Political Action League, and has worked with the United Negro College Fund's Mini-Telethon as chairman of the V.I.P. committee. She has also served as a Girl Scout leader and youth counselor for the Young



Mrs. Rose Wilson

Adults' Progressive Club. This very dynamic lady has worked with many candidates on their bid for election. Her most recent involvement, included a member of the campaign for Jesse George who was a candidate for the Texas

State Senate. Mrs. Wilson, who is the mother of five children, two daughters and three sons; strongly believes that the most important thing in life is to set a goal and work hard to achieve the goal.

## LUBBOCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE HELD

The Lubbock District Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was held at the Hester Memorial Chapel African Methodist Church March 15 and 16. Rev. A. J. Davis, Presiding Elder, presided over the two meetings.

At the opening session, devotion was conducted by Rev. N. L. Franklin. He encouraged all present to send their youth to Paul Quinn College at Waco, Texas and other Black colleges. He made it clear that we all should get involved and work with the youth of the community. Remarks

about was said were given by Sister J. Clay. Rev. James Green spoke on Your Church, Richard Allen Methodist, and why we are Methodist. John Wesley justification by faith in Christ. Rev. Davis brought the

message of the hour. The message was taken from Phil. 3:13-14. It was an outstanding message. We were all uplifted. Rev. C. Kelly and Rev. W. O. Johnson were responsible for the devotional of the hour.

A beautiful song, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." All officers of the

church, including the Presiding Elder, Pastors, Stewards, Sunday School Teachers, and Trustees were all asked to attend worship services regularly, and participate in activities of the church. This includes morning services as well as evening services.

The evening message on the first day was delivered by Rev. M. L. Goffney, who is pastor at Big Lake. The services closed with the Communion.

Rev. W. O. Johnson taught the group a great lesson on "Know Your Church" on the second day. "I wish it was possible for every member of the church have been there to see what the church is all

## BLACK AWARENESS MONTH AT WHEATLEY

Several activities were scheduled at Wheatley Elementary School during the month of February. The activities were designed to enlighten the student body and faculty of the numerous contributions made by "people of color."

The Dunbar Jazz-Rock Class and Panjames performed for the entire student body. James Price, a teacher at both Dunbar-Struggs and Wheatley, extended an invitation to the group.

Mrs. Willie F. Richardson, one of the first teachers to teach at Wheatley, spoke to a group of fifth graders about how the school was started and how the name Wheatley was

chosen. Fifth grade students, under the direction of Mrs. Birda Andrews, presented "Moments in Black History" each morning to the entire school by giving a brief biography to famous Black Americans over the public address system. The students researched and reported on such people as Phillis Wheatley, Charles Drew, Scott Joplin, Harriett Tubman, Matthew Henson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and George Washington Carver.

Mr. Tom Esikhati, a native of Kenya, visited the sixth grade classes to talk about his native home-land. He, with the help of Virgil Wade,

## "Celebrates twenty-fifth anniversary Sunday afternoon" FEDERATION OF CHOIRS TO SING HERE SUNDAY

It's that time of the year again when hundreds of Lubbockites and residents of the South Plains of Texas will attend the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs. This well talked about and enjoyed affair will take place at the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. The Community Baptist Church is host for the

annual event. "We are expecting another exciting time in the Lord at this annual anniversary service," says Mr. A. L. Smith, president.

The Federation of Choirs was born in the minds of the late Mrs. Sedalia Solomon, its first choir director; and the late Mr. Oscar M. Iles, first president, at the New Hope Baptist Church in 1954.

The purpose of the organization is to create a closer fellowship between the churches in the community and produce another method of worship to God in song. The organization could not function apart from the heads of churches, therefore; the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance had to approve the organization before it could be properly organized and give service. The churches represented at the initial organizational meeting after approval were Bethel African Methodist Episcopal, Carter Chapel C. M. E., Rising Star Baptist, Mount Gilead Baptist, New Hope Baptist, and Mount Vernon Methodist Churches.

Twenty-five years later, the growth has been gradual and more than the allotted number than the allotted number of church choirs have joined. During the twenty-five years of existence, two presidents have led the group, namely: Mr. Oscar M. Iles, who served until his death; and Mr. A. L. Smith, present president. Four secretaries have served: Mrs. J. Patterson of Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church; Ms. Ruby Jay, who served for nine years; Ms. Maunita Terrell, who served for ten years until she became ill; and Ms. Joan Y. Ervin, present secretary organization.

then field questions from the students, ranging from the type of clothing worn to questions pertaining to Kenya's marriage customs. James Price, Mark Martin, and Kathy Holmes are sixth grade teachers.

