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Special Tribute For David Crockett, Sr.

A special tribute will be paid to Brother David Crockett, Sr. during the Evangelist District Conference at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fr. Avenue, Wednesday, February 6, 1985 at 8:30 p. m.

For more than 66 years, Brother Crockett has served in the Sunday School Department of the

Church of God in Christ. At present he is Brother Crockett is a loyal member of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ.

He serves as local and district Sunday School Superintendent.

"We want to give Brother Crockett recognition while he still lives," says Bishop W. D. Haynes, pastor.



Brother David Crockett, Sr.

Installation Services Set For Local Pastors

The East Lubbock Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will hold its Annual Installation Services Friday evening, February 1, 1985 at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 8 p. m.

Ministerial Alliance from throughout the West Texas area including Midland and Plainview will participate.

The public is invited to attend this service.

Rev. W. O. Johnson, pastor of Bethel, will serve as host pastor.

Black Businesswoman Met Here Last Saturday

The regular meeting of the Business & Professional Federation Church of God in Christ was held Saturday, January 19, 1985 in the home of Mrs. Susie Ludd.

Prayer was led by Mrs. Marlene Lauterdale; scripture by Mrs. Ludd. The agenda for the year was planned.

Special guest of the organization was Mother Victorine Mackey, Supervisor of Women Texas Northwest. This was her first time to attend a

meeting of this organization. Mother Mackey told the members: "They are doing a good job, and continue -- but remember always pray and the main goal is to save souls. Look to God and each other for guidance and keep pressing forward."

She quoted Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

The next meeting will be a

Eastern Little League Sets Organizational Meeting

An important meeting will be held Monday evening, February 5, 1985 at 7:00 p. m. in the Green Fair Manor Community Center, 2812 Weber Drive.

Breakfast February 16, 1985 at 2017 40th Street. The public is invited to attend. There will be a donation of \$3.00, and proceeds will go for the expense of the breakfast. It will be a come and go affair.

For more information, call 746-7921.

Among the important business to be discussed will be the 1985 season and collection of team uniforms.

Combest Appointed To Agriculture Committee

Washington -- U. S. Representative Larry Combest of Lubbock has been appointed to the House Agriculture Committee for the 99th Congress.

Congressman Combest was named to the Agriculture Committee following his request for the seat soon after the November 6, 1984 election.

"I am very pleased with this assignment and believe it is one of the most important committee assignments for representing the 19th District of Texas," Congressman Combest said.

"Because of my farming background and the extensive agricultural interests in West Texas, the people of our district will have a strong voice on

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Installation Services Held For Former Slaton Pastor

Installation services were held for the new pastor of the Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church of Midland, Texas. The Reverend Mitchell A. Brown, former pastor of the Triumph Baptist Church of Slaton, was installed in services Sunday, January 27, 1985.

The Goodwill membership chose as their theme: "How Shall They Hear Without A Preacher?", a motto which speaks well of this man of 28 years in the Gospel of Christ.

The message of the afternoon was brought by Rev. F. K. Williams, Moderator of the



Rev. Mitchell A. Brown, Lovely Sunset Baptist District. The Charge of the Church was Cont. on Page 2

Great Black Moments

The pioneer inventor-manufacturer in the field of Hair Care Products for Black women was Madame C. J. Walker. Singlehandedly, she created ways and means for Black women to care for their hair.

Walker invented the hot iron comb and founded a beauty culture business that still employs thousands. Born Sara Breedlove McWilliams on December 23, 1867, to impoverished parents, Walker died in 1919 with a distinction as the first female Black millionaire.

Madame C. J. Walker -- another Great Black American.

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Legal Services Seek Sex Equality Under Insurance

On behalf of an individual client, West Texas Legal Services has filed a petition for rulemaking with the State Board

of Insurance, asking that changes be made in rules we believe allow sex discrimination.

Our client had a group health

insurance policy with Blue Cross-Blue Shield through her employer, which she converted to an individual policy after she became pregnant and quit her job. The individual policy provided lesser coverage for a normal pregnancy than other medical conditions and also showed premium rates for women higher than for men.

The petition for rulemaking asks that the State Board of Insurance rules be changed to reflect equality of benefits and rates for women and men. We believe the inequality is a violation of the federal Pregnancy Discrimination Act and the Texas Equal Rights Amendment.

The Texas Equal Rights Amendment provides that "(e)quality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because a sex, race, color, creed, or national origin." The Pregnancy Discrimination Act provides that "women affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions shall be treated the same for all employment-related purposes, including receipt of benefits under fringe benefit programs, as other persons not so affected."

The United States Supreme Court ruled in the 1983 Norris case that pension benefits

determined from sex-based mortality tables resulted in unlawful sex discrimination. The Arizona case was brought by women who had contributed the same amount of money into their pension fund as men, but who got fewer benefits on retirement because statistics showed women on an average live longer than men. The Supreme Court said insurance companies could not figure their benefits based on race, even though statistics might show that Blacks live shorter lives and have more illness than whites. So it follows that sex cannot be the only basis for setting rates. Insurance companies can certainly use sex as a factor in setting rates, along with other factors such as cigarette smoking, exercise, etc., but it may not be the only factor.

We believe under the Pregnancy Discrimination Act and

the Texas Equal Rights Amendment, women are entitled to equality of rates and coverage. The State Board of Insurance has 60 days to either take no action on our petition or set a public hearing. The issue is of widespread public interest because it affects a large number of Texas women. If an employer has to pay more for a female employee than a male, it's very possible that a hiring decision could be based on sex and the man preferred over the woman merely because of costs. This problem affects low-income women throughout the state who work for large employers with group policies.

We are hopeful that the Texas State Board of Insurance will follow the lead of other states such as Pennsylvania and change their rules to effect equality for women under the law.



On hand for the presentation of the Martin Luther King, Sr. Community Service Award were (left to right) Robert J. Brown, President, B & C Associates of High Point, N. C., Mrs.

Christian King Farris, Mrs. Coretta King, Rev. Ralph Abernethy (award recipient), and Church's Fried Chicken, Inc. Regional Manager, Bob Hogg.

Despite Reagan Promises, White House Plans Tax Increase For Disabled Vets

Washington -- Though President Reagan promised not to raise taxes in his 1984 campaign, he will hike the tax burden of veterans disabled in military service if his Treasury

Department gets its way.

The proposed tax on service-connected disability compensation would follow a freeze on cost-of-living increases in these benefits.

"Besides the obvious irony of this plan, it carries a double economic blow to America's disabled veterans," said Chad Colley, national commander of the 906,000 member Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

"It's a devastating attack on our country's moral obligation and historical mandate to compensate veterans who were wounded or suffer prolonged illness as a result of defending our country," said Colley, who lost both legs and an arm in the Vietnam War.

