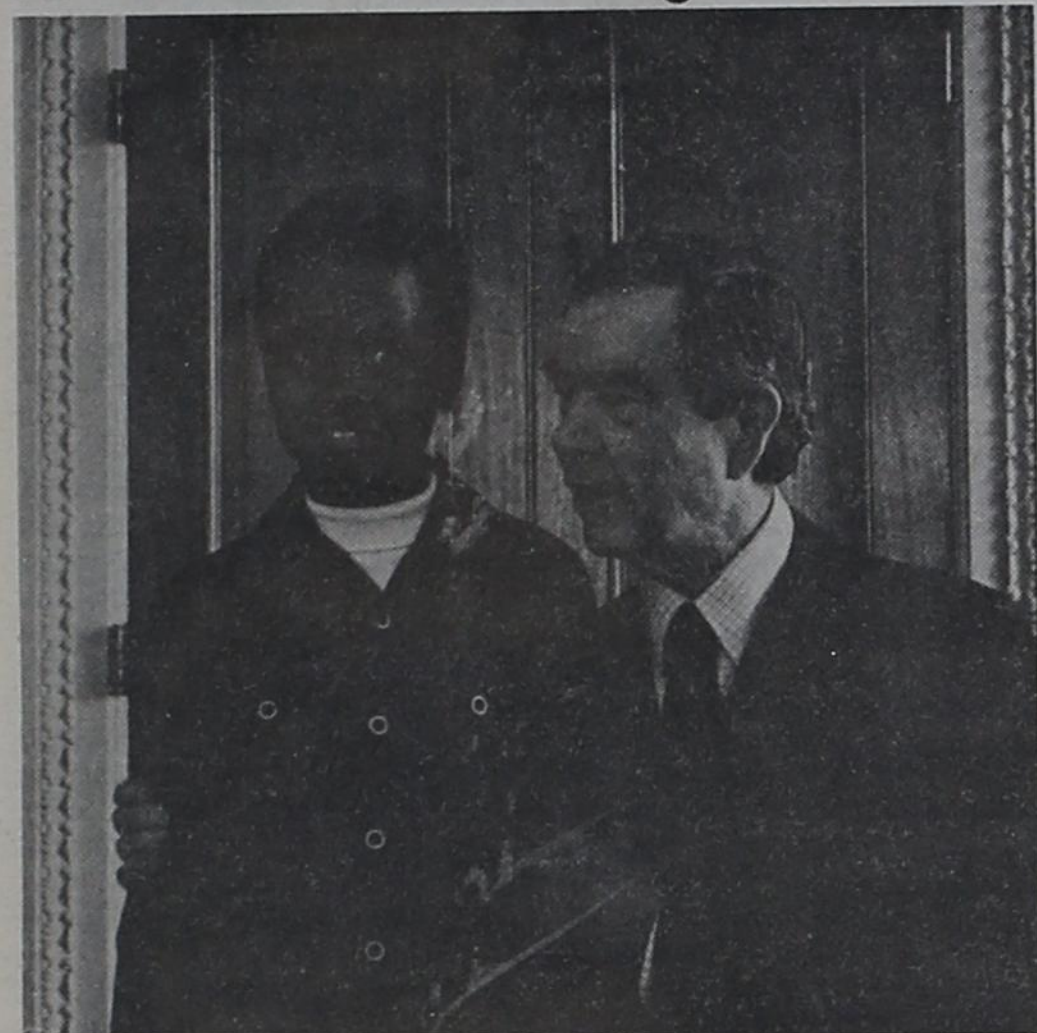


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Lowell Deo Visits Congressman



Lowell Deo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Deo, took advantage of the spring break by visiting Congressman George Mahon in Washington D.C. Lowell said visiting Congressman Mahon was one of the highlights of his trip.

He also enjoyed visiting the House of Representatives while it was in session, a trip through George Washington's house, a visit to the Smithsonian Institute, and fishing in the Potomac River.

He said he did not catch any fish, however.

Lowell Deo is a fifth grader at Wheatley Elementary School.

"I would love to work in Washington," he told his mother after he returned from his trip.

Community Services Commission Election Set Here Saturday

Residents of three areas in the city of Lubbock will have an opportunity to elect their representatives to the Community Services Commission (CSC) on Saturday, April 10.

The CSC will funnel a long-awaited grant into three neighborhood programs beginning in mid-April. Based on a funding grant of \$104,400 for a twelve month period, CSC anticipates receiving about \$42,000 for the balance of the fiscal year which ends September 30, 1976.

Low income areas of the city have been divided into six target areas, with a citizen representing

each. Three representatives will be elected on Saturday. Candidates are:

AREA I—(Northeast Lubbock north of Parkway Drive and east of Amarillo Highway): Juan Alamanza, incumbent, of 702 East Standford Avenue, city sanitation employee; James R. Gilmore of 2637 East Auburn Ave., pastor of the Parkway Church of the Nazarene; and Majorie Scales of 1917 East Colgate Avenue.

AREA II—(North Lubbock north of 4th Street between Avenue Q and Quaker Ave.): Benny Brito, incumbent, of 2422 Baylor, and a student at Texas Tech University. He is also an assistant director of the Catholic Welfare Bureau in Lubbock. He is running unopposed.

AREA IV—(East of Quirt Avenue between 19th Street and Parkway Drive): Lorenzo Sedeno, incumbent, of 408 Vanda Avenue, an insurance salesman; McKinley Shephard, of 3417 East 16th Street, a student at Texas Tech University; and Ramon Hernandez, 1714 Teak Avenue, an auto body worker.

Write-in votes for persons not listed on the ballot are also permitted.

Polling places are: Area I will vote at George C. Woods Community Center on North Zenith Avenue; Area II will vote in Rodgers Community Center at 3200 Amherst; Area IV will vote at Fire Station No. 5, 918 Zenith Avenue.

Voting hours will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A class action suit to bring a federal court decision on the present system of city government will be refiled, a Lubbock attorney said Monday.

Gene Gaines, author of the suit, said he will ask federal court Judge Halbert O. Woodward to rule on the legality of Lubbock's at large system of city government. Gaines last Thursday filed a suit requesting that the federal court halt Saturday's city election because the present at-large system of city government discriminates against minorities.

In that suit, the attorney asked the judge to convene a special three judge appeals panel to hear the case.

Woodward last Friday denied the attorney's request to enjoin the election but said he would entertain briefs from the various parties as to why the appeals

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At Large System of Council: Does It Represent Everyone?

Last Thursday, a suit was filed in federal court asking that the then upcoming city election be halted because the present city government, the at large system of representation, discriminates against minorities. A similar suit had been filed in Tyler, Texas last month which stopped the city election there.

But what is the at large system, and why is it charged with being discriminatory?

The city receives its jurisdiction from the state of Texas through a charter. The charter dictates the city's authority, its responsibilities, and the nature of the elected city government. Lubbock's charter provides for four council members, one of whom is designated as the mayor pro tem, and a mayor. The mayor pro tem is charged with acting in the mayor's capacity whenever the mayor is not present at a council meeting.

Council members and the mayor are elected by a city wide vote. There are, however, no residency requirements for positions on the council or for the mayor's seat other than the candidate must live within the city limits.

The suit filed with the federal court contends that blacks and
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Runoff Scheduled for Place II

Voters Elect Bass, McAlister to Posts

by Richard Mason

The final week of what had been a relatively quiet city election ended last Friday in a flurry of law suits against the city, the mayor, and finally the election itself.

But controversy did not end with the Saturday election. The Place II council seat remained contested while the winner of Place IV faced a possible law suit and the threat of a complaint to the Federal Communications Commission over the way his television station allegedly mishandled political advertisements.

Incumbent Roy Bass handily defeated Sandra Cleaver for the mayor's seat in Saturday's election, while Bill McAllister, general manager of KMCC-TV, won the Place IV council seat over restaurateur Roger Loter and businessman Hulén J. Penney. Incumbent Carolyn Jordan and businessman Roy Middleton will face each other in an April 27th runoff for the Place II council seat.

Roger Loter Monday accused Bill McAllister and KMCC-TV of "dirty tricks reminiscent to

Nixon-style politics" in the way KMCC allegedly mishandled his political advertisements. The television station gave preferential air time to McAllister's political ads, mispronounced his name in newscasts, and failed to run bilingual ad, Loter contended.

The owner and general manager of La Fonda del Sol restaurant said he would "file a formal protest with the Federal Communications Commission," and left the door open for a potential civil suit between himself and KMCC-TV. Loter said he had intended to file the complaint regardless of the election's outcome.

In a Monday afternoon press conference, McAllister labeled Loter's allegations as "ill conceived," and said they were "the result of disappointment rising out of a sound defeat." McAllister said the advertising agency handling Loter's campaign "expressed overall satisfaction" with the way the station handled the account.

Dissatisfaction with the present

city system of government was expressed last Thursday in a class action suit filed in Federal Court.

Gene Gaines, a Lubbock attorney, said the at large system of city government violates the right of due process and equal protection under the law guaranteed by the 14th Amendment. Gaines petitioned federal Judge Halbert O. Woodward to halt the election and convene a three judge panel to hear the case.

Woodward denied the request to enjoin the election because there "does not appear sufficient cause for the court to delay the election and thereby wipe out and cancel the efforts of those who have campaigned for such positions."

Judge Woodward's order said the three court judge "will not be convened at this time," but he would ask the parties to submit briefs to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on why the court house hear the case.

Gaines said Monday he would ask Judge Woodward to hear the case himself. Similar cases have been tried against city governments in Paris, Texas, and Dallas, Gaines said. In Tyler, Texas, a federal court enjoined a city election.

