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Salinas Backed Amendment to School Finance Bill

by Cliff Avery

You might call it giving with the left hand and taking a little more with the right. You might call it cutting a foot off one end of the blanket and sewing it to the other end to make a blanket longer by a foot and a half.

You might call it robbing Peter to Pay Paul—but Paul gets a little more if he lives in one of the medium size cities in Texas.

You might call it all those things, but you may still not understand it, because it has to do with public school finance.

The legislature is dealing with what has been Excedrin Headache No. 1 since a United States Supreme Court case scrutinized the state's method of paying for education several years ago.

The debate on the floor of the House of Representatives goes into its second week, after last week's consideration was derailed by a question of parliamentary procedure that, in effect, required the legislators to start all over again.

Into the midst of this legislative turmoil, a group of representatives from medium-sized cities—including State Rep. Froy Salinas of Lubbock—is tossing out an amendment to the bill backed by the House Leadership (translated: Speaker Bill Clayton of Springlake).

The legislature took up the amendment Monday, and sponsors were unable to convince the marshalled forces of Clayton that the House should shift the emphasis of the bill from tax relief to equalization.

The Leadership Bill sets aside one amount for equalization—something for the property-poor

school districts, distributed through a complex formula—and \$357 million set aside for reduction of what is known as local fund assignment. That lessens the amount a school district has to ante to meet its



Froy Salinas

obligation in the Foundation Program.

But by an amendment introduced by State Rep. Luther Jones of El Paso and backed by Salinas, the bulk of the \$357 million would be poured into equalization, using an even more complex formula.

The thrust of the Jones amendment is to average the taxable value of a district's vacant land with developed property. That raises the value of the undeveloped land and increases the wealth of rural districts. With less equalization needed in "wealthier"—after the Jones amendment—rural districts, more state funds can be shifted to the smaller cities.

Jones acknowledges that the rural districts would get less from his measure, but notes that they still get more from the state than they did in the last finance bill. And, Jones warns ominously, that if the state doesn't "cinch up" for equalization, the federal courts may intervene, "and they (the courts) won't look at agricultural value" of the land.

That hints at the threat that some legislators fear most—that the courts might require the state to collect all taxes for public education then disperse it back to emasculated local districts on a per student basis.

Under the Jones plan, LISD gets more state aid, to the tune of \$1.4 million a year. But there's a higher price tag to the district, too. With less state money coming in to reduce the local fund assignment, LISD has to pick up the slack.

Under H.B. 1128 from the last legislature, Lubbock schools had to kick in roughly \$4.6 million to meet its end of the bargain. Under the Leadership bill, Lubbock would only have to raise about \$2.9 million.

But under Jones' amendment, LISD puts in \$3.5 million from local funds. And thus tax relief that would be passed on to local taxpayers would be smaller—\$895,000 under the Leadership bill, \$588,000 under the Jones amendment.

The net effect is that under Jones Amendment, Lubbock gets about \$615,000 more in state money. But smaller districts in Lubbock County have to kick in more without a corresponding increase in state aid.

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Thomas Howard Guest Speaker For Dunbar All - Sports Banquet

Thomas Howard, a former Panther at Dunbar High School, will be the guest speaker at the annual All-Sports Banquet Thursday evening at the Booker T. Washington post 808 American Legion Building at 7:30. This is an annual event of the Dunbar Booster Club.

Howard, who was named All-American this year, has been a standout with the Texas Tech Red Raiders. He received a full football scholarship and played defensive end the first two years and linebacker the final two years.

Few Tech supporters will forget Thomas Howard's play, and one authority said: "Howard's excellent speed and instinct for the ball made him a feared figure in the Southwest Conference, and his play in All Star competition earned him a similar reputation among the nation's college greats."

No single game typifies this more than the Tech-Colorado clash, when Howard's 17 tackles and 2 interceptions earned him Associated Press Player of the Week honors. After the season, where his key defensive play contributed to Tech successes, he played in All Star games such as the Hula Bowl and the Japan Bowl.

As a Dunbar student, he was

named Rotarian of the Month, ranked in the top percentiles of his class, and was selected by the student body to receive their highest honor—"Mr. Dunbar."

"It is a privilege as well as a pleasure for me to have an opportunity to come back and speak to young athletes who are participating at Dunbar High School, my school," said Howard.

The public is invited to attend this event Thursday evening. Admission is \$3.00.

Tech to Host Black Poetess

Nikki Giovanni, writer and reader of black poetry and fiction, will give a presentation of her works under the title, "The Way I Feel," at 7:30 p.m. April 27 at the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom.

An author of 13 books in the past 10 years, she also has recorded four albums. She has received several honorary doctorates, the "Ladies Home Journal" Woman of the Year-Youth Leadership Award and the "Mademoiselle" Award for Outstanding Achievement.

The American Library Association also has given her recognition

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TV Violence Spurs PTA to Put Networks on "Probation Period"

The National PTA is giving the networks notice that it means business when it concerns TV violence! On July 1, 1977, the PTA will launch its *First Action Plan*, the next step in its project to effect a reduction in TV violence, and an improvement in the overall quality of programming.

Running for a six-month time span until January 1, 1978, this initial action phase is a "probationary period" for the networks, in which they'll have the opportunity to respond to the demands of the PTA's 6½-million members for less TV gore and more diversity and quality in shows.

During this time, PTA members across the nation will be directly involved in an intensive training program and activities to make the organization's cause visible to the TV industry, advertisers, and the public. At the base of all activities will be the National PTA's "TV Action Center," a newly established operation which will serve as a clearinghouse for all information related to the project.

If there is no substantial response from the networks by

January 1, 1978, the National PTA will consider alternative courses of action, such as boycotts of advertisers, programs, and local stations; selected test cases of petition to deny licensing; and civil litigation.

The *First Action Plan* will focus on a massive letter writing campaign to the top executives of local TV stations—for the stations' public files—commenting on both exemplary and objectionable programming, with

copies to the networks, program advertisers, and the National PTA. Members will be supplied with appropriate names and addresses for prime time TV advertisers, the networks, and the FCC.

Another aspect will be instruction to parents in monitoring techniques for the TV shows viewed by their children, and actual monitoring activities for the six-month period and beyond.

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Estacado Student in Debutante Cotillion

Jonita Dewberry, daughter of Mrs. John Smith and Henry Dewberry, will travel to Abilene, Texas this week to represent Lubbock in the Debutante Cotillion at the annual convention of the Stokes-Parker District of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

She is a senior at Estacado High School and will be competing for talent and financial queen against other young ladies from nine cities in the district.

Dewberry will be representing the Magnificent Seven Civic Club with the help of the Soul Sister and Tiara Clubs who will accompany her to Abilene.



The meeting will convene April 22 through April 24.

EDITORIALS

There Is a Way After All

With all the problems facing residents in the eastern part of Lubbock, there is a way after all to overcome many of the economic problems facing this area. For many years, this newspaper has contributed what it could to inform residents of the many shortcomings here in the economic area, but nothing has happened yet.

All the social programs, which someone has to pay for, hasn't been the answer. Those programs only complicated the situation. We ended up fighting symptoms and not getting down to real basic causes of the situation.

We feel, now, there is a way out of the forest of frustration which has kept us lost and behind in years. As we look throughout America, including communities comparable to east Lubbock, we feel as though a collective effort in the form of local development companies could be a beginning to something outstanding.

After careful research over the past several years—including the assistance of professionals in the district office of the Small Business Administration (SBA) here and other professionals and politicians in Dallas and Washington, D.C. areas, we are even more positive that something can happen.

Throughout America, communities—similar to east Lubbock—are learning that they can increase local job opportunities, income, and tax revenues by helping business concerns modernize, diversify, or expand their operations, and by encouraging new businesses. This has been accomplished by the assistance provided through the medium of local development companies.

Since most of these local development companies are small, SBA—under authority granted by Congress—has been in a position to lend funds to these local efforts for the use in financing specific firms.

Granted, local development companies will not be the answer to all the problems in east Lubbock or any other community. They will, however, help get something started which is needed to upgrade the economic conditions for the citizens of those areas.

We hope there will be those in the east Lubbock community who will do what they can to see that there is an opportunity for a local development company to be developed in east Lubbock. If this would happen, we believe there would be much improvement for the business area and educational opportunities for the citizens of east Lubbock.

We believe, there is a way after all for a great number of the east Lubbock residents to move up the socio-economic ladder without the assistance of some "do gooding program."

As I See It . . .

by T.J. Patterson

This writer had a very interesting visit with Dirk West, mayor pro tem of the City of Lubbock, last Saturday evening prior to his participation in the Steve Sloan Gridiron Roast.

