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Poor May Feel Effects of Hospital Rift



A HARD HIT-It only took a few hard blows before children at Carver Heights Day Nursery had this pinata in pieces. The pinata and candy was donated to the Nursery by students at Struggs Junior High

by Cliff Avery

It may make a difference to the poor people of Lubbock who runs the teaching hospital.

The local district board of managers Monday authorized chairman Marshall Pennington to invite hospital management firms to look over the local operation to see if it can be run more cheaply.

Some of the hospital district staff were upset about calling in outside consultants, fearing they'd be taken out of the picture when the hospital opens.

Analysis

If a management firm takes over the hospital, local district officials say that the teaching hospital would lose sight of what it was started for. To provide indigent care and teaching facilities for the Texas Tech Med School.

A management firm, the officials say, would take only the cases that would pay, pointing toward other local hospitals who have closed down emergency rooms and turned a cold should to doing charity work.

counties may be seeing the ambulances, they could also be seeing higher tax bills, if their counties are incorporated into an expanded hospital district.

State Rep. Joe Robbins of Lubbock is preparing legislation to expand the district to a 15-county area. The plan, it is hoped, would increase the tax base to pay for the financiallytroubled teaching hospital the district is building. (The managers Monday set the opening date for the new facility back to February, 1978, to see if they can resolve financial difficulties before taking in patients.)

Privately, hospital district officials express some reservations about the Robbins measure, noting that there may be problems reconciling the legislation with the state constitution, and that residents in the counties near Lubbock would have to vote themselves into the district - a process which could take years to complete.

Rather, hospital district managers are concentrating support on legislation designed to have the state assume financial support for teaching operations at the

School. As this little girl takes a whack at the candy-filled pinata, the other children watch in anticipation. (Times Photo)

Senator Warns Against Finance Companies

Finance companies have been 662,647 in 1975, and the total the financial source for residents dollar amounts which go with of the black community in Lubbock and West Texas for years. "Finance companies say they made fewer loans in 1975 than they did in 1968," says Senator Bill Patman of Ganado last week.

"They didn't do this because Texas law prohibits their charging the extra-high interest rates they would like to charge borrowers," he continued.

In a prepared statement, State Senator Patman, admits that this happened because of the increased competition in Texas. "It also came about because of a growing awareness on the part of Texas borrowers that finance companies are charging highly excessive rates of interest and adding on additional charges," he said.

"One of the loan company representatives recently bemoaned the fact that the number of loans made by finance companies had dropped 'from 911,201 in 1968 to just over 600,000 in 1975, a decrease of a third.'

"During this same time personal loans made from state-chartered credit unions increased from 434,895 in 1968 to

those increases were \$430,167,-649.79 in 1968 and \$874,754,142.28 in 1975," said State Senator Patman. He went on to add: "The latter figures may be compared with the average monthly loan balance of \$676,316,518 currently by the loan companies."

"Texas borrowers are getting more careful about the charges they pay. They see the loan companies are charging enormously high rates of interest and loading on additional charges for insurance policies. This is why credit unions and other institutions are getting more of the business which formerly may have gone to loan companies."

Patman states that if you compare the cost of borrowing \$1,000 for 37 months from a loan company with the cost of borrowing this same amount for the same period of time from a credit union, there's a difference. To prove his point, he says: "A credit union can charge a maximum annual percentage rate of 12 per cent, the \$1,000 would cost no more than \$201.39 in interest." His facts reveal that the finance company would charge \$339.17.

"Last session, the bad bill the

Holiday Mail Service Schedule

The U.S. Postal Service will provide normal mail service on Friday, December 24, the designated Federal Christmas Day holiday.

However, the Postal Service will operate on a normal holiday schedule on Saturday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

On Friday, December 24, normal delivery service to residential areas and businesses will be provided. Collections will

schedule. Normal window service and lockbox service schedules will be observed.

Window services will be provided during normal business hours.

On Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, normal holiday schedules will be followed. No residential, business or rural delivery will be provided. No window service will be provided. Special delivery service and holiday collection service will be

loan companies were fighting for would have jacked up that cost from \$339.17 to \$425.50 - \$224.11 more than the \$201.39 maximum charge by the credit union," he states.

"Another very significant development is the rapid expansion between 1968 and 1976 in consumer loans by both banks and savings and loan associations, with lending rates far below those of loan companies," says Patman.

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Still, hospital managers say they only want to look at what the consultants have to say and no offense is intended to the district staff.

The hospital managers took a long look at the financial problems the new facility is facing at their meeting Monday, and it's still not certain who will be running the hospital when it opens — if it opens.

The managers at the Monday meeting voted to allow the staff to continue preparing an application for a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to expand Lubbock's ambulance service.

While residents of the outlying

hospital. The local district officials met in Dallas with officials of other teaching hospitals recently to coordinate efforts to pass the legislation.

The hospital group named Jerry Hall, former press secretary for Gov. Preston Smith and a former Lubbock reporter, as coordinator for the legislative effort. The bill for the Hall's services, managers said Monday, will be picked up by local chambers of commerce.

The catch in this cooperative effort is that other teaching hospitals have turned thumbs down to any measure which might give start-up costs to the Lubbock facility. But without those start-up costs, any money the state might give to the teaching hospital will be a drop in the bucket, some officials fear.

But recognizing their colleagues' reluctance to have the state pay for Lubbock's problems, local district managers have opted to present a united front to the legislature and declared Monday, in the words of chairman pro tem Jack Strong, that including start-up costs in any legislation is "a dead issue."

Manager Joe Stanley said that the subject of start-up costs was broached at the meeting in Dallas and was "poorly received" by other teaching hospital officials.

The hospital district doesn't know how much money the legislature will give the local facility, but apparently believes that a one-two punch — a right cross with the state paying teaching costs and a jab with an enlarged district - will knock the problems of the hospital — which would bring in about \$35 million a year to the Lubbock economy to the canvas.

The EMS grant is one step in that direction. Stanley said the expansion of the ambulance service is "a forerunner to expanding the district."

He said that in talks with the South Plains Health Systems officials, "there is some interest. If we solidified a regional EMS we could earn our spurs with other

staff of 26. But "fed up with the Continued On Page Four

Lubbock Students Out **For Christmas Vacation**

Thousands of students of the Lubbock Public Schools are out for their Christmas and New Year's holiday. Their last class was Tuesday.

This vacation will continue through Monday, Jan. 3. This holiday vacation will affect students of the pre-school department through adult classes

Black Woman Helps Protect Veterans' Reemployment Rights

The Vietnam War's over and the Labor Department's Office of Veterans' Reemployment Rights (VRR) winds down. Right?

Wrong. Lois Barksdale, a new assistant to the VRR director states:

"We are at peace, but a veteran's reemployment rights after reinstatement stay with him or her 40 or 50 years or more. If a veteran is not counted in on pension benefits, has a vacation claim, or one on promotion rights or lost wages — all of these are concerns of the department's Labor-Management Services Administration (LMSA). We don't see veterans' needs receding."

The black Labor Department official notes that although the number of cases reaching the department's LMSA has decreased slightly, "the kinds of cases are changing. Since 1974 we also have cases involving state and municipal governments as employers.'

As one of two assistants to the director, Mrs. Barksdale replies to voluminous mail on VRR, analyzes statistical reports from field offices across the country and serves as a faculty member in training programs for LMSA

Born in Durham, N.C., Mrs. Barksdale was reared in Philadelphia, where she studied at the University of Pennsylvania and La Salle College. Before coming to the nation's capital, she was with the LMSA area office in Philadelphia.

The first female labor-manage-

ment compliance officer with that

office when she joined LMSA

more than five years ago, Mrs.

Barksdale previously had worked

for a major Philadelphia depart-

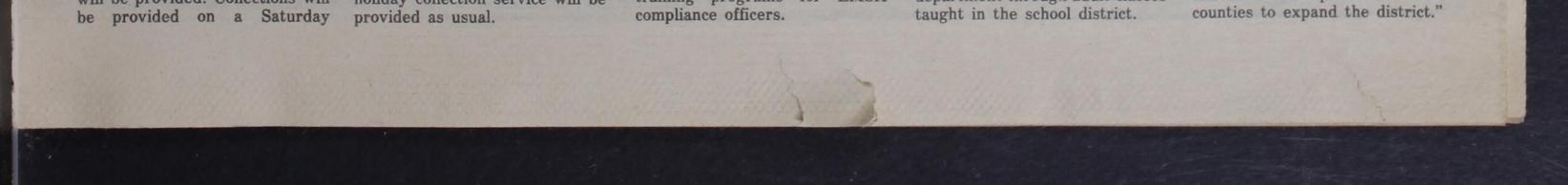
ment store for 10 years,

beginning as a part-time Christ-

mas season salesclerk. She

worked up to assistant manager

and assistant buyer directing a



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An Old Time Christmas

Most of us long for an "old-time" Christmas. And just what do we mean by an "old-time" Christmas? Let's dig back into the past, to remember how it was, for some of the answers.

The nation was not as wealthy in the past as today. In fact, if we go back a few decades, many families were hard pressed to earn enough to pay the rent and buy sufficient food and clothes to keep going.

We didn't have as many automobiles. We didn't have as many work-saving appliances and gadgets. We were often at war-in 1941 45, 1950-53 and 1963-74. We didn't have the variety of foods, toys and amusements we have today, nor television.

But the "old-time" Christmas was more fulfilling and enjoyable. Why? Perhaps it was because we thought more of a time for family reunion, quiet days and evenings of family life together, meals together, games together, etc.

The age of the automobile and television in some ways splits and separates families, even though modern transportation theoretically brings families together. The super-abundance of amusements, automobiles, television, etc., seems to mean fewer family pursuits, and less time for family discussions, meditation and thanksgiving.

And much of the spirit of "old-time" Christmases was to be found in full family gatherings and serious appreciation of the day for what it represented in the Christian world.

As I See It . . .

by T.J. Patterson

It was good to see Reese Air Force Base's 64th Flying Training Wing sponsor their second annual Christmas Classic High School Basketball Tournament last week. This is another positive outreach effort on the part of this base. At the same time, it was a tremendous effort to reach out and bring in schools from various communities in West Texas.

Teams who participated in this year's tournament included Dunbar High School, Kermit High School, Lubbock Christian High School, Lydia Patterson Institute (El Paso), Morton High School, Muleshoe High School, Roswell High School (New Mexico), Seminole High School, and Abernathy High School.

Others were Andress High School (El Paso), Big Spring High School, Cathedral High School (El Paso), Christ the King High School, Cooper High School, and Denver City High School.

practicing over the past few months to make this presentation.

If you don't get an opportunity to hear them in person Saturday, Dec. 25, watch them on the monthly television show, "What's Going On?", Saturday afternoon, Dec. 25, at 12:30, KCBD-TV, Channel 11.

When people make special preparation for the public, it makes a lot of sense to stop by and let them know you appreciate what they are doing, especially when they are working for the Lord.

Keep Christmas night, Dec. 25, at 8, on your holiday calendar.

This writer is glad to note that the Lubbock Public School Board of Trustees have given consideration to the construction of another gymnasium at E.C. Struggs Junior High School. This is good, because our girls need somewhere to have their physical activities as the young fellows. If you didn't know, these young ladies are in competition in various sports.

When the bond election comes up next spring, this writer hopes voters in the Lubbock District will keep this in mind.

This writer hopes you'll have a lovely Christmas. This holiday is one we should be proud to witness. It was nearly 2,000 years ago when a Saviour was born. Keep Christ in Christmas.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor and All Others Concerned:

A great crusader for intellectual growth has fallen within our ranks. To not mention this man and his beliefs would be both tragic and shameful. Otis Proudme was a man who was torn internally by the decadence of intellectual vigor and challenge of our community and, further complicated by the perception that a significant number of us really could care less.

Mr. Proudme cared, maybe that was his problem. His caring later led to the deterioration of his health. You're probably asking yourself at this point, "What could have brought about this strife in such a man?" If you really have to do any soul-searching, don't worry you'll always find contentment in systems that really will not demand that your needs are met. If on the otherhand, you are enlightened, allow me to analyze the problem systematically as Mr. Proudme and I have discussed so often.

The problem centers around the productivity and competitiveness that a significant number of our high school students lack. Mind you, I did not say all of our high school graduates. Conceivably, one could point the accusative finger at the school administrators. You could go on to say that they are the ones who make the decisions. Logically, they ought to make the decision at the top to make students more productive and competitive, by hiring more qualified staff and instituting a more effective and challenging curriculum. If we looked at this proposition with much scrutiny, two things would be obvious. First, there is not a loud clamor from our community that our children have a better than average education, that they at least have the basic skills to survive in a society such as ours. Furthermore, since we have not demanded the best for our children, then administrators would find it next to impossible to justify expenditures from a limited source for projects that we have not indicated we wanted. From this we really can't fully point the finger at the school administrators. Now, let's try to point the finger at the classroom teacher. It's really amazing how much we expected teachers to teach our children. We want teachers to

motivate students, where the basic motivation should come from home; we want teachers to instill basic mannerism in children, where the basic do's and don't's should come from home; we want the teachers to teach our kids to respect each other as well as themselves, when respect should start at home; we want teachers to instill a competitive spirit in the student, when that has to come from within the student; above all, we still expect the teacher to be able to relate the three 'R's to the students at a very proficient level. To blame the teacher in this instance would be absurd.

Now, let's try to point the finger at the parents of children. Most parents of our community work hard for a living. Some putting in 10-16 hours a day to barely make ends meet. In the process, distance between the parents and children grow. Consequently, the children turn to other things for values, leaving a tremendous gap between them and their parents. Two things should be noted from the above. First, parents can barely find time to be affectionate through tender loving care, so as to instill certain long-range goals so that the child will strive for more than the things his parents must settle for. Secondly, if through some fortune the parent now finds the time for the child, the gap has already developed to an extent that the child becomes very defensive of the parent, should the parent offer any life-survival advice. So it's apparent that the dilemma of the parent-child-relationship inhibits any positive involvement. Yet, we can't blame the parent for having to provide for the family the best way possible.

The only place left for scrutiny is the student, the child. Proudme felt that inspiration has to come from the student in order to be optimally productive and competitive. Proudme would say, "You just have to want to be the best." Being the best that you can be, involves meeting reality head-on. You must know exactly where you stand in this cumbersome world. I would imagine that it would be difficult to know yourself if you have to have a "dope" high to function, and if you ego-trip continually from materialistic stand points, for example, a nice car, a cute face, a fine body, and a sense of false security. Surely there is nothing wrong with those things if that's you but I believe that the total development of mind and body takes precedence over the above mentioned.