Sandra Cleaver late Thursday filed suit against the city of Lubbock to prevent the sale of bonds for improving the city's electric power system. (See story on the council's reaction). Cleaver also asked that she be permitted to take office if Roy Bass is convicted of a misdemeanor in the city's handling of the 1973 bond issue. At that time, voters passed an \$18.8 million dollar bond issue for "extending or improving, or both, the city's electric power system."

Cleaver contends "the city has diverted and manipulated its capital projects funds from one account to another to create appearances of solvency on the sale of other general revenue bonds."

The former employee of the General Electric Credit Corporation said the city listed \$18,000, \$26,000 and \$22,000 as expenses for the sale of bonds "when such
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Council Cancels Sale of Bonds

City council Monday cancelled the sale of \$4.4 million in bonds to raise money for improving the city's power supply system, and instructed the city attorney's office to investigate possible countersuits for damages against those who have suits currently pending on the city if the suits are found to be "frivolous litigation."

The action came in response to two lawsuits filed within the past three weeks asking local courts to halt the further sale of electric revenue bonds.

The move postpones the final sale of the remaining \$4.4 million in revenue bonds approved by city voters in April, 1974. The city has sold more than \$13 million of the original \$18 million bond issue. The sale of general obligation bonds April 8th will not be affected.

In mid-March, James Marshall, a Lubbock businessman, filed a class action suit against the city to halt the further sale of electric bonds, claiming the ordinances authorizing the bond sale were not

in compliance with the city's charter.

The ordinances do not detail how the money raised from the sale will be spent, an action which the charter requires, Marshall contends. Furthermore, the original ordinances were altered after they were passed by the council, his suit said.

Marshall's suit was followed two weeks later by a suit from a former candidate for the mayor's seat who contends "the city has diverted and manipulated" the \$13 million in bond money raised so far.

Sandra Cleaver has charged the city with using the funds to cover other deficits in the city including the civic center and the airport. Cleaver also contends that general operating funds have been used to finance the Lubbock Power and Light deficit.

In addition, she asks to be appointed mayor if the current mayor, Roy Bass, is found guilty of a misdemeanor in handling records on how the bond money was spent.

EDITORIALS

Now A Change for City's At-Large Government

Last Thursday afternoon, Gene Gaines, a Lubbock attorney, petitioned the federal courts to halt the upcoming city election, claiming the "at-large" system of city government here is unconstitutional.

"The at-large system contained therein dilutes and makes ineffective the voter strength of blacks or any other minorities confined to a particular segment of the city," Gaines contends.

The suit takes on more significance when compared to similar court actions in at least two other Texas cities. Both Paris and Dallas, Texas, have had their at-large systems of city government declared unconstitutional—and a more recent decision in Tyler, Texas, has stopped a city election there.

Opponents of this suit, and the others, say other alternative forms of city government—namely the ward or district system—tend to encourage corruption.

If this charge is true, we at the *Times* respectfully request that our county, state, and federal systems of representative government be abolished. They all operate under the premise of district representation—or in another sense of the word, through the ward system. We feel, however, that attempts to label the ward system of government potentially evil draws attention away from the underlying issue: under our present form of city government here in Lubbock, blacks and chicanos—as well as many unrepresented whites—are disenfranchised from any effective voice in city hall because they represent a minority segment of the total population.

Retaining the present form of government would tell the average, observant, citizen that the attitude of racism which once prevented blacks in this city from living west of Avenue H has not been eradicated. Even though the 1964 Civil Rights Act made those "Jim Crow" laws null and void, the attitude of most Southwest Lubbockites has not been changed. Unfortunately it appears that it will take a federal appeals court to give local blacks and chicanos a voice in city hall.

We at the *Times* hope the present suit will encourage the city to take the necessary steps to reform. The alternative, one which is less than acceptable to West Texans—of all color and ethnic background—is that the federal government will determine what type of government we have here locally in our city.

Fair Housing Is American Idea

Title VIII, Civil Rights Act of 1968 states very clearly: "It is the policy of the United States to provide, within Constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States." This month, April, is Fair Housing Month and America should adhere to that policy.

Today, eight full years have elapsed since the passage of the 1968 Civil Rights Act and as we look about us, we see that the succinct language of its fair housing provision has been too little recognized by many Americans.

Behind the letter of the law there is an underlying spirit which should appeal to the humanity of all of us. Simply stated, all Americans have the right to live where they choose, when they choose, for as long as they can afford to do so, and each of us should promote and safeguard that right for all others. This is not just a simple tenet of democracy, it is a human canon as well. In the eight years since 1968, we have placed our interests and priorities in many areas. Practices and procedures that once divided the nation into enclaves of bigotry, smugness, and frustration have often been quietly put aside on the premise that all Americans can and must live, work, and play together.

One expects that a nation and its people would manifest a certain maturity after 200 years. We are seeing part of that maturity. Yet, at this time and on the promise of fair housing, which is to say equal access to housing, we have not yet shown the full wisdom and understanding to accompany our years.

With this month being "Fair Housing Month," areas like Hub Homes and Green Fair Manor Apartments should be fairly upgraded for all its tenants. If we are to fulfill this dream of fairness for all Americans, regardless of station in

life, these kinds of areas must be given the fair treatment also.

Anyway, among the many promises we make in this bicentennial year, let us include the following: fair housing is an American idea: let us all work—as individuals as well as members of the American community—to make fair housing a realized ideal for all Americans.

"As I See It"

by T.J. Patterson

Efforts are being made by city hall to find qualified minority individuals to become fire fighters for the city. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the department should take advantage of this opportunity.

In order to qualify for the fire department, you must be between the ages of 18 and 34, have a high school diploma or the equivalent, and be in good physical condition.

Those interested in applying for the job have until April 30th at 5 p.m. to submit their application. The test is Saturday, May 8.

The people in city hall—at the urging of the federal government—have done their part to provide opportunities. Now it is up to the minority communities to do something about it.

In the past election, some of the school board candidates discussed the need to build an additional school in southwest Lubbock. The plan is also in the mind of a few present members of the board of trustees. This write hopes these people will consider a few things.

For example, a document recently published by the Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) on school enrollments through 1985, shows that fall enrollments in elementary and secondary public schools are expected to decline for at least six more years.

Enrollments peaked in 1970-71 when 51.3 million pupils attended public schools. Since then, the number of children enrolled in elementary schools has declined. The HEW projection says the decline should taper off in 1982-83 at about 44.5 million students.

According to the report, the number of students graduating from high school within the next decade will decrease from 3.1 million to 2.7 million.

However, additional data reveals that the number of teachers has increased from 1.8 million to 2.3 million in the past decade and is expected to remain the same through 1984.

There is talk among some board members of closing Dunbar High School because of declining enrollments—almost in the same breath that these people use to speak of building another school for southwest Lubbock residents. This writer wonders why additional moneys

need to be spent to build another school when the facilities already present are not being fully utilized.

It costs less money—less of your money—to redistrict so that schools like Dunbar can continue.

Those 943 votes cast in Box 6 (Alderson Junior High School) and Box 20 (Ella Iles Elementary School) could decide who will be the city council person in Place 2 on the City Council. No matter what anyone says, minorities will determine, if they go to the polls in the run-off election Tuesday, April 27, who will get the post.

This writer believes more persons from Boxes 6 and 20 should have gone to the polls, but it didn't happen.

Incumbent Carolyn Jordan and her challenger, Roy Middleton (who beat her by more than a 1,000 votes) will have to make good sense, this time around, to the minority population of Lubbock if they want the vote.

The Editor
West Texas Times

The Earned Income Tax Credit was signed into law by President Ford in 1975. It allows low-income workers with at least one dependent child to receive payment of an earned income tax credit in some instances of up to \$400. It requires the filing of either the 1040 or 1040A Tax Form.

If the worker has a gross earned income of \$4,000, he is entitled to receive the full credit of \$400.

Should it be less than \$4,000, the earned income tax credit would be ten percent of the earnings. Suppose this amounted to \$3,200, the earned income tax credit would be \$320.

However, should it amount to \$6,200, the ten percent would be computed on the amount exceeding the \$4,000 base which would amount to \$2,200x.10=\$220. subtracted from \$400, would allow an earned income tax credit of \$180.

If while reading the above, the reader becomes aware he was entitled to the above and has already filed the tax form, according to the EOD Weekly newsletter #433 dated March 5, 1976, he may expect notice from the IRS that the computer indicates his eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit. A questionnaire will be sent to be completed which is being accepted as "the amended return."

A person would be considered eligible for the Earned Income Credit if he received less than \$8,000 total income during 1975 that included salary, wages, tips, or other employee compensation, he maintained a home in the United States for himself and at least one dependent child for the entire year; and, the dependent child was under 19 years of age or a full-time student.

Married taxpayers must file a joint income tax return in order to be able to claim this Earned Income Credit.

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JACK ANDERSON'S WEEKLY SPECIAL

U.S. YOUTHS IN FOREIGN PRISONS
SET UP BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT

by Jack Anderson with Jack Spear
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Washington—We've received several complaints from parents whose youngsters have been thrown into foreign jails on drug charges. We've investigated some of these complaints, and we don't like what we've learned.

The ugly truth is that young Americans are being locked up around the world, often without cause. In many countries, they have been beaten and abused. Their belongings have been seized. And they have been subjected to threats and extortion.

There's no question about it. We've received letters smuggled out of the prisons. We've examined dozens of State Department cables on the subject. Finally, we went to Mexico to talk to Americans behind bars.

But that isn't the worst of the story. These young Americans were set up by their own government. Here are the details:

Back in 1971, President Nixon issued urgent order to stop the flow of drugs into the United States. There's no question this was a serious problem. He singled out 60 major drug trafficking nations for special pressure.

The State Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, even the Central Intelligence Agency began bearing down on these governments. As one source put it, "You can't believe the pressure we put on the other governments to stop the dope traffic."