Councilman West was rather shocked and upset about the way some people are treated while attending functions at city facilities. It appears as though he was given the same treatment as those attending the Mexican-American dance at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center last Saturday evening. West, who was asked to be frisked by a security guard who didn't know who he was, was surprised at this kind of treatment.

He made it clear to this writer (and others in his presence) that if a group of whites were having a dance at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center they wouldn't be frisked by any security guard. It is good that one of our own elected city officials got a portion of what is happening to blacks and browns in instances in the city.

He told this writer that he would look into this kind of treatment. As I See It, it will make a lot of sense to know why such procedures are placed on some while others don't even know it happens. A point at hand is the recent Gridiron Show several doors from the Mexican-American dance last Saturday evening. This writer didn't see any of those distinguished Lubbockites being frisked by the security guards at the Civic Center.

As I See It, this is not very good public relations for a new facility which needs the cooperation of the entire

community. This writer hopes Councilman Dirk West looks into this matter and brings his findings to the attention of the City Council. They need to know what is really going on in our city.

Since public relations are important, there's another blunder which needs to be brought to the attention of our citizens. Several weeks ago, the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center ran an advertisement in the daily newspaper thanking the citizens of Lubbock for their cooperation in attending and visiting the new facility. This was good and the gesture made a lot of cotton picking sense.

This writer, after having knowledge of such thank you note, called the director of the Civic Center and he told me he didn't have any money to spend for such an announcement to be run in the West Texas Times. It appears as though this didn't go over really big in the black community because a week prior to this, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity had just brought the dynamic "Fashion Fair" to the Civic Center.

It would appear to me as though for the sake of public relations, money could have been found to let the residents of the black community know you (director and staff of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center) appreciate the cooperation of their participation.

As I See It, blacks and browns are still being left out of many things in our community. It will only stop when blacks and browns wake up to what is happening and making it known to the system that they are tired of the treatment.

The Lubbock Memorial Civic Center belongs to the entire community, and when you leave out a segment of the population, you're not helping the public relations cause. At least, it is something for our system to think about very seriously. It will take all of us to pay for that lovely facility in downtown Lubbock.

Black students who attend Texas Tech University have the right to know why there are no black cheerleaders participating for the football and basketball events each year. This writer learned from sources last week that black students were concerned about this issue.

Throughout the Southwest Conference as well as other conferences, black cheerleaders are a part of the varsity cheerleading effort. It makes good sense for these young black men and women to know what they can do to become a part of the cheering section during athletic events.

This is especially true since many of the outstanding athletes who participate for the Texas Tech Red Raiders are young men of the black community. At the same time, these young men are recruited because of their outstanding contribution to football and basketball.

At the same time, this writer hopes these young black students are concerned about their academic contribution to Texas Tech University. This is important because cheerleading days will be over one day, and it will take knowledge to compete in the world of work.

With all sincerity, this writer must agree that an effort to recruit black cheerleaders, men and women, is of importance to black students who attend Texas Tech University . . . Texas Tech University is a progressive university and is contributing much to the world. Another

contribution would be for black men and women to have an opportunity to become cheerleaders if they chose to do so.

Not only are black cheerleaders of concern to black people, but the question has been posed to this writer of the possibility of having a black appointed to the Board of Regents of Texas Tech University. This would be a positive move for the university.

Who knows, with a lot of hard work, a black businessperson in Texas could very well be appointed to such a position with the assistance of the Governor of Texas. This is a political appointment, but something could happen if this message is carried to the Governor.

A Lubbock citizen has made this known to State Senator Kent Hance. His reply to the Lubbock citizen was of positive concern.

With all the vacant land in east Lubbock, people with great ambition could take advantage of this land and start a cooperative to raise food during the spring and summer months. Since Urban Renewal owns several hundred lots in east Lubbock, this writer is sure they would mind some industrial people of our community to ban their resources and raise some crops.

Food is high and this would be one way to start a cooperative effort to cut cost for food. The weeds in east Lubbock wouldn't have any objection to this sort of a thing.

This writer would hope that something will be done about taking advantage of this opportunity. There's no one in east Lubbock doing this sort of a thing.

As you think about this kind of an opportunity, it would help create some economic development during the spring and summer. If the crops are well cared for, who knows what the future would hold for industrial people who happen to live in east Lubbock.

Why not check it out, it, to me, makes a lot of sense.

What The Songs Say

If pop music is any accurate reflection of the society we live in, things are in a bad way. Folk or western style music, often backgrounded with that whining guitar, seems to be more and more a tale of woe.

About one in two songs these days is a tale of the wife or husband who is cheating. Maybe two lovers want a last scuffle before one is married. Perhaps they want to sneak off again, after marrying others.

Perhaps the temptation is just irresistible when the lights are down low and the music starts! Perhaps two people have lost the spark (who doesn't occasionally?) or a sex bomb comes along to stir up a ruckus.

Whatever it is, there's wholesale cheating, a lot of moaning and groaning in songs heard on radio these days—trials, blues, troubles, broken hearts, sadness and a good dash of ignorance and bad taste. How can young people listen to such fare, day in and day out, and keep their perspective?



BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.

Human Rights Activist

Some "Myths" Spell Danger

Not long ago, more than 100 black presidents of white colleges and black professors from largely white institutions gathered at the Graduate School of the University of Maryland. Their meeting was billed as "The First National Think Tank of Blacks in Higher Education."

The keynote address, entitled "Racism in Higher Education" struck the note that resounded throughout the three-day sessions. Essentially, blacks were being short-changed throughout America's higher education establishment, in a way which was dangerous for the nation as a whole.

Why was—and is—this so? Because scholarship (i.e., the function of higher education) in any nation is to undergird the basic beliefs (or myths) which are a part of the nation's foundation. In this sense, for one to be an accepted scholar in France, one must be a Franco-phile. The same principle holds true in every nation.

For one to be accepted as a scholar in America, according to this principle, one would have to assume as "given" or fundamental many of the prevailing beliefs (whether true or false) of our largely-white Anglo-Saxon Protestant Culture. Among these beliefs—all of which are colored in a "pro-white" fashion—is the accepted notion that blacks were the only persons—almost—who came to this country in chains and that black Americans are largely (or almost entirely) African biologically and are possessed of no cultural roots.

In the Think Tank's keynote address, the black academics were reminded that these prevailing—and almost wholly unchallenged—assumptions constituted a potentially dangerous myth to which black scholars especially were equipped to give perhaps the most sound, as well as resounding, answer.

As a member of a distinguished white New England family once reminded me, his family came from England on the boat after the Mayflower; and they came "in chains," as did most of the whites who were brought to America during the first 100 years of continuous white European settlement. Kenneth Stampp, one of the greatest

historians of the period, made this point clear. But its fact and implications are largely disregarded in our white-oriented (or "accepted") American scholarship.

Associated with this part of the myth at hand is the notion—into which practically every black American scholar, including the present writer, has gleefully bought—that America's blacks are a unique project of Africa. Hence, for example, the tremendous stress upon Negritude and the coupling of the study of Africa with Black American studies.

But blacks, as a mere surface glance at our variegated features and complexions will confirm or suggest, are a composite of white European, Original American and Black African biological strains.

No culture? We are, in part, European in culture. But, as our religion and speech habits attest, we are in part African as well. At the Think Tank during one meal, four blacks sat together. One revealed that a great grandparent was a Cherokee Indian. Another revealed a family history which included the Shawnee and the Iroquois tribes. The other two had Black Foot and an unidentified Creole (or white French and some kind of Original American) stock. All, incidentally, revealed, that they knew the generation in which their family became "black"; since their family names had all come from the whites who at some point had sired one of their ancestors.

We are, as black Americans, a unique product of America, and perhaps are its most unique and representative creation. Indeed, the European psychologist Carl Jung (pronounced as "Young") remarked that the most notable feature which struck his attention upon first coming to America was the pervasive, and practically all-encompassing, "influence of the Negro . . . reflected in white walking, laughing . . . and even praying."

One of the racist—even though superficially "saving"—myths with which we must deal devastatingly is that we, as black Americans, are different from what we actually are. The central fact suggested here is perhaps that, if America is to become its most representative "self", it must consciously become more "like us"—and not the other way around.

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Police Beat

House Burglary

Mary Rodriguez, 2918 East Bates Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown broke into her house one day last week through a window.

Once inside the house, the unknown persons took a black and white portable television set.

According to the police report, exit is believed to have been through the back door.

House Burglary

Lillian Beatrice Milton, 2711 East 2nd Place, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown entered her house one day last week through a rear door. This was done by breaking a glass and unlocking the door for entrance.

Taken from the house were several bank checks on a local bank, a yellow duck piggy bank with approximately \$30 in change and a \$29.95 calculator.