You must have your mind together to function effectively. Once you find yourself in the same old rut of doing what someone else wants you to do rather than doing the things that will make you eternally happy, it will not matter how much dope you smoke or what your ego-trip is.

At this point the student may ask what I can do to prepare. First, grab for all the gusto you can in life. In school, challenge your teacher to the point where you'll be able to compete academically with anyone, anywhere. Don't be satisfied with material that will prepare you to be a second-class citizen. Want to learn so that you can gain all the happiness possible. Secondly, be prepared to work to attain goals you've set for yourself. Don't be satisfied with just doing enough to satisfy the teacher, to get a grade or just to get by.

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This type of an effort gives young people an opportunity to observe and talk with personnel of the U.S. Air Force (officers and non-commissioned officers). It also allows these young players of the game of basketball an opportunity to compete in a sport which will help them excel individually and collectively.

While on Reese Air Force Base last Thursday, this writer had an opportunity to visit with Chief MSGT Thomas M. Barnes, highest ranking non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force. A native of Kirby, Texas, he travels throughout the world visiting and listening to complaints and other matters of enlisted men in the Air Force. As an advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff, he's in an unique position to communicate with both sides.

A very interesting man who has served more than 27 years in the Air Force, he would be an outstanding speaker for the Freedom Week activities next February at Reese. This writer hopes Col. Edward Mendel, Commander, will encourage the program committee to request this man to be speaker of the week.

After spending more than an half-hour with him, one can easily capture the depth of experience he has for his fellowman. He's a positive image, not only for the black community, for the U.S. Air Force.

Residents of West Texas need to hear what this man has to say. If we try real hard, it may be possible to bring him back in February.

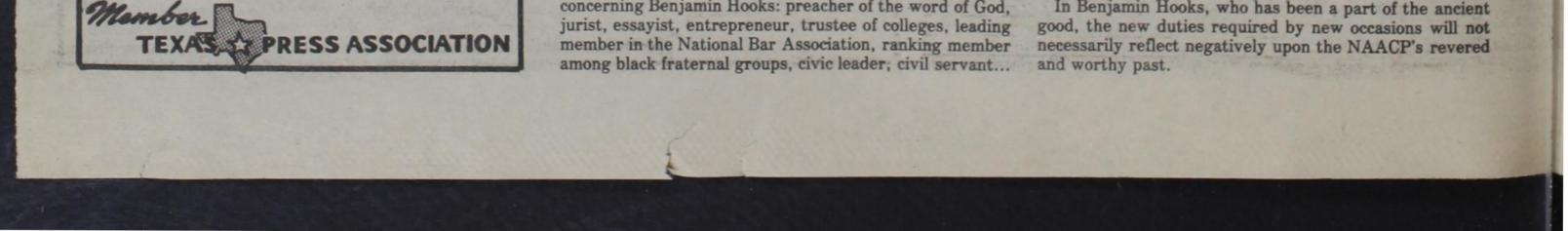
As I See It, the musical being sponsored by the Voices of Lubbock at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ is a wonderful way to spend Christmas evening. These young people, under the direction of Elder Levi Lenly, have been

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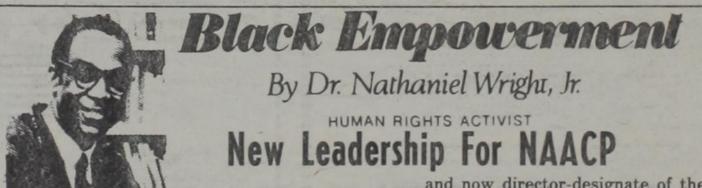
Work to the point, where you are totally satisfied that you've done the best you can do.

Lastly, challenge yourself to all that you can.

Proudme once said that one of the most important things in life is to know your innerself. Proudme challenged all of his pupils to be all that they could be. He challenged them to know themselves. Yet, its sad that some despise him because of that.

By now you should be able to see why Proudme was so internally torn. To not mention this man, who cared about the intellectual growth of our children, would be both tragic and shameful.

> Truly, Donnie Rolfe



Perhaps among the last black Americans who would be wished to be dubbed "a leader"-at least in the traditional sense of the term of a hand-picked intermediary for black Americans-is the Reverend and Honorable Benjamin L. Hooks designated to succeed Roy Wilkins as National director of the NAACP.

The 51 year old Dr. Hooks serves presently as the first black member of the Federal Communications Commission where his outspoken and formidable presence has brought about the beginnings of immense change for blacks in the communications industry.

While to many white Americans, the name of Benjamin Hooks is relatively unknown, his writings for the black press upon a variety of subjects has made him almost like a friendly and most helpful weekly visitor in millions of black America's homes.

Yet, in his new position which holds unparalled possibilities for enabling and empowering blacks to enter America's mainstream, there are many who will wonder what his directorship will hold in store.

By way of response, might recall the remarks of Jesus where questioned about the qualifications of John the Baptist, to whom large numbers had gone to his wilderness home to see. Jesus said: "What went ye out in the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? A man used to the easy life of the rich?

"But went ye out to see? A prophet? Yea, I say more than a prophet . . ."

Now, much the same paraphrase may be made concerning Benjamin Hooks: preacher of the word of God,

and now director-designate of the National office of the NAACP.

Dr. Hooks brings a broad and rich experience to the work of the NAACP. While the choice by the National board of one of its own members was unanimous, no person in the NAACP should be more pleased than the present director, Roy Wilkins.

When a man's life and work have been almost synonymous, nothing could be more rewarding than to see one's work being placed in the finest hands. This deliciously rare experience has come to Mr. Wilkins; and there could be no more finer tribute and farewell to the current chapter of Mr. Wilkin's life.

During the years of racial turmoil in the late 1950's and throughout the 1960's, Dr. Hooks served faithfully and aggressively as pastor of churches in Detroit and Memphis.

Not content with the avenues for service afforded by the pulpit, Dr. Hooks became a lawyer and, in an almost phenomenal way, became a southern criminal court judge, a banker, a founding member of a quick-food chain, a jounalist of excellence and presiding officer of several major black fraternal groups.

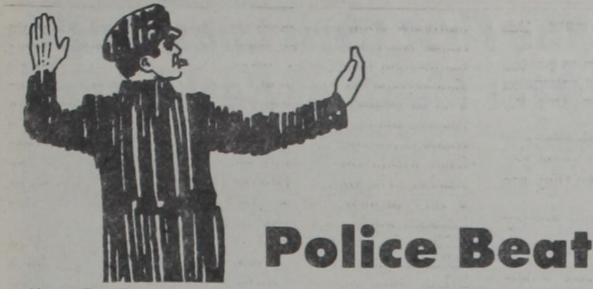
Soft spoken yet firm and aggressive, he promises almost certainly to regionalize the programming and outreach of the NAACP-a move somewhat away from the rather doctrinnaire directions of the past.

The poet has written:

"New occasions teach new duties;

Time makes ancient good uncouth."

In Benjamin Hooks, who has been a part of the ancient



House Burglary

Viola Robinson, 2507 Weber Drive, Apt. C, reported to Lubbock Police that persons unknown gained entry to her apartment through a window on the southside while she was away one day last week.

Taken from the apartment were two large velvet lamps, valued at \$25 each, and a black and white television set. *****

Criminal Mischief

A 31 year old Lubbock woman reported to Lubbock police that a 24 year old man, whom she had been living with for approximately three months, took advantage of her one day last week. She did report they were not married.

According to the police report, they had a disagreement and a fight was started. "He did come back later after the fight to pick up his clothes," she said.

While the man was there, according to the lady, he broke a window which will cost approximately \$21 to replace.

"I will file charges against the man," she said.

House Burglary

Daisy Johnson, 3503 East 4th Street, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown entered her house by forcing the

She reported that she will file charges this week against the man.

Criminal Mischief

Willie Williams, 1606 Avenue C, No. 41, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown threw rocks through her window one day last week.

There was approximately \$40 worth of damage done to her apartment.

She believes it was the same person who assaulted her last week.

**** House Burglary

Yolanda Jeffery, 2928 East Bates, reported to local police that an unknown person broke a glass out of the kitchen door to gain entry to her house one day last week.

Taken from the house were a \$400 color television set and a digital radio.

The Lubbock woman did have a suspect in mind. ****

House Burglary

Fanny Graves, 2705 Weber Drive, Apt. A, reported that persons unknown did gain entry to her apartment through a window one day last week.

Taken from the apartment was a mirrow which was connected to

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Dec. 26. Mrs. Wilson was quite ill several weeks during the summer, but has made a marvelous recovery. She was able to make the trip via bus. *****

Mrs. Minnie Walker is a patient at Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Ida Johnson is doing nicely at the Colonial Nursing Home. Mrs. Leaner Goldstein, Mrs. E. Taylor and Mrs. Williams are ill.

Rev. Nathaniel Johnson and son are home again from San Antonio, Texas after services and burial of their wife and mother. Mrs. Mable Johnson.

Mrs. Lou Jean Cunningham motored to Albuquerque, New Mexico last Sunday to pick up her husband, Salone Cunningham, for the holidays. She was accompanied by H.S. Hutchinson. ****

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Belvin had house guests in their home through the Thanksgiving season. They left for home, and others have arrived for the Christmas season.

Mrs. Lila Griffin is in the process of moving back into her own home. She spent Sunday night in a reclining chair, the only furniture inside so far. She is thrilled at the prospect of having Father Morgan Proudme to reside with her.

"Naturized Fiber."

Mrs. Mary Johns is recuperating satisfactorily and hopes to resume her work soon. ****

The ailing list includes Crowell Johnson, Frank Bluitt, Willie Blocker, M. Terrell, E.C. Struggs, Eugene Roquemore, Mrs. Ora B. Gendratt, Mrs. Katie Thomas of San Diego, Calif., a sister of Mrs. Rosa Jones of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Virden. Mrs. B. Stephens has been ill.

The American Legion Post 808

and the Ladies Auxiliary motored to the V.A. Hospital at Big Spring, Texas for their monthly activities. This month the organization distributed Christmas gifts to the patients. This is an annual affair of this organization.

The Young Ladies League and Young Matrons of New Hope Baptist Church went Christmas Caroling last Sunday evening. Adults accompanying them were Mmes. Joan Y. Ervin, G.H. Davis, R.B. Thompson and Rev. A.L. Dunn, pastor. They sang at the Jewel's Rest Home, Parkway Manor Nursing Home and the home of Elder M.J. Alexander. ****

Mr. Caesar Graves is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital. He was admitted to the intensive care unit last Friday evening. He was resting well at this report.

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Bells Have Special Music at Christmas

Medieval people considered bells almost living beings. They were dedicated before being hung and the dedication was almost like a baptism. During the ceremony prayers were offered that the sound of the bell might summon the faithful, stimulate devotion. drive away storms and banish evil spirits. One document of days long ago comments: "in those dark chambers, high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the apostles of peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great Winter feasts of Christmas.'

The novelist Victor Hugo calls the ringing of the bells "the opera of the Steeples."

Bells come in all shapes and sizes. Their moods span the ages . . . from the rattle of the African chieftain to the sweet-toned church bells.

Bells were originated according to legend by Bishop Paulinus, in Nola, in Campania, in the fifth century.

From his town and district are derived the name Campanula, the Latin for bell.

Most people overvalue compliments and undervalue constructive criticism.

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locks on a storm door one day last week.

After gaining entry, the unknown persons scattered contents of the house over the floor and removed the bedroom linens from the beds.

Taken from the house was a 15-inch portable color television set valued at \$495.

Assault

Janel Price, 1006 Avenue U, reported to Lubbock police that a man came to her house and forced her outside one day last week. The man, according to Ms. Price, started beating her despite her warning.

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a bedroom dresser. Graves didn't know the value of the mirrow.

Around The Hub City

The Presbyterian Center will be closed from Dec. 17, 1976 until January 2, 1977. *****

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of Houston, Texas were a great surprise to Mrs. Wilson's brother. Mr. E.C. Struggs and family. They will attend the Golden Wedding Anniversary of the Struggs' on Sunday afternoon,



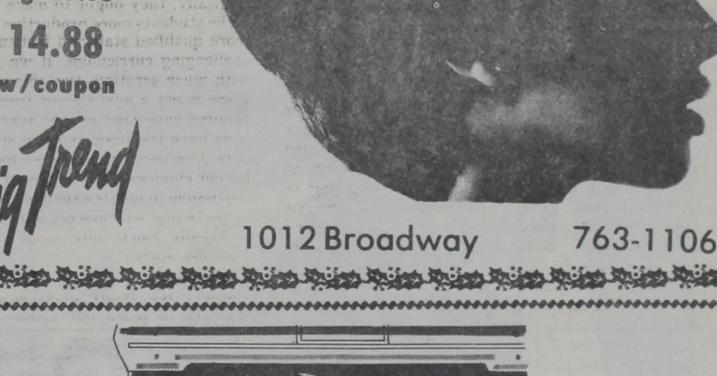
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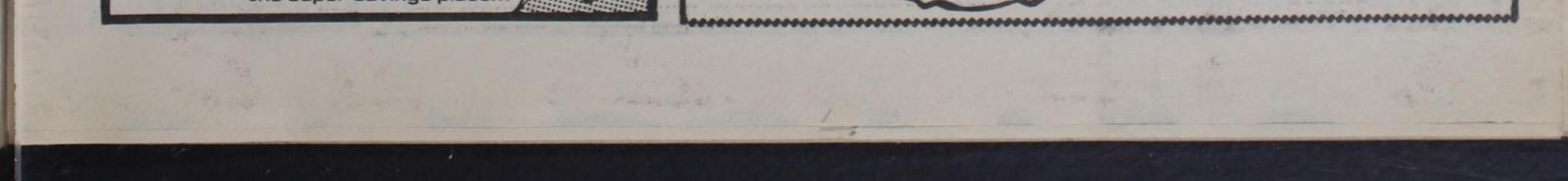


We'd like to wish our friends happy holidays...and also happy motoring!

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Honored With Tea



PEARL READ CIRCLE HONORED WITH CHRISTMAS TEA-Pictured above are members of the Pearl Read Circle honored at a Christmas Tea Sunday Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. Sister Lonnie Jackson and Sister Earla Anderson were hostesses at 1915 E. Carnell St. Sixteen of the 22 member circle were present. The members were very much overjoyed at the presence of Sister Malessia Jackson, who has been absent for some time. We are members of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Rev. S.R. Roberts, pastor. The ladies enjoyed the lovely tea. With the exchange of gifts, they adjourned until the New Year. "As president of this fine group I would like to commend them for their great endeavor for the year of 1975 and 76." Sister Vinia Thompson.