Margaret Rangle, school counselor, prepared a show case depicting "February Happenings." The history of St. Valentine's Day, Ground Hog Day, and famous Americans depicted in various different ways. A picture of the individual, a brief description of his/her contribution and an object they invented or are associated with was also included in the showcase.

To culminate the month's activities, Friday, February 23, was designated as Phillis Wheatley Day. Students and teachers dressed in their green and white Wheatley T-shirts or wore green and white. Later in the day, the

science consultant for LISD, presented a slide presentation on Kenya. Afterwards, Esikhati showed the children clothing, tools, and other items from Kenya. He

## BLACK HISTORY -



LEARN IT TWELVE MONTHS A YEAR

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## Community Hospital Congratulates New Parents

A new service has begun at Community Hospital for new parents. The parents of newborn babies are served a delicious steak dinner by candlelight the night before they are discharged from the hospital. The special meal is prepared by the dietary department and served by the nursing department. The response to this has been tremendous

and new parents are most appreciative of the personal touch that this gives to one of the most important events in their lives. A nice way to congratulate new parents who have their baby at Community Hospital of Lubbock!

The hospital is located at 5301 University and the administrator is John H. Nienhuser.

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# RUBY JAY'S CORNER



## WHAT'S GOING ON

ing of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge for Texas and Jurisdiction this Saturday at the Hilton Inn. The pre-opening will begin at 9 a.m. Let's go out and welcome these bro-

A delegation of Masons will attend the Western Region meet-

thers and sisters to our city. Good luck to all of you. \*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. G. H. Davis attended the funeral services of her cousin, Mrs. Lillie M. Thomas, last Saturday in Slaton. \*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. Earenstine Childress, her brother and niece attended the funeral services of Mr. Jack Andrew Walker in Slaton, Texas last Tuesday. \*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Derrough and Sherena is spending the weekend in Fort Worth, Texas with her sisters. They will return home on Tuesday. \*\*\*\*\*

Sylvester Kilpatrick is in the intensive care unit at Methodist Hospital at this writing. He is suffering from a gunshot wound Saturday night. He is the son of Dan Kilpatrick. \*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. Laura Eddington is a patient at Methodist Hospital. Her leg was amputated last week. Let us continue to whisper a prayer for her recovery. \*\*\*\*\*

Personnel needed by the Lubbock Public School System. Interested persons should contact the Personnel Office, 1620 19th Street, 747-2641 -- bus drivers, grounds laborer, and refrigeration repairer.

Also wanted by the school system is a teacher intern leader, must be currently employed by the LISD, master's degree, supervisor/administrator certification, supervisory experience preferable, 12 month employment, must attend 5 weeks workshop from June 10 to July 14, contract for two-year period. Responsibility will be supervising interns and assisting TTU in intern course preparation.

Mrs. Vera Mitchell wishes to thank everyone for their kindness shown during the passing of her sister, Ms. Idella Ross Jordan. The flowers, cards, all your prayers were priceless to this family. Your kindness and love will always be cherished. \*\*\*\*\*

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## Media Reviews:

### HUMAN RIGHTS: THE "NORTH CAROLINA IMAGE"

(For readers concerned with justice)

A review of *Nothing Could Be Finer*, by Michael Myerson, International Publishers, New York, 1978, 245 pages, Paperback, \$3.95.

For those concerned with "human rights" and their denials within the United States, here is a clearly-written account that tells a deeply revealing picture of hard, bitter realities.

Apparently written by an advocate of left-wing politics, the book remains overwhelming objective in its recitation of the denials of rights, of economic opportunity, and of an education in America as it either has been or ideally hopes to be.

Written to afford a background for understanding the now celebrated and legally curious case of "The Wilmington Ten," the book becomes a popular legal and social history of what some will see as perhaps the "most subtly repressive state" in the nation.

We commend this book for a broader and more positive reason: that of alerting all liberty-conscious Americans to the pervasive dangers which lie in the shadows to haunt all black Americans, regardless of their state of residence.

For a modest price, here is a book that alerts us to some deeply important lessons to learn about the precarious nature of liberty and of the license with which the law of our land may be interpreted in any court.

## BLACK POETRY

### MY LUVE

Oh my love is like a beautiful rose That has just begun to grow; And, my love has spread far abroad For a young man I know.

So fair, I hear; this sweet melody That puts me on Cloud Nine; Makes me feel so good inside To know that you are mine.

