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## Delta's Celebrate May Week Here this Week

### Rites Read for Jack R. Givens of Floydada



Floydada—Funeral rites for Jack Ross Givens, 56-year-old Floydada resident, were held in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas Sunday with burial following in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Givens died in Lockney General Hospital last week.

He was born December 27, 1913 in Huntsville and was married to Thelma Jones in Clovis, New Mexico April 18, 1941. He had been a resident of Floydada for a number of years and was well known in the area. Prior to his death he was in the construction business.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Stidom of Floydada; four grand-children; one sister, Mrs. Lola Samuels of Lamarque; two brothers, Elkin Givens of Houston and Lenorse Givens of Los Angeles and his stepmother, Mrs. Armetha Givens of Huntsville.

Abernathy—Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Young of Abernathy, Texas, Route 1, are the proud parents of a son, born the 29th of April at 8:05 a.m., Dewayne Kevin Young is the newcomer's name.

He is the second grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Shorth Sanders of Abernathy.

### Family Visits Lubbock Recently



Airman 3/C and Mrs. Lawrence Jasper and their five children, David Wayne, Robert Lawrence, Senia Joyce, James Edward and Eva Marie, spent a few days here last week visiting Mrs. Jasper's mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Blacknell of 3615 East 15th Place.

Airman Lawrence was being transferred from Norton Air Force Base, California, to an Air Force Base at Chanute, Ill.

They left for Richmond, Va. for a visit with his parents before going to Chanute.

He has been in the service for eleven years. Mrs. Jasper "nee" Mattie Mae Sewell, is a former resident of Lubbock and attended Lubbock Public Schools here. She moved with her grandmother, Mrs. B. Brown, to Pasadena, California several years ago.

### Dr. June H. Brewer to Speak Sunday

To highlight May Week activities Dr. June H. Brewer will speak at a public relations seated tea Sunday afternoon, May 11th at 3:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center. Dr. Brewer is chairman of the English Department at Huston-Tillotson College.

She earned the Ph.D. Degree at the University of Texas and has had additional study at Cornell University, Indiana University, and the University of Minnesota.

She served as visiting lecturer for a year at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Among honors that she received last year were; having been

chosen Zeta Phi Beta's Woman of the Year in her Austin Community and Alumna of the Year at her Alma-Mater, Huston-Tillotson College.

She has published numerous articles, her most recent being "In Defense of the Black College," and appears in the current issue of the *Journal of Women Deans and Counselors*.

She strongly advocates greater awareness of black culture for all Americans, both black and white. During the fall semester she will teach Afro-American literature at both predominately white and black colleges and Universities in Austin, Texas.

This summer Dr. Brewer will travel to six countries in Western Africa as part of the tour sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Brewer is Director of Southwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She will arrive in Lubbock Friday at 7:32 p.m. via Texas International Airlines.

The title of her speech Sunday is "One Nation or Two."

### Deficit Responsible for Request In Rate Increase, Says Postmaster

An "inherited" postal deficit of \$1.2 billion is responsible for the proposals to raise the postage bill for residents of Lubbock, Postmaster Ohnemus said last week.

Mr. Ohnemus said he had been advised by Postmaster General Winton M. Blount in Washington, D. C. that the record \$1.2 billion 1970 deficit compelled President Nixon to seek postage rate increases. Without higher rates the Department will be left with a staggering deficit that would become an added public tax burden.

In addition to increasing letter mail from 6 to 7 cents, as proposed by the Johnson Administration, President Nixon also asked that second and third-class mailers help reduce the large postal deficit which would otherwise be paid by taxpayers, the Postmaster said.

For bulk third-class mail and most magazines and newspapers, the rates would be increased 16 percent to 20 percent above today's levels, he noted. These percentages include rate hikes already scheduled by previous action of Congress.

### Crosbyton Youth, Jerry Wilson, Wins Camp Gary Job Corps Highest Honor

San Marcos—Gary Job Corpsman Jerry Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wilson, 215 North Avenue C in Crosbyton, was named by academic and vocational instructors Tuesday as "Corpsman of the Month," highest single award a Gary student can receive.

To be chosen for this award from among an enrollment of 3,000 is an honor that merits special recognition by the entire Center. The vital areas of progress, conduct, appearance, attitude and leadership all are criteria.

Wilson dropped out of public

### Potter-Randall CAP Plans Summer Youth Employment

Most teenagers and young adults have a strong desire for summer jobs to attain spending money, status, job experience, and the opportunity to associate with adults in a mature manner. As a result, there is intense competition for available summer work.

Federal job programs for the summer will provide some opportunities, but they will not be sufficient to meet the great demand. Private employment of disadvantaged youths must be dramatically increased. Unless major steps are taken now, it appears that hundreds of disadvantaged youths will not find summer employment.

Jobs for youth 16-24 should receive the first priority in every community's summer planning program.

The following Neighborhood Centers in Amarillo will hold registration for summer youth employment on May 10, and May 17th; Alamo Community Center, 1502 S. Cleveland; Opportunity Neighborhood Center, 203 North Monroe; East Amarillo Community Center, 4310 East 13th; and Our Community House Neighborhood Center at 1444 N.W. 20th.