The pressure was accompanied with financial offers. This year alone, the United States is pumping over \$45 million into foreign narcotics agencies. The U.S. also began stationing DEA men in foreign countries. At this moment, 227 American narcotics agents are scattered through 41 nations.

Gradually, the foreign authorities began to cooperate. But unfortunately, they picked up few major smugglers. Instead, they cracked down on young people, many of them Americans, who were suspected of drug use.

Today, there are more than 3,000 U.S. citizens in foreign jails. And each day, a dozen more are slammed behind bars. State Department sources have acknowledged that most Americans who have been arrested on drug charges are completely innocent or are carrying only a little pot for their personal use. Their arrests are unreasonable by American standards.

But because of the pressure from Washington to break up the narcotics trade, to quote another source, "an American kid in a foreign country has become an easy mark." He may spend years in a stark, filthy, overseas jail.

All the while, the State Department has been urging the local authorities to crack down on drug abuse. This makes

it awkward for our embassies to go back to the same authorities and complain about the detention of American citizens.

So those caught in the coils of foreign police can expect little more from the State Department than a polite inquiry.

Congressional Follies: There are more than 19,000 bills in the legislative hopper on Capitol Hill. Most members of Congress introduce bills for a legitimate purpose. But some congressmen introduce them simply to please constituents, to placate critics, to make a philosophical point or, on occasion, to get a persistent nut off their backs.

Congress is officially considering bills to establish national halibut week, UHF-TV week, peanut butter-and-milk week and asparagus week, to name just a few of the commemorative dates you probably will never hear of again.

There has been a deluge of Bicentennial bills. One would allow an enterprising group of citizens to build a patriotic "We the People" ice sculpture on the Capitol grounds.

Our favorite bill was written by a congressman who wanted President Ford to avoid assassination. The bill is called "The Better Part of Valor" constitutional amendment. It provides for "common sense" in the presidency. The bill states: "No person shall be President of the United States who shall not have enough sense to come out of the rain of bullets."

Royal Romancers: Jordan's dapper King Hussein was recently in the United States to hold solemn talks with President Ford.

Newsmen watched him more closely than usual because of the House Intelligence Committee's charge that the CIA once provided a prostitute for Hussein in Los Angeles. It wasn't quite that sordid. Here's what really happened:

The CIA arranged for a Hollywood lawyer to throw a party in the King's honor. The lawyer invited filmdom's stars and starlets to the party. The dashing King took a fancy to one aspiring actress. With the help of American officials, he arranged to have her return with him to Jordan.

It wasn't the first time that U.S. officials have helped an Arab potentate pick up a girl. Several months ago, Saudi Arabia's Prince Fahd took a fancy to a beautiful White House press secretary.

The Prince invited her to accompany him to London. She coyly demurred, saying she had no passport. At 4:30 the following morning, she was roused out of bed by a State Department messenger who brought her a passport.

Cuban Crisis: Both President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger have warned Cuba to halt its African adventure.

The President told senators privately that a special group is "studying all options"—if Cuba continues to interfere in African affairs. Our own sources say the most likely option would be a blockade to stop Cuban troops from going to Africa.

Yet at the same time that the President is threatening Cuba with military action, the Navy is considering a drastic cutback of its activities in Key West, Fla. The Naval Air Station at Key West was vital to the 1962 blockade of Cuba.

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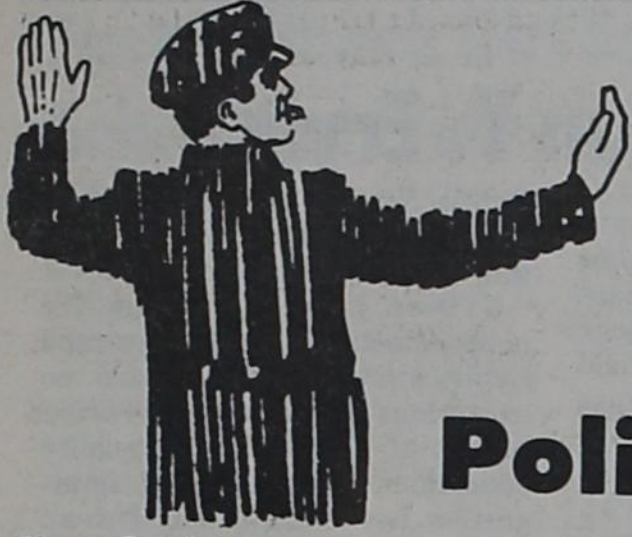
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Police Beat

House Burglary

Ellis Johnson, 2710 East 2nd Street, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown broke into his house one day last week.

Once inside, the burglars took a television set and a stereo and 8-track tape set.

Theft Over \$20, Under \$200

Lenious Johnson, 1730 East Cornell Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown took two wire-spoke type hubcaps off the rear of his 1974 model car.

These hubcaps were valued at approximately \$80.

It is believed that a sharp instrument was used as there were scratch marks on the wheels.

Criminal Mischief and Assault

An eleven-year-old girl, who was assaulted by a 17-year-old fellow last week, was shot with a B.B. gun one day last week.

Her mother reported to Lubbock police that the young fellow shot all of the windows out of her apartment in east Lubbock. He also, according to the police report, shot the windshield out of her 1962 car.

Not only did he shoot the windows and the girl, but he chased the girl and another girl over to a lady's house up the street.

Attempted Burglary

Haskell Johnson, 3305 East Colgate Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown attempted to enter his place of business at 1701 East 34th Street, one day last week.

Entry was attempted through a door. A large pry mark was observed below the door lock.

House Burglary

Jo Nell Johnson, 3310 East Bates Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown entered her house by knocking the plywood off the rear garage door and unlocking the door.

Missing from the house was a \$375 stereo, and three 8-track tape decks valued at \$110.

It is believed that exit was made through the rear garage door.

Attempted Car Burglary

Surlester Hereford, 3102 East Auburn, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown opened the right door and set off the alarm to his car.

"I believe the alarm did scare off the intruder and he left," said

Hereford.

There were no visible signs of forced entry.

Theft Over \$20, Under \$200

Lucille Jackson, 3413 East Cornell Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown took four hubcaps from his car one night last week.

The hubcaps were valued at approximately \$40.

Around The Hub City

Among the Lubbockites who attended funeral services for Presiding Elder Leon McNeil last Friday at Midland were Rev. and Mrs. A.W. Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. Nathaniel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Woods, Mr. and Mrs. George Woods, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Struggs, Mrs. Dorothy Nash, Dr. and Mrs. Heenan Johnson, Mrs. Helen Johnson, Mrs. M. Terrell, Mrs. Sammie Nelson, Mr. Willie Blocker, Revs. A.L. Dunn, R.S. Stanley, S.R. Roberts, and Andrew Ross. Also L.G. Porter, Darrell and perhaps others of the community.

Mrs. Nellie Truesdale of Waco, Texas, and her sister, Mrs. Lucile Mims of Grapevine, Texas, spent last weekend here as guest of their sister, Mrs. Josephine Smothers and husband, George. They had an opportunity to attend the anniversary program of the Federation of Choirs and enjoyed it immensely. While here, they were dinner guest of Mrs. Maurine Long. Others sharing the meal were Mrs. Nelda Jackson,

Mrs. Ollie Jackson and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rosie Felton. They left for their home Sunday night.

Mrs. Josephine Smothers is recuperating from a serious illness. She was the victim several weeks ago. Her husband, George, is still unable to resume his work since he suffered an arm injury last December on the job at Lubbock Municipal Airport.

Mrs. Bobbie Patterson, sophomore counselor at Texas Tech University in the College of Business Administration, attended a higher education meeting in Houston, Texas, for black educators this week.

Mrs. Vertie "Baby" Cadwells left last week via Braniff airlines for her home in San Francisco, California, after spending more than two weeks here with a sister who has been ill. Another sister, Mrs. Sug Johnson and family, was glad to see her. Mrs. C.B. Williams is reportedly improving slowly, but is much better.

Rev. and Mrs. A.W. Wilson, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, traveled to Midland this week to attend a continuing education seminar for the A.M.E. Church.

E-2 Hillary Hutchinson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hillary S. Hutchinson, visited in the Hub City last week. He is presently stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, with the U.S. Army. He says he will either be stationed in Germany or Korea after he completes his advanced infantry training (AIT). He is a graduate of Estacado High School.

The Senior Choir of Mount Gilead Baptist Church will present a song service, "The Old Ship of Zion," Sunday evening, April 11, at seven. The public is invited to attend and worship with them. The group promises the public a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. Bessie Cox received message that her mother, Mrs. Simmons, had a relapse at her home in Ripley, Mississippi and

Sheppard "Turkey" Robinson Named Senior Citizen of the Week Monday

Sheppard (Turkey) Robinson, 1520 Teak Avenue, was named Senior Citizen of the Week for the Texas Tech Program for Older Texans last week.

Shep has lived in Lubbock County for 55 years. He attends the program regularly since its beginning in February.

An example of his interest and involvement was shown when he donated a miniature grandfather clock to the center.

Everybody appreciates Shep. "Things are never dull when he's around," said a member of the



group.

had to be returned to the hospital at Tupola, Mississippi.

Mrs. Homer Avery left Lubbock Friday evening to attend the wedding of their son, Mr. Willie Avery to Miss Janice McDonald in Waco. Accompanying her on the trip was her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Lewis, her niece Mrs. Ruby Moore and Miss Nell Grant. After leaving the wedding they went to Ft. Worth and Dallas to visit relatives. They returned to Waco to attend services at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where Rev. Vonzell Baucham is pastor. The trip was very enjoyable.

Mr. Fred McQuinney is resting satisfactorily at Methodist Hospital after undergoing surgery which has been inevitable several weeks. His many friends are happy about his improvement.