Oh, my love, in the spring sea-son Is more than every grain of sand; My love has only just begun We're always holding hands.

It's full: than every ocean or sea That's just how my love is' And it means so much to me, and it Means so much to me. —Stephanie Thomas

### FEDERATION OF CHOIRS....

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Ms. Ollie Coleman is assistant secretary. Again the annual singing will be under the direction of Mrs. Desma Moore.

"We hope our many, many friends will come back again this year and hear the beautiful voices of the Mass Choir," said Mrs. Moore.

The Mass Choir will practice for the last time before the annual program on Friday evening, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church.

(Here the poetess speaks of love (or "luve") emphasizing that it is not how you spell it but how you "hand it out" that really counts.) 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 137, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158. Poetry selected should normally appear within 12 to 20 weeks.

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**Dunbar Booster Club Will Meet Monday** Members of the Dunbar High School Booster Club are asked to meet Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Field House. Important business to discuss pertaining to the upcoming "Spring Banquet" for athletes at the school.



# POLICE HAPPENINGS AROUND LUBBOCK

## BURGLARY OF VEHICLE

**HORACE LEE CARUTHERS**, 1903 East Brown Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that his car was broken into one day last week while it was parked in the driveway of his residence. Taken from the car was his billfold which contained a \$10 bill. Also contained in the billfold were some valuable papers.

He believes that some juveniles in the neighborhood were responsible for the crime. He did observe that his headlights were on when he discovered the break in.

Total stolen was \$15 as the billfold was worth \$5.00.

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## CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

**EDWARD ROLFE, JR.**, 3112 East Auburn Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown to him did cause damage to his vehicle while it was parked in his driveway one day last week. Police were unable to determine exactly how the damage was done. Damage was done to the rear window of his car.

Damage to the car was believed to \$160.

## THEFT OVER \$200

**TOMMY D. LETH-RIDGE**, 240 Cherry Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that he had gone to Mr. Wayne's TV, 1726 A Parkway Drive, and asked the owner if he wanted to buy some diamonds. The man apparently told him he was interested, so Mr.

Lethridge left to get the diamonds.

After returning with the diamonds, the man asked Mr. Lethridge if he could verify that the diamond (4 ct) was an uncut stone was legitimate. Lethridge, according to the police report, left again to get the papers of verification on the diamond.

When he returned, according to the police report, Lethridge said the man's attitude began to

change. Lethridge told police that the man acted as though something was wrong with the diamond. The man told Lethridge that he was not in business to buy diamonds, and was obligated to call the police and have him (Lethridge) checked out.

At this time, according to the police report, Mr. Lethridge took the diamond pouch and placed it in an envelope. *Continue on Page 7*

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Editorials

WHY NOT?

by  
Eddie P. Richardson

"Help Your Child Feel Good About School!"

This column, "WHY NOT?", came about after a lot of observations and thought. Looking at our message cartoon (on the editorial page this week), it ties in with this writer's views. As **BLACK PEOPLE** and **BLACK PARENTS**, we must become more concerned about our young **BLACK PEOPLE**. We, *Lubbock Digest*, are about **IMAGE BUILDING** in the Black community. Black people need to become concerned and interested in what your young **BLACK PEOPLE** are doing in school. **VISIT YOUR CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS AND CONVERSE WITH THEIR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS.** One thing that this writer has heard so much about is the **LACK OF BLACK LEADERSHIP** in the basically white schools, such as **EVANS, HUTCHINSON, ATKINS, MACKENZIE, WILSON, CORONADO, AND MONTEREY SCHOOLS.** At these public schools, we see no **BLACK CHEERLEADERS, HEADS OF ORGANIZATIONS, CLASS OFFICERS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS WHICH PERTAIN TO THE WELFARE OF OUR BLACK BOYS AND GIRLS.**

The firing of **COACH ELTON CONGER** helped open the eyes of the pulse of our white oriented school system. As far as **IMAGE BUILDING** is concerned in our Lubbock Public School System, we are obligated to our young people to take a good look around us.

One thing that this writer, as well as numerous other people in the community, can't understand is why **BLACKS** at basically white schools have no positions of leadership while **WHITE** students at **DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL** have a majority of leadership roles. While looking at the white schools, we see the same old racism that has always prevailed.