"Veterans who lost their sight, arms or legs, or mental wellbeing are being told their sacrifices in

war aren't worth paying for in times of peace."

The DAV views the White House proposal as an attempt to overturn a law written to reflect the nation's commitment to those who have fought -- and sacrificed greatly -- to keep America and her people free. "Our country's people will not renounce that commitment any more than they will renounce their freedom," Colley stated.

A comparison between what veterans receive in compensation for disability to what the courts are awarding for similar disabilities resulting from industrial accidents or negligence

bears out how conservative the VA service-connected disability compensation is.

"The fact is that veterans' disability compensation is paid at a rate that reflects a basic level of a veteran's economic loss as a result of his or her condition suffered in military service," the DAV's national leader explained.

"For example, a Korean War veteran who was stabbed in the eye by a Chinese bayonet is paid about \$250 a month in Veterans Administration (VA) benefits for his subsequent blindness. If a private citizen lost his sight through an industrial accident,

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WITH THANKS -- Edward Holder, Chairman, Newark Airport businessmen's Council (NABMC), left, expresses his appreciation for their support of minority entrepreneurs at the Newark International Airport, to Joseph Vanacore, center, former Manager for the airport and Gustav Henningburg, President of Henningburg Associates of Newark. The NABMC,

America's leading organization of Black businesspersons with franchises at a major international airport, celebrated its 10th Anniversary recently with a fund-raising dinner on behalf of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Council members have advised many minority entrepreneurs on how to open businesses at airport facilities.

(David Zook photo)



Ed McMahon, co-host of the Lou Rawls "Parade of Stars" Telethon for the United Negro College Fund, accepts \$1 million check presented by Lew Lardie, District Manager, Los Angeles Food Products Division,

Procter & Gamble Co., on behalf of Crest, Charmin, Crisco Oil, Crisco Shortening and Pampers during the recent telethon aired nationally for the first time from Los Angeles.

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Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



Heterosexuality/Homosexuality Part 1

Recently, I received the following letter which I would like to share with you. My comments follow the letter.

"Dear Dr. Faulkner: I have enjoyed your columns about sex. But you always talk about sex just between men and women. What about sex between people of the same gender such as bisexuals and homosexuals. I don't think that it is fair for you not to talk about them. What is wrong about this subject? What are you afraid of? P. J., L. A., Calif."

My basic aim is to help men and women to establish happy, lasting relationships between each other. However, I make no effort to tell people what to do with their own lives, in the privacy of their own homes. Society cannot escape the reality of the existence of sexual encounters between members of the same sex. It is, also, the case that most of our society has not accepted known bisexuals and homosexuals into its framework.

An unfortunate result of the many myths about conventional sex, between men and women, is that it tends to drive them apart - causing loneliness and pent-up frustrations which sometimes, in turn, create a desperate need for love and affection. Which is satisfied by anyone who will open their arms and allow others to release their pent-up emotions. Sometimes this release is in the company of a member of the same sex.

The positive results are often only temporary. The negative effects can be enormous. The loss of one's sexual self-identity, rejection by most of society, inability to propagate the species, possibility of life-threatening diseases, the psychological trauma of having to exist in a society that rejects one's chosen lifestyle. These are only a few of the problems.

Let's define our terms before proceeding further. **Heterosexuality** identifies the sexual act between members of the opposite sex. A **bisexual** person engages in sex with members of the opposite sex as well as members of the same sex. The **homosexual** engages in sex exclusively with members of the same sex. **Latent homosexuality** is the longing for the homosexual experience but failure to carry through with the act.

Homosexuality is both men and women is often a direct expression of tendencies that are passive, submissive, dependent and receptive. In one case a young woman dreamed constantly of her mother, of breasts and of eating. Her overweight condition was the direct result of her preoccupation with eating. Her homosexuality was the direct result of her psychological preoccupation with a longing for her mother. In normal circumstances, much of this childhood longing for a mother gets directed to a longing for a man and satisfies heterosexuality.

Sex can be submerged in a wide-spread of emotions, tensions and impulses which, if not sufficiently developed to adult orientation, can cause many forms of sexual inhibitions, exaggerations and deviations. Often, personalities that are passive, dependent, submissive and overly-receptive are expressed in homosexuality, either latent or dreamed about. In the heterosexual, these traits are balanced by the characteristics of assertiveness, dominance and emotional independence.

Parents who dominate, restrict, pamper and protect children from the normal problems of life tend to make them too dependent and submissive. Their development is impaired in such a way that results in girls being boyish and boys being girlish, and both remaining childish. Calling a boy a sissy identifies the results, of his overprotection, with femininity. The passive personality that results from this kind of upbringing is "sexualized" and is expressed as feminine behavior, in the boy or masculine behavior in the girl. It may be latent, as character traits, or may be expressed overtly as homosexuality.

These attitudes may, in addition to being caused by overprotection and over-indulgence in childhood, are also the result of unfortunate deprivation in childhood. And, sometimes, hormonal imbalance.

Next week: Part II

Combest

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agricultural matters," Combest said.

"It is going to be a tough year for agriculture and ag related programs due to the proposed budget cut backs." "I intend to fight for an effective ag policy which realizes the farmer must make a profit," the Congressman said.

"How that the committee assignments are behind us," Combest pointed out, "it is time to begin intensive work on the 1985 Farm Bill."

"I encourage the citizens of the

19th District of Texas to contact me on any concern they might have so that I may speak for them on the House floor," Combest said.

Installation

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given by Rev. John Campbell, Pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church, and the Charge to Reverend Brown was presented by Rev. O. J. Archie, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Midland, Texas and Vice Moderator of the Lovely Sunset Baptist District. Services were conducted by Rev. E. D. Toines, Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church News

Church Motto
"The Church where everybody is somebody."

PEAS, TX -- Holy greetings everyone on this beautiful day which the Lord has made for us to see and enjoy as His children. Thank God, we are here again. We're still living for our Lord and Master with a mind made up to forever be a Christian with our hearts made up to do what God would have us to do. How about you?

Attendance was good last Sunday. Everyone was at their post of duty.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was "The Judge of Life." The scripture was John 5:19-24; 8:12-58. The Key Verse was: "I bear witness to myself, and the father who sent me bears witness to me." John 8:18.

The morning devotion was led by Deacon Willie Lee Burleson and

Reagan/Vets

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chances are he would receive millions more in compensation awarded in the courts.

"How the Reagan Administration propose to twice reduce the veteran's compensation through a freeze on cost-of-living increases and taxation. The plan is nothing and taxation. The plan is nothing less than an immediate and enduring cut in compensation levels," said the DAV Commander.