## Health, Education & Welfare Rejects Local School Board Plans Last Week

In related statements to Supt. Nat Williams last week from Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) the school integration plan of the Lubbock Independent School Board was rejected.

"The desegregation plan as submitted (by the Lubbock School Board) is unacceptable because it does not eliminate the racially dual school system in Lubbock by September, 1969," was HEW's answer.

"It is the honest opinion of the members of the board that Lubbock Public Schools has eliminated racial discrimination on a voluntary basis," the letter of the school board had stated.

Lloyd R. Henderson, education branch chief, Office of Civil Rights, said in a letter dated April 28, Monday, and directed to Williams, "We will continue to process your file for the administrative enforcement proceedings."

"in event that you and your board do submit an acceptable plan, the administrative enforcement proceedings against your district will be promptly dismissed," the branch chief said.

It was apparently clear by Henderson's letter that "the Board of Trustees and the administration of the Lubbock Independent School District have chosen to continue the operation of Dunbar, Struggs, Ella Iles and Wheatley Schools as identifiable Negro facilities for an unspecified time."

A later statement in the same communication said: "Your plan which has elements both of separate but equal and of free choice does not indicate that the dual school structure will ever be eliminated in the City of Lubbock."

According to Nat Williams, "I believe the guidelines they (HEW) are enforcing are not in keeping with the intent of the law as passed by Congress."

Williams went on to add that the school board was informed of the Henderson letter last Thursday and that all but one trustee met in informal discussion with the school attorney, Charles Cobb.

No action, according to Williams, was taken during the study, and none would be forthcoming until a board meeting could be called, likely later this week.

Prime items at stake in the Lubbock school-HEW confrontation, from the Lubbock view include:

- (1) Compliance with H E W interpretation of the Civil Rights Act;
  - (2) The avoiding of HEW-initiated judicial action; and
  - (3) Continuation of federal fund aid in local school programs.
- Something over \$1 million in federal assistance is involved, Williams pointed out.

A number of deadlines have been imposed by HEW in Lubbock's "compliance" over a several month period, with several extensions granted. As the reader might recall, in mid-February Williams delivered by hand to Washington's HEW Office six proposals, "to accelerate our program of integration."

- These included:
- (1) Increase in number of crossover teachers,
  - (2) Expansion of services, other than classroom services, to be provided the schools having high concentration of Negro pupils,
  - (3) Increase in number of courses at Dunbar High School,
  - (4) More emphasis on policy permitting pupil transfer from a school where his race is in the majority,
  - (5) Limit of maximum class size in four schools to a level less than generally permitted, and
  - (6) Increase in budget allotment for instructional materials in the minority-race schools.
- These proposals were indicated at that meeting, by Henderson, "not likely to satisfy HEW."

A Title IV team had proposed, among other things, closing of some schools including Lubbock High School, and pairing of some others.

In the letter, it apparently suggests that administrative enforcement proceedings, at the Washington level, and possible judicial action may be in the offering.

### Municipal Band to Be Organized Here

The Park and Recreation Department announces the organization of a Municipal Band for the City of Lubbock.

Dean Killion will conduct the band which will be on an adult level. Dean Killion advises everyone to get those instruments out, wipe off the dust and come on out Monday, May 12, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. to the Tech Band Room.

Tryouts will not be individual. Permanent membership will be determined by ability to perform in the group. The municipal band will stage summer concerts in the parks for the citizens of Lubbock. Additional information may be obtained by calling Dorothy Dailey at PO 2-6411, Ext. 308.

# EDITORIALS

## Residents Unhappy Over Several Events In Community Last Week

By T. J. Patterson

In the period of less than three days last week, a great deal happened in the Hub City to discourage and upset many of the readers of the West Texas Times.

This writer would like to note that all of this occurred while he was out of the city for reasons beyond his control. For this reason, all we were able to do was take the pulse of the community after returning, and write what we feel the citizens believed as related to us.

Most important as far as community feeling is concerned is the attitude of Health, Education and Welfare concerning the plans of the Lubbock Independent School District's Board of Trustees recommendations in relation to the operation of our schools. Second and just about as important was the reaction of noted speaker, Lola Belle Holmes, after she had thrown mud at some of the members of our community. And last, but maybe not least, the excursion of Mayor W. D. "Dub" Rogers into East Lubbock seeking assistance from the black community in regard to the Bond Election which was defeated last Tuesday.

Probably for the first time in the history of the existence of HEW (Health, Education and Welfare) the black community and the white community of a large city are going to "team up" and keep all of the schools open. Our black citizens are not only "upset" about HEW's reply, but they are also upset because there seems to be little left for them to do to keep "their" schools open. Yet for the first time we seem to have everyone, from the school board right on down to the other citizens in the city, working toward keeping Dunbar, Wheatley, Ella Iles and E.C. Struggs operational—regardless of whether or not Washington likes it.