On the other hand, we observe **BLACKS** when they get into position of leadership, they step on other **BLACKS** necks to prove to the **WHITE** bosses that they are not partial to **BLACKS** and are constantly misusing **BLACKS.** This writer sees those kind of people as being those who are trying to be fair. *Exactly how long should the community continue to take this kind of a treatment which is in the disguise of "fairness?"*

If **BLACKS** in position will not help **BLACKS**, then who will? These are the kinds of things that must be ceased if our **BLACK KIDS** are going to feel good in school.

The East Lubbock Community is talking about Dunbar High School. The are concerned about how it has segregated itself, from the **BLACK COMMUNITY** and other schools and students. Even some of the relatives of young people enrolled there cannot communicate, because Dunbar's activities are apparently closed to **DUNBAR** students only. This is done while Dunbar students are welcome to other school's functions.

One other complaint, which has come to this writer's attention, is the track field which is apparently closed to citizens of the community. This area is paid for by taxpayers and some of our senior citizens are complaining to this newspaper that they are not allowed to use the track field, because it is locked from them. These people need the exercise, and according to many of them, some of the personal friends of those administrators are allowed to utilize such facility.

People, we have to become involved in our children welfare. We need to help our young people feel good about school. We must save our young **BLACK PEOPLE** from all of this which is apparently going on. **HOW ABOUT DUNBAR P.T.A. WHY NOT??**

HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL GOOD ABOUT SCHOOL



WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!



BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.  
Human Rights Activist

ARE "LIVING TOGETHER" DIRTY WORDS?

Among many groups of people the custom of "trial marriages" (or spousal partnerships) prevails. In the Lutheran countries of Scandinavia and parts of Germany, what some flippantly speak of as "the pig in the poke" approach to marital partnership is often avoided by trial periods of living together.

The issue raised by what is said here has particular relevance in our present day when staid and conservative parents suddenly have had to face the fact that their sons, daughters (or both) have made a home in a legally pre-marital (or non-marital) fashion. We spoke not long ago with one woman who had been widowed and who then married a widwed clergyman. Her five children were older than his three. When she told of visiting the unmarried families among her children, she was asked how her somewhat more than straight faced husband looked upon such arrangements. Her reply: Well, it's own children haven't yet gotten to the stage where he must deal with the situation on a visceral (or "gut") level. But he shows a benign and resigned acceptance of what neither he nor I can control in my children."

Some societies have tackled the problem by marrying their girls young. In such societies, new problems often arise when the boys must

marry late. Either, as in Bermuda where the law of primogeniture (first son as prime inheritor) has prevailed, there has been widespread and open promiscuity. Or, as in such a Moslem country as Algeria, male prostitution abounds in the homosexual tea or coffee houses where males associate freely, since females must remain covered, must stay at home and are subject to instant death if found "defiled."

Still other societies, as in tribal Africa and among the Eskimo (and other Indian groups of North, Central and South America) every woman ideally has a protective male who also serves as active or potential sex partner. The early European explorers among the Eskimos were surprised at being offered a "wife" with whom to sleep, although at home there might have been a secretive "workman" rather than a wife.

The new trends among our own young people today suggest several things which may give us good ground for our reflective mills.

One is that the new non-legalized associations or unions imply at least a feeling of inadequacy concerning our traditional or inherited American patterns of "holy wedlock." Surprisingly, these new departures are not really "new" but are a return to previous ways once sanctified by time and even possibly

today by the teachings of religion.

Our young people who choose partners and make their own private commitments are rejecting the notion that "a wedding makes a marriage." There has been, perhaps, something insufficient or even gross in the idea that we work feverishly for some wedding day—remaining discreetly apart meanwhile—then, Presto, "They live happily ever after."

As one intensely thoughtful young person, who had not adopted the new ways but who was unwilling to censure them, remarked: "I see young people as saying in effect that formal marriage is but one step—far more important to some than to others—in a process of growing mutuality. There is nothing magical about a wedding or about any other step in relating to, or becoming a part of, another person's life."

In Biblical terms, we have the unwed relationship of Mary and Joseph, the earthly parents of Jesus. While many persons have always submitted to the traditional collective mind of Christianity that, in some deeply significant sense, Christ's birth was divinely accomplished, the ancient Hebrew custom which permitted Mary and Joseph to live together as espoused husband and wife has been to such persons often like a thorn.

The longest traditional teachings of the Christian religion have held that a marriage ceremony ratifies and publicly confirms what is transpiring or has already transpired between two persons who are committed to a process of growth into mutuality.

In many parts of our own South, blacks for generations understandably shunned practically every contact with the "white man's laws and authority," designed as these were to demean or devastate black people. Thus one local custom grew up of bringing one's "bride" to Sunday church. If a man simply brought "his woman" to church in those days, everybody knew that the woman from then on was to be called "Mrs. 'Liza'" rather than "Miss 'Liza.'"