The leaders of Troop 139, Boy Scouts of A.M.E. Church, spent

Saturday, March 27, at Camp Post, Texas, attending a Show-and-meeting. Those making the trip were Greg Loggins, senior patrol leader; Thomas James Patterson, Jr., assistant senior patrol leader; Steve Jones, scribe; John McCormick, librarian; Leroy Adams, patrol leader; and Jeff Austin, assistant patrol leader. All enjoyed their trip. Hal Fletcher, scoutmaster; and Duane Parker, assistant scoutmaster, made the trip with the fellows.

The laugh is the most powerful of voice weapons.

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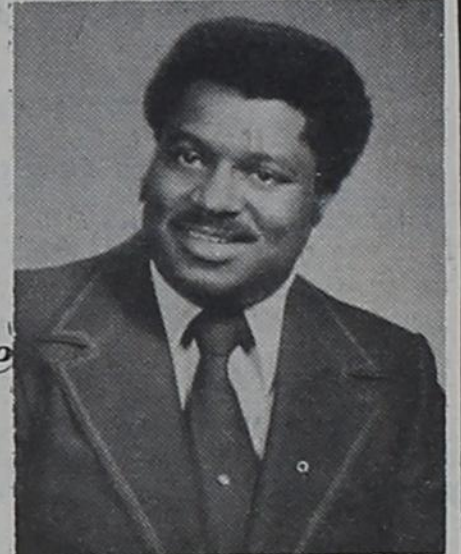
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LUBBOCK'S COMMUNITY SERVICES

A year ago, the City of Lubbock established by City Ordinance the Community Services Department, and its advisory board the Community Services Commission, to conduct the "anti-poverty" programs for Lubbock. Almost a year to the date from its formation, the Department's executive director, Archibald Bottoms, announced that Lubbock's Community Services has been approved as a Community Action Agency by the Federal Community Services Administration. This means, according to Bottoms, that the program activities proposed by the Department and its Commission have received official approval, and that the funding from federal sources will begin in mid-April (the contract calls for funding of \$104,400 for a twelve month period).

The programs activities approved for Community Services includes the establishment of three neighborhood centers in the low-income areas of Lubbock, from which extensive outreach services involving counseling, information and referral, and escort & transportation services will be provided to the needy. The Community Services concept, evolved from the old O.E.O. programs, is based upon service determined largely by the needs of the poor as they themselves indicate in regularly conducted surveys.

Before applying for designation as a Community Action Agency, Community Services had to complete a survey of the needs of the poor in Lubbock County. Priority needs shown in this survey taken last summer were: housing, health care, and employment. The programs developed by Community Services will address these priorities, primarily by means of direct services.

Community Services, established by City ordinance, receives central office space in City Hall, and certain departmental services such as those afforded by the City's Personnel and Accounting departments, from the City. However, no local tax funds as such are to be diverted to Community Services use, and the latter's programs and activities will depend upon state and federal grants.

Although little has been accomplished on the public level, Community Services has not been idle during its first year. The executive director was hired last May, and with the guidance and assistance of the Commission, he spent the first six months in preparing the documents and conducting the survey in order to present the application for federal funding. Delay occurred as apparent conflicts developed between local government philosophy and federal bureaucracy; shortly after the first of the year these problems were resolved, and the programs proposed by Community Services were approved; however, yet another delay developed over legal technicalities which involved adapting state constitutional provisions to federal requirements at the local level. These last difficulties were ironed out last week by the City's Legal Department and the Dallas office of CSA. According to Bottoms, "We're ready to roll, now!"

Community Services has already been functioning since January on the basis of two modest contracts with the State and a work agreement with the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). As a result of an \$18,000 annual contract with the State Department of Public Welfare, an \$8,000 annual contract with the Texas Department of Public Welfare, and the CETA provision of four workers, Community Services has been able to field eight outreach workers, who are going out into the low-income areas of Lubbock and adjoining areas in Lubbock county to provide assistance in applying for food stamps and other available public assistance.

The Community Services Commission plays a very important role in the Department's activities. The Commission decides the policies and plans the programs to be implemented by the Department. The Commission completed its first year of service on March 31. According to the City Ordinance establishing it, one half of the Commission's terms expire each year on March 31. The Commission is made up of eighteen members, six of whom are public officials, six representing private groups, and six elected from the low income areas of Lubbock. The six public officials and the six private groups are appointed by the City Council; the six elected representatives are elected by the target areas they represent. The City Council has reappointed A.C. Bowden (head of City-County Health Board) and Warner Sims (Lubbock Independent School District), and appointed Dr. Floyd Perry, Dean of Admissions, to represent

Texas Tech in place of Clyde Morganti. The City Council also reappointed the American Association of Retired Persons (represented by Edna Houghton), the Central Labor Council (represented by Curtis Chapman), and the Community Planning Council (represented by Tex Timberlake). Elections for the three spots on the board for elected representatives will take place next week, Saturday, April 10. Elected representatives completing their term are Benny Brito, Juan Alamanza, and Lorenzo Sedeno. Commission members whose terms expire next year, and therefore continuing on the board are Mayor Roy Bass, Fire Chief Tom Foster, and Judge Rod Shaw of the public officials; Rev. Howard Cupp (Lubbock Ministers' Association), Marion Key (Chamber of Commerce), and Dr. Harvie Pruitt (Lubbock Christian College); elected representatives: Lynda DeShazo, Carlos A. Quirino, Sr. and Marshall Taylor.

Bottoms said: "Now that we've finally gotten all the preliminaries behind us, we have every expectation of getting into full swing with our various programs during the coming twelve months. People can hardly be blamed for looking askance at us, since these past twelve months have not contrived to our public image. We're not going to engage in flowery promises or lofty rhetoric; we simply ask people to wait and see, and judge us by the results of our program which is only now getting off the ground."

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ELECTION

On Saturday, April 10, 1976, there will be an election to fill three vacancies on the Community Services Commission, the advisory board of the Community Services Department of the City of Lubbock. Community Services aims to help the poor of the City of Lubbock through various federal and state programs.

Three area representatives will be elected, one each from the following areas: (1) target area I in northeast Lubbock, north of Parkway Drive and east of the U.S. Highway 87 and the Santa Fe tracks; (2) target area II in north Lubbock, north of Fourth Street between Avenue Q and Quaker; (3) target area IV, in east Lubbock, east of Quirt between Parkway Drive and 19th Street.

Term of office is two years from April 1. Candidates must be 18 years of age by April 1. To be named on the ballot, candidates must have the support of at least 25 citizens over 18 years of age in the target area he/she seeks to represent. Write-in candidates will be allowed. A nominee whose name is placed on the ballot may be reimbursed up to \$15 for campaign expenses; requests for which, along with evidence of expenditures, must be made to the Community Services Department no later than one week following the election.

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James R. Gilmore
Marjorie Scales

VOTING AREA IV

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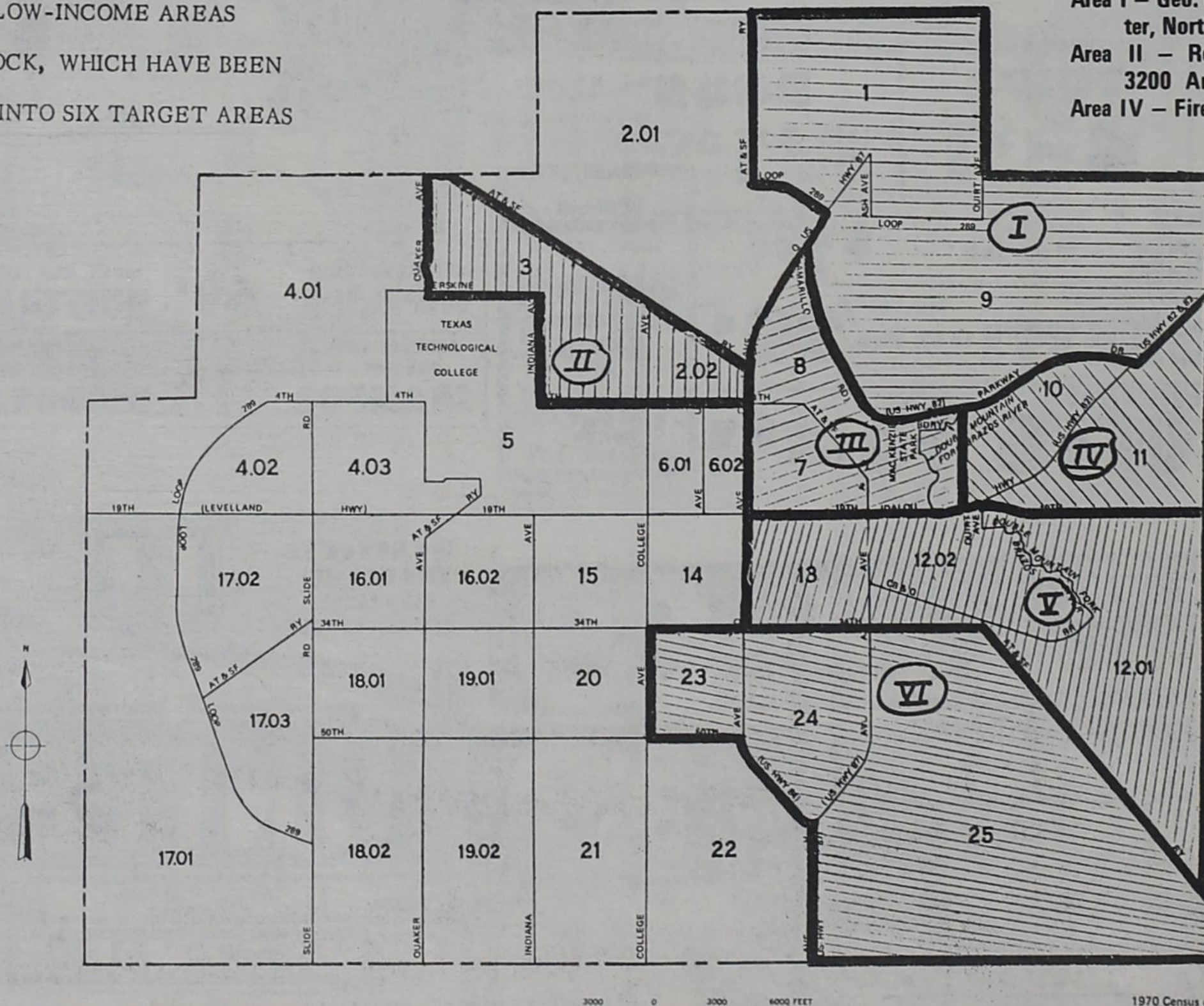
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Benny Brito

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VOTING PLACES FOR THE APRIL 10th ELECTION
Area I - Geo. C. Woods Community Center, North Zenith Avenue
Area II - Rogers Community Center, 3200 Amherst
Area IV - Fire Station No. 5, 918 Zenith



Attorney Requests . . .