"So one veteran's blindness, for example, becomes an inevitable cost of war -- a cost upon which the White House would apparently like to default. How much more does the White House expect disabled vets to pay as their share of the cost of war? They've paid immensely more than other citizens already, and now they're being asked to pay more!"

Colley vowed that the Disabled American Veterans would battle the White House proposal at every step of the legislative process. The association of wartime disabled vets sees any tax on VA disability compensation as totally unacceptable, and it's gearing up its more than 900,000 members for a counter attack.

"Since the birth of our nation," said Colley, "Americans have prided themselves on fulfilling the promises made to veterans when they were called to arms. That's particularly true when it comes to veterans who were disabled as a result of answering that call. This is an unbroken commitment that's been codified by law, defended by the nation's citizenry, and held up as a model for all the world's free people."

"To permit such a solemn commitment to be broken now places a disproportionate share of the burden of the burden for deficit reduction on America's 2 1/4 million disabled veterans. But what's worse is that this broken promise would strike directly at the heart of what made this nation great."

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RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Sunday School began last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church with Supt. Swain at his post of duty.

Morning worship began at the regular time with Deacon Swain and Deacon Francis in charge of arrangements. The combined choir was responsible for the music of the morning.

The message of the hour was delivered by Pastor S. C. Nash. His subject was "How to Face Tomorrow with Confidence." His scripture text was II Chronicles 20:14-17. It was a wonderful message.

During the evening worship hour the sermon was a continuation of the morning message. His text, however, was II Chronicles 20:14-17. His sermon's title was "God in The Middle."

One united with the church Sunday morning by Christian experience.

Federation of Choirs was very good. The host church was St. John Baptist Church. The host pastor, Rev. James Moore, was really stirred in spirit. He wanted

to preach.

Whisper a prayer for our bereaved families. Among them are the William Mitchell family and Doris Gats family. Mrs. Gats was the niece of Earnestine Childress.

Let us also remember our sick and shut in.

Mrs. Ella D. Swisher has been admitted to a nursing home in Tahoka, Texas.

Ralph and Alford Watley's sister, Emma Lee, received the news Saturday that her uncle in Clifton, Texas passed away. He was A. R. Watley. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this report.

Mrs. S. R. Roberts wants to thank the Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church for being so loyal to her at Christmas time. Also the Lubbock community who made her feel so good when she was remembered. She says when someone thinks

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Simon's Seafood Market
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Friday, February 1, 1985, at Reese Air Force Base entrance, ca FM 114, from 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. Also the same day at 1825 Parkway Drive, from 5 p. m. until dark. Fresh fish, shrimp, oysters, live crabs and other seafoods will be available.

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But What If We Do??

by
Eddie P. Richardson

Lets dream for awhile. Suppose Rev. Jesse Jackson became President of the United States of America. Brother Richard Hatch became Vice President and some of the other brothers and sisters became diplomats, ambassadors and cabinet members. What would the world be like if we had Black people in key positions? Would things be any worse off than they are now? A question was asked recently: Jesse Jackson became President would the White House become the Black House?

Might not be a bad idea the past years since the White House has not been a scared and pure. It has been pretty limited for sometime. So maybe, just maybe, a name change and color change just might not be too bad after all. For sure, it could be worse.

What would have happened if Ted Kennedy had not helped defeat our most courageous U. S. Senator, Edward Brooke? Maybe, just maybe we would already have a Black Vice President if Senator Brooke had not been defeated. He was one of the greatest U. S. Senators of all time. One of his latest victories was taking on puppet Vernon Jordan in a legal clash over who has legal claim to the NAACP, the organization or the legal defense fund. Brooke and the organization won. Brooke was also a good attorney general in Massachusetts.

Back to Rev. Jackson, he did some negotiating that no other diplomat or ambassador could or had accomplished. Maybe, just maybe give a chance, an opportunity, we just may not be too bad. But what if we do write politically, economically, and put our minds, dollars together. Since we are the 9th to 12th largest nation on the planet earth, if we get our act together, we could have more power than Russia, the China, and Japan. Now, that's a lot of power being exported. In Lubbock, alone, we spent over 70 million dollars in 1983 and retained less than one percent of all that money.

What would happen if we became producers as well as consumers? What would happen if we became Providers as well as users? What would happen if we turned to and not on each other?

What would happen if we started loving, trusting, and respecting each other and started focusing and reocusing our minds collectively from within our own communities.

If we started building and rebuilding our long denied communities with the initiative and leadership coming collectively from us for us working and cooperating with others who are concerned for us and have our best interest in mind, but the leadership and initiative must come from within our own community - from us just think what would happen tomorrow if we started collectively working together for the good of all of us?

Jerry Henderson: Good Man!!

The Southwest Digest and this writer, especially, would like to see and highly recommend our friend, Jerry Henderson, for the position of Executive Director of the United Way of Lubbock.

Since Jerry is already in place, and has many years of United Way experience and a proven record, we see no reason he should not be promoted to the executive director's position. Jerry has a proven public relations record, knows the local community and the functions of the local program.

Our first, second and third choices belong to Jerry Henderson. Let's not forget the fine job done by Welda Thompson. So why not let Jerry build on to and add to what Welda already has done. She had a good record, and we thank you for that, Welda!

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Don't Forget Cause While Fighting Symptoms

Two highly publicized recent events vividly demonstrate the current tendency to concentrate almost exclusively on the effects of the ills in our society while showing little concern for the causes of these ills.

I am talking, of course, about the New York City incident where a white gunman shot four Black youths on a subway when they allegedly tried to force him to give them five dollars and the Chicago incident where an elderly Black man shot and killed a Black youth who reportedly, along with a companion, attempted to rob the elderly man at gunpoint.

Both cases have been blown so out of proportion by the media that one would think these cases are the forerunners of a noble crusade designed to turn the streets of our cities into paradises on earth.

I have nothing against the "Subway Vigilante" or the "Chicago Vigilante" eventually going free, as long as their acts were committed within the bounds of time-tested, self-defense regulations and their innocence or guilt determined in accordance with established procedures.

To tell the truth, I would support wholeheartedly an "open season" against street crime, as long as such a crusade was launched as part of a balanced program to combat both the cause and effect of violence in our society.

But I object, and object strongly, against this one-sided, establishment-directed, media-hyped campaign to blind the collective public eye to the causes of violence while turning a spotlight only on the symptoms.

As rampant as crime is in our communities, we must never forget that this criminal behavior is the result of a greater crime - devastating unemployment that is destroying family values, undermining our unity and sense of common purpose, and producing a Black underclass that is leeching out of control.

In the face of these facts, much more is needed than a shading of our eyes from the causes of our despair.