The First Christmas Music Over Fields of Bethlehem

Hymns and carols to celebrate the Child's birth have come down to us through the ages. Mortals from many different ethnic origins have expressed their love, awe, joy and praise, the music varying according to their particular culture and the customs of the day.

Certainly inspired, the beloved favorites still retain all their charm and appeal, probably because of their simplicity and sincerity which generations identify with, through the ages.

Carols are primarily folksongs, even if motivated by religious impulse. As such, they are often



in the popular vein, and some are even comically unrestrained.

Hymns, on the other hand, are songs of praise for God, according to St. Augustine. To quote the Saint, writing about hymns by St. Ambrose: "I wept at the beauty of thy humns and canticles . . . the truth streamed into my heart; so that my feeling of devotion overflowed, and the tears ran from my eyes, and I was happy in them.'

St. Ambrose, 340-397 A.D.

Every century has contributed to the treasury of Christmas carols. From the earliest recorded hymns and carols of the 4th century to the late 19th century and the present time, the world is richer because of the many heart-felt, sincere expressions of devotion, joy and praise.

Black Woman . . .

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department store" after several outstanding evaluations and no upward movement, she left merchandising.

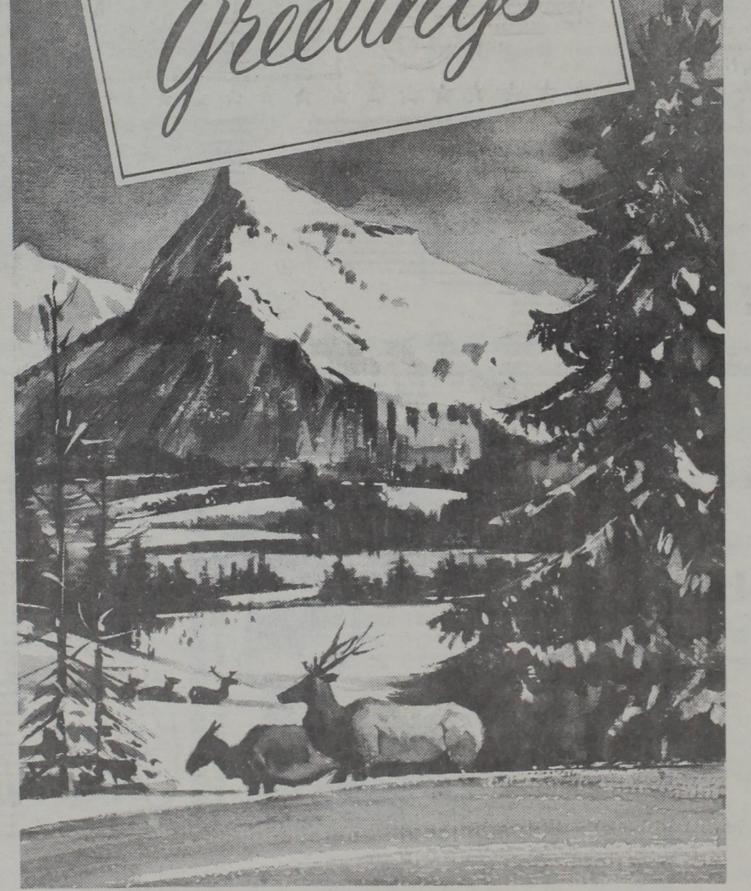
Between retailing and federal service, she considered staying home, but it didn't work.

Married with a 12-year-old daughter, Mrs. Barksdale, who cheerfully admits to being "work oriented," adds, "I never refused a work assignment."

For example, several years ago when LMSA supervised the United Mine Workers election of new officers, she was detailed away from home for 10 months in Scranton and Hazelton, Pa.

An activist, Mrs. Barksdale helped organize the Coalition of Minority Employees two years ago "to press for more equitable hiring and promotion." Originally for LMSA employees, membership is now open to all departmental employees.

A subscribing life member of the NAACP, she served on the executive board of the North West Philadelphia branch. She studied group relations, leadership and the nature of authority through the A.K. Rice Institute of the Washington School of Psychiatry. "You have to deal with interpersonal relations every day," she says. "If I can tell where folks are coming from, it helps me to do my work more effectively." A member of the Washington-Baltimore Center of the institute, she serves as a consultant to group relations conferences cosponsored by the center and other institutions of higher learning. In addition to serving as the federal women's program coordinator in Philadelphia, advising managers "how to eliminate sexist language and attitudes," Mrs. Barksdale was active in her church, sang alto in the choir, loves to sew and cook and entertain friends.



WHAT BETTER TIME TO WISH ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS THE HAP-PIEST OF HOLIDAYS AND THE BEST OF **EVERYTHING! A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Loans . . .

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Patman says: "Over 80 per cent of the loans made by finance companies in Texas are made by less than 20 companies, and each one of those is a part of a large corporate conglomerate with out-of-state headquarters."

He concluded: "A survery of 310 lawsuits filed by one loan company in San Antonio showed that in 4 out of 5 of those cases, the company sought foreclosure upon household furniture and that 4 out of 5 were filed against families."

"The higher interest rates sought by loan companies in the coming legislature pose great financial dangers to families especially those likely to be enticed into financial pitfalls by television and other powerful media advertising," said Senator Patman.





READY FOR CHRISTMAS-Eagerly anticipating the joy of Christmas is 5-year-old Erica Thomas, kindergarten student at Wheatley Elementary School. Like other youngsters in the city, Erica will be awaiting a visit from Santa Claus on Friday. (Times Photo)

Similar

Sugar Coated Darling, this cake is delicious. Did you buy it yourself? -Gosport.

The biggest trouble with success these days is that the recipe is just about the same as that for a nervous breakdown. -Pilot, Norfolk.

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Yule Legends Span Many Years and Many Lands

Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation, It was considered too heathenish!

America gave the world its most Beloved Christmas plantthe poinsettia. The plant is a native of tropical America.

Bayberry candles, which are said to fortell good luck for the coming year if they burn bright at Christmas, were first made by early settlers in America. They dipped bayberry branches in wax and burned them during the holidays.

The story is told that over a hundred years ago, a parish

hou shalt know Him

when He comes, Not by any din of drums,

Nor by vantage of His airs,

Nor by anything He

Neither by His crown

By the holy harmony

Author Unknown

Which His coming

makes in thee.

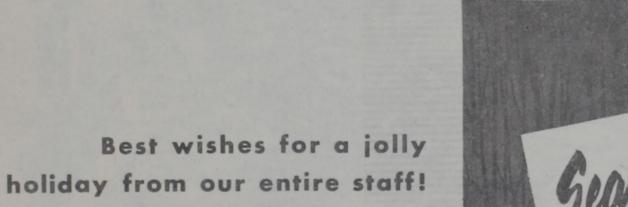
wears,

Nor His gown. But His presence known shall be priest in Salsburg, Austria, returning late one night from administering last rites to a dying woman, was awed by the particular majesty of the still, sparkled-with-stars night; he went home, wrote the lovely, haunting words of "Silent Night, Holy Night." With his organist, Franz Gruber, playing the great music on his guitar, the Father,

Joseph Mohr, first introduced the strains of this popular hymn to a small congregation in Austria.

One of the peculiar things about truth in general is that it requires very little argument to support itself.







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Wednesday, December 22, 1976



ILLUSTRATES STORY – Watricia Coleman, a fifth grade student at Wheatley Elementary School, displays the diaroma she made to illustrate one of the stories in her book. A number of the shadow boxes created by fifth graders at the school decorate the Wheatley library. (Photo by Gordon Downum)

Are You Listening, Lubbock?

by Harold M. Chatman

It is now time for the anniversary of the birth of Christ. This world known event is observed by most Protestants and by Roman Catholics on December 25; by eastern Orthodox churches on January 6, and by the Armenian church on January 19.

The date of the birth of Christ is not known, and the name Christmas is formed by the terms Christ - Mass, meaning a mass of religious services in commemoration of the birth of Christ.

The first mention of its observance on December 25 was during the time of Constantine about 325 A.D.

In this day and time, we seem to celebrate this birth as just another holiday. Some of us look at this joyous time of the season as just another day off work. We should look at its true meaning.

The spirit of Christmas should be shared during the entire year. The idea that Christ died for all of us is something we should be aware of at least twice a year — Christmas and Easter.

It should also be remembered as a time of the year when there is peace. We should not be guilty of killing one another or harming a brother. On the other hand, this writer feels that the judicial system should keep the spirit and deal swiftly and justly with all mankind. This system needs to place a higher value on the human life. In some cases, the human life is compared to personal property. In many cases, the bail on murder is lower than one of property theft. Is it true that one's life is cheap?

A beautiful Christmas present to the City and County of Lubbock would be for the headlines to read: "Lubbock

As NATURE

County Changes Its Mind and Rejoins City-County Health Department." Or, it may read: "County Makes Better Fire Protection For Taxpayers." Another beautiful gift would be: "Lubbock County Commissioners Agree to Purchase Voting Machines."

If these kinds of decisions were made by our elected officials, the spirit of Christmas would prevail throughout the city and county.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a better hope for tomorrow...

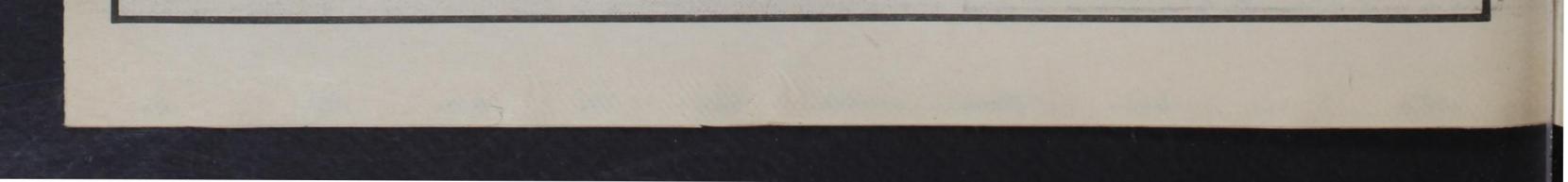


A churchman, John Pierpont, composed the gay Christmas song, "Jingle Bells," which has been popular for over a century.



RAIMENT, OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO THOSE WHO HAVE GLADDENED THE PAST SEASONS FOR US.





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Struggs To Be Honored At Reception



Lillian Struggs

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Struggs of Lubbock, Texas, will be honored with a reception marking their golden wedding anniversary from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, December 26, in the Social Room of Mae Simmons Community Party House, 26th Street and Oak Avenue. Judith Ann Berry, the daughter of the couple, is hostess for the occasion.

The former Lillian Carolyn Porter and Struggs were married December 26, 1926 in Houston, Texas. They taught school in Cameron and Milam County, Texas five years before coming to



E.C. Struggs

Lubbock in 1930. "Prof.", as he is affectionately called, was the fourth Negro teacher employed by the Lubbock Independent School District. Mrs. Struggs was the fifth. Both retired in 1965 after thirty years of service. The Struggs have one grandson, Darrell Edward Berry.

Ex-students and friends are invited to share in this occasion.

Never pay attention to those who say mean things about you; the probabilty is that the speakers reflect themselves.

Angelic Choir Ends Years Work

The Angelic Choir of Mount Gilead Baptist Church ended their year's work with a Tasting Party Thursday, Dec. 16, 1976 at 8 p.m. in the home of Brother and Sister Garnett Lee 2724 E. 8th Street.

The choir had an enjoyable evening and had words of encouragement from their own Sister S.R. Roberts and other members of the choir. Tasting of foods and the exchanging of gag gifts completed their activities for the year. They are looking forward with great anticipation for the New Year stated President Sister Bettye Gant.

Revival Set

A holiday revival will begin Sunday, December 26, at Jerusalem Temple, 3508 Teak. There will be good old gospel preaching and praying for the sick.

Come and be blessed in these services beginning at 8 o'clock nightly, conducted by evangelist Levi Lindley and pastor J. E. Judie.

Tragic as it may seem to some, the football season is coming to an end.





It's the season to decorate our hearths and homes with holiday cheer...and to wish our many friends a truly joyous Yuletide!





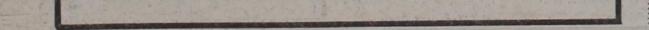
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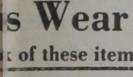
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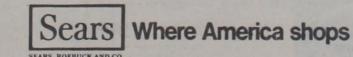
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HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 22, 1976



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Letters To The Editor . .

Dear Editor:

It is regrettable that Gene Gaines and Floyd Perry have chosen not to explain why their church paid for a large number of NAACP memberships just prior to their election. Gaines, attacking the editor of the West Texas Times on a local TV news cast, claims that the matter is "church business". But it is the business of the NAACP and this community if there was any hanky panky about those memberships. It is sad that the president-elect would apparently rather do away with the First Amendment to the Constitution than to simply tell the truth about what happened. Three facts remain:

1. A large number of NAACP memberships were paid for with checks drawn on the treasury of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church where the president-elect is a trustee and the vice president-elect is pastor.

2. Applications accompanying those checks were all written in one hand, and some of the alleged applicants have denied that they joined the NAACP.

3. Almost every one of the memberships in question were new recruits to NAACP. The memberships were taken just in time to make the members eligible to vote in the December election.

Not explaining these matters, the officers-elect do nothing to dispel rumors that their election was less than fair. They appear to confuse church business with NAACP business and are not accountable to the community. (It has also been rumored that they intend to move the meetings of NAACP to their church.) In other churches where memberships were solicited, individuals joined or did not join on their own. Knowing that they planned to run for NAACP offices, Gaines and Perry ought to have been extremely careful that nothing they did could be interpreted as irregular. Their failure to do so in itself makes their qualifications to be officers questionable.

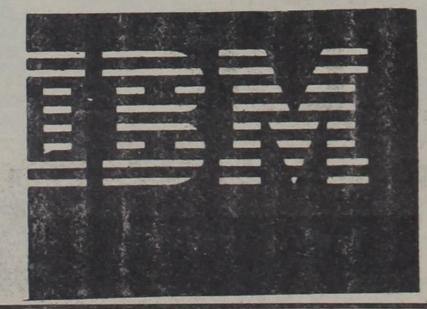
NAACP is not and has never been about personalities. It is not intended to further the career of any individual or to meet the purposes of any other organization. Across the country, through the years, NAACP members, black, white, brown, red and yellow, have given of their fortunes, no matter how meager, and some their very lives, in the just cause of freedom for all Americans. They have done so at great risks and even when the elected officials of our government conspired to subvert the rights of certain minority group members. In Lubbock we simply cannot allow any person to bring any hint of disgrace to the NAACP. The organization is too vital to become the property of any group; it must remain free, strong and above reproach.