According to the police report, it is believed that the burglars were apparently scared off since a portable television set, camera and other items were lying near the door.

House Burglary

Robbie Gibbs, 802 Fig Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown gained entry to her house by prying a lock and hasp from the door jam.

Taken from the house was a color television set and an 8-track tape player. These items were valued at \$122.

Attempted Murder

Elstein Mackey, 2409 Ash Avenue, reported he had a problem when he walked into a cafe at 1700 Avenue A one night last week. Mackey was shot when he walked into the lively cafe.

He told police that he was talking to a man when he heard someone fire some shots from a pistol.

Mackey didn't see who was firing the shots, but one of them grazed him once under the left eye and right arm. It is believed a .22 caliber pistol was used in the firing.

According to the police report,

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this cafe was not licensed by the City of Lubbock.

Theft Over \$5, Under \$50

A.B. Cole, 1515 East 28th Street #8, reported to Lubbock police that a man told him: "I need \$20."

Cole said this happened while he was working at a service station at 1001 Quirt Avenue. The man, whom Cole apparently knew, said: "I started to shoot you and your wife yesterday."

The man got a twenty dollar bill out of the cash register and said he wasn't going to give it back.

The man, equipped with a .22 caliber rifle, left with money in his pocket.

Assault

Clarence D. Morris, 1818 East 24th Street, reported to Lubbock police that a bus driver followed him home in his private vehicle one day last week. The man, according to the police report, met Morris at East 24th Street and Redbud Avenue and confronted him.

At this time, the bus driver got out of his vehicle and threatened Morris. He said the man cursed him and wanted to fight. The man hit Morris in the chest and chin.

"He wanted me to fight him, so he could shoot me," said Morris.

Around The Hub City

Dr. and Mrs. Emory (Vivian) Davis were special guest last Friday at Bishop College. They attended the annual Founder's Week "Big Day" activities, an all campus observance. The noted Washington, D.C. Councilman, the Reverend Jerry A. Moore Jr. was guest speaker. "It was quite an interesting experience for us to be on the campus of Bishop College last week," said Dr. Vivian Davis.

The Nelson and Thomas families had an Easter family reunion at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. James Nelson, 2619 East Baylor Avenue, Sunday, April 10. Many of the relatives came from Houston, Bryan, Caldwell and Austin areas. All enjoyed being in the Hub City. There were approximately sixty relatives and friends present at this affair. Among the Lubbockites present were Mr. Tola Travenia, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson and family, Mr. Roosevelt Carroll, Mr. George Frances, Mr. Dan Daniels, and Mr. Lee Gipson. All had a wonderful time.

Members of the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are busy making plans for their annual "Man and Woman of the Year" presentation on Friday, April 29, at 7:30 at the Mae Simmons Community Center. This is part of their Community Service Award effort.

Elder and Mrs. Leroy Cleaver of Wichita Falls, Texas and children were among the many who participated in the week long effort of the Church of God in Christ at the Fair Park Coliseum last week. Several thousand people, from throughout the state, were involved in this effort. Bishop J.E. Alexander, pastor of the Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ, was presiding bishop.

Several Lubbockites, including Gene Gaines, Dr. Floyd Perry Jr., George Scott, and Mrs. Kate Noble, attended the Regional Meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) last week in Little Rock, Ark.

Members of the Lucky Twelve's Juniors will attend the Stokes-Parker Federation of Women meeting in Abilene, Texas Saturday.

Ms. Helen Cox of Cincinnati, Ohio is in the "Hub City" this week visiting her sister, Ms. Johnnie B. Cox; and father, Mr. John W. Cox, who is a patient at the Lubbock Hospitality House. She reports enjoying her visit here. She attended Bethel A.M.E. Church last Sunday morning with her sister.

Mr. Salome Cunningham is a patient at the Veteran Administration Hospital at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Charles "Ricky" Cooke, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Cooke Jr. spent the Easter holidays visiting here. He is a senior student at McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas.

son, Kansas.

Among the sick and shut in this week are Mrs. Lillie Hall, Mrs. Dolly Howard, Mrs. Ellen Tillman and Mrs. Roxie Reed. They are all shut in at their homes.

Others included on the shut in list include Mrs. W.H. Stephens, Ms. Callie Cato, Ms. Pearlene Chase, Ms. Minnie Walker, Mr. Jessie Hemanes and Ms. Vivian Williams who is in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Louise Holland of Fort Worth spent the week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Harris of 218 Cherry Ave., to attend the spring convocation. She enjoyed the meeting and attended nightly. She was the guest of Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ. She returned home Sunday by Braniff Air Lines. She also visited with two of her sisters of the city, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Collins.

School Finance . . .

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Salinas says that those rural districts have fewer students and are thus wealthier per capita than LISD, which he says ranks 89th from the bottom in market value of property per average daily attendance—the barometer for a school district's wealth.

"I'm a lobbyist for Lubbock," Salinas told a news conference Friday. It was one of several such conferences across the state, as Salinas said to backers from other medium-sized cities had joined in the Jones effort.

Jones, contacted in Austin, acknowledged that there was less tax relief in his measure, but indicated that local school districts would just use the tax relief for enrichment programs which are icing on the school

districts' budgetary cakes anyway.

While Jones emphasizes his amendment would help districts of all sizes, he isn't optimistic about its passage. "I'm afraid that some members (of the legislature) will vote against it, even though it gives their districts more money."

That's because, Jones says, some legislators are "sensitive to whatever the leadership wants." Translated: Speaker Bill Clayton of Springlake.

"They think its wise to stay with the chair," Jones says. Under the Jones amendment, Clayton's hometown district would get less state aid.

Outreach Breakfast Club Meets Here

The Outreach Breakfast Club met last Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Annie Mae Johnson, 1707 East 25th Street.

The purpose of this breakfast club is to meet in someone's home, from time to time, bringing food, love, a sunshine prayer and faith.

According to a spokesperson, God gave Mrs. Mary Ward a vision to go into homes of the sick, lonely, down and out, or just someone in need of a little sunshine.

Mrs. Juanita Sowell opened her door when she was sick and depressed. The ladies brought food and prayed. It started from that breakfast several weeks ago.

If anyone wishes to have sunshine to come into their home, they are asked to call 763-2966. Our next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Bertha Hood, 2432 East 28th Street.

Mrs. Mary Ward is chairperson; Mrs. B.S. Greenwood is reporter.

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Scouts Participate In Junior Olympics

More than three hundred Junior Girl Scouts, fourth and fifth grade, and fifty adults, took part in a Junior Olympics program on Saturday at Camp Rio Blanco near Crosbyton. This event was sponsored by Caprock Girl Scout Council.

Beginning at 10 a.m. troops from Lubbock, Olton, Idalou, Tahoka, Plainview, Levelland, Crosbyton, Abernathy and Sundown met at the camp to participate in games, crafts, and outdoor skills including compass, knots and learning to measure distance.

A Junior Parent - Leader Roundtable was scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for adults on the campsite. Mrs. Jim Russell, Personnel Services Adviser, Mrs. Billy M. Hall and Mrs. Frank

Falbo conducted the training. Miss Sharon Washburn, Program Services Director, served as event coordinator, assisted by Miss Lavica Strother, Miss Beth Johnson and Miss Sherry Peel.

Robinson Selected Head Coach For All-Star Classic

GRAMBLING — Grambling State University football coach Eddie Robinson has been selected to serve as head coach of the West squad for the 53rd Annual East-West Shrine Football Classic set for December at Palo Alto, Calif.

The selection of Robinson marks the first time that a black coach has served as head coach in the annual all-star classic. Last year Robinson served as an assistant coach for the West squad.

A 36-year veteran of the coaching profession, Robinson is the fourth winningest coach in the annals of college football. He trails only the late Pop Warner and Amos Alonzo Stagg and present Alabama coach Paul (Bear) Bryant in career wins. His 35-year record stands at 254-85-11.

Known for his ability to produce professional football players, over 200 former Eddie Robinson and Grambling players have played professional football in the United States and Canada.

His teams at Grambling have compiled 17 straight winning seasons.

NAACP Calls Special Meeting

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) announced a special called meeting for Saturday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m., at the Mae Simmons Community Center, 2200 Oak Avenue. The public is invited.

The purposes of the meeting are (1) to decide whether the NAACP shall be formally represented by an attorney in the class-action suit filed by Lubbock attorney Gene Gaines seeking single-member districts for Lubbock City Council elections, and (2) to kick off the spring membership campaign with a goal of doubling the Lubbock Branch membership to 1,000.