Imagine, for instance, medical researchers suspending their efforts to find a cure for cancer just because the dreaded disease occasionally can be sent into remission by the use of various radiation treatments; or cardiologists discontinuing their search for a natural method of preventing high blood pressure just because they have discovered drugs which render the effects of the disease less damaging.

I am not attempting to downplay the dread of violence in our communities, or in the nation at large. I realize that just as kidney disorder resulting from high blood pressure treatment can appear to be worse than the original ailment, so does a robbery victim tend not to think about the deprivation of the youth with the gun in his hand.

Too often symptoms assume an identity of their own and appear to be more harmful than the cause from which they sprang.

However, in reality, such is not the case. It is still true, as the old folks used to say, if you kill the root, the tree will die.

So as we develop programs and engage in projects to combat crime, let us not forget to mount political and economic campaigns against the cause of this social ill, forever remembering that the establishment, the eternal enemy of the people, will do everything in its power to make us, the victims, blame ourselves for our plight.

Killing their hopes and dreams....?



Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



Thatcher's Trafalgar is Tarnished London's Back is Breaking Down

The George Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland... Since I was on my way to Scotland, it was imperative that I go through London. An English air defense against the subjected Scots. Let you forget, it was Scotland that offered its soul to the then young singer, actor, athlete and astute world leader Paul Robeson. "... But we have the right and, and above all, we have the duty, to bring the strength and support of our entire community to defend the lives and property of each individual family. Here I stand." So Scotland and all oppressed people put Paul in a special place in their hearts back then, as even now Scotland struggles with higher unemployment and unsympathetic rulers in the power house in London.

London is not laid back California style or darting ahead like New York. Rather it is swaying in the direction of Washington, DC. Hence there are hordes of unemployed Scots, as well as, Englishmen. Over two-thirds as bad as 13 percent as Black Americans and twice as bad as white Americans thus the streets of London show it. Still starch and stiff upper lip Londoners pretend poverty is a state of mind not money. There is no fool like an old fool unless it's young fools. But the young are not fooled, they keep trying to find a way through punk rock or riots to rid themselves of the thought of establishment rule. Ruling from a right wing tilt Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has only served to stabilize high unemployment in the British Isle.

Even the English are confused with her conservative Tory government's grand gift to restore Big Ben, London's prime time piece. "It's going digital" laments Londoners who have lost all faith in their own industries to compete in the world marketplace. Prices, in spite of the slippage of the pound, the currency measure, against the dollar are no big deal for American travelers. The food in England is a joke after France, fit only for belly filling, like too much leftover bland food. Flinging salt and pepper all over it will not help. Only the sights, sounds and service in London, let's you know the pound is down. Seeing buildings in desperate need of repair and hearing complaints of prices in spite of excellent service suggest a desperate people grasping at straws. The winds need to change over Great Britain. Someday Scots will start once again to object to being the second cousin of the English and demand a fair share of the North Sea oil revenues located off Scotland's shores, which are keeping the Thatcher Tory government in London afloat.

This "tiny little island," as Winston Churchill called England, is not yet ready to sink under the Thatcher regime, but its move to the right has not served as a model for economic improvement for Great Britain's Scottish subjects or its average Englishman.

Things You Should Know

Bessie SMITH
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BORN IN CHATTANOOGA, TENN., THERE IS LITTLE KNOWN OF HER EARLY CHILDHOOD, "LATER SHE WAS CALLED FOR BY THE OTHER GREAT BLUES SINGER, MA RAINEY/SHE BECAME A WELL-PAID STAR OF NEGRO VAUDEVILLE--HER FIRST RECORD SOLD OVER TWO MILLION COPIES / AFTER AN AUTOMOBILE CRASH IN MISSISSIPPI, SHE HAD TO BE TAKEN ALL THE WAY TO MEMPHIS, TENN. IN SEARCH OF A "JIM CROW" HOSPITAL, "SHE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE DELAY."

RINGING THE BELL

by
Bob Tieuol



I Remember Harvard -- When in the autumn of two early 40s, I enrolled in Harvard University, there were many reasons for my decision. For one thing, I had been assigned to pastor a C. M. E. mission in Cambridge, and not far from Harvard. As a local pastor, my tuition in the Divinity school was paid for by the school. Further, there could be no doubt that attending Harvard carried with it a great amount of prestige and honor especially from the black community that I was serving.

Then there was William L. Sperry, Dean of the Divinity School, who was an international scholar and teacher. Sperry's practice of tutorial teaching with one student guided by one instructor, was a result of his experience at Oxford University, where he had the privilege of being a Rhodes Scholar. The experience which he graciously introduced into my life, was in sharp contrast to the mass teaching so common today, in which there is no personal contact at all.

The chief course taught by Dean Sperry was that in the Art of Preaching. And while I was transferred to another conference before graduation at the Divinity School, the several years there with such notable theologians as Henry J. Cadbury, George Foot Moore, William Ernest Locking, will be years, I will never forget.

As I look back, I realize that the better than two years at Harvard, have affected my life deeply. Among my fondest memories are those of walking through the famous "yard" and thinking of persons in other generations who had walked over the same ground, like Ralph Waldo Emerson, George Santayana, Thomas Paine and William Chery Channing. Harvard did many things for me, but the best of all is that it made me begin to understand what it means to be surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. It was in Cambridge that I first tried to take seriously the communion of saints.

According to Tony Brown, the struggle for Black equality in America began many decades before the modern civil rights movement of the 50s and 60s. Many organizations have participated in that struggle. Among them are the National Urban League, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and The Black Church. Nonetheless it is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that has waged the longest struggle in the fight for the rights of Black Americans. The NAACP's march for freedom began in 1909.

Dying February, 1985, in tribute of Black History Month, many Black churches, civic, business and professional organizations will review the contributions of Black Americans to our American scene and body politic.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois was one of the first black founding members of the NAACP as well as creator and first editor of The Crisis. Dubois received a PHD from Harvard University in 1890. He was also an author of many books and "The Souls of Black Folks" written in 1904.

Notable Quotes from the late Dr. Martin Luther King: "Every now and then I think about my own death, and I think about my own funeral... I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not to talk too long... Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize... Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards... I would like somebody to mention that day, that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to love somebody... Say that I was a drum major for peace... That I was drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won't have any money to leave behind. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind." Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 4, 1968.

Child Watch

by
Marian Wright Edelman

The Good News About Congressman Gray and Hawkins

In the Black community, the name William Gray is not exactly a household word. It will be the new Chairman of Congress' influential Budget Committee. Representative Gray from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, personifies a new kind of political role model for our children.

The Black community has been fortunate to have strong, articulate leadership. Much of it has emerged, in significant part, from our churches. Throughout the decades long and still continuing struggle for justice in this country, the voices raised by Black religious leaders have drawn national attention to our cause. From Richard Allen to Benjamin Mays to Martin Luther King, to Jesse Jackson, they have also inspired millions of Black children to try harder, and helped hundreds of them to seek and gain political office.