When we look at the new life habits of our young people, we should be reminded in a positive way that all life is growth and that legalisms are not (and may sometimes run counter to) the process of life as grown.

Precipitous change may be, at times, more clearly a too large dose of summary rejection, when the tempering of our feelings with a sense of historical perspective and reciprocal or parental acceptance may have been just what was needed to preserve our family bonds and to save the day.

DIGEST LETTERS

(We appreciate the letters we receive in our mailbox from time to time. Let us hear from you when there are issues you want to express to the public through this newspaper. Your may write us: "Letters to the Editors", Lubbock Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Let us hear from you.)

"CONGERS SHOW APPRECIATION"

Dear Editors:

My wife and I appreciate the interest and concern that the citizens of Lubbock, especially the East Lubbock community, have shown in my personal struggle with the Lubbock Independent School District.

I also applaud your newspaper for its coverage of this entire matter. It is admirable that a black owned publication in a city such as Lubbock is willing to publicly articulate its views for such a controversial cause.

Thanks to all of you who have been most supportive with your kind deeds, thoughts, and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Elton Conger

(Editor's Note: Thanks for the letter of thanks. Let it be known, however, that this newspaper is most concerned about what is right and wrong in our community. We can appreciate your courage to stand up for what you believe in. Hang in there!!)

UPAL IS PROGRESSING

Did you attend the United Political Action League (UPAL) meeting on March 12, 1979? It was a very good meeting of the minds to help strengthen our voice in East Lubbock and Lubbock as a whole.

Reports on the active work force, finance of the organization, and other important business were discussed. UPAL observed and heard an inspiring talk from Iman Shakir H. Muhyee, who was guest speaker of the evening. His topic was: "Revival of the True Human Spirit."

You do have something that can help our community to grow in the right direction. Join us April 9, 1979 at 8 p.m. at the Green Fair Community Center.

"Tenth Anniversary at State School Here"

Dear Editors:

The tenth anniversary of Lubbock State School will be celebrated soon.

The Lubbock community worked hard to secure Lubbock State School. During the past ten years it has had a significant impact on Lubbock and the surrounding area. The contribution of Lubbock State School to the Lubbock community has not only been in the health care and rehabilitative services rendered, but in the economic area as well.

We hope that you of the printed media will join us in celebrating this event and in helping the school say "thank you" to the people of the South Plains area.

The date of the celebration will be June 24-26, and the theme will be "Through the Looking Glass." We hope you will join this date and theme on your planning calendar and begin to think how your firm may join with us in celebrating this event.

Very soon a member of the anniversary committee will call upon you to see how we may jointly pursue the public celebration of our anniversary.

Sincerely,  
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# OBSEQUIES

**TOMMY E. RAY**

Funeral services were held for Mr. Tommy Eugene Ray at the Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ last Saturday with Brother L. A. Walters, minister, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Sedberry Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Ray was born to John and Mary Ray on June 19, 1883 in Goliad, Texas.

In 1925, he moved to Lubbock where he lived ever since. He married Ella Henderson in October, 1932.

Mr. Ray was baptized into Christ and became a member of the Twentieth & Birch Church of Christ in 1932. The period of time (47 years), he faithfully served the church.

Death occurred at the Ray's residence, 1310 East 14th Street, at 3:05 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ella Ray;



brother, Alvin; and a sister, Mrs. Hattie May Powell, both of San Francisco, California; several nieces and nephews living in San Antonio, Texas; and a host of friends and brethren.

Active pallbearers were Roosevelt H. Carroll, Charles Patton, James Lilly, David Hightower, Milton Lee, and Kenneth Davis. Honorary pallbearers were Alvin Wright and John Hois.

### IDELLA R. JORDAN

Final rites were read last week for Ms. Idella Ross Jordan at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. S. N. North officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of South Plains Funeral Home.

Ms. Jordan was born September 7, 1894 to the parentage of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ross in Clavert, Texas.

She was united in matrimony to the late Mr.

Charlie Jordan, who preceded her in death.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan moved to Lubbock County, Texas in 1926. To this union, seven children were born.

Ms. Jordan is a member of the Friendship Baptist Church of Brownfield, Texas where she served faithfully until her health prevented regular attendance.