State Convocation Guests Receive Midnight Reception

Bobby and Cassie Williams served as hosts for a midnight reception for the guests of the Northwest Texas Ministers and Workers State Convocation held in the city last week at the Fair Park Coliseum.

Approximately 40 guests attended the reception after the official message by the State Bishop J.E. Alexander and host pastor of the convocation.

Serving at their residence as hostesses were Vanessa and Vivian Alexander and Casandra Murphy.

Men in Service

Navy Ship's Serviceman Seaman Apprentice Donald B. Ashlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Ashlock Sr. of 2807 Weber Drive, Lubbock, has departed for an extended deployment in the Western Pacific.

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KELLY'S HEROES

by Joe Kelly

The New York Yankees picked up Don Gullett from Cincinnati, Reggie Jackson from Baltimore and Bucky Dent from Chicago. With the World Series' runners-up material left on hand, they bought themselves the pennant and probably the world title. Right?

Go sit in the corner, Ermintrude. It bought them a mess of headaches instead, headaches that are showing up in the won-loss column and probably in Manager Billy Martin's office.

No, the former Bronz Bombers, who have gotten off to a great bomb-out instead, aren't winning. They were swept over the weekend by Milwaukee and things aren't looking bright.

Tom Yawkey spent money like mad for years, trying to buy a pennant for the Boston Red Sox. It didn't work. It's supposed to be a sure way to win, but all it does is create problems that don't show up in the box scores.

When the Yankees were winning consistently, they did so because they had a farm system second to none and brought the players up through the ranks. They were indoctrinated in the Yankee system and tradition.

The Yankees also had scouts who probably were the best in the business. And what they looked for above everything else was guts. The ones with the most made the grade.

The season is young yet and anything can happen, of course. When the weather gets hotter and the season begins to get lengthy, teams struggling now may well do an about face. The Yanks have a lot of veterans and this might be true with them.

Still, Yankee ownership never has looked kindly on managers who didn't win. Some who did win even were fired, including the irrepresible Yogi Berra. Martin could be tottering on the brink.

Enjoyed talking to Jim Weston, former Amarillo athlete and now a Lubbock city official, at the Gridiron Show Saturday night.

He was a teammate of Gene Arrington, who went on to fame in Tech basketball, went to SMU and graduated from Tech. He also played baseball, pro variety, for three years and appeared at one time to have a promising career ahead of him.

Jim was a pitcher-infielder, but early in his career they tried to make a home run slugger out of him. It wasn't his game, even though he wound up the season with a good record.

Then one night in Albuquerque an outfielder was hurt and Jim was pressed into duty. A line shot hit the wall and he put everything into a throw to the plate. As he released the ball, he felt something snap in his shoulder. His career was finished.

Jim said that the best advice he received came from a Yankee scout, who warned him with the customary "if you repeat this I'll call you a liar" statement.

"He told me that if I hadn't made Double or Triple A ball in three years to hang 'em up," Jim said. "With the injury, my three years were up and I hadn't made it, so I left baseball."

Many a player knocked around for years and wound up with little to show. Jim was both smart and lucky.

Lamesa once had a player named Gibbs, a fine outfielder and hitter. He didn't go up and one spring he didn't return to the Lamesa lineup.

That summer I dropped in on a semi-pro game at old Hubber Park and Gibbs was playing. I asked what had happened that he didn't go back to the Lobos.

"I gave myself five years to make the majors," he replied. "If I hadn't made them by then, I promised I'd quit. Now I have a good job in management with a future and can play semi-pro ball. I'm a lot happier now."

Polk Robison came along while we were talking and basketball, of course, became the subject. Jim mentioned the duels that Tech and SMU used to have.

Jim mentioned that he had been at SMU when Gerald Myers was the leader of the Raiders and Max Williams spearheaded the Mustang attack. The late Doc Kayes was the Pony mastermind and Polk, of course, guided the Raiders.

"You know," Jim smiled, "Max had a little showboat in him. He made a lot of mistakes."

"Goodness," Polk replied, "we hoped and prayed that he wouldn't foul out. We felt we had more chance to win the game if he was in the lineup. Our players felt that way, too."

The talk turned to such SMU greats as the late Jim Krebs, Bobby James, who was killed tragically in a fire, Rick Herrscher and others. Polk remarked that he was pleased over DuWayne Blackshear's son apparently coming to Tech. I say "apparently" because Polk said his former coach is now at San Diego State and Blackshear wants to visit there before signing a national letter.

"Blackie wants him to come here and he's said to be a major prospect. He's a jumper. He can stuff the ball over his head. He's not as big as his dad, but he's a quality player. I think we'll probably get him."

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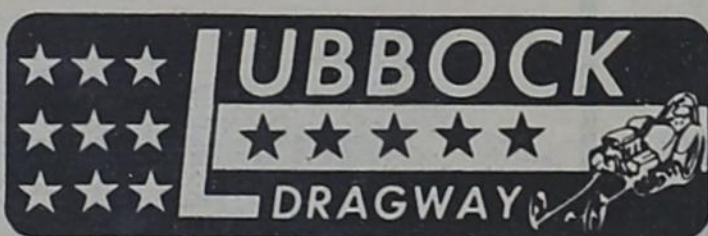
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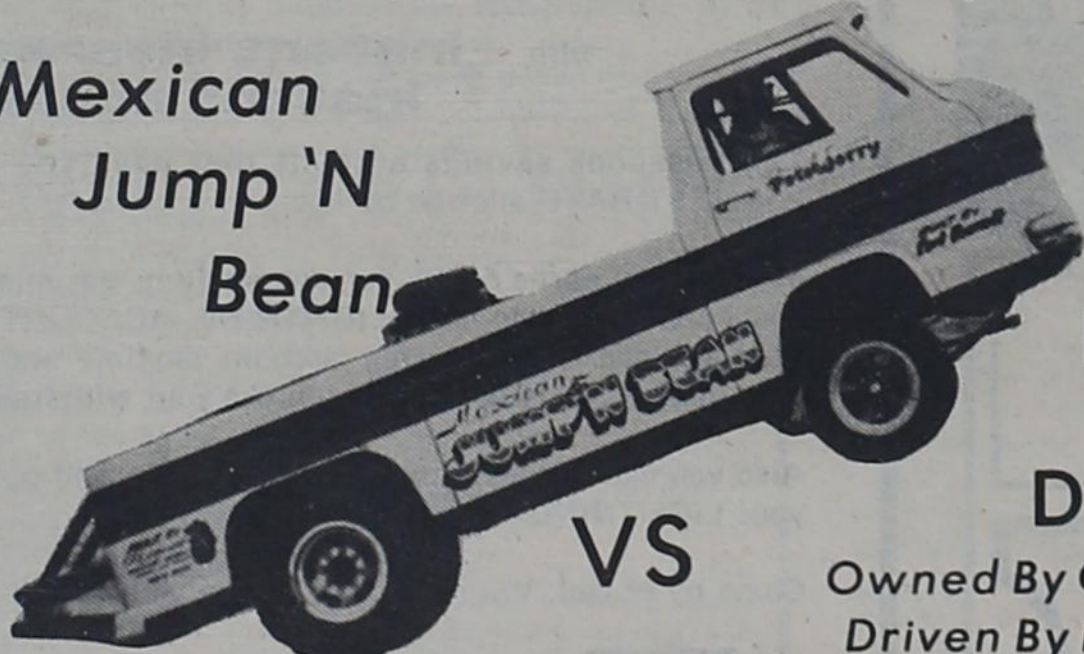
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Young People Active at First Progressive Church



Four of the young Royal Ambassadors of the First Progressive Baptist Church are Darrell Thomas, front; Dough Boyd and Curtis Shelby, center; and Joe Blackwell, back.

"As a Royal Ambassador, I will do my best to become a well informed responsible follower of Christ; to have a Christlike concern for all people; to learn how the message of Christ is carried around the world; to work with others in sharing Christ; and to keep myself clean and healthy in mind and body."

This is the Royal Ambassador's pledge of the young men at the First Progressive Baptist Church. "We are Ambassadors for Christ," 2 Corinthians 5:20. This is their pledge!

A pledge is a binding promise and is taken very seriously by the young men at First Progressive Baptist Church. We, members of First Progressive, try to represent Christ in everything we do. We try to know and

understand the life and teachings of the one we represent, Christ Jesus—our Lord and Savior. We feel that each of us has a part in world mission and are honored to have the privilege of representing Christ to a world in need of Him. It is a great honor to be an Ambassador for Christ. The Royal Ambassador program is a state-wide program sponsored by the Texas Baptist Men of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Its main purpose is to draw young men to Christ.

The state program consists of a state basketball tournament, state Royal Ambassador Congress, a state summer staff program, R.A. camping, Ambassador building, R.A. rallies.