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panel should be convened.

"There does not appear sufficient cause for the court to delay the election and thereby wipe out and cancel the efforts of those who have campaigned for such positions," Woodward said in his order.

The order also said the three judge court "will not be convened at this time, but the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit will ask the various parties to submit their briefs in respect to the three judge court hearing the case."

The judge said the matter is a local one and does not involve state-wide statutes or practices.

Gaines told the Times Monday afternoon that rather than submit an additional brief, he would ask Judge Woodward to rule on the suit himself.

Earlier the attorney said the suit stood on "good constitutional grounds."

"Precedent has been set by a similar suit in Tyler which enjoined the city from holding an election," Gaines said. "The suit gives the city of Lubbock an opportunity to take the initiative to submit a plan. If they don't do it, the court will have to," he said.

The suit contends that the present at large system of city government "dilutes and makes ineffective the voter strength of blacks or any other minority confined to a particular segment of the city."

By doing so, the at-large system denies minorities the right of due process and equal protection from the laws guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, Gaines said in his brief.

The suit also contends that the at-large system of city government is in conflict with the 10th Amendment which gives a legislating body the authority to make laws "only because it has the duty and the power to represent all of the people."

The suit said, too, that the present method of voting in city elections violates the right to a secret ballot. Citizens cast their votes on an open table in city elections.

The brief asking Judge Woodward to hear the will be filed within the next week, Gaines said.

Voters Elect . . .

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expenses are for the costs of transporting elected officials and others on excursions to New York and other financial centers, which are not proper expenditures."

Another suit to prevent the city from selling the bonds was filed March 18 by James Marshall.

Day Care Board Member Loves Kids



The woman felt a special joy by being around children. Their smiles made her smile, and she knew of that innocence one finds in the eyes of a child. To her, it inspired a calmness.

"I love kids and hope one day to be a grandmother," Kate Noble, a board member of the Lubbock Day Care Center Association, said.

The calmness is particularly important to her. For besides being a member of the day care association, she is also a board member on the Lubbock Chapter of the American Heart Association, a vice president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and a member of the parish board

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At Large System . . .

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chicanos, because they represent a minority segment of the total population, are excluded from representation on the council. As voters, they are outnumbered. Conceivably, a homogenous section of the city with a large population block could dominate the city council.

At this time, the mayor and three council members live around Indiana Avenue, west of University, south of 43rd Street, and north of the Loop. One council member lives a few blocks east of University on 56th Street.

Among the issues raised by the class action suit are whether residents from one small section of the city can effectively represent residents in the northern and eastern sections of the city. Can they represent the city as a whole?

The suit contends that blacks were segregated into eastern sections of the city by past laws, yet there was no provision for them to gain representation on the council because of their small numbers. The at large system favors a majority.

What are the alternatives? Suggestions have been made for expanding the city council, with additional members coming from

designated districts within the city. Other proposals include a ward or district system where the city is divided into equal population groups who elect their own representatives to the council. Candidates must live within the district. In all of these systems, the mayor would still run at large.

Opponents to any change in the present system of city government say that ward or district representation engenders corruption. Certainly this was true, in part, in the past when political bosses were able to control large groups of immigrants in turn of the century eastern metropolitan centers.

However, state and federal government currently operates under a district system of

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representation, as does many cities. Federal courts meanwhile have decided against the at large system in at least two Texas cities because it discriminates against minorities.

Unless the City of Lubbock voluntarily decides to change the present system of city government, the city's future form of elected representation and a voice on the council for blacks, chicanos, and other non-southwest Lubbock residents could rest in the hands of a federal court judge here in the city.

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Heroines of Jericho/Eastern Stars Hold Annual Program

The Heroines of Jericho and Order of the Eastern Stars will hold their annual Thanksgiving Services on Palm Sunday, April 11, at 3 p.m. at St. Matthew

Baptist Church, Rev. R.S. Stanley, pastor.

Appearing on the program will be the children of the Juvenile Department, Heroines of Jericho and Eastern Stars.

All Master Masons are asked to join these organization in their celebration. The public is also invited to attend and witness the program.

"We want the public to know more about this program so they can learn more about is," said a spokesperson.

Mrs. L.C. Struggs and Mrs. E.R. Walker will furnish the music.

Mrs. Grace Sullivan, matron of Heroines of Jericho; Mrs. Para Lee Bell, matron of Order of the Eastern Stars; and Mrs. Luella Harris is queen of juvenile department.

Lunch Bunch to View Excerpts From "Camelot"

April 13, the Library Lunch Bunch will be entertained by musical and dramatic excerpts from "Camelot," by the Texas Tech University Theatre players.

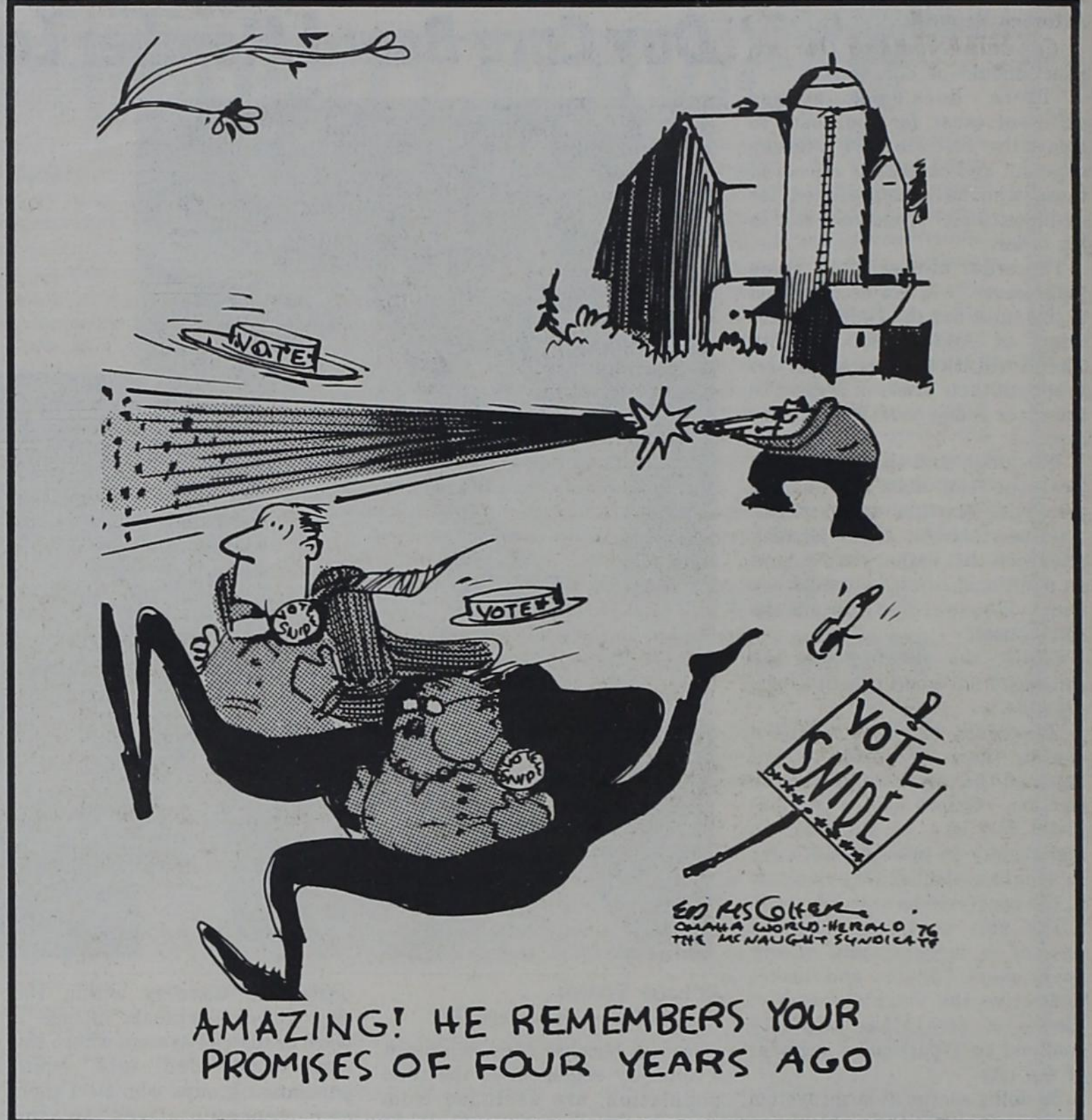
"Camelot" is a musical play by Lerner and Loewe which enjoyed a long run on Broadway with Richard Burton and Robert Goulet as Arthur and Lancelot, and later was made into a popular movie. The play is based on T.H. White's novel, *The Once and Future King*, and concerns the legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, and the ill-fated romance of Queen Guenevere and Sir Lancelot. The musical is set in medieval times, and is filled with beautiful costuming, settings, and a sense of enchantment and magic. "Camelot" will run at the University Theatre from April 22 to May 2.