This attitude is not only good, but rewarding to a small newspaper editor, who has spent a lot of time trying to impress upon everyone—black and white—that freedom of choice is what we all desire if we wish to be Americans.

My only hope now is the same as the rest of the black community, that the entire citizens of Lubbock will rally to the side of us and help keep what we believe and know is ours—our schools.

The Lola Belle Nelson incident is one which we would hope could be quickly buried. The time has come when we would expect to be able to invite people to speak in our community who would command respect—rather than try to point out our shortcomings. We may have some problems, but we certainly don't need anyone from outside Lubbock to come and show or try to prove them to us. Our attitude is and will always remain, that as long as it is physically possible, we will deal with our problems—as we see fit, in the manner we choose, and at our given time! Perhaps Justice Thurgood Marshall made it clear in New Orleans, La., last week when he said that there are bad blacks as well as bad whites, just like there are beautiful black people and beautiful white people. The point is, why should our entire community suffer when any wrong is done by only a minority within the community?

Of course Mayor Rogers' venture into our community was most untimely, in regard to coming again desiring something rather than being able to provide some proof of what he had helped produce. It would appear that any politician would realize the fact that the black community is not as concerned about another visit as they are about being part of the planning and progress of the city in which they reside.

Tuesday's vote should prove that the time has come to quit playing "penny-anti politics" and start the ball rolling



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toward constructive building of the entire City of Lubbock. Believe it or not, the Negro voter in Lubbock has reached the point where they believe just about as the average white voter is—one in which the time has come for less taxes, less programs, and less cost of government and at the same time, more for what they are paying for now. If that is sophistication with us, then that's what we've become.

### With Representation Comes Opportunity

No matter how we look toward an opportunity for any individual—white, black, or otherwise—we must also look toward the opportunity of that individual's group within our city. Very little opportunity will exist for any individual while very little opportunity exists for that individual's group. That opportunity for a group or an individual in our city requires a great deal of study in relation to the home rule law which is in existence in the city now.

Equal representation of all areas of the city is necessary if equal opportunity is going to ever be realized in this city. Of course, this would mean total redistricting of the political structure of Lubbock, but it was not so far fetched as to not be considered in the past. The time has come for the people of Lubbock to take a complete look at the political representation of all of the people of the city—instead of waiting for officials to be elected at—large.

City politics are not the only issues that need careful consideration. There are school board elections every two years, and it is time that something be done in order that all minority groups receive some type of representation there also. It's one thing for a group—elected or otherwise—to talk about the problems faced within any area in town, but it's another to solve that problem with some representation from the area involved, and still come up with the proper solution that will benefit, not only the area, but also the entire community.

Last month, for example, due to low participation of indigent in the breakfast program, the program was cut from the Lubbock Independent School System by the board of trustees. If there had been participation from the areas where these meals were needed, perhaps a better solution could have been reached, rather than just discontinuing the program altogether. This case is only one example of why total representation—on a ward or precinct basis—is needed within our city and school system, just as it is now in the county, state, and national system of government.

Work should begin now to realign our city government structure in such a way that all areas, and all groups, within our city are represented in all governmental areas—city, and school. Representation will improve opportunity.

### What Is Your Church Doing?

When the citizens of our area look at the local situation in regard to local conditions and needed improvements, it is fitting and proper to ask two questions; "What is your church doing toward what is right and needed for all the people of the area?" and "What is your church doing to help erase some of the many shortcomings within our area?"

Certainly there are some religious institutions that are making contributions toward the good of the community. The Presbyterian Church has moved its effort into the area of health improvement for the indigent people, and there are some others who have laid a stone or two in attempting to help the local situation.

Yet the important question is, "What is your church and what are you doing to help improve the problems?" There is no question that many churches in the area are used to cover all of the shortcomings, without any regard to improving the conditions.

Most important, these questions are not directed toward any white church any more than they are toward any black church. Both, it would seem, have fallen down in their responsibility to the people of the community.

It appears as though we have neglected what is morally and Christian right for all the people of the community. It might be right for many people to get down out of our "ivory towers" and find out where the action is and work toward solving some of the many problems that exist here.

We are not criticizing any one church, nor any one group of individuals, but what we are concerned about is whether the church and its people—all of them—can and will become more involved. We all have our "bag," what is yours?

### From The Business Desk . . .

Been a while now since I've been caught up to the point where I felt I had the time to sit down and try to comment on the way things have been going. Maybe the reason I have been so busy is because I have happily had more to do than one person could take care of lately. Certainly hope that this means the paper will grow more and more. One point of good news for all our readers is that we are gaining more subscribers each week—about 5 more each week.



Speaking of subscribers, I might take the time here to remind our readers that it would be a good idea to go ahead now and subscribe, if you have been considering it—seems the price of mailing may go up again real soon and if that happens, you are already warned that the price of a year's subscription to the Times will have to be increased.

Since we started, a little more than seven years ago, we have not had a price increase in our subscription rate, although we had to double the price of the papers being sold about eighteen months ago from a nickel to ten cents. With the proposed raise in mailing costs and of course the increases in production costs, that we have been able to absorb over the years, it seems evident now that the new price for mail subscriptions will go to around \$4.50 per year. No increase yet, but don't depend on it being much longer.