She departed this life on Sunday, March 11, 1979, and leaves to mourn two sons, Mr. Charlie E. Jordan and

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### JACK A. WALKER

Final rites were read for Mr. Jack Andrew Walker of Slaton, Texas last Tuesday at the Triumph Baptist Church with Rev. M. A. Brown, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the Englewood Cemetery under the direction of South Plains Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Walker was born November 2, 1909 in Cooper, Texas to Samuel and Aline Walker.

He grew up in Cooper, Texas. At an early age, he professed Christ and united with the United Methodist Church in Cooper, Texas.

After moving to Dallas, Texas, he met and married Oliver Williams May 16, 1949. To this union, three children were born, a son and two daughters.

He served in the U. S. Armed Forces during World War II.

He passed away March 9, 1979.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Mrs. Ollie Walker; a son, Kenneth of Lubbock and daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Jennings of Plainview, Texas and



Mrs. Cindy Evans of Big Springs, Texas; a grandson, Terrence Jennings; a number of aunts, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Pallbearers were W. E. Rainwater, Ernest Gibson, Edsel Clemons, Henry Clemons, Willie Randal, and Tyler Clemons.

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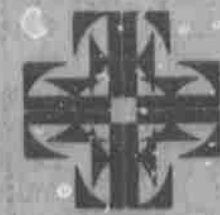
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# Come to Church

## BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services were well attended and enjoyed last Sunday morning when the young dynamic speaker, Rev. James W. Cox, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, delivered the morning message. His subject was, "Those Dry Bones."

The Young Adult Choir, under the direction of Ms. Avis E. Patterson at the piano, was responsible for the music of the hour. Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members of the church and community. Sister Mary Sterling is home from the hospital and thanks the church for your prayers.

Mrs. Charolette Roland is asking all parents to cooperate with her as she prepares for the annual Easter program in April. Practice is scheduled to begin next week.

A joint meeting of the Stewards and Stewardess will be held on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. This is an important meeting.

Members of the Golden Rule Circle met in the home of Mrs. Elurd Devenport at 5:30 on Wednesday. The circle meets each Wednesday afternoon in the home of a member.

## MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, delivering the message of the hour.

Church school begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. Bring someone with you and you both will be blessed.

Bible Study is held every Wednesday night, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Prayer meeting and choir rehearsal will follow. All members are asked to attend.

Let us pray for all our sick and shut in, those who are bereaved, those who are less fortunate than we are, today and everyday.

Our Mother's Day Out Program and the Adult Program is still going on at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. We need your support. Tell your friends and bring them. We care and we love you. Let us not lose the opportunity to serve one another.

## MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Let us continue to remind our neighbors, friends and others of the coming of Vernard Johnson for our Youth Day celebration on Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m. April 1st, Sunday, at 3 p.m., we are scheduled to worship with the St. James Baptist Church, Rev. Kado Lang, pastor, in their Youth Day celebration. Let us support our friends.

There will be a Fashion Show Saturday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the S. R. Roberts Fellowship Hall. There are raffle tickets on sale for \$2.00 for a black and white television set. For more information, call 765-9963 or 747-5363.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members and residents of our community.

## NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Let us not forget the anniversary of the Federation of Choirs on Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. The Community Baptist Church, Rev. Tony Williams, pastor, is host for the annual event. Let us make sure that our choir members will take active part in the mass choir.

General Mission will be held on Monday night, March 26, at 7 p.m. President Ruby Jay is asking all women of the church to attend. "We have some important business to discuss," says Ms. Jay.

Our church anniversary will be held April 18 through 22. Each member is asked to participate in this anniversary celebration.

We were glad to participate in the dedication services of the Pilgrim Baptist Church on last Sunday afternoon. We are praying for their pastor, Rev. Leon Anderson, and members.

We will worship with Rev. Floyd Perry, Jr. and members of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church on Sunday morning, April 1st, at 11 a.m. We will make plans to hold an earlier service and all go to Lyons Chapel. Our choirs, ushers, and members are asked to be in attendance.

The Young People Department of our church will sponsor a Fashion Show on Friday evening, March 30, at the Dunbar High School auditorium. Let us use your little people to take a part in the fashion parade as well as adults taking a part also.

The B. M. & E. State Board will be held April 4 through 6 with the Solid Rock Baptist Church of Paris, Texas. Let us make plans to attend.

The Young People's meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, March 27, at 7 p.m. All young people of the church are asked to attend in order to complete plans for your forth coming "Fashion Parade."

Remember the sick and shut in of the church and community. Among those ill this week include Ms. Callie Cato and Ms. Eddington, who is a patient in Methodist Hospital, room 241.