Lunch Bunch is a free program which meets each Tuesday, from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Community Room at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street.

Rivers Community Choir to Sing Here

The well known U.L. Rivers Community Choir of Fort Worth, Texas, will appear on a program at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, April 11, at three. This program is being sponsored by the Mass Choir of the church.

"We would like to invite the public to come and hear this fantastic group," said Roscoe Adams, president.



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Appearing on the program with the group from Fort Worth will be Black Voices of Texas Tech University, directed by Ms. Helen Harris; and the Federation of Choirs, under the direction of Elder Levi Lenley.

Ms. Earnestine Dotsey is program chairman and Dr. Floyd Perry is minister.

Holy Week Celebration of Religious Art At St. John's United Methodist Church

Saint John's United Methodist Church, 15th and University, in Lubbock, is having a Celebration of Religious Art as a part of the Holy Week observance. The Exhibit will be open from Monday,

April 12, through Easter Sunday, April 18. Over twenty outstanding artists of the Lubbock area are being invited to participate. On Easter Sunday the artists will be honored with a reception and the general public is cordially invited to view the display of religious art and visit with the artists from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Garden.

The displays will include paintings, sculpture, needlepoint altar cushions, chrismons, stoles, jewelry, copper enamel, and other types of religious art. None of the art work will be for sale. The children and youth of the church are also being invited to display their art work in the halls of the church.

Individuals from other denominations and other United Methodist Churches are being invited to use this Celebration of Religious Art to add to the meaning and significance of Holy Week.

Saint John's is having Holy Week worship services at 7:30 each evening during the week of April 12-17 and is working with other United Methodist Churches in a Sunrise Easter Service in Tech Terrace Park in Lubbock at 6 a.m. on April 18.

If in doubt, do a favor for the person who refused to do one for you.

Day Care Member . . .

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And while the children spend their days in the centers, Mrs. Noble is an employee with the accounting department of Bell Telephone.

"The phone company encourages employees to get involved," she remarked.

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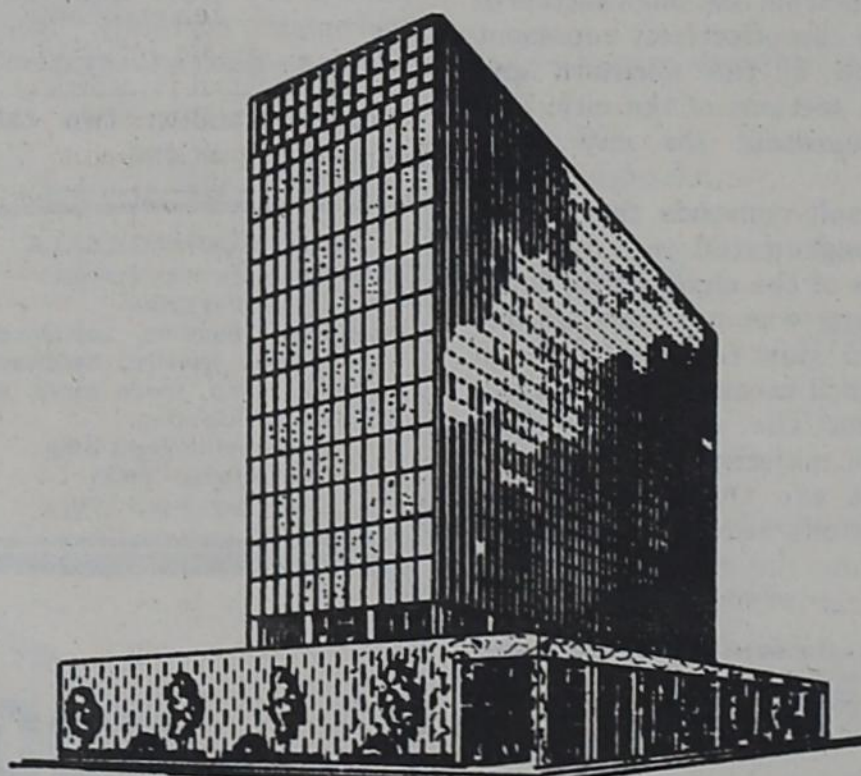
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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Sometimes the motion picture industry can do the darndest things! You'd think if you had a top production company release through a major studio, a top director (who is erratic at times), a top writer for the screenplay and no less than five star-ranking players (including an Academy Award winner) that you'd come up with quite a picture.

Well, what Columbia Pictures has come up with is a pure entrent into the "Ho Hum" bracket, despite all the glorious advantages mentioned above.

The film, is of course, the British-made "Robin and Marian" a PG-rated job that runs 106 minutes at the Fox Theaters and seems like it is longer by far than "Gone with the Wind."

This is the old tale of Robin Hood and Maid Marian and all the other Nottingham-Sherwood Forest boys, and when I say "old" I mean "old." The thought was to pick up the crowd 20 years later than the original legend. Robin and Little John come back to England after King Richard's death. The Sheriff of Nottingham is a lesser power now, since he is under an appointee of bad King John. Maid Marian has retired to a nunnery when Robin didn't come back from the Crusades (shades of Audrey Hepburn's "The Nun's Story").

The awful thing about this film is not in its total banality, it's sometimes downright silly premises, but the fact that the whole caper seems to underline just how much age has marked the five principal players and diminished their powers at the same time. Consider Sean Connery as Robin, Audrey Hepburn, returning to the screen after more than a decade, as Maid Marian, Nicol Williamson as Little John, the distinguished Robert Shaw as the Sheriff of Nottingham, Richard Harris as King Richard and Kenneth Haigh as the bad Sir Ranulf. Nobody shines in this group. All do what they can with Richard Lester's peculiar direction and James Goldman's tepid script—and he's the one who gave us the brilliant period piece "Lion in Winter."

I don't know how an outstanding company such as these five can be conned into participating in a script such as this. Money, maybe, or else that old bugaboo that actors don't really have any objective sense in the selection of their own vehicles. Suffice to say, there's a whale of a lot of talent gone down the proverbial drain in "Robin and Marian" and that's a true pity.

There's another sorry film been around this past week. This is the picture "Abduction" which has been a filler at the South Plains Mall Cinema I-II. It has been given an R-rating and released by little known Venture Productions. It's selling point to the indiscriminate patron is that it is purported to be based on the Patty Hearst kidnapping and subsequent events. Bear in mind, it is not. It was adapted from a book "Black Abductor" by Harrison James, which was published a year or more before the Hearst event. This film also began as a hardcore X-rated pornographic entry and then edited down to get the R-rating. It still deserves the X.

There are some names in this cast: Leif Erickson, Dorothy Malone, Lawrence Tierney, with Judith-Marie Bergan as the ill-fated Patricia. Nothing about the film deserves mention; it is cited herein only for the record.

I am a little late on this next comment. "The Devil Within Her" has been playing the past few weeks at the Lindsey and I should have gotten here earlier. With a baby as the villain, this British-made shocker is all of that and an exceptionally well done film of this genre.

The Devil in this one is not "within her," but an abnormally large baby possessed. The picture will remind some of "The Exorcist" but that is only because the final scenes involve exorcism. There the parallel ends.

Smooth, beguiling, with some light moments to counter the chill, the film's fine cast is low-keyed and most effective. You'll see Joan Collins as the mother, Eileen Atkins as Sista Albana in a superb performance, Donald Pleasance, Ralph Bates and a sterling supporting cast. It is a class production all the way, believe me. Watch for it on the re-runs.

Once every so often the art galleries around town have free open-house "preview" events unveiling the new works by established artists of the Southwest. You should watch for these and, by all means, attend. There is far more distinguished talent abounding around our part of the world than many realize.

For example, the Baker Gallery of Fine Arts at 13th and Ave. L this past Sunday brought back two outstanding painters from Albuquerque, who have a host of friends in these parts. Doris Steider, whose star has always been on the ascendancy and continues to be so, showed us a stunning collection of work in and around the New Mexico area and a considerable number of canny and sensitive paintings accomplished during a recent trip to the British Isles. Her Scottish and Irish scenes are particularly honest and vivid. Her work deserves a close look.

She shared honors greeting the visitors with Wilson Hurley, the tall, rangy, handsome and powerfully talented painter, who has made such strides in his career. Former Air Force pilot and lawyer, he has made giant strides since he abandoned his former pursuits for the fulltime career of painter. Strong and vibrant, his realization of the skies and landscapes of New Mexico are overpowering and their immensity matches in full strength the subject matter.

A brief visit with Mrs. Steider and Hurley was a most welcome reunion and the conversation touched on Hurley's plans to return to Borneo this fall, where he saw active service as a pilot. Out of this return to the lush greenery and awesome backgrounds of the South Pacific, one can expect a full and exciting new page to the Hurley career.

Another well-known artist, this one from San Antonio, is to be honored with a one-man show opening, free to the public, at Hall's Gallery on 34th St. Raul Gutierrez will be greeting visitors from 7:30 p.m. and his works, known to Lubbockites, will show new conceptions in Texas landscapes. He will also show his superb wildlife paintings in water colors and knowing Gutierrez' work previously, I can earnestly recommend your paying a visit.

Both shows continue on exhibition, free to visitors. The Baker Gallery show continues on Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., while the Hall Gallery will show Gutierrez' works on 34th St. through April 16. The show then moves to the Hall Gallery in the South Plains Mall through April 24.

These events are well worth your attention; I think you'll come away well rewarded.



Bethel A.M.E. Church

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with Dr. Emory Davis delivering the morning message. His subject was "It's Time to Stand Up." Senior Choir Number Two was responsible for the music of the morning. Communion was given with Rev. A.W. Wilson, pastor, Rev. Jack Robinson, assistant pastor; and Dr. Davis in charge.