Congressman William Gray (D-PA) comes out of this tradition. He is a third-generation Baptist preacher, a young man now in his forties who remembers the sting of his early experience with racial injustices.

In addition to being eloquent in the pulpit, Rep. Gray has clearly become a major force behind the scenes in Congress. In the House of Representatives, composed of 435 members (only 20 of whom are Black), he won one of the most powerful committee chairmanships. This required consummate political skill.

In the next few months, Budget Chairman Gray will be playing a pivotal role in making the difficult decisions about where the government spends its money, in a year when there is growing pressure to cut the enormous budget deficit. The President and his advisors, anxious to cut many family support programs, will first have to get those cuts past Representative Gray.

Even more important, Congressman Gray's success is far from a fluke. The Congressional Black Caucus, of which Gray is a member, "has assumed a new prominence in the House," according to the Washington Post. Rep. Augustin F. Hawkins (D-CA), one of our wisest leaders, recently won the chairmanship of the House Education and Labor Committee. The Post notes that Black Caucus members now had five of the 22 standing committees in the House.

Washington is not the only place where Blacks are showing new political clout. Such major cities as Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Detroit and Chicago are now administered by Blacks. Today's Black leaders are showing the next generation that they can help run this country -- both in the public spotlight and behind the scenes.

THIS N THAT

PREXY UNHAPPY It has been **LEARNED** that **RONALD REAGAN** is **considering** **WASHINGTON, D. C.** as the site for the **1988 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION** in 1988.

FIRST BLACK At the City of New Orleans, La., has had a **BLACK MAYOR** but now it will have a **BLACK** to become the first **POLICE SUPERINTENDENT**. He is **WARREN WOODFORK, SR.**

IT WILL HAPPEN! No matter what **PRESIDENT REAGAN** may say there will be a **TAX INCREASE** on the disabled veteran!

GOOD MEETING! The **MONTHLY MEETING** of District Two was a **REAL GOOD ONE** last week. Some have doubted the **NEED** for such meeting. **IT** appears as though they will continue with **VIGOR** in months to come. If you haven't had an opportunity to **ATTEND** one then do so next month. Watch for the **LOCATION** and **TIME** of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** in February. They are held each month at a local facility in the community. February's meeting will be held **FEBRUARY 20, 1985** at 7:30 p. m. at Moe Simmons Community Center.

PUBLIC HEARING VERY IMPORTANT! For those of **YOU** who would like to know what is going on with the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)** with more than \$2.5 million dollars at stake then attend the **PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY** February 14th at 5:30 p. m. If you have anything to **SAY** then be present in the **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS** at City Hall. If you are not **PRESENT** you can't get involved into something that's important.

D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "SOME PEOPLE don't notice **THINGS** when they are **GOING GOOD** only when they are **GOING**

BAD!! **BUMPER STICKER OF THE WEEK** "BLOW HORN" before passing **DRIVER** chews tobacco!!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH! Still **NOT MUCH** apparently happening in the **LUBBOCK BLACK COMMUNITY** in preparation for the annual **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.** will have a **BLACK PERSONALITY** appearing in the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** as a means of informing and

educating **CITIZENS** about the contributions of **BLACK AMERICANS**.

WHAT IS YOUR ORGANIZATION DOING? **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS THIS MONTH** has learned that the **EAST LUBBOCK MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE** will hold **INSTALLATION SERVICES** at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Friday evening **FEBRUARY 1ST** beginning at 8 p. m. Special guest will include **MEMBERS** of the Black Ministerial Alliance in **PLAINVIEW** and **M'DLAND!!** Why not...

Let's Ask Aunt Dee Dee

by Zuda R. Pittman



DEAR AUNT DEE DEE: Just why do you continue to recommend personal ads in the classified section of the newspaper as an innovative method of meeting new people and starting relationships? Aren't you aware, Aunt Dee Dee that all sorts of vile people are lurking out there just waiting to hack to pieces some innocent young girl who answers a classified ad or else put antifreeze (or worse) in some old geezer's Kool-Aid? If you don't believe me, just ask any police detective!

PREPLEXED SINGLE: What Aunt Dee Dee didn't know was that the setting for "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" was that of a classified ad rendezvous.

You may correct her if she has been misled.

DEAR AUNT DEE DEE: Lydia, my lovely wife, died

NAACP Board Meeting Set

New York -- The NAACP annual meeting and the first quarterly meetings of the NAACP Special Contribution Fund and the National Board of Directors will be held over the weekend of Friday and Saturday February 15 and 16 at the New York Hilton Hotel, 1335 Avenue of the Americas.

The annual meeting will be held from 9:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon in the Beekman Sutton-North room of the hotel.

This gathering is the corporate meeting of the Association. Then NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks will present his annual report on the state of the Association. Presiding will be the president of the NAACP, Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan of Baltimore, Md. The meeting is open to the press.

Following the annual meeting, Mr. Hooks will hold a news conference at 12:30 p. m. in the Sutton-Center room at the Hilton.

The first quarterly meeting of the National Board of Directors will be held beginning at 2:00 p. m. in the Sutton-South room.

she's the daughter!

(Preplexed Singles may write to Aunt Dee Dee at P. O. Box 95A, St. Louis, MO 63166. The volume of mail may

preclude personal answers, but those questions of general interest will appear in her column. All letters will be treated in confidence.)

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State Rep. Givens Speaks

Dear Friends:

This article represents the first in what will become weekly reports from my Capitol office in Austin. The purpose of these reports is to keep you up to date on the problems that we are facing in your state government and, more importantly, the decisions that are being made regarding these problems. Additionally, I hope that each one of you will use the facts and opinions expressed in this column to keep an open line of communication between yourselves and my office in Austin. Each week, I will close with my address and phone. I hope that you will feel free to contact me whenever you have a problem, want an answer, or simply aren't sure where else to turn. I may not always be able to answer your questions, but I will always do my best to find an answer for you.

Also, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the editors and publishers of this newspaper for making this space available each week. This is a valuable public service and this paper and its editors should be justly recognized.

The opening weeks of the 69th Legislative Session have been an exciting time for me. The many letters and phone calls that I have received from across this district are evidence that I represent an informed and concerned constituency. I urge you to continue to inform yourselves about the issues that are important to you, and to make me aware of any way I might be of assistance to you in the District or Austin.