As everyone probably knows, we produce a graduation issue each year for the High School graduates. Don't forget to order your extra issues this next week from your paper boys and girls, so they will know how many to purchase, and we will know how many to print.

The graduation issue this year will be the issue of May 29th, three weeks from now. Please remember to let your carriers (or the office if you are a subscriber) know how many extra copies you may desire.

Incidentally, the graduates from both Dunbar and Estacado High Schools will be included this year if possible.

Speaking of graduates, if anyone has pictures and stories of graduates in the area towns, please feel free to mail them to us and we'll be glad to run them. Mail early and don't forget to enclose a stamped, self-addressed return envelope if you want the pictures back.

For years now we have on occasion received a news story and sometimes pictures to be run in the paper along with money to pay for the running.

Perhaps it cost money for Negroes to have their pictures and stories run in most of the local white papers, but it does not cost you one red cent to have a story printed in the West Texas Times. This is a newspaper, and we do not need to be paid for publishing news—just the advertising.

Please don't misunderstand, at times when the bills are piled higher than your's truly can see over a few contributions would be appreciated, but we just feel bad when a person who has a story to tell thinks it is necessary to send money in order to insure it gets printed. Not only that, but it's a lot of trouble to keep track of the stuff—and not spend it—until we have the time to return it.

If you just must send money, send enough for a subscription, we really like that kind of business.

Whoever said "crime doesn't pay" didn't figure on the fellow reported about in this week's column of The Police Beat. Seems this fellow not only committed rape but then proceeded to take \$40.00 from his victim. My, My!

Interesting to note that the Orangeburg, South Carolina Times Democrat stated recently, "The guy who framed the first dollar he made 30 years ago in a 10-cent frame finds that today the frame is worth a dollar and the dollar is worth 10 cents."

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# Police Beat

## Where is Your Child Right Now?

I hope it's not becoming "old hat" for this column to ask where your child is from time to time in this space. As many of you know, there was quite a ripple when those juveniles were nailed with others in a crack down on narcotics last week.

Not only should you ask where your child is, but what type of activities are they involved in? It's better to be a firm parent today, than to be a sorry one tomorrow.

What we are trying to say is that we all have a terrific job to do in being a parent. We must consistently be on the job in order to see to it that these young people receive the right guidance in life.

Occasionally this column, The Police Beat, receives some feedback on what we try to say. It would sure make good sense if you would continue to drop us a few lines in regard to how we all can work together in order to keep a better tab on the activities of our young people as well as know where they are.

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## Disturbance

Roy Blue, Jr. reported to the Lubbock Police Department that a man was in a drunken state and disturbing his business establishment. Police arrived on the scene and discovered that a 61-year-old man was definitely filled to the top with his strong beverage.

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## House Burglary

Mary Matthews, 1928 East Auburn Avenue, told police that someone had gained entry into her house while she was away. Entry was gained through a window.

Once inside, according to Mrs. Matthews, the unknown looter took a set of her books, which was valued at \$356.31.

One thing is for certain, not only was this "cat" a thief, but a bookworm as well.

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## Rape

A young lady, 26 years of age, told police that she was raped by a man, after being offered a ride.

This lady told police that she was in the 700 block of Avenue C when she was offered a ride home by a man. She got into the car—which was actually driven by a woman—and sat in the middle of the front seat, between the woman driver and the man.

After riding for a few moments, the man began to attack her and threw her into the back seat. After the attack the man took \$40.00 from her and then threw her out of the car while it was still rolling.

My advice to this lady and any other lady is be careful who you accept a ride offer from.

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## Girl Hit With Lug Wrench

In another case involving a

young lady, police were told that this young lady and several of her friends were leaning against a car when a woman and man came out of a nearby building and asked them to get off the car.

From this conversation an argument began. The man grabbed the young lady and held her while the woman grabbed a lug wrench from the car and struck her with it.

She was taken to Methodist Hospital by some of her friends who were with her.

Along with being mad enough to use the lug wrench, the woman who did the striking also pulled a pistol on the group.

## Special Camps Offered to Boy Scouts this Summer

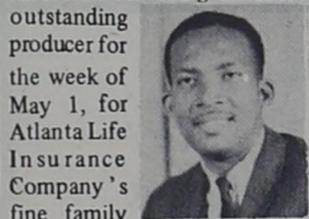
Boy Scouts in the South Plains Council are showing great interest in the special camping opportunities being offered this summer, according to Camping Chairman Howard Schmidt. In addition, the regular summer camp sessions at both Camp Post and Camp Tres Ritos are filling rapidly.

The council's trip to the Somers Wilderness Canoe Base at Ely, Minnesota has been filled for some time, Schmidt said, but the council is still accepting reservations for the Forestry Camp at Tres Ritos, June 1 to 7; the Aquatics Camp at Camp Post, June 22-27 and the Philmont Treks, July 20 to August 1. Boys wanting to attend Philmont Scout Ranch must be at least 14 years old by September 1.