In the morning Sunday School summary, a moment of silent prayer was paid to the late Presiding Elder, Rev. Leon McNeil, who succumbed last week in Odessa.

Sunday afternoon, April 11, Senior Choir Number Two, ushers and Rev. A.W. Wilson have been invited to attend services with Rev. Cooper of Slaton.

Our spring revival will begin Tuesday evening, April 13, through April 18, with the Rev. Mrs. L.E. Moore of Dallas as evangelist. The public is invited to attend these services.

The Sunday School department will sponsor a breakfast Sunday morning, April 11, at 7 a.m. All members are invited to attend.

A special happy birthday is in store for the following members: Karl and Kevin Lusk, Dr. Heenan Johnson, Bessie Cox, Willie Lusk, Thomas Patterson Jr., Ann Britt and Sana Cunningham.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut-in members. Those on the sick and shut-in list include Rev. T.B. Reece and Mrs. Leaner Goldstein.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

Our pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, delivered a splendid message last Sunday morning.

We want to thank the United Methodist men for the wonderful program last Sunday. This includes the wonderful dinner. The Methodist men would like to thank Mrs. Jelma Walker and Mrs. A.R. Swain for their help.

Sunday, April 11, which is Palm Sunday, we will worship with teh Pioneer United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. We are hoping all members will go and fellowship on this wonderful day. Our pastor, Rev. Johnson, will bring the message.

Our Administration Board met last Monday evening at 7:30.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members and friends of the community.

Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ

The monthly fellowship of the area congregation took place last Sunday afternoon at the Ivory Street Church of Christ in Slaton. A wonderful meeting took place.

Lynn Anderson, minister of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, is guest evangelist for a gospel meeting at the Vandelia Village Church of Christ April 11 thru 14. Each weekday, a morning dutch treat breakfast will begin serving at 6:30 a.m. Brother Anderson will speak from 7:10 to 7:30 a.m. Evening services, Monday through Wednesday, will be at 7 p.m.

A church workers seminar will be held Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Broadway Church of Christ.

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Bullock Says Soaring Utility Rates Take the Joy Out of Payday

Comptroller Bob Bullock said last Thursday that soaring utility rates have taken the joy out of payday for the people of Texas.

"But the average homeowner would save only \$1 a month at most as a result of proposals to alter the natural gas severance tax rate," Bullock said. "That assumes the savings would be passed on to the consumer, which can't be guaranteed. And that same severance tax adjustment could cost the state as much as \$1 billion in tax revenue over the next three years."

The loss in revenue would have to be made up in additional taxes, the Comptroller said. "It doesn't make good sense to put a dollar in the consumer's shirt pocket and then come back and clean out his billfold."

Bullock said that since 1972, Houston's electric rates have gone up 48 percent, Dallas' 71 percent and Austin—setting an omen for the future—by a disgusting 125 percent.

In a statement delivered Thursday to the House Ways and Means Committee, Bullock challenged the Legislature to address discriminatory utility rate structures themselves, rather than fiddling with the gas tax rate to

throw chicken feed to the consumers.

He noted that present utility rates charge low-volume users—homeowners and apartment dwellers—higher rates than those charged business and industry.

"This is inequitable," Bullock said. "The time has come to change it. Only this action can provide any real relief for the average consumer."

The severance tax affects only about 3 percent of the homeowner's utility bill, said the Comptroller, and is not the place to start looking for relief from utility rates.

"When a wolf has sunk his teeth in your leg," concluded Bullock, "it is no time to pull out a pea shooter."

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The Black Experience: (Purely Personal) For nearly fifth years we had boasted that "flying was for the birds" and that only an extreme emergency would "put me in the air" with the birds. The past week that "time" developed and we found ourselves on "the wings" to Monroe, Louisiana to pay our last respects to a dear aunt "Rosie" who had crossed over to the Great Beyond.



Then on to Boley, Oklahoma, where we first saw the light of day some sixty years ago and to find "Mom" doing about as well as could be expected after the mileage she has chalked up, and the Chamber of Commerce giving her honors as "the oldest black businesswoman in town."

Chief of Police Flip Wilson welcomed me home and said that he would be expecting "the bellringer" to the great bicentennial homecoming and birthday celebration in Boley May 28-31, 1976. Nobody knows where the "folks" will stay when they get here, as more than ten thousand made their way last year, and it could easily double this year chamber folks say.

Boley, the largest black oriented town in the U.S.A. is getting ready. a large attractive sign on the outskirts of town reads in part "Welcome to Boley - Rich in Country Living." The Boley Chamber of Commerce Newsletter reads in part in the latest issue: "Rev. and Mrs. Robert C.D. Tieucl, Sr., came to Boley from Homer, La. in 1912. Rev. Tieucl came to become pastor of the C.M.E. Church and Mrs. Tieucl to become a businesswoman. Mrs. Nodie Tieucl has been operating her dry goods store since 1912. She is owner of the oldest business in Boley. She has one daughter, Theresa T. Spann of the public school system, and a son Bob, a Methodist newsman and minister."

In life and in death, I.M. Woodard exemplified the highest and the noblest in the life of those of us who have had to live for many years behind the black curtain. While not a highly formally trained minister, he knew the value of study and dedication and often said that he would recommend young preachers to get all the formal schooling they could get, but "be sure you get a course in Negro-ology." Dr. Woodward specialized in the problems, hopes, desires and ambitions of his people and he worked constantly with them and on them.

The fact is I.M. Woodard was an institution in the black community of West Texas, New Mexico, and throughout the Southwest, where he was so well known for many years as "the preacher's preacher." Although he labored hard as a pastor and a builder of churches and men in several sections of West Texas for a long time, Ideal Baptist Church and her people lingered deeply in his heart. Some said he was of "the old school." Perhaps he was. There are many of God's people today who insist that we must return to the old paths if we are to be saved from the impending crisis facing us.

As a devoted and loyal Baptist minister and pastor, he was one of the most ecumenical-minded leaders of black people, we have ever known. The man drew no denominational lines when it came to service and dedication for the cause he represented. His shoes will be hard to fill and the Christian community at large has lost a real friend and a truly soul-brother. And the 25 years or more that we have known him seem so short. Goodbye Doc, see you in the morning.

Until later, Bellringers, Peace and Love. We would love to hear from you. Write me in care of this newspaper.

Church News . . .

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Among those being kept away from our services last week because of illness were Sisters Ella Williams and Rosetta Jackson and Brother T.E. Ray.

New Hope Baptist Church

A pre-Easter Review of Tots will be held Sunday afternoon, April 11, at 3 p.m. This affair is sponsored by the Baptist Training Union. Director Jay is asking that we give our children support for this program.

Good Friday services will be held Friday evening, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Jesus will be given by guest ministers. Let us all make plans to attend and invite others to join us.

The B.M.&E. State Board will be held in Naples, Texas, April 13 thru 15. Let us attend if at all possible.

Let us make sure that we will give our support to the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union as they will soon complete plans for the children and their Easter services.

Remember our sick and shut-in members. Those on the sick list include Ms. Callie Cato, Ms. Ada Evans, Ms. Minnie Walker, Ms. Annie Jordan, Brother Willie Johnson, Mr. Clem Virden, and Mr. Clarence Ervin. Rueben Blackmore is still ill.

Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

We are getting ready for our church anniversary to be held the fourth Sunday in April through the first Sunday in May. Brother Robert Terry and Sister Ommie L. Smith will enlighten us each Sunday on our anniversary plans.

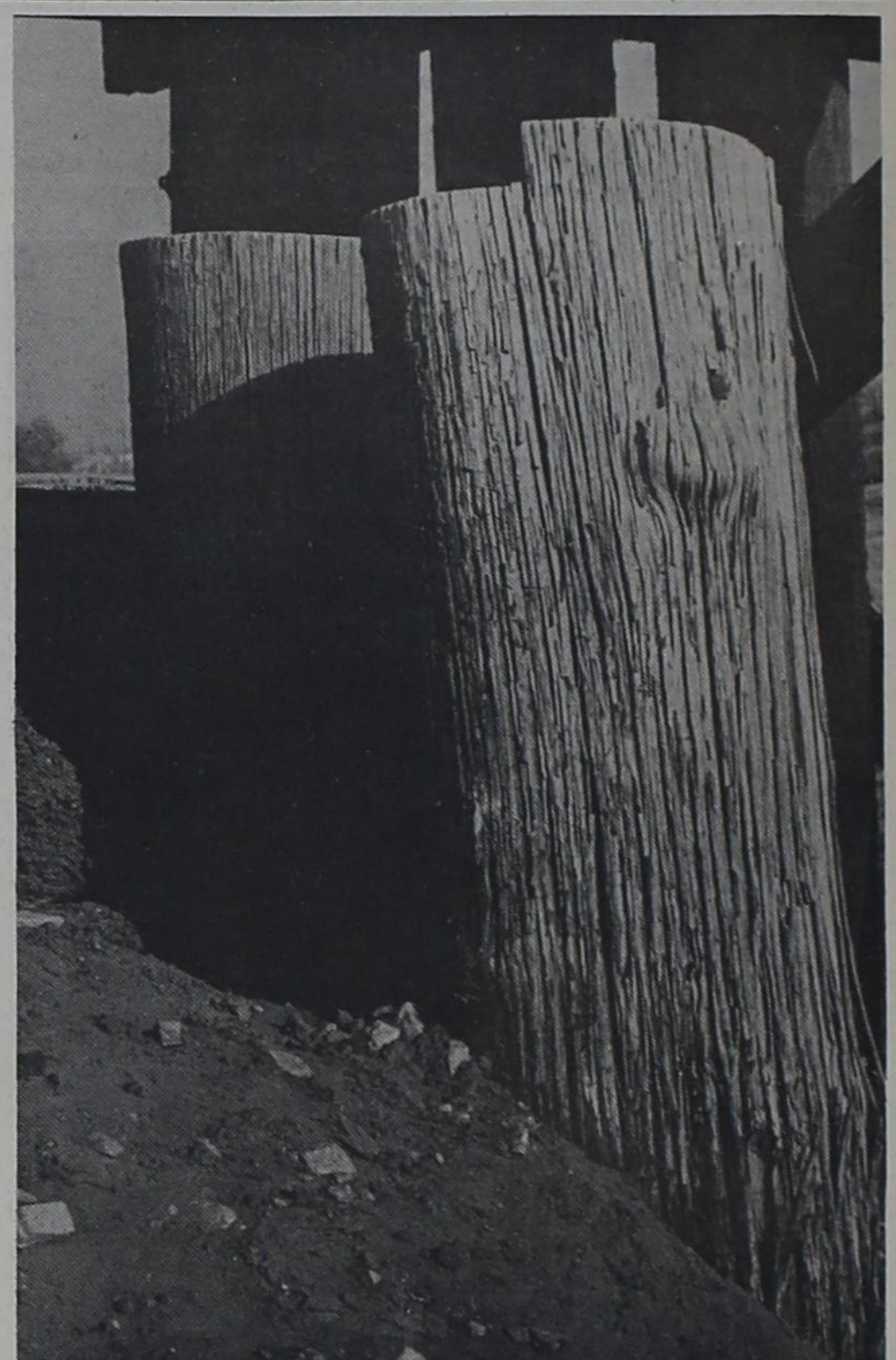
Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at eight. Let us not pray for an easy task. Pray to be stronger.