Gaines and Perry have acted irresponsibly at best. Their refusal to explain their behavior allows suspicion to grow and rumor to persist. Even if they intended no wrong, they can now best serve the cause of justice and prevent the necessity of an expensive, time consuming investigation by the national NAACP by simply saying two little words, "I resign."

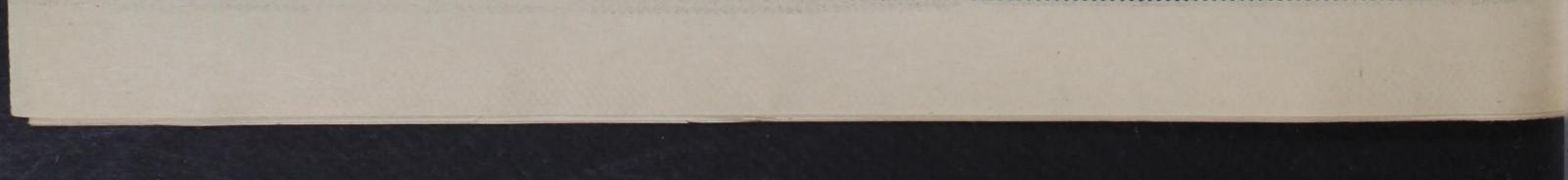
> Sincerely, Vivian I. Davis 3711 46th Street Lubbock, Tx. 79413



May the glad tidings bring joy into every heart at this holy season. And may every home be blessed with all the warmth and cheer of Christmas! Greetings from everyone at









YAPHET'S YULETIDE – Promising to deliver Christmas laughs and excitement galore in his first comedy starring role, Yaphet Kotto as 'Daddy Foxx' in American International Pictures' light-hearted look at contemporary inner-city life, "Monkey Hustle," will be seen by film audiences nationwide. This film will be shown at the Lindsey Theatre here in Lubbock, beginning Friday, Dec. 24. This film is produced and directed by Arthur Marks, the picture also stars famed comedian Rudy Ray Moore and Rosalind Cash. The "Monkey Hustle" screenplay was done by young black writer Charles Johnson from a story by Odie Hawkins.



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'There is only one child in

the world, and the child's

name is all children'.

Perhaps never before in the world's history, has there been such need for understanding between members of the human family.

The American poet Carl Sandburg has written:

"There is only one man in the world, and his name is all *men*. There is only one woman in the world and her name is all *women*. There is only one child in the world and the chil's name is all *children*."

More then ever, these words apply to us this Christmas. Whan an opportunity for us all!

This is the season when millions of people of all faiths observe solemn holy days.

Carl Sandburg

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Each faith, in its own way, acknowledges in its observance the brotherhood of man.

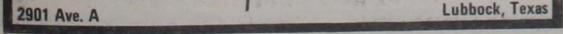
Let each man, each woman, each child as is given him to understand these matters, seek to further this understanding, not only during this holy season but for all seasons. Let each of us in *Continued On Page Fourteen*



It's that time of the year again! May your home be filled with old-fashioned holiday cheer at Christmastime...and your hearts filled with the joy of greeting friends and being with loved ones. Best wishes from the folks at



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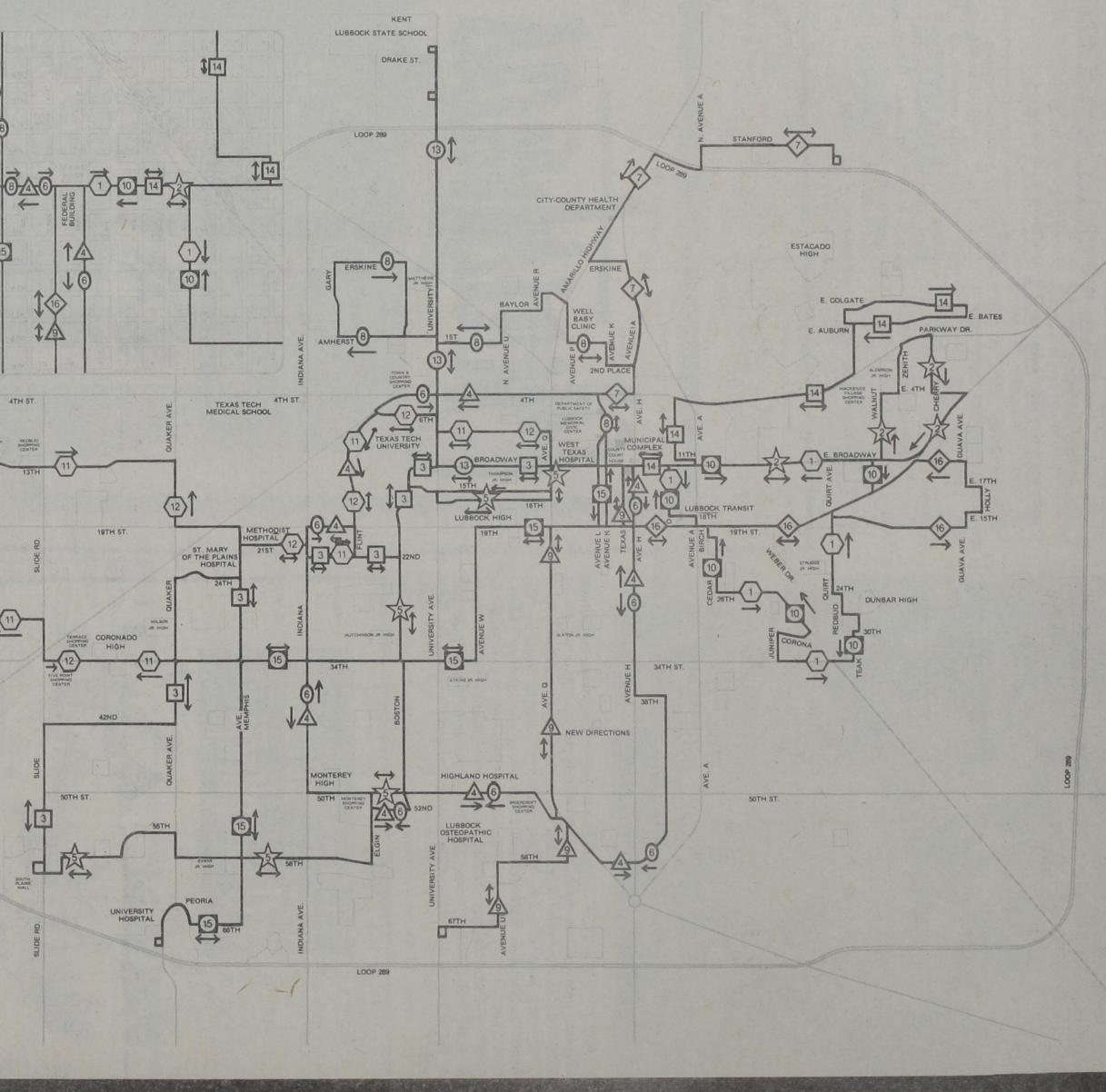
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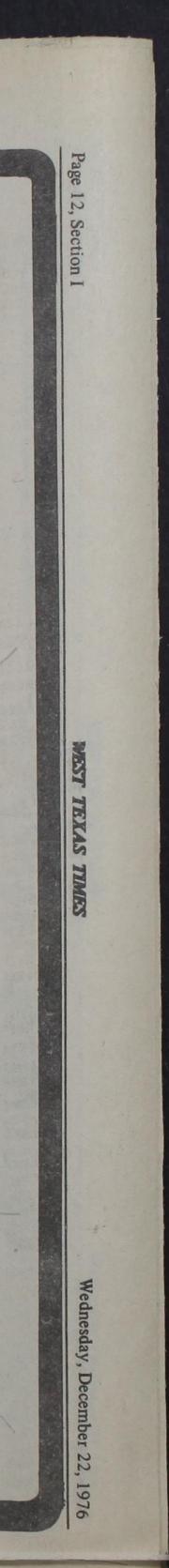
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Ethiopians Celebrate January Christmas in Jerusalem



This gentleman is one of forty monks of Ethiopian church in Jerusalem

by Sybil Kaufman

While the rest of the world is dismantling their Christmas tree and considering New Year's resolutions, an ancient community of black-skinned Ethiopian Christians in Jerusalem start their colorful Christmas ceremonies in an ornately decorated chapel on the roofs of the Holy Sepulchre church.

Ethiopian Christmas, members of During the entire 40 day period not even allow themselves eggs or milk. On the day before Christmas, there is a strict Christmas day, January 6.

The official Christmas prayers

church is especially holy to the Ethiopians because they say it is adjacent to the site which was given to them in the days of King Solomon.

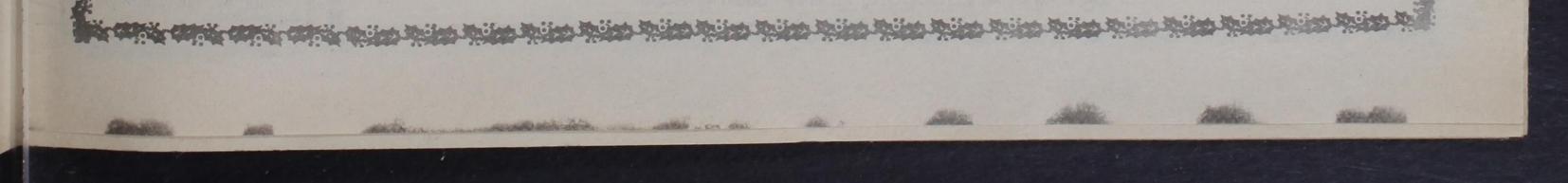
Services in the chapel on the roof continue until two in the morning and include the use of traditional instruments - the

in the old city of Jerusalem. The drum and another metal instrument resembling cymbals, used in the temples of ancient Egypt and said to have come from the temple of Jerusalem.

> The Ethiopians stand praying for many hours. They also carry with them special wooden sticks about four-and-a-half feet tall with Continued On Page Fourteen



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'A fool sees not the same tree that a wise man sees." William Blake





Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary Dec. 25. The couple was married in Bryan Texas on Dec. 11, 1917. They are the parents of five daughters and one son. They also have 18 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. (Times Photo)

Only One Child . . .

Continued From Page Eleven his and her own way seek to unite people of all colors and creeds.

Wherever we live, and work, let us encourage mutual respect, at the next machine or desk, or in the next house.

Every faith can identify with

these words from the Christian Bible: ". . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." "And John bare record, saying, I saw the spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him."



Ethiopians Celebrate ... Continued From Page 13 a carved silver top. In Ethiopia

the lifting of the stick up and down is used for indicating rythm in liturgical-type dances. The church people in Israel also



use the stick for support while praying since they have been fasting and might be weakened.

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After the services, about three in the morning, the worshipers enjoy a meal. At five in the morning, they all go to Bethlehem to pray in the Grotto of the Nativity, the traditional birth place of Jesus.

These unique ceremonies are repeated year after year in Jerusalem by these dignified Christians from Africa. The Ethiopians are known in Israel for their quiet-spoken politeness and their sense of charity and concern for other people.

Ethiopian Christians can be found in several locations in Israel. In addition to the Archbishop's residence and Deir es-Sultan, the Ethiopian church has six monasteries in Israel three in Jerusalem and others in Bethany, Jerico and near the Jordan River - the place believed to be the site of Jesus' baptism. These Ethiopian holy places, as all Christian sites in Israel, enjoy the help and protection of the Israel government.

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Slow Down For Safety

The hustle, bustle and excitement of the holidays are part of what makes the Christmas - New Year time a special season. That same exuberance can also lead people to drop their guard, and all too often the season is marred by the tragedy of an accident.

Slow down during the holidays and take time to be safe, advises the Texas Safety Association. Take a minute to read these holiday safety reminders.

Get yourself organized well ahead of meals, parties, decorations and such holiday activities. Frantic, poorly organized preparation times can set you up for an accident, as well as causing increased fatigue.

Take time to check wiring and extension cords for broken insulation, loose sockets and electric load limitations. Remember that metallic Christmas trees should not have lights strung on them, but should be highlighted with indirect lighting. Real candles should never be used on any kind of tree, or around any flammable decorations. Natural trees should be in stands that hold water or buckets of wet sand to keep dry trees from becoming a fire hazard.

Be safety minded when buying gifts for children. Consider the age and physical ability of the child and check manufacturers' age suggestions. Be especially careful in purchasing electrical toys and other gifts, which should have the UL label. Flame-retardant clothing gifts provide an added measure of safety and thoughtfulness.