The Forestry Camp is one of the new innovations in the council's total camping program. It will be operated with the help of the U.S. Forest Rangers in the Carson Na-

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## CAB Leaders Speak to Slaton Lions Club

Slaton—(Special) The Multi-Service Center of the Community Action Board in Lubbock County, now being conducted once a week in Slaton, was the subject of a program at the regular Slaton Lions Club meeting last week.

T. J. Patterson, acting director of CAB, and Mrs. Murry Peppers, director of the Multi-Service Center here, were guest speakers.

Patterson said the branch center was started in Slaton due to the large number of people who were going to the Multi-Service Center in Lubbock to seek assistance. He stressed that the purpose of the center was not as a "handout agency," but of help people help themselves.

Mrs. Peppers stated that the Multi-Service Centers of CAB were a "fresh approach" to the problem of fighting poverty. She said there are two ways to fight poverty—through charity, and through education and teaching skills. "It is the latter way in which we are trying to help people," she said. The center in Slaton opened its

tional Forest in New Mexico.

Another new opportunity for troops and posts this year is a Mountain Man Camp for those Scouts and Explorers who want a rugged week-long hiking and camping experience in the mountains of New Mexico. Different groups will participate in this experience each week, operating out of Camp Tres Ritos during a regular five-week session.

Scouts, Explorers and parents who are interested in filling the few remaining vacancies in any of these camps can receive additional information from the Scout Service Center in Lubbock.

## June 3rd Set for Execution Date for Midland Man, James Lee Marion

The sixth execution date for a 27-year-old Midland man, James Lee Marion, was set last Friday by Judge Pat S. Moore, 72nd District Court.

In Lubbock on March 21, 1964, Marion received the death sentence in a trial after being found guilty of the bludgeoning death of Mrs. Fred Turner, Jr., 66, in her home at Midland in October of 1963.

According to Midland District Attorney James Mashburn, all remedies in state courts on issues raised in the trial have been exhausted. He said he anticipated that Marion's attorney, Warren Burnett of Odessa, would seek another stay of execution from some federal judge

doors last week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the vacated Evans High School building. Mrs. Peppers said the center would be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each Thursday, making the office more available to employed persons.

In a question and answer period, Patterson emphasized that "community action" is the key to solving local problems such as poverty. Only by getting the community involved and organized will the program succeed, he said.

on the grounds that Marion's constitutional rights were violated in the method of qualifying jurors on the death penalty.

Marion was last denied an appeal, on a writ of habeas corpus, by the Court of Criminal Appeals on February 21 of this year, the District Attorney said.

"We have been in 11 courts on 14 hearings in this case," Mashburn stated, "and we have won every time, including once before the U. S. Supreme Court."

He also explained that considering the statute of limitations, Marion was indicted in October on another charge—burglary of a private residence that night, which involves a penalty of five years to life.

"As I recall," Mashburn added, "there are about 32 prisoners on death row at Huntsville. Appeals for one of them have been taken to the U. S. Supreme Court five times."

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There are many kinds of "people who pour it on." Some want to see their name in who's who, while others are happy to see it on a new mailbox or on the Dean's List of an institution of higher learning.

The latter is what Mrs. Marilyn Gentry is most interested in. She has constantly made the Dean's List during tenure at Riverside University at Riverside, California.

The former honor graduate of Dunbar High School of Lubbock, Texas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish of Amarillo, Texas.

She is presently enrolled in the Department of Business where she plans to complete her required subjects in order to graduate from college in June of this year.

The up and coming young lady is married to Sgt. John Gentry who is stationed at March Air Force Base, Riverside, California. John is also a graduate of Dunbar High School in Lubbock. Along with making the Honor Roll each semester, Marilyn and her husband are the proud parents of a nine-month-old daughter, Tiffany Dawn Gentry.

Mrs. Gentry says, "after long hours behind typewriters and other office machines, Pepsi makes it nice."

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**Watercolor Society Announces Show at West Texas Museum**

The West Texas Chapter of the Southwestern Watercolor Society has announced a regional watercolor show to open June 1 at West Texas Museum on the Texas Tech campus. Artists of the Southwest are eligible.

Paintings must be received at West Texas Museum, Lubbock, Texas, 79409, between May 15th and May 27, prepaid. All paintings received after May 27 will be re-

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**From My Scratch Pad**  
By George Parrish

Amarillo—Did You Know That—the Amarillo Christian Council of Church Women met Sunday evening at the Opportunity Neighborhood Center. There were six members present at this meeting. Some real worthwhile plans are being made by these ladies but I am not at liberty to discuss them with you as yet.

Mrs. R. Jenkins is president and Mrs. L. Plantt is secretary.

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Workers and Coordinators from the four neighborhood centers here in Amarillo, boarded a chartered bus Friday morning for Abilene, where they attended the last of a series of four training sessions for neighborhood center workers and coordinators?

This session was very informative and plans were made to continue such training.