I have received two important committee assignments: State, Federal & International Relations and Cultural & Historical Resources. Additionally, I have been asked to serve on the subcommittees for Budget & Oversight of the committee for State, Federal & International Relations. The Cultural and Historical Resources committee is charged with the promotion of tourism in Texas and with overseeing the Sesquicentennial Celebration (Texas 150th anniversary of our Independence from Mexico) in addition to many other activities. The committee on State, Federal & International Relations is charged with overseeing Texas relations with other states, the federal government, and the governments of other countries.

Along with these committee assignments, I have been busy working with state agency personnel in an attempt to better serve you through our state's many agency resources.

Last Tuesday, Miss Mollie Newberry of Slaton visited my colleagues and I on the House Floor. Miss Newberry is a cancer patient at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston and traveled to Austin to be recognized in conjunction with the recognition of that hospital's Christmas card program benefiting children with cancer.

Our House committees begin meeting this week and floor action on House and Senate bills should begin soon. I look forward to visiting with you again as these events occur.

Adventures

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The Southwest Digest is the local agent for the distribution of a color photo of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This photo, shown above, was drawn by Nationally Acclaimed Black Artist Willie Young of Shreveport, La.

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ENTERTAINMENT DINING THEATRE



SOUTH AFRICA'S "APARTHEID" STRIKES AGAIN!

ATLANTIC CITY: - SEARCHING FOR EVIDENCE that could be used against indicted officials of the United Democratic Front for hit/tearoc, plainclothes members of white Africa's inhuman gestapo security police, of the South African government raided the independent TV News office of the British News Agency. The Johannesburg headquarters of ITK was searched for several hours and 33 video-cassettes, documenting recent police action in Black townships, were confiscated. Since, all but two of the tapes have been returned according to information we have received. One of the two tapes have been returned according to information we have received. One of the two contains an interview with Zila Ramgobin, a granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, the immortal liberator of India, and an official of the UDF. The other is a preview of the election of delegates to the newly created, meaningless, Indian House. Watch England demands: an explanation as that tape belonged to newscaster Trevor McDonald. The raid has been termed "A gross violation of journalistic protection and a violation of the privileges between journalists and members of the public." Despite the crowing protest there have been several "news raids" on overseas newscasters to close out '84. In Nov. The German ARD-net had tapes of the funeral of a victim of police township violence snatched. Its embassy protest not a cart. "South Africa regrets," but no tape return. What now Uncle Sam? What now 60-Minutes?"

THE WRITE VIBES: - LIKE DAVE WIFE, SAMMY DAVIS, JR. the ultimate pro, gets better with age. He turned his 59th yr. corner Dec 8, '84, yr on stage he's younger than springtime. The N'Year's Eve attraction at Harrich's Trump on the B'walk he was in fine voice, his most delicate notes were delicious to the ears. Proving that the years have been kind to his variety of talents he merged taps and boards with such artistic deftness it caused his father, who was in the audience, to almost forget his yrs in his look back memory to the days and glory of the Will Mastin Trio, Junior's roots. It was a magnificent way to greet the N'Yr. with Mrs. Altovise Davis, Jr. as toastess and surrounded by the total talented one's family and friends. All of us, his mom, Elvora Sanchez Davis, his in-laws, M/M Joe & Altovise Gore, his sister, Raccona and bro-in-law, Jay James. Plus and friends and staff Shirley Rhodes, this scribe and his leadorable, Dean Sayles, Carl Green, Tommy and Shirley Phillips and Barbara Jacquet among a entire full room of folks who gave him a standing ovation at the stroke of midnight and the yawn into a N'Yr... This city's Mayor James Usry is feeling the progress being made in turning around that part of it off the casino beat. The dice palace owners have now realize he's no fool and are about ready to play the game by fair rather than foul rules. His honor may have to take time out for minor surgery... Carl Wilca, Imperial Potentate, Prince Hall Shriners and Salomon Wallace, Grand Master, Prince Hall Mason, Dayton, Oh., pooled their giving and handed the UNCF \$38000.00 green ones... Dr. Roscoe Brown, Jr. rightly got tired of being passed over by the political faction of the 100-Blackmen and decided to put up a fight. As it long over looked hard working vesp he deserves the top office and the org. deserves his knowhow and dedication. The former fighter pilot, current prez, Bronx Community College, would pilot the club to greater heights.

WRITE INTO '85: - Every knock must be a boost 'cause Eddie Murphy in Beverly Hills Cop' is still the number one boxoffice attraction on the silver screen scene. Its take at last look was \$17,886,664. "The Cotton Club," also the hit list, in more ways than one, has inched up to the number two spot. It has now taken in \$3,513,309. After 15wks on the charts "A Soldier's Story" has dropped to 23rd and has grossed \$10,033,813... No wondah Herbie Hancock, who scored that one, has decided to go film composing and acting. Thars gold beyond and before those cameras. Herbie is no stranger to soundtrack composing. He did "Death Wish," "Blow-Up" and "The Spook Who Sat By The Door," all in the 70's. The Bessie Smith version of "St. Louis Blues," accompanied by Louis Armstrong, Count Basie's "Apri in Paris," Chick Webb's "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," Ella Fitzgerald vocalist, Benny Goodman's "And The Angels Sing" and Stan Kenton's "Artistry in Rhythm" are among several good goodies nominated for inclusion in NARAS '85 Hall of Fame... Watch none of the former Supremes are doing as well as Lady Diana's mite Ross. However Deborah Lynn Sharpe, a former member, is happy with her role in the road running revival of "Ain't Misbehavin'" in Springfield, Mass... "Carry Me Back to Morningside Heights," which was directed on B'way by Sidney Poitier before he hit it big, may get a revival. Producer Ben Starr has brought the rights to this Robert Alan Aurthur's play with plans to develop it for the big silver... Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. for real and real, have another PBS series up their talented sleeves, or wherever their marvelous entertaining ideas come from, which should be talking positive form before the chill is quilted... STAY LOOSE... Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

Amtex Drama School Presents Play

Amarillo, Tx -- February is Black History Month. To help celebrate outstanding achievements and contributions made by Afro-Americans in the United States, FROM AFRICA TO AMARILLO, a new theatrical/ritual musical-play, will be presented by AMTEX Drama School, 421 West Third Street, Amarillo, Texas, on

Friday, February 1, at 7:30 p. m. and Saturday, February 2, at 2 p. m. Hilltop Learning Center located at 1801 North Travis will host the production.

FROM AFRICA TO AMARILLO is a series of monologues, scenes and short skits written by Karmyn Lott, founder and director of AMTEX Drama School.

Miss Lott is a native Amarillo and a graduate of West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas. Fifteen students are enrolled in the Drama School, which opened in November, 1974. FROM AFRICA TO AMARILLO will close-out the first eight-week Acting Workshop.