Let us also pray for the bereaved families. Ms. Vera Mitchell lost a sister, Ms. Idell Jordan; and Ms. G. H. Davis lost a cousin in Slaton.

Although we were unable to attend services at the New Hope Baptist Church in Amherst, Texas last Sunday afternoon, we did send our offering. We a prior commitment with the Pilgrim Baptist Church on their dedication services.

## LYONS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Let us not forget the anniversary services of the Federation of Choirs which will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Luke Baptist Church. The Community Baptist Church is host for the annual anniversary services.

On Sunday, April 1st, our pastor's appreciation services will be held. Let us make this a joyous occasion.

Let us not forget to give information to either Ms. Russell, Ms. Washington, or Ms. Andrews for information to appear in the church directory. We need your cooperation to make this a success.

We had a wonderful time at our Mass Mission Tea on Sunday after-

noon. The Mass Mission also met on Monday evening at the church. A great time was held by the group, according to its members. Remember to pray for and visit the sick and shut in members of the church and community.

## GREATER SAINT LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH

Members of the Eunice Circle will meet tonight, Thursday, in the home of Sister Beulah Cook, 1507 East 25th Street, at 7 p.m. All members are asked to be in attendance at this meeting.

Members of the Dorcas, Racheal, Sarah, and Queen of Sheba Circles met in the homes of Sisters Ann Wanley, Liz Adams, Blanche Swisher and Etta M. Tucker this week. All reported a wonderful meeting.

The Brotherhood Union meets at the church each Monday evening at 8 p.m. The Junior Mission meets at the church also on Monday evenings at 8.

The Young Adult Choir meets at the church each Wednesday evening at 8.

Members of the Usher Board meet on Tuesday evening to make special preparations for the High Noon services on Saturday, March 24, at noon.

All auxiliary heads met at the church on Monday evening to make plans for our church anniversary. Chairladies are Cain and Hereford.

Let us not forget our guest from Austin in a High Noon Service on Saturday, March 24. Each member is asked to cooperate in this service. Rev. A. L. Sneed, pastor of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church and his members will come to assure us of "Queen Annie" at the National Baptist Convention in San Antonio. Let us pray for this service.

"From the Pastor's Desk: I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show a fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Welcome visitors, come again.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in members. Thelma Robinson is in Health Sciences Hospital. Sisters Ellen Tillman, Roxie Reed, Dolly Howard, and Mary Lee are shut in. Diane Collins is in Health Sciences Center also. Sister Geneva Stevens is at the funeral services for her sister in Dallas, Texas. Let us pray for our members.

## PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to come out to our new building at 6111 West 19th Street. Worship with us this Sunday and every Sunday. Our pastor is Rev. Leon Anderson. Sunday School begins

at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship begins at 11 a.m. and Church training begins at 6 p.m. Evening worship begins at 7 p.m. Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

We invite our many friends to come out and worship with us," says Rev. Anderson.

## TRUMP BAPTIST CHURCH Slaton, Texas

Our pastor, Rev. M. A. Brown, delivered another splendid message last Sunday morning.

Rev. Casey C. King, Jr. and daughters will be on program Sunday evening, March 25, at 8 p.m. Rev. King will also be hosting a revival at Triumph. The revival will begin March 26th and will be closing April 1st, at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

During the week, the youth of the church will be going to Carlsbad, New Mexico. They will be accompanied by the adults.

The church would like to let the bereaved families of the church and community know that our prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

## FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Slaton, Texas

Our pastor, Elder P. B. Phenix, would like for each of you to know that you are always welcome to come out and worship with them at anytime you so desire. The church is located at 885 South Collins Street.

Elder Phenix would like for you to know the order of their services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday night service, 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday evenings, the Foreign Mission meets in the Lubbock home of Elder Phenix, 2641 East Baylor Avenue, from 7 to 8.

Wednesday evening is prayer meeting services, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Elder Phenix would like for you to know that the First Church of God in Christ of Slaton is the fastest growing church in the Slaton area. You may call Elder Phenix for special prayer at 765-9522. He also has a real good "Bus Ministry." The ride is free.

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16 Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one."  
17 But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.  
18 Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body.  
19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own;  
20 you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 7:3-7  
3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.  
4 For the wife does not


rule over own body, but the husband does; likewise the husband does not rule over his own body, but the wife does.  
5 Do not refuse one another except perhaps by agreement for a season, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, lest Satan tempt you through lack of self-control.  
6 I say this by way of concession, not of command.  
7 I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own special gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

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The public is invited to come out and hear what is going on.

**RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH**

Our Sunday morning service was well attended with two visitors in attendance. Rev. Herman Phillips, our pastor, delivered a splendid sermon. His subject was: "What Will Your Future Hold?"

Please take time out to think about Sister Earnes Johnson who is in room 231 of University Hospital.

Rising Star Baptist Church would like to announce that we will be celebrating our 33rd Anniversary on the second Sunday in April.

We are also making plans for the Baptist Training Union and Sunday School Congress in June. Keep this date in mind.

**WHAT YOUR STARS SAY**

March 21-27

**FOR THE WHOLE SOUL NATION**

The vernal equinox is occurring, the Sun moves into Aries, and the fibers of renewal are twitching through the earth—nature and nature's creatures, including man, want to be reborn again. Black people are birthing another segment of their consciousness—one which understands more fully what it is to be an American and what it is to be a black-skinned person; and more holistically what it is to be a black American. We are synthesizing ourselves into single beings with a collective spirit. What the individual wants for himself, he wants for others—but only if others are desirous of attaining the same thing. Struggle—even though it seems individual—is every collective.

Since this is the beginning of the Solar Year, it is a good idea for each of us, individually, to commit ourselves to a collective consciousness—that is, whatever we do to accomplish our goals as individual black Americans, we do also to help others realize their goals. This is how the race will evolve and live—if we see it as a natural desire to help those around us who are us. The problem besetting black life style can no longer be blamed solely on the white man. It is up to us to decide upon the values for a daily life style—values which will allow us peace and harmony and sharing trust and kindness and patience and tolerance and helping and Love among us. The collectivity of these virtues cut the chains of our past slavery. They must be brought forth again to cut the psychological chains that are presently enslaving our hearts and minds to materialism. "And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory." (Isaiah 30:3)

**AME MEET** Continued from Page 1

about," said Mrs. Louise Reese. "It is surprising to see how many members in the church (AME) who really don't know much about their church. It's just surprising to see how little they know, and we know about it," she concluded.

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Communication," said Mr. Burrell.

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ego. It is not easy to free the heart of this small-time tyrant—indeed, it requires constant watching and constant praying.

**VIRGO** — August 24-September 23  
 You've been telling yourself that things will get better in the Spring of the year—and they will—if you've been staving off fear, depression and melancholia in order to make them better. God helps those who help themselves.

**LIPRA** — September 24-October 23

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**POLICE HAPPENINGS..**

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and left the business. After returning home, Mr. Lethridge, according to the police report, found that his 4 ct diamond stone was not in the pouch. He said that the only person who could have taken the diamond was the man at Wayne's TV. He went back to the business and confronted the man about the diamond not being in the pouch. The man told him that he didn't have the diamond, but he could search his place of business to see if it was there.

Mr. Lethridge believes the man took the diamond from a man whom he had told him (Lethridge) who could cut the stone.

It is believed that the uncut stone was valued at \$300.

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**STOLEN VEHICLE**

**CHARLES THRODE**, 2221 Quirt Avenue, Apt. A, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown did steal his car while it was parked at 1011 David Avenue one morning this week.

He told police that the keys were not in the car, but could have been started without a key.

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**SCORPIO**—October 24-November 22  
 You'd rather break down the

walls of the tunnel than travel to the end of the tunnel—and this might be all right if the tunnel exists without purpose. But how do you know...and who will you ask to find out?  
**SAGITTARIUS**—November 23-December 21  
 Reality—now you see it, now you don't! It is often fleeting, evasive and seemingly unpossessable—but not real-

ly. Reality is also the need for spring cleaning and conscientious planning and organization.  
**CAPRICORN** — December 22-January 20  
 The on-coming Spring season even pushes your sentimentality button, and it's a good idea to buy plants, or think about a flower garden. Every human is a flower in the universe of God's garden—

the blessed are lilies in the field.  
**AGUARIUS** — January 21-February 19  
 It will seem like an ill omen to begin spring with a lover's quarrel, so avoid all possibilities of this occurring. There is probably a dynamic, magnetic energy coursing through your nerve fibers and chanting for release. Are you ready?  
**PISCES** — February 20-March 20  
 If something is over, be sure that something is also beginning. However, if you feel twinges of uneasiness and unhappiness, don't make sudden, immediate or drastic changes. Do other things and wait for the right time.

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faculty was treated to a soul food dinner, prepared by Frances Boome, Virginia Edgar, Birda Andrews, and Margaret Randle.

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