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Each of the four Neighborhood Centers will start registration for summer youth employment at the centers on May 10, 1969 and again on May 17. Watch for special announcements on television and listen to your favorite radio station about this registration date.

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**Of Course You Knew...**

The Opportunity Neighborhood Center has taken on a new look, but you will have to come inside to see this great change. How about a visit and while there ask about the summer program that is being planned.

There are plans being made to

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What's This, Swimming in April?



The junior and senior classes of Mary & Mac Private School had the time of their lives last week-end in Big "D", as they visited Six Flags Over Texas. Five of the students, from left to right—Robert Lee Walker, Robert Franklin, Lincoln Lewis, Ruthie Shields and Delica Scarlett—are shown enjoying the warm waters of the beautiful Tropicana Motel swimming pool. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Julius C. Graves, II.

Around The Hub City

Directors and aides of the two multi-service centers, Mae Simmons and Posey, should really be filled with enthusiasm this week after returning from Abilene where they attended the last of four workshops held during this fiscal year.

Patricia V. Murphy, director of Posey Multi-Service Center, who resigned last week, received an award for contributions made in her work as a poverty worker.

The president of the association, the West Texas Neighborhood Workers Association, Mrs. Rosetta Calhoun, has done a splendid job as its head. Being a resident of our sister city, Amarillo, *Around the Hub City* is aware of the good work she is doing. Keep it up,

Rosetta, West Texas needs you and your efforts.

Murphy was vice-president of this association.

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Have you had an opportunity of seeing those Delta Sigma Theta pledges? If you look real close, you'll find they wear a red and white bow. Also, you'll find that each is working hard for an organization which stands high in its contributions to fine womanhood.

Good luck to all of you pledges. May each of you cross those burning sands with your lamps lit.

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Have you heard about the new business a "Soul Brother" in Houston has started? This brother is State Rep. Curtis Graves and he has undertaken a firm to sell "Soul Food."

"It is the first black franchise in the country," admits Graves, who is president of Soul Food House, Inc. He has made it clear that the menu will consist of items such as spare ribs, chitterlings, red beans, black-eyed peas, pot likker, corn bread, sweet potato pie, soul bread and similar items, priced from 25 cents to \$1.25.

How about this for a new business idea? We are all familiar with the products, there is no reason why it shouldn't work. Good luck, Curtis, the Hub City might make a good place for one of your franchises.

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Mrs. Sarah Davis surprised her husband, Andrew, with a birthday party last Thursday, May 1st. Twenty guests were invited to this party. The Davis', who reside at 1811 East 25th Street, are the parents of four children; two of which live in the Hub City. They are Mrs. Zebbie Lethridge, 1507 East 1st Place; and Mrs. Clinton Hobdy, 1706 East Amherst. Another daughter, Mrs. Veatha Moore resides in Columbus, Ohio and Pvt. James Davis, a son, is with the U.S. Army at El Paso.

Memo from Mac R. B. 'Mac' McAlister State Representative

If my reading from our friends in West Texas is correct, they favor by a large majority our going ahead with a two year appropriation bill as opposed to the one year stop gap measure. Until the people okay or turn down the annual sessions, any disruption in our present biennium setup would seem to be pre-mature.

The big bills draw the headlines, the average bills draw the mail from interested parties, but it is the little tasks that are so meaningful in being a part of the Legislature. Just this week came a request to aid an elderly person in something of vital importance to him, and it took about 10 minutes to do so. Another lady has a 96-year-old grandmother in a rest home in New Mexico who will be affected by their medicaid problems, another had a personal grievance against a state agency. Each requires some legwork, but in many ways this is the No. 1 service of a Legislator.

When you visit Austin, I wish it were possible to let you know when we would have time to visit, but the schedule of sessions and committee meetings is ever changing, and for that reason many times

Class Favorites Named At Abernathy Junior High School this Week

Abernathy—The Abernathy Junior High School Class Favorites are shown above. They are left to right; (seated) Nan Shipman, sixth grade; Kathi Guerrant, seventh grade; Helen Stuart, eighth grade; (standing) Kent Harrison, sixth grade; Ray Martin, seventh grade; and Larry Lutrick, eighth grade.



we just have time to say "Howdy and Goodbye," but please remember the House gallery belongs to you as much as seat 25 belongs to me, and I believe you will enjoy coming by and watching the wheels turn in both the House and Senate. Please let me know when you do, since I can sometimes fill you in on exactly what's transpiring. Let me hear from you.

Watercolor Show...

Continued from Page Four turned at the artists' expense. Hand-delivered works may be delivered to the museum between May 15th and May 27. A non-refundable entry fee of \$3.00 for each picture entered will help defray handling charges. Three entries may be submitted by each artist.

Documents Should Be Stored In Safe Place—Says VA

Family documents such as military discharge papers and birth and marriage certificates should be kept where they are protected from fire and theft, and yet handily available, the Veterans Administration cautions.

Claims for veterans benefits may require support or evidence from these documents.

Other important documents that veterans and their families should safeguard include separation papers, death certificates, divorce decrees and guardianship or child custody evidence, the VA points out.