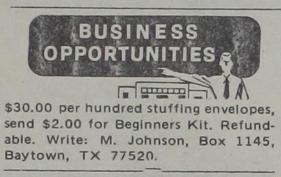


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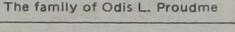
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CARD OF THANKS The family of Mable Willia Hardaway Johnson who passed December 2, 1976 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital is sincerely grateful for the two services at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas. We thank Rev. A.W. Wilson, minister of Bethel AME Church officiating and being assisted by Dr. O.A. McBrayer, District Superintendent of the Lubbock District. We thank Rev. E.J. Tanner, minister of Jacob's Chapel UMC officiating and being assisted by Dr. Prenza A. Woods, pastor of St. Paul UMC and Rev. Dale H. Hansboro, pastor of Union Memorial UMC. We thank Mrs. O.B. Coe, faithful strength in her remarks, all of the ministers, friends, brothers and sisters for sharing your love, concerns, kind expressions of sympathy, beautiful cards, flowers, telegrams and prayers. God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual. All that we have and are we owe to Him.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson Mr. Willie Charles Taylor Mrs Dorothy Honki

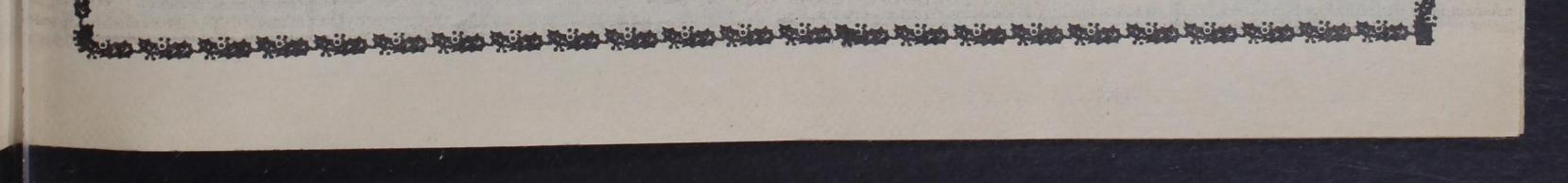
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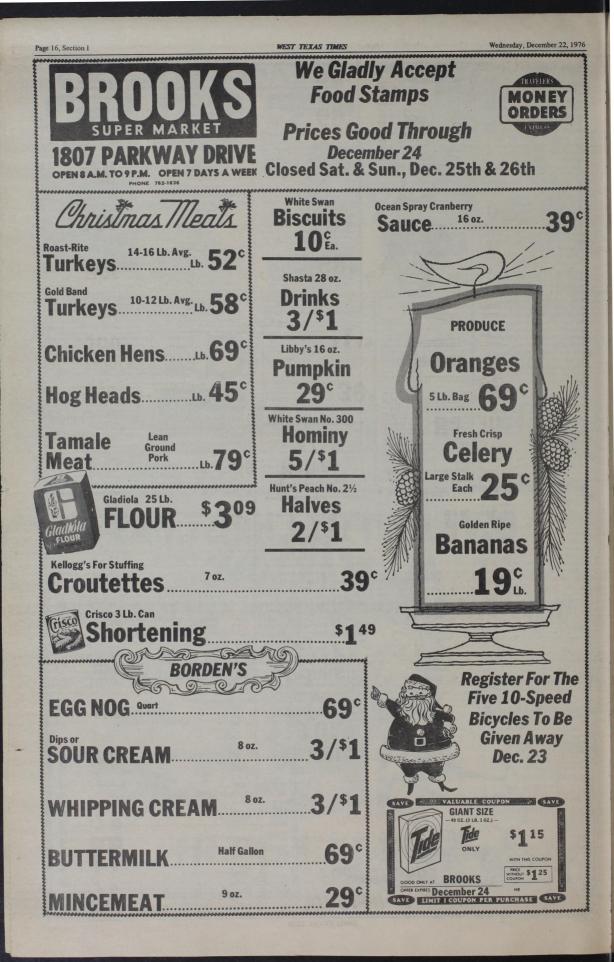
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Parkway School Receives Mascot Picture from Dirk West



MASCOT PICTURED – Cartoonist Dirk West presented a picture of the Parkway Masked Raider to students at Parkway Elementary School recently. Shown holding the framed picture are from left Benjie Alexander, Vickie McGaha and their teacher Mrs. Virginia Edgar. (Times Photo)

by Mary Alice Robbins Parkway Elementary School got its very own mascot recently — thanks to Lubbock City Councilman and cartoonist Dirk West.

It all started several weeks ago, when students in Mrs. Virginia Edgar's sixth grade class wrote letters to West, asking him to visit their school and explain how he got started creating his famous mascot caricatures. In their letters, the youngsters told the cartoonist that their school mascot is the Raider like the one Texas Tech University fans know so well.

"On his own, Mr. West decided to make a masked Parkway Raider for us," explained school principal Don Myers.

When he arrived at the school to present a program earlier this month, West brought along the framed mascot picture as a gift to the student body. According to Myers, the cartoonist made the mascot presentation during a school assembly program in which he also displayed examples of other mascots he created for colleges and universities. The picture now hangs in the front hall at the school.

West also visited Mrs. Edgar's classroom and drew his well-

known Texas A&M Aggie mascot on the blackboard. The caption on the blackboard cartoon reads, "Duh . . . Parkway kids are smarter than Aggies."

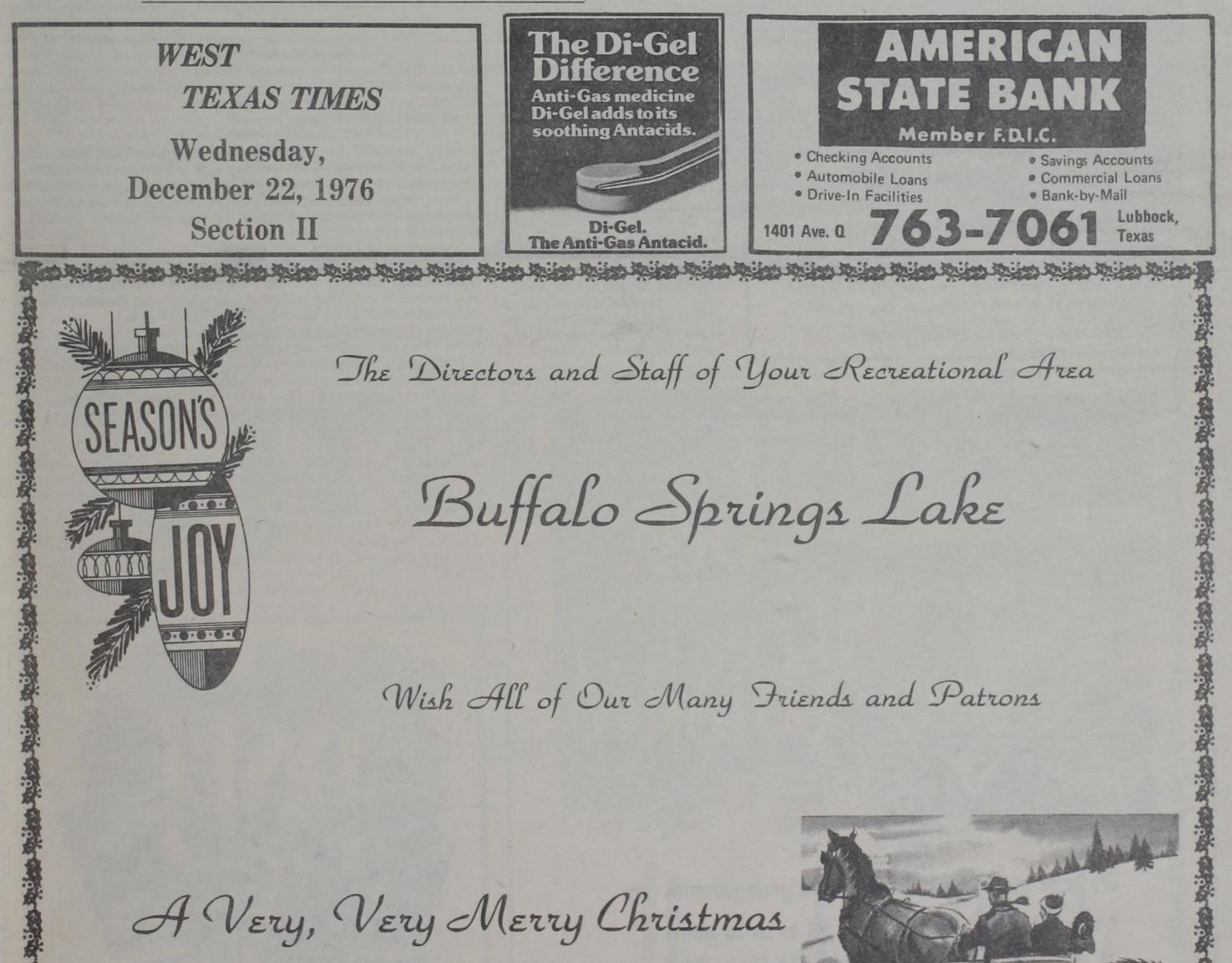
Thrilled with the drawing, the sixth graders have left the Aggie cartoon on their blackboard to remind them of West's visit, Myers said. "They're guarding it with their lives."

According to the principal, the students learned a lot about the world of cartooning as well as information on the city council from West.

They also learned that cartooning is not as easy as it looks. As young Benjie Alexander noted in a theme describing West's visit, "When he drew the picture on the board, it seemed easy — but when some of us tried to draw it, it was hard."

Mrs. Edgar and her students have been very appreciative of West and the time he took out of a busy schedule to spend with the school. A sign over the classroom blackboard reads, "You're the greatest, Mr. West!"

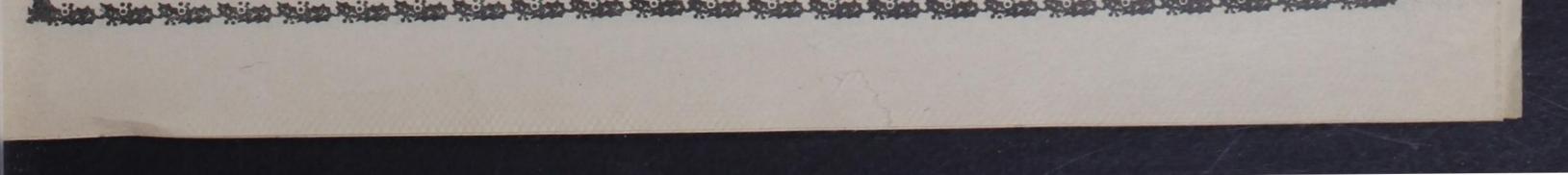
In addition, the teacher said, the class plans to plant a spruce tree on the school grounds and dedicate it to Dirk West.



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Lost Workers to Receive Checks Totaling \$2,394 to Pay Christmas Bills

Dallas — The U.S. Labor Department has checks totaling \$2,394.15 to help 23 unsuspecting former employees of New Mexico and West Texas establishments pay their Christmas bills. Unfortunately, the current addresses of they payees are unknown.

the largest check is for \$453.20. Robert B. Snyder, head of the Labor Department's Wage and Hour regional office here, said "These are not Christmas bonuses. The money represents back pay earned by employees who were paid less than amounts required by federal laws during periods of past employment."

Snyder said most of the wages represent underpayments for overtime work or for hourly pay rates less than the minimums set by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

He explained that Labor Department Wage and Hour

investigators uncovered the illegal underpayments and the Department interceded with the employers on behalf of the underpaid workers for wages due. In some instances the Department took the employers to court to obtain back pay.

In the meantime, Snyder explained, some workers left their jobs and their current addresses are unknown.

"We have checks for these 'lost workers', we just don't know where to send them. We hope they will see their names in the paper and get in touch with us," Snyder said.

Snyder said lost workers should contact the Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division; 555 Griffin Square Bldg.; Griffin and Young Sts.; Dallas, Tx. 75202 (phone: 214-749-7460) or the Albuquerque Wage and Hour Area Office. It is located at 421 Gold Avenue SW;



P.O. Box 1869; Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103 (phone: 505-766-2477).

Claimants must prove their identities by giving their social security numbers.

Following are names of lost workers and establishments for which they were employed in various New Mexico and West Texas cities:

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Hudson-Onan (Hornet) Oil Co. - Charles H. Summers, Jr.

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Michael & Corinne Grace -Daniel Burris, Lydia Jaure, and Angela-Griego.

Lubbock

Hudson-Onan (Hornet) Oil Co. - Barry A. Moore. Brady Plumbing - James W. Moore, Wady Massengale, Russell B. Pierce, Frank Lara, Mark Yates, and Robert L. Dobbing. Interstate Securities Co. - Adrian

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Savings Bond **Sales Steady**

September sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Lubbock County were reported today by County Bond Chairman Jimmie Holder. Sales for the nine-month period totaled \$2,800,091 for 85% of the 1976 sales goal of \$3,290,000. Texas sales during the month amounted to \$21,049,995, while sales for the first nine months of 1975 total \$198,746,369 with 73% of the yearly sales goal of \$272.4 million acheived.

Ringing The Bell...

with Bob Tieuel

Black Personalities in Government: Will Jimmy Carter appoint a black man to the Federal Communications Commission to succeed the

present one: Benjamin L. Hooks? This is the question that is being asked by black leaders throughout the Southwest and the nation today. Most of them believe that President-elect Carter is highly cognizant of the fact that blacks furnished his margin of political victory and will respond by not only naming a black to the FCC but will appoint qualified black men and women throughout the hierarchy of government during his administration.



And while blacks have served on the Federal

Trade Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, Consumer Products Safety Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, for the most part blacks have not served on the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Maritime Commission, the Nuclear Energy Commission, the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Federal Power Commission and until recently, the Federal Communications Commission.

Commenting on the possibility of more blacks in high ranking policy making agencies and boards in government, Hooks said: "Carter has demonstrated as a Governor, a sensitivity and concern and since his election, has stated he plans to include the appointment of blacks and women to important positions in government. I certainly intend to work his administration in any way I can to see that the black presence is given a high priority.'

In Which We Clear Our Mail Desk: A Lamesa bellringer writes that Texas Atty. Gen. John Hill has proposed that low income persons be allowed to make installment payments on utility bills during the months that they are the highest. Also that among the most popular of the legislative proposals is a "lifeline" discount electric and gas rate for low income residents. And in New Mexico, Robert Mondragon, director of the Commission on Aging is stated to be backing a "lifeline" rate for utility users in low income brackets with rates from larger users making up the difference. ****

Comptroller Bob Bullock, stung by criticism of his minority hiring record, has told State Rep. Mickey Leland of Houston "no other state agency" can match his office's progress. In a letter to Leland, Bullock also suggested Leland visit the comptroller's office, see what Bullock has done in hiring blacks, Mexican-Americans and women in "positions of responsibility" and then compare Bullock's record with other state agencies. Leland criticized the small percentage of policy-level minority and female employes at all state agencies, but particularly in the offices of statewide elected officials.

Again, we would like to make this means to thank many of our West Texas Times' bellringers for securing your subscriptions through this department. All profits received will be turned over to our mission fund in West Texas which contributes to the building, reconstruction and remodeling of churches throughout the area and in some portions of Oklahoma.