Mission Two, Brother Union and Junior Mission meet at the church each Monday night at eight.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut-in members. Those on the sick list include Sisters Daisy Deo, Ida Johnson, Clara Scott, Helen Blackwell, Annie Lewis, Lillie Hall and Dolly Howard. Brother Lee A. Johnson is ill in his home.

Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"Mount Gilead Baptist Church,



Two time-worn weathered posts enjoy the late afternoon sun. Our roving photographer stumbled across the naturally sculpted wood one day while strolling through the as yet incomplete Canyon Lakes.

the friendly church where the soul and spirit meet. The church where everybody is somebody. The church extends to members and public a cordial and clarion call to worship with us each week."

The Senior Choir will present for your spiritual enjoyment, their presentation of "The Old Ship of Zion" Sunday evening, April 11, at seven. All who are asked to be present and on time. Bring your friends, neighbors and loved ones. We don't want anyone to be left behind.

Christ Temple

Church of God in Christ

Pioneer Day for Mrs. T.F. Ford was a great success at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ,

2411 Fir, where Bishop Haynes is pastor.

The service was fantastic. She wishes to thank all pioneer members and friends for making her happy.

She was grateful for Supt. A.C. Bennett of Abilene, Texas, who brought forth the history of the late Rev. Ford and Sister Ford. Bishop W.D. Haynes brought the message on "Pioneer Day."

She is grateful also to Supt. M.J. Alexander and Bishop J.E. Judie and all pastors and ministers who were part of the services.

Mount Olive Baptist Church

Snyder—Sunday School was opened with the Supt. Sis. B. Willis presiding. High points were given by Sis. Linda R. Walker and the pastor, Rev. Toines. Enjoyed by all.

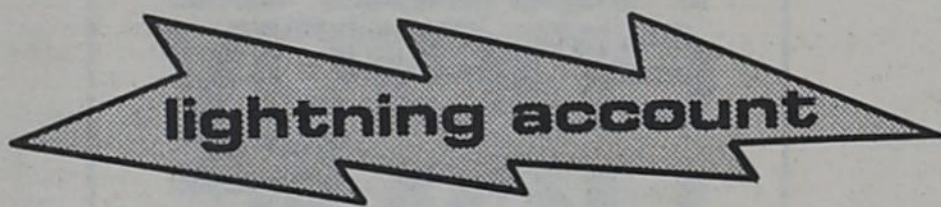
The pastor, Rev. Toines, delivered the message for the morning services. He spoke on "The purpose of the Coming of Christ." Scripture reading from Luke 19:10. Music was provided by both the junior and senior choirs. Sis. Paula White assisted the junior choir at the piano and Sis. Anniece Johnson assisted the senior choir at the piano.

The message and music was most uplifting.

Greater New Light Baptist Church

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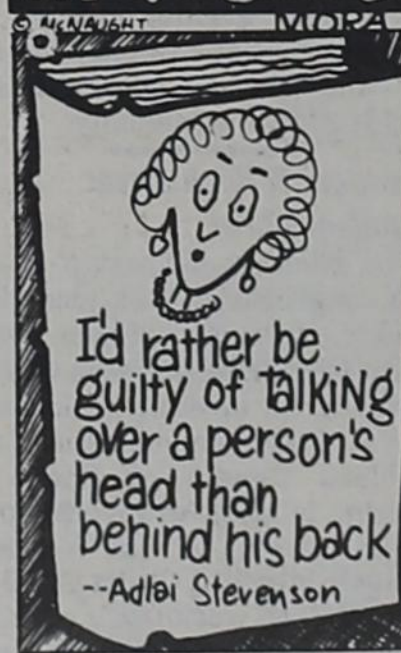


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Final Rites Read at Greater St. Luke A.M.E. for Presiding Elder Leon McNeil



pullman porter, his call to the ministry, later a pastor, and finally, a presiding elder.

He and his wife purchased a home in El Paso, and in later years purchased a home in Midland where they were residing when he passed away suddenly at an Odessa hospital. At the time of his death, he was holding his hird Quarterly Conference when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while eating.

He passed away March 30, 1976, at 4:30 a.m. at the Medical Center Hospital at Odessa.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Iris McNeil; a brother, Thomas of Los Angeles, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Lois Mitchell of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Frances Kelly of Abilene, Texas; Mrs. S.F. Mitchell of Austin, Texas; and Mrs. Elizabeth Burke of Boston, Mass.; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many, many friends in all walks of life.

"His sudden death closed the book on a useful beautiful service that was well on the way upward," said a close friend.

Active casketbearers were Revs. Floyd Green, A.W. Harvey, W.L. Brown, H.G. Williams, A.S. Pitts and R.L. Brown. Honorary Casketbearers were the Presiding Elders of the 10th Spiscopal District and Ministers of the Lubbock District.

Flower bearers were choir members and ministers wives.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 2, at the Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church, 410 South Adams Street in Midland, Texas, for Rev. Leon McNeil, Presiding Elder of the Lubbock District of the 10th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church.

Rev. W.O. Johnson, pastor of the Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church of Amarillo, Texas, gave the eulogy. Rev. A.J. Davis, Presiding Elder of the Wichita Falls District, presided over the services.

Time would not permit all the ministers to give their remarks about Rev. McNeil, but a few gave a glowing tribute to Rev. McNeil.

Rev. C. Kelly of San Angelo and Rev. A.W. Wilson of Lubbock read the Old and New Scriptures. Rev. V.T. Horn, pastor of the Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church, read the resolutions on behalf of the Lubbock District. Rev. H.F. Doyle gave a resolution, with all ministers standing, from the Interdenominational Alliance.

Rev. McNeil was born at Hutto, Texas, to the late Robert and Hannah McNeil. He became acquainted with his Lord at an early age of seven.

His education in public schools began at Menerva, Texas. From there, he moved with his parents to Taylor, Texas, where he reached adulthood.

He received some college training at Austin, Texas.

He was married to Miss Iris Kelly with whom he shared 26 years of his life.

After his call to preach the gospel, he preached his first sermon at Fabens, Texas. His ministry began at Visitor's Chapel A.M.E. Church in El Paso, Texas, under the pastorage of the late Rev. B.F. Stewart in August, 1956. At that time, he was admitted to the North West Texas Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in October, 1956.

He was appointed to pastor Cole Chapel A.M.E. Church in Fabens, Texas, at the same conference. He served as pastor of Baker's Chapel A.M.E. Church in Big Spring, Texas, and Visitor's Chapel in El Paso.

He was appointed Presiding Elder of the Lubbock District October 18, 1971, under Bishop O.L. Sherman.

Much of his life's span centered around El Paso where he lived during many years service as a

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PUBLIC NOTICES

(because the people must know)

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 25, 1976, one 1971 Audi, 4 cyl., 4-dr., VIN-8111043507, with accessories, was seized at Lubbock, Texas for violation of 21 USC 881. Any person desiring to place the matter in the U.S. District Court in order to contest the probable cause for such seizure must file with the Regional Director, Drug Enforcement Administration, Room 4-A5, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202, a claim and cost bond of \$250.00 with approved sureties, on or before April 21, 1976. Otherwise, the property will be administratively forfeited pursuant to 19 USC 1608, and will be disposed of according to law. Interested parties may file petitions for remission or mitigation of forfeiture with the Regional Director pursuant to 19 USC 1618 and 21 CFR 1316.79-1316.81 without filing claim and cost bond. Jack Satter, Regional Director.

PUBLIC NOTICE
On April 3, 1976, William Henry Britt filed an application at the Federal Communications Commission for a construction permit for a new Class C FM Station at Lubbock, Texas, to operate on Channel 102.5. The station will operate a minimum of 18 hours per day with an effective radiated power of 10 kilowatts. The studio will be located at 1104 Avenue J, Lubbock, Texas, and the transmitter will be located at 82nd Street and Avenue L, Lubbock, Texas. The antenna height above average terrain will be 450 feet. The officers, directors and owners of 10 percent or more of the stock of this FM Station is William Henry Britt. A copy of the application is available for public inspection during business hours at the office of Gene Galnes, Attorney, 1104 Avenue J, Lubbock, Texas.

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