Veterans claims which may require these documents include disability or death compensation or pension and burial benefits.

Full information on benefits is available from any VA office.

From My Scratch Pad...

Continued from Page Four involve both mom and pop as well as son and daughter.

Bill Cheshire, Assistant Director for Manpower, got a little carried away the other day while mowing his lawn and clipped the end of his finger. Watch where you put your finger Bill old boy.

Duty I slept and dreamed that life was beauty: I woke and found that life was Duty: Was then thy dream a shadowy lie? Toil on, sad heart, courageously, And thou shalt find thy dream to be A noonday light and truth to thee —Ellen S. Hooper

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## Social Events

### Women's Social Club of Plainview Meets last Week

Plainview—The women Social Club of Plainview met in the home of Sister Patterson last week, with twelve members present.

The meeting was opened with a song and prayer by Sister Campbell.

A new member, Sister Fisher, was present and made a talk on the duties of the club members. Her subject was working on the building of the club, trying to gain souls and helping the sick.

Sisters Washington and Patterson reported they had visited with

Sister Martha and stated she was doing fine.

It is a great privilege to have as a new member the well-known Sister Fisher.

### Youth Program Set for Happy Union Baptist Church May 18th

Abernathy—Happy Union Baptist Church is sponsoring a Youth Program May 18th, at 3:00 p.m. The youth department is asking all youths of other churches to come and join in with them.

Guest churches expected to be on hand are United Baptist of Plainview, Hopewell Baptist of Petersburg, Evans Chapel of Lockney, and Lone Star of Hale Center.

### Open House Staged

Amarillo—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manning III, of 1218 Pecan Street, Amarillo, stood aside and beamed with joy as friends filed in on Friday evening, May 2nd, to share with them their open house.

Mr. and Mrs. Mannings, along with their son and daughter, just recently moved into their new home and from all indications they are really enjoying it.

## Detroit Resident Visits Relatives in Hub City

Reginald Quentin McCutchen, three month old native son of Detroit, Michigan, arrived with his aunt, Mrs. Elinee Woods Franklin and her son Randolph Franklin in Lubbock last Saturday evening by plane.

Mrs. Franklin is home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Woods.

Reginald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCutchen of Detroit, and the grandson of Mrs. Rosie Lee Wilson of 222 David Avenue.

Mrs. Franklin and Reginald will be departing for Detroit on Tuesday.

### Around the Hub City . . .

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Registration for summer classes will get underway May 14th, Wednesday, for anyone who is concerned about summer activity.

According to Mrs. O. Malone, at Mae Simmons Community Center, it is imperative that a parent accompany a child in order for him or her to register in these programs.

Also, the Golden Age Club will continue to meet each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

For further information concerning the activities being planned for this summer at the Community Center, call the Center.

Most of you are familiar with the role being played each week



## CHURCH NEWS

### New Hope Baptist Church

A special Mother's Day service will be sponsored by the W.M.S. Sunday, May 11th.

A mother and daughter banquet will be held Friday night, May

by Officer William Britt. But, did you know that Britt has the soul feeling? He is now operating a service providing the latest in soul happenings.

If you get an opportunity, why not go by the "House of Soul" which is located at 506 East 23rd Street? It features the latest in happenings and "things" from throughout the land.

Why not give Brother Britt a call at PO 3-9871?

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Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Berry, Jr., cordially invite each of you to the "Blessing of their Home," located at 2930 East Colgate Avenue, Sunday, May 11th, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.

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Delcia Scarlett, a solo candidate for graduation at Mary & Mac Private School, is making plans in a big way to get ready for this great day during May.

Delicia is a native of the Republic of Panama.

16th, at 8:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$1.00 and children 50¢.

Board of Christian Education will meet each second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Our spring revival will close Sunday, May 11th. Reverend B. O. White, minister of White-Faith Baptist Church of Kermit, Texas, has been our guest revivalist. Let us all make plans to see and hear this great speaker.

A Bake Sale will be sponsored by the B.T.U. Sunday, May 11th, after morning worship service. The public is invited to stop by and purchase items from this group.

Junior choir rehearsal will be *Continued On Page Seven*

### To Celebrate Twelveth Anniversary

The twelveth anniversary of Superintendent M. J. Alexander and his wife will begin Sunday, May 11, and continue through May 18, at Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ, 1709 East 31st Street.

The conductor of this special affair is Reverend Kado Lang, minister of St. James Baptist Church. Chairlady is Sister Susie P. Ludd; Sister Veta Thomas is secretary.

Anniversary Sunday will be held Sunday, May 18, with a welcome address to be given by Miss Alford Johnson. Guest churches will include Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, Ford's Memorial Church of God in Christ and Bethel A.M. E. Church.

The public is cordially invited to come out and participate in this program.

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**CHURCH NEWS**

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held each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. All juniors are urged to attend these practice sessions.

Ushers meeting will be held Friday night, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m. due to the revival. All members are asked to make plans to meet at 7:00 instead of 8:00 p.m.