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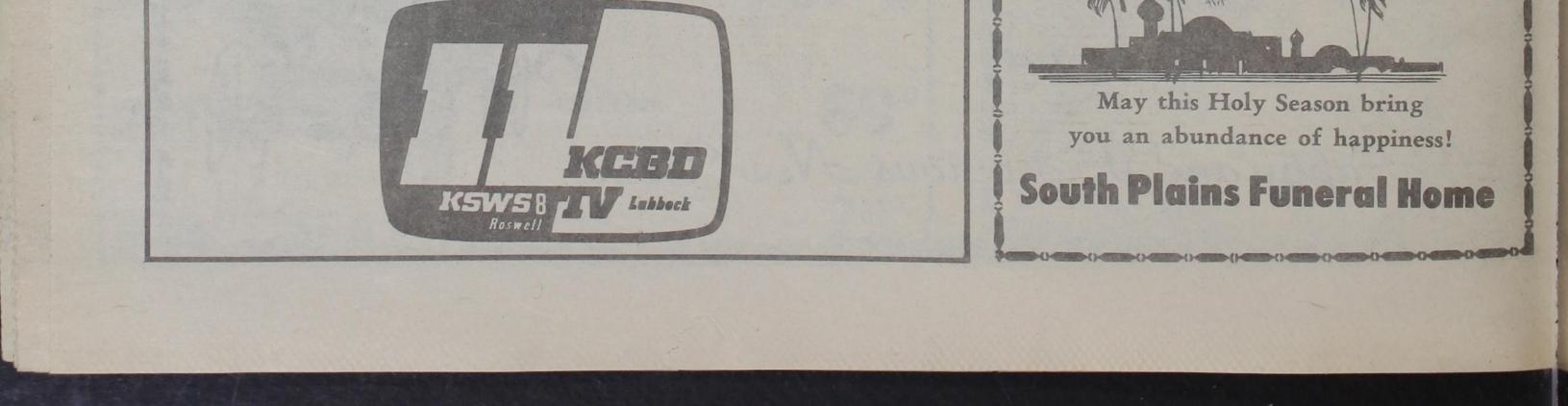
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A few years ago, we published a monograph on "The Story of Black Methodism in the U.S.A.," in which we traced the founding, growth and development of the three largest all-black Methodist denominations in the country: the C.M.E., the A.M.E. Zion and the A.M.E. It was widely received and acclaimed by students of the problem and churchmen of all faiths. We have another one ready for press. It is entitled: "In Defeat and in Victory," unless readers can suggest a better title. Perhaps no group of Americans as a whole, have suffered greater economic as well as spiritual and emotional pains as the black Methodist preacher. His problems are unique in American history. Yet through it all, he has found much joy. ****

The Greatest Story Ever Told: "And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn.

"That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared before them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord." From Luke 2: The Living Bible. (to be continued)

Until later Peace. Be a good neighbor. They come in all colors.



Across The Nation

The August, Georgia Newseview tells happily of a Paine ollege professor's receipt of a octoral studies grant. Our Ingratulations from readers ross the nation to Jane T. owland, assistant professor of ology at Paine College, who has een awarded a grant to idertake doctoral studies by the harles A. Dana Faculty aprovement Fund. The Fund ovides awards to not less than ve faculty members of the 41 stitutions which constitute the nited Negro College Fund.

Mrs. Rowland, who had been a ember of the Paine College aculty since 1964, has had ticles published in The merican Biology Teacher in 1974 and 1975. She will begin her octoral studies in the fall.

Dr. Dale Bockman, Chairman of the Department of Anatomy. She is already begun courses in ectron microscopy and histogical techniques and will focus er studies on Microscopic natomy.

Mrs. Rowland will return to ne Paine College faculty after ompletion of her doctoral udies.

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The Akron, Ohio Reporter tells a cultural tour of Liberians hich recently stopped in Akron: Stilt dances and "The Breaking the Bush" ceremony were two the traditions presented at E.J. homas Performing Arts Hall, hen folk artists from Liberia ame to Akron as part of the mithsonian Institution's ON OUR program.

The star performer of the ational Cultural Troupe is a nirteen-year-old prodigy, Nimba ird. Her repertoire includes nany traditional songs. Bendu, nother popular female folk nger with the Troupe, will also erform traditional songs. The Troupe was sponsored locally by the Akron Community Service Center & Urban League, the Akron University Black Cultural Center, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

The concert presentation was just one of many activities planned for the visiting performers.

The Liberian folk artists are part of the Liberian national Cultural Troupe, a specially selected group of folk performers. The Troupe is based in Kendeja, a village located ten miles outside of Monrovia. Facilities for the artists to engage in their fields are provided in Kendeja as well as facilities to teach these folk arts to others.

Two stilt dancers, or Geleben, accompany the Troupe. When properly costumed, the masked dancers stand as high as eight feet tall. One of their many dances, Zowoma Yeh, involved folding and twisting the legs, a feat which seems very dangerous.

The Mini Acrobats perform wula dances from the Gola people in western Liberia. These four teenagers are costumed in grass skirts, netted shirts and semi-circular hats called kombo. Most wula dances are vigorous and intricate, involving many acrobatic feats. Two female dance groups, Kru and Kpelle, also accompany the tour. Polobe, done by the Kru group, involves dancing with the body twisted in the form of an arc. Daily village activities, such as farming, home care, and beauty culture, are depicted by the Tii Fongma dance, which is performed by the Kpelle group.

"The Breaking of the Bush" is a

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an initiation society. Both secular and ritual dances will be performed.

In addition to the performing artists, a tie dyer, Gbesse Kiazdu; a cloth weaver, Salia Dukuly; and a wood carver, Alfred Yegon, accompanied the Troupe to demonstrate their crafts.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., deserved applause from all of our readers for their special project, Stork's Nest. The Sorority notes:

Strictly speaking, Stork's Nest is a non-profit redistribution center where welfare and working poor expectant mothers, referred by cooperating hospitals, clinics and health centers, may get needed maternity and infant clothing and furniture for minimal cost. Actually, it is an incentive program to increase the number of women seeking the early and continuing pre-natal care so necessary if a baby is to be born healthy.

Some chapters are placing special emphasis upon teenage unwed mothers and fathers. The Chapters offer counseling to the mother and father; and, there are special cadres to work with pre-teens to disseminate information through rap sessions and activities.

The first Stork's Nest was launched in Atlanta, Georgia, in the spring of 1971. Administered by the Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, it was one of many educational and service projects of BIB (Better Infant Births), a highly successful program sponsored by the Fulton-DeKalb-Clayton Chapter of The National Foundation -March of Dimes which actively enlists the services of twelve member organizations of which Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is one.

Convinced that the project

Comptroller Sends \$302.8 Million Rebate to Cities

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said last week that Texas cities received a total of \$302.8 million in city sales tax rebates during the 1976 calendar year, a 14.4 percent increase over 1975.

"The jingling of those cash registers has been music to ears, both at the state and city level," Bullock said.

Bullock said his office mailed checks totaling \$50.6 million today to 864 Texas cities as their December rebate of the one-cent

national project sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority with cooperation of the National Foundation-March of Dimes whose goal is to prevent birth defects and to better the quality of life at birth.

Expectant women (girls) who are receiving pre-natal care in tax free clinics, hospitals and high risk programs in the area to be served.

This is determined by the person at the prenatal care facility who does the initial interview. Stork's Nest is not a charity and to preserve the woman's dignity, she is expected, if at all possible, to pay something.

city sales tax.

The December rebate was \$9.8 million over that for the same month a year ago.

The biggest check — \$10.3 million — went to the City of Houston. Tiny Bloomburg will receive the smallest — \$4.42.

The city sales tax is collected by retailers along with the four percent state sales tax. The Comptroller's Office rebates to the cities their share on a monthly basis.

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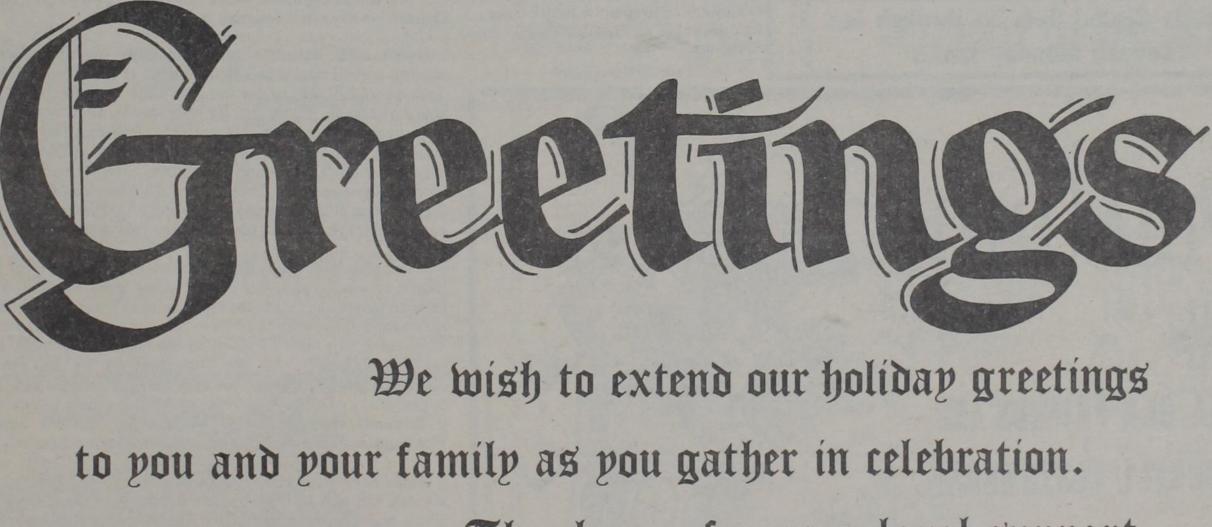


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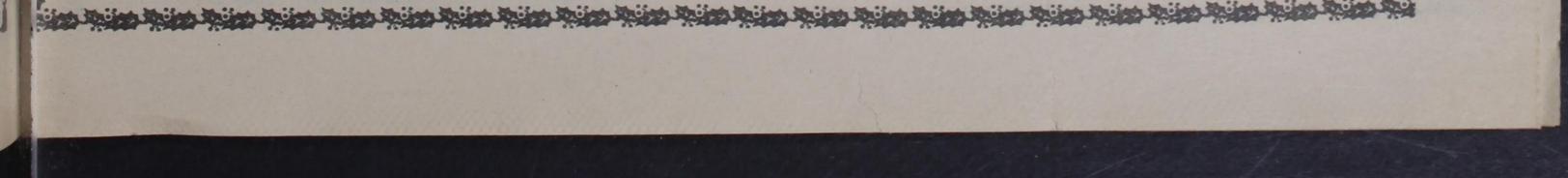
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dance-drama found in many parts of Liberia. It demonstrates the ceremonies associated with ushering girls out of the Sande Grove,

fulfills the sorority's pledge to become more deeply involved in the health and welfare of children, Stork's Nest now becomes a 2 Mi. North of airport on Amarillo Hwy. 746-5533



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West Texans Named to State **Task Force by Gov. Briscoe**

Four area persons have been named by Texas First Lady, Mrs. Dolph Briscoe, to a state wide task force to seek community solutions to the problems of elderly Texans. They will work with groups of retired persons and with agencies concerned with problems of the aging to sponsor a public forum in Lubbock early next year to gather ideas for grass roots solutions to local problems on the South Plains.

Local task force members include Mrs. Carolyn Jordan, Lubbock city council member and past president of the South Plains Association of Governments; Dr. Walter Cartwright, professor and past chairman of the Texas Tech University sociology department; Garza County Judge Giles Dalby of Post; and former Hale County Judge C. L. Abernathy of Plainview.

The forum, to be called The Generation Connection, will seek to arouse public concern, solicit ideas to help older persons continue to be productive, self-reliant, and self-determining. It will involve business and industry by urging them to employ those still able and eager to work, encourage churches, civic groups, and local governments to meet volunteer needs for transportation, housing, medical help, and other needs, and advocate new legislation for the protection of older citizens from life-threatening situations, and assure legal representation for old people when others are



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seeking guardianship over them.

Pointing out that the number of people over 65 is increasing at more than double the rate of persons under 65, Mrs. Briscoe said, "We have had notable success in prolonging life. We have had considerable less success in making that longer life more enjoyable and productive. We must view these mature people as a resource, not a burden, and we must build a society where one can age with dignity and purpose."

Cosponsors of The Generation Connection whose local representatives will work with the task force members in planning the Lubbock forum include The Texas Association of Regional Councils, Texas Senior Citizens Association, National Retired Teachers Association, American Association of Retired Persons, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, First Lady's Volunteer Program, Governor's Committee on Aging, and the State Department of Public Welfare.

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by Joe Kelly

CHRISTMAS MUSINGS-Oh to regain the wonder, faith and hope Christmas as seen through the eyes of a child . . . Christmas may be day of rest for Texas Tech, but both footballers and basketballers w only have a brief respite . . . It behooves Raider fans to buy the Bluebonnet Bowl game tickets, and a lot of sales are needed to make th Tech support evident . . . Houston fans will turn out in numbers, so eve if there aren't many sales here, there should be a good Tech crowd. Larry Dupre gained a nice plug on the Cowboy-Rams game, but it mac me age even more. I've now written about both father and son ... Te bad we had all the usual trappings of Christmas, snow and ice, so ear in the football season.

No Big 8 Conference team, football, that is, beat a Southwe Conference team this season. The closest that league came was tl OU-Texas tie . . . An announcer at the Brigham Young-Oklahoma Sta game last Saturday night exclaimed that the network sure knew what was doing to schedule that game. No it didn't, not if a lot of people got bored and turned it off as this observer did . . . Pittsburgh is a re Cinderella club this year and the Steelers' comeback is amazing ... Ja and Tim King, who will sing the Star Spangled Banner at the Cotte Bowl this year are in for a real treat. No bowl does more for its guest visitors and friends, to say nothing of the media, than the Cotton Bow

Recently a Permian Basin writer, here for the Baylor game, remarke that Odessa was Raider-crazy now, thanks in large part to Rodne Allison's success. That's good news, because it never was a Ter stronghold, and a lot of good athletes come from Odessa . . . The ext preparation for the Bluebonnet Bowl is going to help Tech football. It like an early spring training . . . To repeat, if you all have forgotte Tom Brookshier, like Lubbock's Bobby Layne, was a Lubbock Hubber one time . . . The SWC will have at least two new coaches next yea Freddie Akers and Lou Holtz, with maybe a third. There was a repo that Ron Meyers, who has been at SMU one year, might be leaving. ****

The Oakland-Boston and Dallas-LA games were exciting affairs. T other two playoff games were ho-hummers . . . Some Jim Carlen dieha fans say that Steve Sloan will really have to have a big recruiting ye because of all the Carlen-era recruits that are finishing eligibilit Wonder if they remember the Carlen recruits who chose not to play 1975, as well as the number of sophomores and freshmen who played much this season . . . When John Michelosen, the former Pitt grid coac now a pro scout, was here, I asked if he was going back to Pitt? "N me," he replied with a smile. "It's a young man's game." . . . There always been dirty play in pro football, but the instant replays show even more graphically and it seems worse than it is.