The Royal Ambassador chapter of First Progressive Church has

participated in the recent basketball tournament and track meet. We were fortunate to emerge Ambassador champs for track and basketball. The Pioneer chapter also received a trophy for their part in the tournament.

Our group of fine young men went to the state basketball tournament where they did a wonderful job to the semi-finals. The Ambassadors took only four young men to the State Royal Ambassadors Congress track meet where they brought back the third place trophy.

We would like to prevail upon the kindness of this newspaper if they would print these outstanding young men who represented their church and community well.

Those young fellows are Darrell Flowers, Darrell Thomas, Sammy Judie, Dough Boyd, Mike Boyd, Curtis Shelby, Gary Howard, Gerald Clay, Joe Blackwell, Steve Bibbs, Anthony Sanders and LeRoy Mitchell.

Scout Leaders to Attend Meeting

The South Central Region, Boy Scouts of America, will hold its annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on May 4-6, according to Glendon Johnson of Galveston, Texas, President of the South Central Region.

The meeting promises to be an outstanding event.

Attending from the South Plains Council will be 45 to 50 volunteers and members of our professional staff, according to Bob Dunbar, President of the South Plains Council.

In addition to members of our local council staff, there will be members of the National staff from North Brunswick, New Jersey.

Harvey L. Price, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, will highlight the meeting, according to Glendon Johnson.

A special ladies' program has been planned, including tours of missions, museums, and other historical places.

The Regional Annual Meeting is held every two years for the purpose of training, updating,

and special recognition for volunteer Scouters within the region, which includes Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, and parts of Colorado, Arizona, Utah, and Mississippi.

A special **San Antonio Night** is planned for Thursday evening, May 5.

The meeting will give special attention to Cub Scouting, Scouting, and Exploring as it relates to training, finance, activities, advancement, and long range planning.

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HIGH POINT MAN, Darrell Thomas, in the state basketball tournament at Abilene, Texas recently, is shown shaking hands with a player of the First Baptist Church of Abilene. First Progressive Baptist Church defeated First Baptist in the semi-finals.

Couple Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Rev. Rueben and Mrs. Doris Caro celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday night at the Lubbock Housing Authority Center. They both looked as if it was their wedding night.

The colors used on their wedding day, pink and white, were again chosen by the 25 year bride. She wore a lovely floor length pink and silver evening gown while her 25-year groom was attired in a silver-gray tuxedo with a pink shirt. The couple relived their wedding as they cut the beautifully decorated pink and white cake again.

In attendance was the best man, Mrs. Caro's brother R.E. Tate, and the maid of honor, Mrs. Jimmie Dimmerson. There were talents from all over the city and other towns of West Texas, East Texas and as far away as Chicago, Illinois, to entertain them during the evening. A special number was composed and arranged by Mrs. Hickman of San Angelo, Texas, and their daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Howard of Dallas, Texas.

There were approximately 200 guests in attendance. The guests showed their love and appreciation for the two by the lovely array of gifts presented to them during the gala affair.

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TV Violence...

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Parents will then report their observations to their local unit presidents, who, in turn, will issue consensus reports to the National PTA. These reports will form the basis for the development of an *identification code for TV programs*, which will rate shows by their amount of violence. The code will be distributed to PTA members and the news media.

In addition, the training sessions will teach PTA members how to participate in the petitioning process (to the Federal Communications Commission) for denying broadcast license renewals to local TV stations; and the ascertainment process, in which local stations are required to obtain community feedback on the ways in which the station may best serve the public interest.

The direction of the *First Action Plan* evolved from the recommendations made by the nearly 500 individuals who testified at the PTA's eight public hearings on TV violence, conducted in major cities during the past few months.

Some recurrent themes

emerged from these hearings. Findings of the PTA's TV Commission indicate that the public is most concerned about:

1) *Aggression*—Many children become more aggressive in their behavior due to the influence of TV violence, acting out the hostility portrayed on television.

2) *Imitative Behavior*—Some young people will be incited to commit violent acts in direct imitation of similar behavior seen on TV.

3) *Desensitization*—Among youth and adults, there is a growing callousness and indifference to violence and the suffering it causes, due to the quantity and intensity of violence on television.

4) *Distortion*—Perceptions by children and youth of real life problem-solving methods are distorted by TV, which portrays violence as a sure and easy way to solve all problems. Non-violent methods, such as discussion, negotiation, and compromise, which are prevalent and acceptable to society, are not given equal time.

5) *Paranoia*—Youth and adults who regularly view TV violence are becoming more fearful of violence occurring in real life.

Although violence is a reality in day-to-day living, the proportion of violent acts seen on television far surpasses actuality.

6) *Quality of Life*—Continual exposure to television's parade of murder, rape, arson, assault, and other violence to persons and property diminishes the quality of life for both children and adults.

Much debated during the hearings was the question of who is ultimately responsible for resolving the problem of TV violence. A number of broadcasters said, in effect: "Parents should lock up the TV set!" Members of the PTA's TV Commission, however, found this response unacceptable. While the Commission believes that parents should supervise children's TV viewing, to eliminate unsuitable programs, it also feels that the responsibility for the problem must be shared.

Essentially, the broadcaster—both local stations and the networks—have the responsibility to present programs which are in the public interest, and not injurious to children and youth. The burden of proof that program content is not injurious lies with the broadcaster, not the public.

The advertiser has a similar responsibility in the choice of shows he sponsors.

Mau Jones Mission Holds Meeting

The Mau Jones Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E. Church led its regular meeting last Monday with many of its members in attendance. The theme was: "Togetherness."

Special guest at the meeting were members of the Lyons Chapel Baptist and New Jerusalem Baptist Churches Missionary Society.

Covered dishes were served by the Mau Jones Missionary Society in the choir room of the church after the meeting. Madames Wilson, Richardson, Winters and Coleman were responsible for the serving.

Mrs. Dorothy Hood, president of the Mission at Lyons Chapel, made remarks, as well as Mrs. Ella Swisher, president of New Jerusalem's Mission.

Other guests in attendance were Madames Jessie Collins, Maunita Sernell, Bertha Hood, Pearlee Seals, Ruby Louis Scales and Rev. J. Morris.



EDWARDS FOOTBALL MANAGER FOR RAIDERS—Don C. Edwards, sophomore Arts & Science student at Texas Tech University, was named recently as one of the football managers for the Texas Tech Red Raiders. A native of Waxahachie, Texas, Edwards is the first black to have had an opportunity to receive such a position. He told the Times: "I am happy to have this opportunity and will do the best I can for the Red Raiders."

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Stress Factor Emphasized in April Seminar

The stress factor and how families cope with it during periods of critical change is the focus of a seminar in Lubbock Thursday, April 21, at St. John's United Methodist Church, 15th and University, beginning at 10 a.m.

A gathering of 400 to 500 is expected, says Catherine B. Crawford of Lubbock, district agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Carolyn Cohorn of Lamesa, program chairman.

The public event is being sponsored by the Extension Service and the South Plains Development Program, a 19-county area group of citizens interested in social and economic improvement of the area.

Dr. Frederick Mears, a noted psychologist at Texas Eastern University at Tyler, is featured speaker. Five workshops will be offered, dealing with premarriage, marriage, pregnancy, inlaw relationships and child learning.

Emphasis of the seminar, says Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Cohorn, will be on handling stress situations during those critical stages of life that bring about major changes with the family.

The four-hour seminar will also feature a number of displays by local service agencies. Registration fee is \$1. Young parents with children will be able to obtain child care services at the seminar for a nominal fee.

Estacado PTA Meets Monday

The last meeting of the year for the Estacado High School Parent Teachers Association (PTA) will be held Monday evening, April 25, at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

Officers for the 1977-78 school year will be the order of business for the evening.

All parents, who have students at Estacado High School, are urged to attend this important meeting.

"We would like to see as many parents present as possible," says E.W. Austin Jr., president.

Bullock Reports

AUSTIN — Comptroller Bob Bullock mailed checks totaling \$16.2 million to Texas cities and towns Friday, representing the April rebate of the one-cent sales tax they assess.

Bullock said his office has remitted \$105.7 million in city sales taxes this year to date, an increase of 21 percent over the same period in 1976. However, he explained, part of the increase is due to a change made by his office effective this month.

The Comptroller's Office has historically retained 4.76 percent of the cities' sales tax collections to cover refunds or bad checks. Bullock said this amount has been reduced to 2 percent, so that cities now will receive nearly 3 percent more of their sales tax promptly for spending or investment.

Even without the change, he noted, "city sales tax collections are running a healthy 18 percent ahead of last year."

Bullock also asked merchants to refrain from changing the due dates and period dates on the printed sales tax return forms they now receive from his office.