Miss Lott made her producing debut in 1979 when she produced PEPPERWINE, a 1950's Rhythm and Blues Musical, at the Nat Home Theater on Theater Row in New York. In 1983, she formed a new theatrical production company, AMTEX Productions, in Manhattan, New York. The first



Karmyn Lott

theatrical venture produced by the company was HOT SAUCE, a full-length drama written by the founder which opened at the American Theatre of Actors in April. HOT SAUCE was produced in June, 1984 by Theater Off Park, an off-off Broadway theater in

Manhattan. Since her graduation from West Texas State University, Karmyn has studied acting and playwriting in New York. As an actress, Karmyn has appeared on THE GUIDING LIGHT, AS THE WORLD TURNS, THE DOCTORS and ONE LIFE TO LIVE. She worked as a Background Actress in the movie: NIGHT HAWKS, starring Sylvester Stallone and Billy Dee Williams; FORT APACHE, The Bronx, featuring Paul Newman; SLOW DANCE IN THE CITY, with Frank Sinatra and the 1984 \$50-million-dollar-movie, THE COTTON CLUB, directed by Francis (THE GODFATHER) Ford Coppola. Karmyn toured in HARLEM HEYDAY and JOURNEY INTO BLACKNESS with VOICES,

has a professional acting company in Harlem.

Miss Lott studied playwriting at Herbert Berghof Studio and with The Negro Ensemble Company, producer of the 1982 Pulitzer Prize winning play, A SOLDIER'S PLAY. She has completed one year of graduate work on her master's of fine arts degree in dramatic writing at New York University. She was a 1984 recipient of a CAPS (CREATIVE ARTS PUBLIC SERVICE) Award, a playwriting grant given by the State of New York. Karmyn is the author of 11 plays and three musicals, all but four of which have been produced.

Miss Lott hopes in the very near future to acquire the necessary funding to continue to produce plays. She would like to extend her current program at the Drama School to include a full acting program. Her main objective is to create and bring quality theater to the community of Amarillo via her own plays or plays written by other playwrights.

Admission to FROM AFRICA TO AMARILLO is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children and students.

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by Wendell Jones



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We can not continue to ignore our greatest resource. Today, children are raising children. Both parents are sometimes working, and the baby sitters are having to guide our children by day, and many times the same children are left to watch any television program with no discretion on the parents part.

Let us begin today to accept our responsibility and guide our children to their potential. Remember that all children are individuals and need to be handled differently. Listen to your child. What is he really saying? Pay attention and give him positive encouragement. This will help to build his self-confidence. Remember that every "NO" that he receives takes 5-7 positive strokes to overcome the negative effect.

In the future we will discuss other problems you will be faced with. Have faith and love your child.

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Watch for this four-part special, "Thank God" February —on your local PBS channel.

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Worship as a Family This Week

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Mrs. Doris Sweatt Oats

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, January 29, 1985 at the St. John Baptist Church with Rev. James Moore, pastor, officiating. Jamison & Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, January 29, 1985 at the St. John Baptist Church with Rev. James Moore, pastor, officiating. Jamison & Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Oats was born November



11, 1932 in Cooper, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Sweatt. She accepted Christ at an early age. She was married to Mr. Johnnie Oats June of 1961. Mrs. Oats passed away Saturday, January 26, 1985 in Metairie Hospital. She leaves to mourn her death: her husband, Johnnie Oats, one daughter, Monica Oats, one sister, Darlene Sweatt, one aunt of Lubbock, Texas, three uncles -- one of Lubbock, Texas and two of California; one great uncle, a host of relatives and friends. Pallbearers were members of St. John Baptist Church.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the lovely home of Mrs. Irene Buckner. She is a beautiful Christian woman who loves the word of God. This aspect woman, Sister Juanita Sowell, president, presided over the meeting. The opening devotion was taken from Matthew 5:1-12 and was read by Sister Mildred Bogus. Mrs. Buckner offered prayer. Prayer for our sick and shut-in was done by Sister Lenora Douglas. The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Christine Burleson. Her scripture was the 23rd Psalm. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. You read the other five verses, but if the Lord is your shepherd, what's the problem???

Harres: "We thank also we should mix religion and politics and pray for better politicians." Think about it you all.

A continental breakfast was served and enjoyed by all. "Come alive in '85." See you Saturday. Our guest list included: Sister Lenora Douglas, Sister Sally Mae Robinson, Sister Irene Buckner, Little Miss D. D. Burleson and George Smith. Thank you for coming on way. Please come again. The sick and shut-in list this week include: Caisy Easter, Clara Sandifer, Willie M. Washington, Artie M. Washington, Sherell Snell, Mr. and Mrs. Centre Whitfield, Murray Brown, Annie Johnson, Mr. Darrell Collins, a patient in Lubbock General Hospital; Verice Freeman, Rommie Henderson, and Mrs. Jessie Case. Let us also pray for our bereaved families all over the city. God specializes in things that seem so impossible. You can make it! "Let's Pray"

District Conference Set At Christ Temple

Christ Temple Church of God in Christ 2511 Fir Avenue, will host the Evangelist District Conference February 4th through 9th. It will be open with a spirit filled musical. Guest choirs of the city and surrounding areas will participate in the conference. Each night the services will begin at 8:00 p. m. Monday through Friday nights, there will be gospel preaching. Saturday night will be the church?? Christians teachers are not allowed to teach Biblical interpretations of life's beginning. Values clarification is supposed to allow each student to form their



headlight of the meeting. Bishop W. D. Haynes, pastor, will bring his official message at 9:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend. If you need saving of the soul or healing of the body, attend these services. I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

"Wo Thank God For Jesus"

"Lord, I'm A Saviour, Too!" Matthew 1:21; 4:19 -- She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. And Jesus said unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Saviour is one who saves). John 20:21-23 -- Then Jesus said to them, peace be unto you: as my father hath sent me, even so send I you. Receive ye the Holy Ghost; whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted (forgiven) unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain (keep), they are retained. Lord, I'm A Saviour now just like you. I want to do the great works, I saw you do, (On me a sinner). I'm picking up my cross, and going straight and narrow. Lord, there's a chance for me to save gas at 93¢ a gallon, and \$1.37 is what I've paid. Matthew 9:37-38 -- Jesus said: The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Lord, there's another chance for me to save. They're giving Double Green Stamps to shoppers today. Are you about the Master's business? John 10:9 -- Jesus said: I'm the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture (nourished). Lord, there's another chance for me to save, Corn is 5 cans for a dollar & 59¢ each I've paid. Luke 13:34 -- Jesus said, O' Jerusalem (Church) Jerusalem, which killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together. As a hen smart chicken doth gather her brood children under her wings, and ye would not! Matthew 10:6-8 -- Jesus said, go to the foot sheep of the house of Israel and as ye go, preach, saying, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers (cleaner man), read the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give. Lord, there's another chance to save the store is going out of business and its the last day. Lord, these are the last days and we know you're coming back. You said it in your word (The Bible), so we've got the true facts. Matthew 16:24-25 -- Jesus said: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Revelation 3:11, 15, 16 & 22 -- Jesus said: behold (call attention), I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold (unbelievable) nor hot (believing); I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm (half & half), and neither cold nor hot, I will spue (spit) thee out of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches. Revelation 22:12-13 -- Jesus said: I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I'm alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. God is not through with us yet. Let's pray for one another. Directed - Arranged - Produced - Guided By My Lord Jesus Christ Written by Billy "B. J." Morrison, III Your Brother in Christ Jesus Always.