Bible Vacation School will begin June 9th through 13th. We are in need of workers as usual. Any person who will have available time during this week, please give us your name. Our school principal will be announced next week.

General Mission and deaconess meetings will be held Monday night, May 26th.

Whisper a prayer for the sick and shut-ins. Visit and send them cards of cheer. Sgt. Robert Cork and PFC Jerry Colquitt are still ill at their homes.

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**Mount Vernon United Methodist Church**

Our building anniversary banquet will begin at 8:00 p.m. to-night, Thursday, with Dr. J. Howard Crawford as guest speaker. A dinner and program has been planned for the event.

We are happy to welcome M/Sgt. Dan Quinney into the fellowship of our church.

Sunday, Mother's Day, our pastor, Reverend M. Reed, will Christen little Clarence E. Walker, Jr.

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**Mount Gilead Baptist Church**

All circles will meet here at our church each Monday night beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The Nurses' Guild staff wishes to thank the members and friends for purchasing fly swatters and aprons. Mrs. B. Dixon is president.

Funeral services are pending in Los Angeles, California for Mr. David Duke, a former member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church. Mr. Duke had resided in California for a number of years.

Our church participated in the 8th anniversary of Reverend and Mrs. M. A. Brown, minister of the Triumph Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas last Sunday afternoon.

Members and friends on the sick list are Sisters Hunter Williams, Lizzie Reed and Teater Pope.

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**Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church**

The Jochabed, Queen of Sheba and Rachael Circles met in the homes of Sisters Elizabeth Brunner, 1611 Avenue C; Etta Mae Tucker, 2112 Birch Avenue; and Lillie Hicks, 3406 East 18th Street this week.

Reverend A. L. Davis, minister, has been at the bedside of his mother at Monroe, La., for several days. He is asking for the church to pray for his mother, who underwent surgery last Friday afternoon.

Let us continue to pray for the sick and shut-ins this week. They are Sisters Katie Wilks, Annie Roquemore, Lorene Crawford and Lommie Evans.

Our church participated in the 8th anniversary of Reverend and Mrs. M. A. Brown of Slaton, Texas last Sunday afternoon.

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**Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall**

Sunday, May 4th, the appetite of Jehovah's Witnesses for the long week of Spiritual food that awaits them was whetted generously.

A public talk at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. H. Boone, using God's word to drive home the truth on all points was presented.

The Watchtower Lesson the next hour explained Why Jehovah Laughs at the Nations. Even though it is not easy for most people to believe, facts prove, as David stated in Psalms, Chapter 2:4-6, that Jehovah is doing just that.

If you enjoy these marvelous truths, Mr. T. C. Rock, special representative, will lead in bringing them to you all this week as he leads in a house to house campaign to bring them to you.

Thursday night book study groups will be held in your neighborhood and the public is invited to attend an 8:00 p.m. Saturday night assembly at Kingdom Hall, 14th Street and Vanda Avenue.

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**Carter Chapel Methodist Church**

Sunday is Women's Day at Carter Chapel. Efforts are being made on the part of the women of the church to have a successful women's day effort.

The annual spring banquet will be held May 24th. Mr. T. J. Patterson, editor of the West Texas Times, will be the speaker for the banquet. The affair will be held in the educational building of Carter Chapel at 420 North Quirt Ave.

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Vacation Bible School is in the planning at the church. Anyone wishing to work with children, regardless of denomination should contact the pastor. Teachers are needed.

Homes are being sought for the District Youth Conference and Annual Conference of the C.M.E. Church. Youth delegates to the District Conference will be given lodging free and delegates to the Annual Conference will pay for their lodging. Anyone desiring to keep delegates in their home should call the above number. It will be highly appreciated. Dates for the conferences are: District Youth Conference, June 12-13; and the Annual Conference, July 1-4.

You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions of the District and Annual Conferences.

Carter Chapel still looks for a gospel pianist.

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**Bethel Baptist Church**

Abernathy—The members of Bethel celebrated all last week the anniversary of their pastor and his wife. The services closed Sunday afternoon at 3:00.

Guest churches on hand were: Reverend Toines of St. John Baptist, Reverend Henderson of Shallowater, Reverend H. J. Jefferson of New Light, Reverend J. Thompson of New Home, Reverend E. Wyatt of Mt. Oliver and First Faith Baptist.

The pastor and his wife would like to thank all that attended the anniversary.

**PERSONALS**

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Section 1. That Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:  
"Section 2. All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; all real and personal property owned by a nonprofit water supply corporation which is reasonably necessary for, and is used in, operation of the corporation in the acquisition, storage, transportation and sale of water as authorized as its sole legal purpose; actual places or (of) religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to such church or religious society; provided that such exemption shall not extend to more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling place and in no event more than one acre of land; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the religious, educational and physical development of boys, girls, young men or young women operating under a state or national organization of like character; also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be bought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such bonds or mortgages, that such exemption of such land and property shall continue only for two years after the purchase of the same at such sale by such institutions and no longer, and institutions of purely public charity; and all laws exempting property from taxation other than the property above mentioned shall be null and void."  
Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 1969, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:  
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