He said the practice has caused many taxpayers' payments to be credited to the wrong reporting periods, sometimes resulting in erroneous billings being issued by his office.

The Comptroller's printed city sales tax allocation took a new form this month as well, with figures comparing each city's collections in 1977 with the same periods in 1976.

(Note: Several huge percentage increases for certain cities are due to the fact those cities did not start collecting the tax until early in 1976, distorting the comparison.)

Western Hill Baptist Students Compete

Students of the Western Hill Baptist Academy recently returned to Lubbock with several honors after attending the Academic Christian Education Convention held in Denton, Texas.

There were 59 categories of competition in four main divisions, namely: academics,

arts and crafts, music and athletics.

First place winners included Bill Raven Jr., 2704 East 8th Street, discus and place kicking; Cindy Payton, Bible memory and spelling; Janice Payton, poetry and poem writing; Terri Church, sportswear; Janie Payton, formals; Laura Alvarez, crewel; Sammy Masters, sketchings; and Cindy Payton and Cheryl Pettigrew, trio singing.

Those winning first place trophies will leave, via Continental Airlines, for the National Convention in Greenville, North Carolina June 6.

Sales Tax Reports Due April 30

AUSTIN—State Comptroller Bob Bullock today urged Texas retail merchants and other sales tax permit holders to put a big red circle around April 30 on their calendars.

That's the deadline for filing quarterly sales tax reports with the State Comptroller's Office.

"Failure to meet that deadline can result in penalties for the sales tax permit holder and a lot of additional work for my office," Bullock said.

Bullock urged sales tax permit holders to contact the nearest Comptroller's Field Office or call his toll-free tax information number, 1-800-252-5555 if they have any question about their returns.

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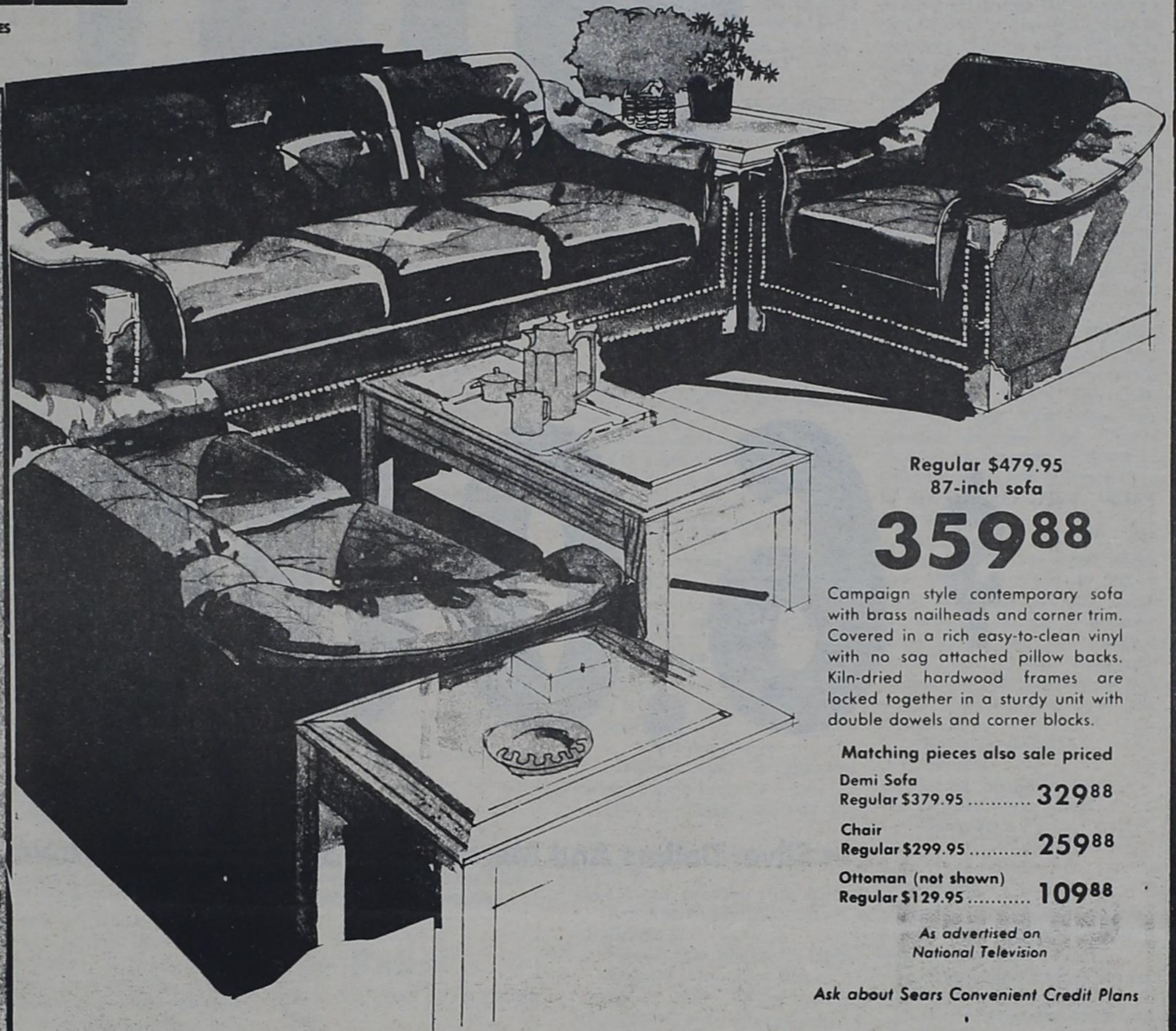
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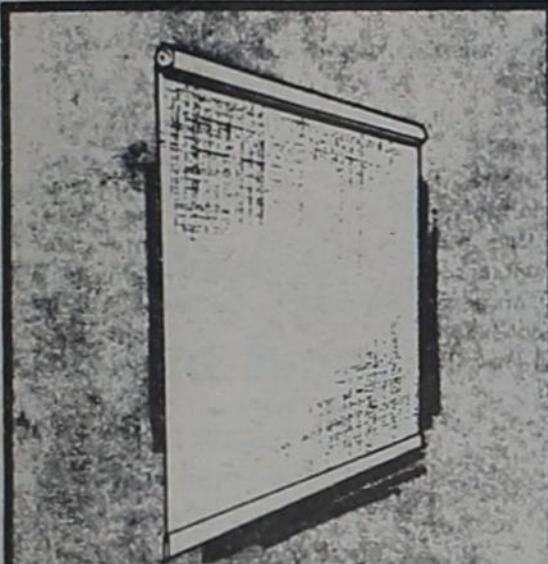
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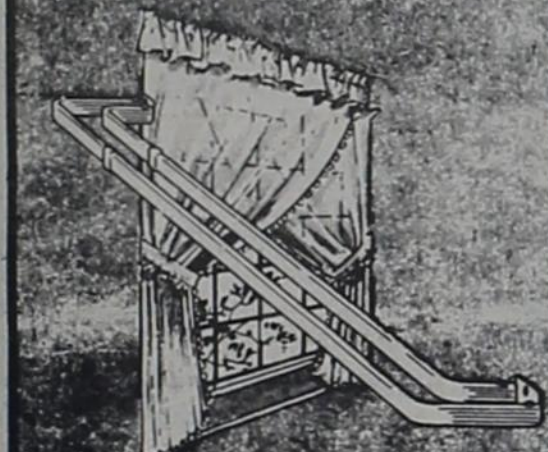
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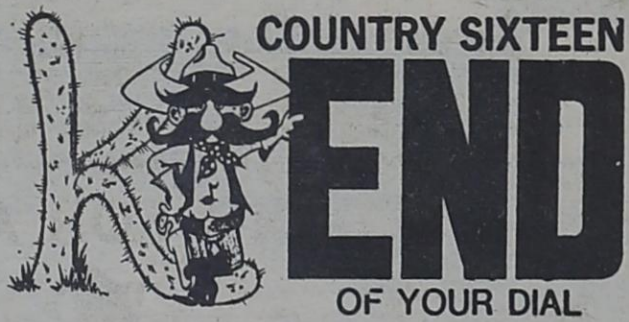
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Jesus

Jesus, God's son
 Jesus, the only one
 Jesus, your the only way
 I want to follow you every day
 Jesus, the truth and the light
 I want to be with you day and night
 Jesus, God's son
 Jesus, the only one

Ronny Wright, 12
School: Evans Junior High
Teacher: Mrs. Joann Hayworth

Round as a circle
 square as a box.
 Long as an ostrich
 short as a fox.
 Small as a dime
 large as a quarter.
 Figure this out and go
 get some water.