Mr. William Mitchell

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 26, 1985 for Mr. William Mitchell at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. Mr. Mitchell was born February 22, 1913 in Wheelock, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mitchell. He united with New Hope Baptist Church in Wheelock at an early age. Mr. Mitchell and Miss Ada Etherly were united in marriage on January 22, 1940, in Bryan, Texas. His death came on the day of their 45th wedding anniversary. Mr. Mitchell was survived by his wife, Ada; his mother, Mrs. Pearly Mitchell; and three sisters -- Mrs. Bessie Holt and Mrs. Margie Carrol of San Antonio, Texas and Mrs. Katie Rogers of Florida. Pallbearers were Anthony Rigby, Shawn Rigby, Clarence Rigby, Columbus Klencio, Lawrence Klencio and Miree Walker. Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

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The title of the Sunday School lesson last Sunday was "The Judge Of Life." The scripture was John 8:12-27. The purpose of the lesson was to show that God, the true judge, judges the world through Jesus Christ. Responsive reading was taken from Proverbs 4:1-27. Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship began at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Roberts' morning message was "Studying The Lesson Plan." His scripture was Matthew 11:29. Baptist Training Union (BTU) began at 6:00 p.m. with Sunday night worship at 7:30 p.m. The topic for the BTU lesson was "Divisions of the New Testament." Revelations 22:18-19. Pastor Roberts' Sunday evening message was "Prisoners Behind Open Doors." His scripture was Luke 4:18-19. On Wednesday evenings, prayer meeting is held at the prayer meeting and Bible study is held at the church at 7:00 p.m. We are doing a study on I & II Corinthians. We extend an invitation to the public by saying come what may. February is Black History Month, and we the members of

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AN EDUCATOR'S OPINION



Crowded Classrooms Impede Learning

By Mary Hatwood Futrell, President **nea** National Education Association

A critical component in the learning process—active student participation—today stands threatened. Cavalier attitudes toward crowded classrooms underlie—and intensify—this threat. The tacit consensus—despite distressing statistics, despite mounting evidence that classrooms bursting at the seams severely impede academic progress—appears to be that overcrowding is no more than a minor obstacle to the quest for instructional excellence.

My experience suggests the contrary. When I reflect on the need to reduce class size, I don't think exclusively—or even primarily—of student-teacher ratios. I think instead of learning opportunities lost, of children cheated of my time, of students to whom a moment of special attention meant so much. Of students who found an academic niche after I somehow found a way to give them that small gift—a moment that was theirs alone.

And I think in particular of those students who were outcasts—the lonely ones, the misfits. Experts describe them as falling outside sociometric norms, as socially estranged. I remember them as hurt.

The victims of isolation are in our classrooms every hour, every year. Steven Asher, an associate professor of education at the University of Chicago, Urbana-Champaign, reports that when schoolchildren are asked to list their best friends, a full 10 percent of all students never show up on anyone's list. They're nobody's best friend.

I know those kids. Every teacher does. I remember striving not to allow their heartache to become mine. I also remember failing. Their anguish spurred my struggles to break down the barriers that left them lonely and alone.

Those efforts—during my early teaching years—made me question my priorities. Was this any way to meet the learning needs of the entire class? Were efforts to free the isolated from their isolation disproportionate, time-consuming? Were they fair?

Any teacher who has ever succeeded in freeing even one child from the ghetto of loneliness knows

the answer. Yes. Emphatically yes. But every teacher also knows that the chances of liberating such students diminish as enrollments escalate. Theodore Sizer, author of *Horace's Compromise*, explains why: "The ultimate stuff of school is not test scores, or catching up with the Japanese or beating the Russians. It is people—struggling, unpredictable, even messy individuals. You can love them all, but you have to take them one by one."

Exactly. One by one. But that's tough going. We have in our midst an array of students who, like the lonely child, seem almost to resist us. Children who are groping to cope with a strange new world, a world often devoid of the warm family feeling and community support that sustained earlier generations of young people.

Our classrooms serve well over a million children of divorce, more than 12 million children who live with only one parent, a million victims of child abuse, spiraling numbers of children who are hungry and malnourished, children whose daydreams are nightmares of nuclear annihilation.

How do we, as teachers, reach these children? How do we offer affirmation to young people whose life has been a series of rejection notices?

Under the best of circumstances, the challenge is awesome. Under present circumstances, it's almost impossible. When the typical secondary teacher must try to understand 120 adolescents, when primary teachers must divide their time among 30 budding personalities, then the odds against those whom the odds have always been against become greater. And everyone suffers. Education suffers.

Overcrowded classes can undercut even the most caring intentions and doom the most well-crafted lesson plans. The statistics don't tell us that. They don't tell us of the damage to young hearts—and minds. They don't tell us how badly the crowded classroom frustrates teachers' efforts to reach every child, to teach every child...one by one.

Greetings From Mt. Olive

brought the message. His subject was "Let's Go." The scripture was found in Matthew 28:20 and St. John 18:17-19.

Slaton, TX — Praise God and our dear Sister Craig who delivered our Sunday School lesson last Sunday about "The Judge of Life." It was talking about how the people in the city had their own law by judging their people but the book says: "He who casted the first stone sins."

Rev. C. C. Peoples, co. pastor.

Let's praise God for Sister Keishica Gibson. We thank God for bringing her out of darkness.

We want to praise God for his many blessings he brings to us each and everyday. We surely want to thank God for washing all our tears away. We surely have joy and sweet relief in our life. Praise God for the good service. We had service at the Free Will Baptist Church where we sung God's praises.

We heard a truly good message which was delivered by Rev. Wilson who preached on "Lord, Give Me One More Chance." He said a lot of time we don't get a second chance very often.

We also give praise to God for having our hatrons meeting in Crosbyton on February 2, 1985.

We enjoyed the services in the Baptist Training Union (BTU) last Sunday evening. Each teacher had a class to teach and Sister Equilla Peoples talked about the Apostles in the first chapter of Acts.

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How Does Value Clarification Work??? The Children Must. (Continue next week)

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