Tech didn't have a single All America this year on either of the win service teams, or the Football Writers Assn., and not too many outsic of the first all-conference teams. And yet they posted a 10-1 record an were co-champions. It speaks highly of both the coaching and of th players . . . Of 26 team and individual records in the 1976 conference season, not one was set by a Raider . . . The first league basketball gam for Tech will be Arkansas here. It's worthy of note that the Razorback favored to win the SWC title, never have beaten the Raiders in Lubboc ... For the first time in years the Cotton Bowl won't have to fight th Dallas Cowboys for coverage in the media. Reese AFB deserves congratulations for apparently once aga staging a good basketball tournament. It fills a void here . . . In 194 Tech played Wyoming for the first time in basketball at Laramie. The score was 66-56, Wyoming. By coincidence, that was the score by which Tech beat the Cowboys this year . . . According to the schedule, Tec will be on the SWC television schedule twice, at Texas Jan. 15 and will Rice here Feb. 5. But games of the next three weeks will be selected . Merlin Olsen and E.J. Holub were All Americas at the same time ar the big Ram still is playing . . . George Davidson, Tech cage assistan hasn't seen the Raiders play at home this season. He's busy scouting

> If you all missed the college division playoff game from Wichita Falls couple of weeks ago you missed some good football. And some fin football players . . . Coaches say that they'll have to see the films befor commenting, because they have the worst seats in the stadium, righ Well, then, why does TV insist on sideline and ground level pictures th tell you nothing? . . . Leo Durocher, on TV the other night, w disgusted thoroughly with the major league salaries and the general pa to players . . . You have a pretty good idea of how Congress thinks whe it demands that the major leagues put another baseball team Washington. Washington hasn't supported a pro baseball team in year

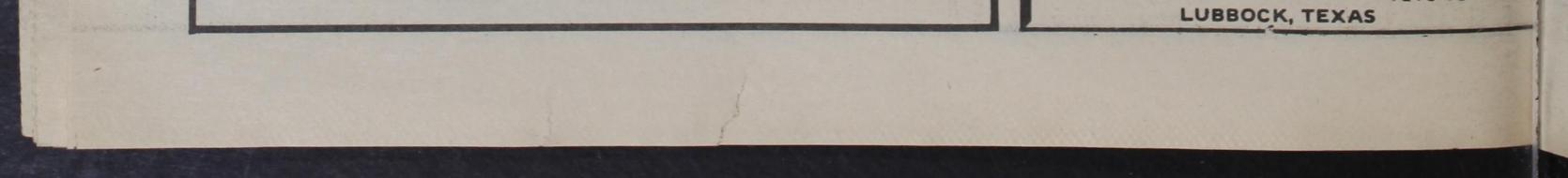
> Remember Pete Harland, former Tech end? He did have a flyin service, but now he's a lawyer, a graduate of the Tech Law School . Had a nice Christmas card from Thelmadeane Hutchins. She and fami are still in Maryland. There probably never was a bigger Tech boost . . . I shed a silent tear every time I pass the old ABC Boys Club Avenue K. I shed the tear for the late John Wilson, whose love it was, well as the big trees in the park across the street, trees that are gol now . . . Christmas Day is almost here and to you, and you, al especially you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Elementary Students Are "Up in the Air" About Reading

by Janice Jarvis

Kindergarten students at Bozeman Elementary can escape to a tree house or ride a sleigh headed by reindeer — all without ever leaving the classroom.

The tree house — along with a doll house, barn, sleigh and puppet stand — are the creations of kindergarten teacher Cathy Warnick. With the help of a friend, Ms. Warnick designs, builds and paints the toys that double as learning aids.

Standing several feet off the ground, the tree house took about two weeks to complete, Ms. Warnick noted. "I kept it covered with a blanket and warned the

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children that if they peeked, they couldn't use it."

In addition to being attractively painted in bright colors and lined with carpeting, the tree house is designed to motivate children to read. "The children must be looking at a book if they are in the house," Ms. Warnick said.

The candy cane pattern painted on the legs of the house also encourages children to learn their numbers. "The children sit under the tree house and count the stripes," explained Ms. Warnick.

The tree house may be the star attraction, but other constructions in the classroom are equally

y appealing.

The doll house is lined with mirrors so that while a child plays she can see her image. "The mirrors help the child define his self image," Ms. Warnick said.

Children also enjoy playing with a barn, complete with a collection of farm animals. Not only do the children have a good time playing, but they also learn the names of the animals and learn a little bit about farming.

For the Christmas season, Ms. Warnick designed a sleigh pulled by plastic reindeer. "The sleigh is used for dramatic presentations and role playing," Ms. Warnick said. Boys pretend they are Santa Claus and usually girls pretend they are Mrs. Santa on their Christmas Eve run.



WAITING AROUND-These students and Bozeman Elementary School are waiting in line for their turn to sit in the tree house their teacher built for them. Since students can only use the house when they are reading a book the construction is not only fun but educational. Pictured left to right are Albert Barajas, Deena Parker and Shan West. (Times Photo)

The children are always playing in one of the objects, said the teacher. When the tree house was first completed, everyone wanted to be in it at the same time — but as the newness wears off, they'll begin to share more.

Ms. Warnick said she enjoys watching the children play with her inventions almost as much as they enjoy playing. "It's really enjoyable to watch the things they come up with just using their imaginations,"

Although the teacher got her idea from a magazine, she has incorporated her own ideas into her designs. "I try to think of new ideas to go along with the different times of the year," Ms. Warnick said.

Using scrap lumber, carpet remnants and inexpensive tools keeps the projects economically priced. "Making the houses has become a hobby with me and I'm always anxious to start on something new," Ms. Warnick explained.

Although she does all the projects in her spare time, the objects take hardly any time to make, she added.

The tree house may be just a box on stilts, but the children enjoy being in it and they do read instead of playing in the tree house. "It's just the idea of it being off the ground that the kids like so much," Ms. Warnick said.

Whatever the reason, the tree house Ms. Warnick built has made reading more fun — when it's up in the air.

Ministers Wives Alliance Holds Christmas Dinner

Members of the Ministers Wives Alliance held their annual Christmas Dinner last Saturday evening in fellowship hall of the New Hope Baptist Church. Invited guests and members heard Sister D.L. Grimes, president, deliver her annual address.

Serving as president for the past two years, Sister Grimes told the audience that it's been a privilege for her to work with the ladies of this organization. She did warn, "We are smart people, but are living in terrible times." "It is highly destructive and dangerous," she said.

"It pays to be cautious in these dangerous times," she pointed out. "Women have not protrayed their part as women, and this is not good in the sight of God," she continued. Earnestine Bell. She sung "He's the King of Kings." Ms. Tynda Hollins sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Each member was presented a check from the organization for their hard work over the past year. Lovely gifts were presented to members and invited guests by their secret pals.

Prior to the program, a lovely meal was served to all in attendance. This delicious menu was prepared by the ladies of the organization.

President Grimes told the audience that the organization wanted all ministers wives to join this hard working organization.

Sister Doris Caro served as mistress of ceremonies. A beautiful welcome was given by her to the invited guests and members. Sister Arene Flemmings followed with another lovely welcome from the organization. A response was given by Sister E. D. Swisher. Rev. M.A. Brown gave the

opening prayer and Rev. Rubin Caro was responsible for reading the scripture.

Sister A.W. Wilson introduced President Grimes and Sister Lydia Lang who gave the annual report. In Sister Lang's report, she gave the financial holdings and work of the ladies of the organization. In her report, Sisters J. Scott and Wilson, call committee members, were praised for their work during the year.

Other participants on the program included a solo by Mrs.

Important Parts at Christmas

Animals, Bees & Birds Play

One legend tells us that the barnyard animals show their adoration of the Child by falling on their knees just at midnight on Christmas Eve.

When the American Indians learned of the Baby Jesus, quite naturally they believed that the deer knelt at midnight on Christmas Eve.

The people of Norway honor all animals, even fish, at Yuletide. Cattle, birds, fish are assured of safety during the time which is known as the Peace of Christmas. No snares are set during this period. The farmers feed their cattle salt from a cow-bell in the belief that they would be able to find their way home at night.

In old Italy on Christmas Eve a curious ceremony often took place in the farmer's barn. The farmer and his shepherd would carry lighted candles into every corner of the animals' shelter holding the tapers high so that light was shed into every dark corner.

In Scandinavian literature there is a story of Jesus as a boy helping His playmates to make clay birds. When he had finished *Continued On Page 10*



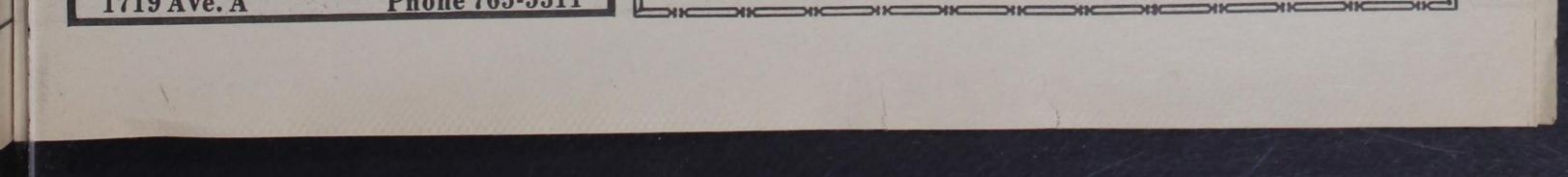
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Wednesday, December 22, 1976

COOKIES SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Cookies at Christmas time are a lovely tradition. While most of us have favorites (that we bake every year), it's always fun to add a few more. Try Sugarplums, Frosty Cherry Cookies and Choco Rum Balls. While all are different, they have one thing in common. Each uses a breakfast cereal-bite-size crispy rice or corn squaresfor unusual texture, added flavor and nutrition.

Arrange your cookies on a pretty plate, tuck in some holly and serve with rich and creamy eggnog.

To use crushed Chex cereals in the recipes below, measure and crush to volume indicated by one of these methods:

• Measure into liquid measuring cup and crush to desired volume with wooden spoon.

· For fine crumbs, process in blender to required volume.

• Or crush in plastic bag with rolling pin, and measure into dry measuring cup.

SUGARPLUMS

2 eggs 1 cup sugar 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, well drained 1 cup dried apricots, cooked, drained and chopped 1/2 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon orange

- extract 4 cups Corn Chex cereal crushed to 2 cups 1 1/3 cups (3 1/2 oz. can) shredded coconut



COOKIES

1/2 cup butter or margarine 1 cup and 3 tablespoons sugar

- 1 egg 1/2 teaspoon almond extract 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon baking
- powder 2 cups Rice Chex cereal (bite-size crispy rice squares) crushed to
- 1 cup 1/2 cup chopped green and red glace
- cherries

CHOCO RUM BALLS

- 6 cups Rice Chex cereal (bite-size crispy rice squares) crushed to
- 1 cup sifted
- confectioners sugar
- pecans
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons rum extract 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
 - Maraschino cherries Dates, pitted Pecans
 - 1/3 cup confectioners sugar (for coating)

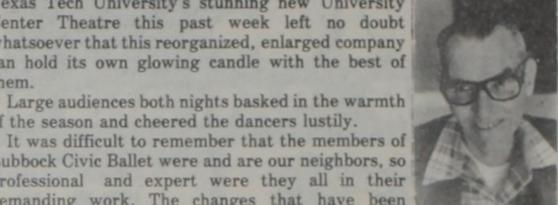
Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Color the Lubbock Civic Ballet with glory!

of the season and cheered the dancers lustily.

Not one but two consecutive dance programs on successive nights in Texas Tech University's stunning new University Center Theatre this past week left no doubt whatsoever that this reorganized, enlarged company can hold its own glowing candle with the best of them.



Lubbock Civic Ballet were and are our neighbors, so professional and expert were they all in their demanding work. The changes that have been wrought in the ensemble are absolutely astonishing. I had been

somewhat less than enthusiastic about attending this group, even though they have had my support down through the years as a longtime member of the board of directors but, believe me, the Friday night performance only whetted my excitement about attending the second showing.

Much if not all of this change is due to the skill and ambitious treatment of the group by the new director-choreographer Ric Brame. He has infused the group with energy and vitality and they have responded to his leadership with flair and vitality. He-and they-deserve all the accolades in the book.

The opening night bow, which brought out a number of city dignitaries and leaders, was the traditional holiday ballet offering around the world, "The Nutcracker" by Peter Tschaikowsky. This delightful, full-length ballet has long been a favorite with young and old alike and its reception Friday was similar to that of greeting an old and beloved friend.

With director Ric Brame dancing the role of Drosselmeyer, the big company sailed through the charming fantasy with verve and joy.

We saw the whole array of mechanical dolls, soldiers and mice, the snowflakes, The Nutcracker Prince and the Sugar Plum Fairy, Snow Queen, Flower Queen and the Flowers, the Chinese and the Spanish, the reed-flute Merlitons and all the rest. Each of the specialty numbers were performed with alacrity and skill, too numerous to mention by name in this writing. With Gena Long and Stephanie Smith sharing the role of Maria, the little girl whose dreams form the background of the work, the parade of familiar and loved characterizations continued. Shannon Adams made a lovely Snow Queen and Steve Mann was fine as The Nutcracker Prince.

But, then, they were all fine, bless them. I loved each and everyone of them and were they to perform it all over again I'd be there.

The evening was enhanced, also, by the special guest appearance of two sterling dancers from New York City, Mary Paranieus and Larry Stevens. The latter is a former Lubbockite Techsan and is now with New York's Pearl Lang Dance Company. They are gifted young people who infused their local dancing partners of the company with their own infectuous dedication to their art.

- 1 1/2 cups
 - 1 cup finely chopped

 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup corn syrup

In saucepan, beat eggs slightly. Add sugar, corn- Cream butter and 1 cup starch, pineapple, apricots sugar. Add egg and almond and orange peel. Cook over extract. Beat well. Sift to- gredients. Combine syrup, medium heat, stirring con- gether dry ingredients. Add water and extracts. Add stantly, until mixture comes to creamed mixture. Mix slowly to crumb mixture. to a boil, Boil two minutes, well. Stir in cereal crumbs Blend well. Butter hands. Remove from heat. Stir in and cherries. Shape into 3/4- Shape mixture into balls or nuts, salt and extract. Add inch balls. Roll in remaining around bits of cherries, 4 1/2 dozen.

Preheat oven to 350°.

Mix together first 5 in-

cereal crumbs. Mix well. 3 tablespoons sugar. Place 2 dates or pecans. Let stand Cool. Drop from teaspoon inches apart on baking one hour. Roll in confeconto coconut and shape sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or tioners sugar. Store tightly into one-inch balls. Makes until bottoms are lightly covered in refrigerator or browned. Makes 6 dozen. freeze. Makes 4 dozen.