Ronnie Navarrette
Grade: 6
School: SE Elementary
Teacher: Harold Chatman

Wounded Knee

There is a place so sad to me
 the place they call Wounded Knee
 It is so sad what happened there
 but I guess the white man didn't care.

They had a massacre at Wounded Knee
 And I guess the Indian will never be free,
 Because they took their land and meat

The Indian could barely eat or sleep.
 They killed his wife, they killed his child.
 They killed his horse that was so wild.
 The chief got furious, the braves got mad
 To them the killing was just too bad.

So now you know what happened there,
 Maybe the people of today will care.

Brock Jackson
Grade: 6
School: Southeast Elementary
Teacher: Harold Chatman

To You Love

If cherries were soured,
 And apples were blue,
 And the heart had a different meaning, too
 If a lion were a puppy,
 And eyes were ears
 I'd love you even more,
 throughout the year.

Bobby Wolf
Grade: 6
School: SE Elementary
Teacher: Harold Chatman

My Parents

"How would you like the woman you saw to be your mother?"
 "But where is my mother and dad?" I asked. "They should be here, I need them." I felt water come to my eyes; quickly, I tried to hold it back.
 "Charles, Mother and Dad aren't here."
 I was only seven years old at the time, and Marvin and Sarrah were six-month-old twins. Although I never found out what happened to my parents, I knew only that my new mother was the woman with bright lipstick, and my new father was the man with the funny nose that I saw in the courtroom that frightful morning. It was nearly six years later that something would happen that would forever bring me to an understanding with my new family.

School had just begun for Marvin and Sarrah and the adjustment was easy for Marvin. Sarrah, on the other hand, had extreme difficulties. She would come home extremely depressed, crying at times, only to be reconciled by mother and sent back the next day. The fact that Sarrah did not look like everyone else seemed to add fuel to the problem. Then one day she came home crying, the last time she would ever cry again.

My Favorite Sport

Down, set, hut-one, hut-two!
 There was a clash of pads as our offensive line was hitting the defense. It was a hot day in August while we were having football practice. I played full-back this year and it was hard practicing. The defensive team went into their huddle. We were in ours. The quarterback, Alan Hernandez, who was very good, called the play, "19 roll-out pass or one, break!" We went up to our line and took our positions. We were the best team so far and had lost no games. "Next Sunday would be the next game." I thought. The quarterback called the signals. I ran far outside of the left line. I saw the ball coming toward. I knew I'd have to catch it. It would be easy. I out-stretched my arms to catch the ball I caught it. "Now to run," I thought as the safeties started after me. I ran a few yards when I slipped on some wet grass. I went down, and I was mad at myself.

I picked myself up and walked to our huddle. We had a few yards to go for a touch-down. Everyone was tired. Alan called a quarterback sneak to the left. He called the signals.

Our line hit hard, and I faked to the right while Alan ran through a hole. He ran fast and made a

dive and landed in the in-zone. A touch down! We tried for an extra point and made it.
 Our coach, Mr. Gilbert, said "O.K., boys lets quit." We took off our helmets and cooled off. The guys started to leave. I decided to go home also. I saw our nose-guard, Todd, and I said, "I hope we win Sunday."
 "Yea" said Todd, "I heard they have a good half-back named Pursey." "Yes, he's good, but I think our defense can handle him. I guess I'll see you Sunday."
Glenn Hamilton
School: Stewart Elementary
Teacher: Mrs. Riemer

The Season of Spring

The beginning of spring starts in March,
 The sun shines, birds sing from morning till dark,
 The flowers grow one by one, with sprinkling water and the bright sun.
 Spring is the season with everything clear,
 It makes you happy all through the year.
Virginia Tarin, 15
Grade: 9
School: Slaton Junior High
Teacher: Mrs. June Cox

The Fairy

Look at the fairy laying on her bed,
 Look as she lays down her head
 Look at the beautiful hair of gold,
 Look at the fairy so tiny and bold
 Look as she flies all around,
 And doesn't make a single sound
 Look at her shine so very bright,
 Look as she shines in the morning light.
Gina Stewart, 10
Grade: 4
School: Bowie Elementary
Teacher: Mrs. Wilda Wilson

My Father

Sidney Robinson, my father was a very good father to me. I cannot remember him too plainly, but I remember him well enough to share him with others.
 My father used to play games with me and my sisters. He would take us to Sunday School on Sunday mornings. We would go to Friendship Baptist Church, for evening worship. Some times when he could, he would take us to church on weekdays.
 My father was in the service. He spent twelve and a half years, and in World War II, was a sergeant. After he retired in 1955, a year later he married my mother, Dora Mae Robinson.
 My father did construction work. He worked at George Workman Construction Company. When he could, after he had come home, he would either have potatoes for us, or he would carry us to the store. Sometimes on our way back home, he would drive on a dirt road, where cars seldom drove, and let me and my sister take turns steering the wheel.
 Then one day all the happiness

Youth Writes

The editors at the West Texas Times enjoyed reading the stories, poems and essays submitted by Lubbock school students. We tried to select work from each school represented, so if you don't see work from your school this time, it might be that there were no submissions from your school.

If your work wasn't published this time, please try again. The Times will be glad to hear from you.

REMEMBER: The work you submit must be your own. It cannot be copied from books or from the work of others.

The next deadline for YOUTH WRITES is Wednesday, May 11. Your manuscript must be in the Times office by noon that day. The next YOUTH WRITES will appear Friday, May 20, and Wednesday, May 25. Look for your work then.

"Mother, Mother!" she screamed as she ran to mother. Her eyes held an expression that was a mixture of pain and fear.

"What's wrong, honey?" questioned mother.

"They called me it!"
 "Called you what?" continued mother.

"They said I was nothing but an abandoned orphan that you adopted." The look on Sarrah's face was like a freezing wind that quickly gripped my mother's face. I've never seen her look the way she did. Her face grew thirty years older, her gay green eyes faded like summer to autumn. Her hands became lifeless as she hid her face in them.

"Mother, It's not ture, is it?" continued Sarrah.

"Sarrah, come in here. Leave Mommy alone. She's not feeling well right now." Sarrah quietly went into the bedroom.

"Sit down, Sarrah. I have something to tell you," continued father. "Sarrah, you, Marvin and Charles are adopted," said father as he pulled off his new glasses and quietly rubbed his eyes. "My wife and I have always tried to treat you as our own," he continued. "It's my fault that they called you this; I should have told you sooner, but I guess I thought you didn't need to know Sarrah, as long as I will know you, you will always be my little girl," continued father. "If you ever try to find your real parents, don't forget Mother and I will always be here." With this statement he buried his face in his hands.

The man with the funny nose and the lady with bright lipstick are really my parents now.

Michael Eady, 14
Grade: 9
School: Mackenzie Jr. High
Teacher: Mrs. Mamie Nelson

ended. My father died of a heart attack. I think that was the saddest day of my life, even though I was only two years of age. My mother told me he never went to the doctor, because he never knew he had heart trouble. He died the same day he had the heart attack, December 4, 1964.

I do not remember if I went to his funeral or not. My mother has the flag that was placed on his casket. My baby sister was two months old. That was twelve years ago.

Just like I loved him then, I love him the same way now, and I always will for as long as I live.

Thelma Robinson, 14
Grade: 9
School: Slaton Junior High
Teacher: Mrs. June Cox

Thinking of Adulthood

Sitting alone pondering the imminent thought,

I'm also wondering about the things I've been taught.

One day I'll be an adult, and these things I've learned,

Will create the result of my life's concern.

Yes, it's going to come, sooner than I expect,

But what is it conceived from? Getting older I suspect.

I'll accept its arrival as a change to stay alive,

It's the path to survival and to that goal I strive.

Vickie Ayres, 14
Grade: 9
School: O.L. Slaton Jr. High
Teacher: Mrs. June Cox

Loneliness

Loneless is the downfall of me .
 As a plant needs sunshine to produce . . .

So I Need Love
 Loneliness leads to sickness
 Sickness leads to death.
 Death and loneliness are as one.

So if a plant can produce by sunshine.
 Then I can produce with love.

Lee Ann Gaddy, 15
Grade: 9
School: O.L. Slaton Jr. High
Teacher: Mrs. June Cox

(Editor's Note: Donna wrote the following essay in conjunction with the study of Edgar Allan Poe).

The Tricky Night

In autumn things die away so new life can develop. But in someone's mad mind, mother nature did not do a complete job.

It was an unusual night in October. The heavens were satin

black, not a sparkle of light could surpass the licorice thickness that locked in the world.

The air was cold and moist. When it blew strange noises arose and came alive in my mind.

Also, trapped inside my head was a feeling never placed within me before. It blossomed so rapidly that a stream of almost endless shivers galloped up my spine.