So many people had a hand in the two programs that mention of them all is precluded here. Special nods must be made to Charles Post, longtime worker with the Civic Ballet and its president; John Gillas whose overall supervision bore his own initimable stamp of effectiveness; Valerie Komkov, for her designs; the stunning snow Forest and Ice Palace drops by Forest Newlin and to Diana Moore of the Tech dance department.

Two dedicated members of the ballet teaching community were cited for their complete committments to the group over its 10-year history. Mrs. Suzanne Aker and Eugene Bandivicius. And rightly so.

Saturday night's bill was equally effective, with selected excerpts from the previous night's "Nutcracker," as well as other ballets, climaxing with a performance of Ric Brame's own choreography for the rolicking acknowledgement of the country's music and dancing heritage, "America Dancing." It served as a fitting and colorful wind-up of what was a signal achievement in the Lubbock cultural scene.

Miss Sherry Whitely and Larry Lee Van Horne turned out a highly effective choreography (and danced it as well superbly) for Saturday's Chopin Prelude. Larry Stevens danced most impressively in Saturday's solo ballet, "Aircastles" and the "English Fantasy" traditional after Vaughn Williams with choreography by Ric Brame was delightfully done and very well received. The guest stars also scored with their "Synthergy" which led into Brame's "America Dancing."

Lubbock Civic Ballet has come of age and both those intimately connected with its production policies and the fortunate audiences who were allowed to share the Christmas goodies on the stage of that beautiful new theatre installation have reason to shout with glee.

I'll remember those two nights for a long time to come and will be anticipating the Lubbock Civic Ballet's forthcoming activities.

Time has knocked out our Christmas movie entries but we'll be talking about them later in this same week. One thing to be said is that there is no dearth of wonderful entertainment and musical events in the city this Yuletide and that should please everyone concerned.





Bethel A.M.E. Church

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. A.W. Wilson, delivering the morning message. Rev. Wilson reminded each member of their obligation as a Christian. Youth Choir Number one was responsible for the music of the hour.

A beautiful Christmas program was held last Sunday evening with the Youth Department doing a splendid job. Youth Choir Number One was responsible for presenting the music.

Four young people joined our church last Sunday morning and will be baptized the second Sunday in January.

Let us remember our sick and shut in members. Among the sick and shut in are Mrs. Doris Ragland, Mrs. Leaner Goldstein, Mrs. Lorine Hodge, Mrs. W.H. Stephes, and Brother Salone Cunningham. Let us not forget Elder M. J. Alexander and Rev. J. Kelly of San Angelo, Texas in our prayers.

Food baskets were given to residents of our community last Sunday afternoon. This is a project of the Adult Sunday School class each month, including Christmas.

Senior choir Number Two will not rehearse Thursday evening, but will practice next Thursday at 8.

Plans are being made for a big rally the second Sunday in March. Men of the church met with Rev. Wilson after church last Sunday to discuss and plan this important activity.

Young people of the Lubbock

Mount Vernon United c

Methodist Church · Services were well attended

last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, delivering the morning message. Members were glad to see him back at his post.

Prayer meeting is held every Friday at 6. Let us pray for the sick and shut in of our church and community.

The United Methodist Women met last Sunday afternoon at 5. A splendid meeting was held by these women of the church.

Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"The Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 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 Youth Department had a beautiful Christmas program last Sunday evening.

There will be a business meeting held the first Monday night in January at 8. We are asking all members to make plans to be in attendance.

Let us continue to remember our sick and bereaved in this holiday season. We are praying that they will be renewed and consoled in the coming year.

Happy holidays to all . . . *****

New Hope Baptist Church

Watch services will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 31. Our pastor, Rev. A.L. Dunn, is asking our choir and ushers to be at their post of duty. We invite our many friends to worship with us.

General Mission will be held Monday night, Dec. 27, at 7. President Riddle is asking all women of the church to make plans to attend this last meeting

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church Monday, Jan. 3, through Jan. 7, at 7:30 nightly. This event will close with the installation of church officers on Sunday, Jan. 9.

Our church conference will be held Monday evening, Jan. 10, at 7:30. All officers and members are asked to attend.

Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 with St. John Baptist Church as host for the month. Let us all attend and help make this a great day with our choir rendering services.

Remember to whisper a prayer for the sick and shut ins. Visit and do send cards of cheer.

Merry Christmas to you and yours . . .

Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ

We are always glad to have our many visitors to attend our services each Sunday. We sincerely hope all visitors will continue to visit with us.

Sister Patricia Austin is the most recent addition to the sick and shut in list. She is in Room 114 at the St. Mary's Hospital where she underwent surgery last Thursday. She is recovering satisfactorily.

Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

Christmas services will be held for one hour, beginning at 10 a.m. We will meet at the church and praise the Lord. Each member is asked to come and praise God with us.

President Craven and Mission One announces an old fashioned soul food dinner at 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, just before we watch the old year out and the new year in. Come eat with us and praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at seven.

Youth Choir meets at the church each Saturday afternoon

Final Rites Read For Mrs. Nora Sims

Final rites were read last Thursday for Mrs. Nora Sims at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. S.R. Roberts, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Sims was born June 6, 1885 to Mr. and Mrs. Elsie and Taylor Sims in Williamson

sick and shut in members. Brother Eugene Roquemore is recuperating at home. Sisters Vylotte Davis, Lillie Hall, Daisy Deo, Dolly Howard, Laura Jamison, and Alberta Franklin are shut in.

Sister Ida Johnson is a patient at the Colonial Rest Home.

A Merry Christmas to all . . .

Mount Olive Baptist Church

Snyder, Texas — Sunday School was called to worship with the superintendent in charge. High points were given by the pastor, Rev. E.D. Toines, and were enjoyed by all.

The message for the morning worship was deliver by Rev. Toines. He spoke on "Isaiah Foretell Deliverance." The scripture reading was Isaiah 40:3-5 and Luke 3:3.

Music was provided by the Senior Choir with Sister Anniece assisting at the piano. The message and music was most inspiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis just returned from East Texas where they attended her father's funeral at Jefferson, Texas.



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County. She was one of three children born to this union, others have preceeded her in death.

A member of the Court of Calanthe and Eastern Star Lodges, she accepted Christ at an early age. She was a faithful member of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sims passed away Sunday, Dec. 12.

Immediate survivors include four granddaughters, a granddaughter-in-law, twenty - three great grandchildren, ten great great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Pall bearers were Saul Williams, James Burrell, Leonard Bailey, R.Z. Leggitt, D.C. Kinnerand Norris Thomas. Honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Ruth Circle and the Grand Court of Calanthe of Texas.

THE CHRISTIAN CALL NEWS SERVICE (Institutional, Church Promotion & Public Relations) Write:

State School send their thanks to our church, especially our young people, for a splendid time they had with us as guests.

for the year.

A leadership training school will be held for all auxiliary leaders and members of the at five. Junior Usher Board also meets at the church each Saturday afternoon at four. Let us pray for and visit our

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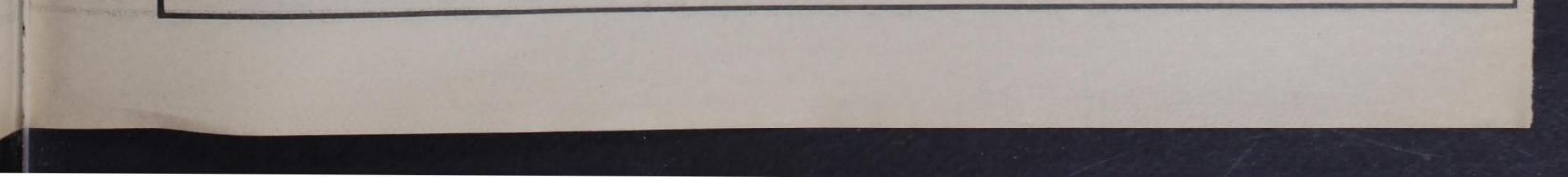
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Opportunities Good in Air Force

by Janice Jarvis

Being prepared to stand on your own feet and contribute your best is the key to success, according to Chief Master Sergeant Thomas M. Barnes.

After more than 27 years in the Air Force, Barnes works in Washington D.C. advising the chief of staff.

Barnes' position includes dealing with the welfare of enlisted men and accessing the general moods and attitudes from enlisted men. He spends most of his time on the road, traveling to Air Force bases and talking with enlisted men.

Throughout the years Barnes, originally from Kirby, Texas, has

(We) carried no weapons; (they)

carried no weapons; (they) were

WILLIAM PENN'S CHRISTMAS

MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN

RED INDIANS, 1682

seen a lot of changes in the Air Force and in civilian life. He said that today there are plenty of opportunities for blacks in the service.

"When I was appointed to the position, many people thought I was appointed because I was black," Barnes recalled.

He has attempted to change that impression and more and more people are realizing that he was appointed because he was well-qualified and happened to be black.

When Barnes first took the position many people in the black community thought he was an "Uncle Tom," while the white community thought he was a "token black." Barnes has tried to show both groups they were wrong.

"Some people thought I would have too much interest in the black community but I'm only serving the blue suit community," he said.

Opportunities in the Air Force have improved in recent years, according to Barnes. There's evidence of that when one looks at the number of blacks performing jobs well, said Barnes.

General Air Force jobs are available for women but the outlook for non-traditional jobs is grim, according to Barnes.

Most people in the Air Force associate themselves with upward mobility, Barnes said. If a person utilizes his best ability he will probably receive a higher rating.

To be successful a young person should be well qualified, explained Barnes. He defines "well qualified" as having a good educational background, keen competitiveness and the pursuit of excellence.

RUM TAKES THE CAKE



Rum cake is an annual tradition in many American homes. However, rum cake probably originated in France according to files in the archives of Bacardi Imports, Inc., the country's largest importer of rum. During the 17th century, King Stanislas of Poland, also France's Duke of Lorraine, dipped chunks of cake in rum and set them on fire. He named the delicious pieces "Baba au Rhum" after Ali Baba, the celebrated thief in the bestselling novel of the day, "The Thousand and One Nights."

Today many hostesses still follow the custom by serving rum cake and rum punch as a popular way to end a festive meal. Here are exciting new recipes for the ever popular rum cake and rum punch.

FESTIVE RUM CAKE

Cake:

1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

1 18 1/2-oz. pkg. yellow cake mix 1 3 3/4-oz. pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix

4 eggs

1/2 cup cold water

1/2 cup oil

1/2 cup Bacardi dark rum (80 proof)

Glaze:

On a day towards the end of 1682 (we) made a Treaty of Amity with the American Red Indians.

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modeling his bird, He would clap his hands and the bird would take wing and fly off into the skies.

Even the bee has his niche in Christmas lore. In England long ago it was believed that the bees sang to the Christ Child at midnight on Christmas Eve. Some beekeepers still place a bit of holly on the beehives at Christmas.

Rather than be caught up in the many meaningless chores of Christmas, why not let some of them go undone and concentrate your efforts on the true meaning of Christmas. You'll find you've created a warm feeling of family closeness and love. When Christmas morning comes, you'll be able to meet it with a new joy in having found the way to express the real meaning of the Lord's feast.

fully armed. (I) addressed them as follows: "The Great Spirit who made me and you, who rules the heavens and earth, and knows the innermost thoughts of men, knows that I and my friends have a heraty desire to live in peace and friendship with you, and to serve you to the uttermost of our power. It is not our custom to use hostile weapons against our fellow creatures, for which reason we have come unarmed. Our object is not to do injury, and thus provoke the Great Spirit, but to do good. We are met on the broad pathway of good faith and good will, so that no advantage is to be taken on either side, but all is to be openness, brotherhood, and love."

William Penn, 1644-1718

And Desire

Great minds have purposes; others have wishes. -Grit.



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"Many times people use color as a crutch when there's no reason to," he said.

"In my own case people were waiting to see if I would do anything," Barnes said. After two job extensions there's a good indication that he's doing well.

1/4 lb. butter

- 1/4 cup water 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Bacardi dark rum

Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease and flour 10-inch tube or 12-cup bundt pan. Sprinkle nuts over bottom of pan. Mix all cake ingredients together; pour batter over nuts. Bake 1 hour. Cool. Invert on serving plate. Prick top. Drizzle and smooth glaze evenly over top and sides. Allow cake to absorb glaze. Repeat till all glaze is used.

For glaze, melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in rum.

If desired, decorate with whole maraschino cherries and border of sugar frosting or whipped cream. Serve with seedless green grapes dusted with powdered sugar.

RUM TEA PUNCH

1 quart Bacardi light rum

2 cans (12 ounces each) apricot nectar

2 cups very strong tea, chilled

2 cans (6 ounces each) frozen lemonade concentrate 2 quarts club soda

In a large punch bowl, combine rum, apricot nectar, tea and lemonade. Add ice cubes and lemon and orange slices, if desired. Just before serving, add club soda. Makes about 24 servings.





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Scholarship Honors Late Editor of The Carolina Times

Arthritis Association, Inc. has established a scholarship at North Carolina Central University in Durham in honor of the late Dr. Louis E. Austin, founder, publisher, and editor of The Carolina Times.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student in the School of Nursing and will be known as The Louis E. Austin Scholarship. Clifton P. Jones of Chapel Hill, N.C., president of The American Arthritis Association, Inc., has announced the scholarship. Jones stated: "The American Arthritis Association is honored to announce the establishment of The Louis E. Austin Scholarship at North Carolina Central University. The late Dr. Austin was a great

Durham, N.C. - The American humanitarian. He was deeply interested in the welfare of his fellow man, be they black, white or of whatever ethnic origin. He was a great North Carolinian and a great American."

> Austin was born in Enfield. N.C. on January 24, 1898. He was educated at the Joseph K. Brick School, Brick, N.C. and the National Training School (now North Carolina Central University) in Durham. He was married to the former Miss Stella Walker of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Mrs. Austin still lives in Durham. The Austin's have one daughter, Mrs. Vivian Austin Edmonds of Chapel Hill who is the present editor and publisher of The Times. Dr. Austin died June 12, 1971.

Robert Louis Stevenson

My tea is nearly ready and the sun has left the sky; It's time to take the window to see Leerie going by; For every night at teatime and before you take your seat, With lantern and with ladder he comes posting up the street.

Now Tom would be a driver and Maria go to sea, And my papa's a banker and as rich as he be; But I, when I am stronger and can choose what I'm to do, O Leerie, I'll go round at night and light the lamps with you!

For we are very lucky, with a lamp before the door, And Leerie stops to light it as he lights so many more; And oh! before you hurry by with ladder and with light, O Leerie, see a little child and nod to him to-night!



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