I listened—but could not hear; for the world was so very quiet. The animals upon the earth seemed as though they were on their tiptoes and speaking only in whispers. I knew something was going to happen. I was not sure what, just something very—strange.

At the slumber party hosted by Veronica Hudson, eleven girls, including myself, sat in a lamplamp room before a blood-red fire breathing words of useless, idle gossip which made my body tense with anger. I stormed from the room bleeding words from my mouth, terrifying myself as well as my victims.

I sat in a small room. My mind swam through the past hour. As I reviewed the words of madness, fire burned within my eyes.

It was not long after my thought subsided that I was startled by screams of terror. I looked past my red, inflamed eyes to witness the most bizarre happening ever.

One of the eleven was accountable for the mood which now filled the room. It was a queer loneliness that only death can create. The one responsible stood among the ten mangled bodies and looked frantically through her red, inflamed eyes as a tear made it's way down her pacified face.

Donna Blevins, 15
Grade: 9
School: Slaton Jr. High
Teacher: Mrs. Donna Alexander

Trees

Trees in the distant breeze,
 your leaves swaying back and forth in the wind,

The frigid night air makes your limbs freeze,

In the summer the birds are your friends.

Your beauty and grace make me fantasize I'm a tree, too.

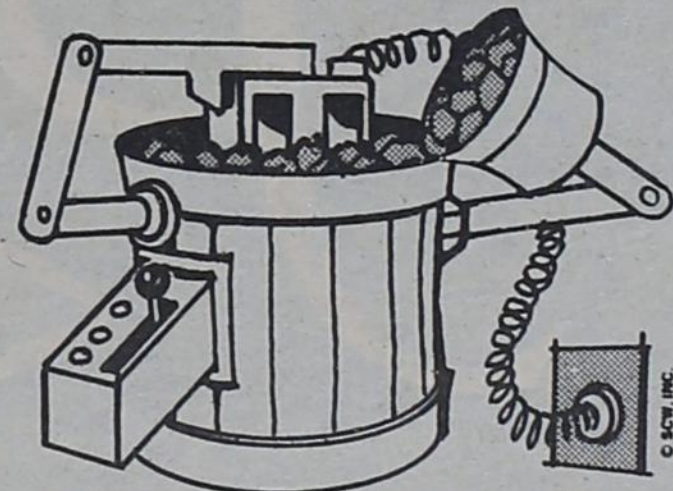
You have been on the earth so long,

No matter if the sky is black, grey, or blue,

You just stand there, your leaves singing their joyful songs.

Susan Hallman, 14
Grade: 9
School: O.L. Slaton Jr. High
Teacher: Mrs. June Cox

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Rising Star Baptist Church

Sunday morning church services were enjoyed by everyone. Our message was brought by Rev. J. Johnson of Odessa, Texas. His subject was "Good News from Heaven, Bad News From Earth."

We had a wonderful time at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon. Our pastor, Rev. H.L. Phillips, brought the message. His subject was "Can't Forget Where Your Blessings Come From."

Let's pray for our slow members, and the ones who are traveling along the danger highways.

One of our members, Sister R. Johnson, is in Dallas for a funeral of one of her loved ones. Sister R. Turner will be going to Paris, Texas for a vacation.

Let us pray for our sick and shut in members. They include H. Phillips, C. Williams, E. Johnson, D. Phillips and A. Black.

"Lift up your voice with strength," Isaiah 40:9.

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church

The Brotherhood will present a program Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

The theme will be "Send Me," Isaiah 6:8, expounded by Rev. R.C. Jones. We invite you to come and enjoy the Lord with us.

Mount Olive Baptist

Snyder, Tex.—Sunday School was called to worship with the Supt. Sis. B. Willis presiding. Classes were combined and lessons taught by Sis. Willis. The pastor, Rev. Toines gave the high points. Lesson and high points were enjoyed by all.

The pastor, Rev. E.D. Toines, delivered the morning message. He chose for his subject "Love is the Tie that Binds," scripture St. John 15:9, 17-19. Music was provided by the Senior Choir. Sis. Anniece Hawkins assisted at the piano. The message and music were most uplifting.

The pastor and church journeyed to Anson for the afternoon to appear on program. The pastor, Rev. Toines, delivered the message. He spoke on "Have You Been With Jesus." Scripture reading Acts 4:13. The choir provided some of the music for the program.

The message and music were most uplifting.

Lyons Chapel Baptist Church

Even with the widespread of April showers on Sunday morning services were pretty well attended. Beginning with the message that was delivered by Rev. Morris, his subject was "Here Am I," his scripture was taken from 1 Samuel, 3rd chapter, 1-3 verses. The sermon was very heart-warming and inspiring.

After church a scrumptious dinner was prepared in the fellowship hall for those wishing to dine and fellowship with one another after services. This is sponsored by the Missionary Society on every third Sunday. Anyone wishing to participate, please feel free to come and do so. This gives the members a chance to get to visit and to know one another.

Later that evening we all united again for what we called a family night. We had participation from the Senior Choir, the Chancel Choir and the Brotherhood. We were also featured with solos coming from members of the church. The program was very good.

On next Sunday, April 24th, we will have a Founders Day Memorial Service for our Founding Father, the late Rev. O.D. Hollins and loved ones. Let us all plan to come out and take part in this memorial service.

Youth Day Services will be held Sunday May 8th, all youth are encouraged to take a part in the program. Youth Choir rehearsal is held each Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

We are indeed looking forward to fellowship with Bethel A.M.E. Missionary Society on Monday evening. I am sure it will be an evening of delight.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Services were well attended last Sunday morning despite the rainy weather. Guest speaker for the morning was the Rev. Mrs. L.E. Moore of Dallas. Her subject was "Cause to Repent." She advised all people to get on their knees and ask God to forgive them of their sins. "We are all sinners," said Rev. Moore. Youth Choir Number One, under the direction of F.E. Brown, was responsible for music of the morning.

Among the visitors last Sunday morning were Mrs. Helen Knox and Mrs. Darlene Vann of Kansas City, Missouri.

Lt. John and Donna Ebron, 2705 91st Street, joined our church last Sunday morning. The church extended the right hand of fellowship to this couple. They are former members of the First A.M.E. Church of Seattle, Washington. Lt. Ebron was made member of the Board of Trustees last Sunday.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members. Among the ill this week are Mrs. W.H.

Stephens, Mrs. Doris Ragland, Salone Cunningham and Mrs. Leaner Goldstein.

Our week long revival closed out last Sunday afternoon with Rev. Moore delivering another one of her dynamic messages. Youth Choir Number One furnished music for the final service.

Senior Choir Number Two will practice at the church Thursday evening at 8. All members are asked to be in attendance.

Members of the Usher Board will practice Saturday evening at 7 in the church auditorium. All members are asked to be present.

Let us not forget our Women's Day Rally on Sunday, May 1. All members are asked to contact their captains. For any information concerning this effort, members may contact Mrs. A.W. Wilson, Mrs. Jack Robinson or Mrs. Louise Reece.

Greater New Hope Baptist Church

We had a wonderful time celebrating our 50th church anniversary last Sunday afternoon.

Midweek prayer services are held each Wednesday evening at 7. Let us all make plans to attend.

Sunday School teachers and officers are asked to meet each Friday evening at 7 in fellowship hall.

General Mission will be held Monday evening, April 25, at 7 in the fellowship hall.

A youth fellowship meeting will be held Thursday evening, May 5, at 7:30 in fellowship hall. All young people are asked to attend.

Ushers meeting will be held Friday night, May 6, at 8. Director Johnson is asking all members to make plans to attend.

Our church conference will be held Monday night, May 2, at 7. All officers and members of the church are asked to make plans to attend.

The L.K. Williams Ministers Institute is being held this week on the campus of Bishop College in Dallas.

Whisper a prayer for the sick and shut in. Among those sick and shut in this week are Ms. Callie Cato, Ms. Pearlene Chase, Ms. Minnie Walker, Mr. J.H. Hemanes and Ms. Vivian Williams.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, delivering the morning message. The Adult and Youth Choirs were responsible for the music of the morning.

Choir practice is held each Wednesday evening at 6 in the church auditorium.

The following lay members of the Lubbock Parish Council met at the Methodist Conference Office last Monday evening. They were George Woods, Dan Quinney, James Braxton, Mrs. L.L. Sparks, Joey Roberts and Mrs. Willie Mae Fullbright.

Prayer meeting and Bible study is held every Friday from 6 to 7. Let us come out and worship together.

Let us continue to pray for the sick and shut in. Will you do this for Christ?

Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ

The congregation here at Twentieth & Birch join with others in extending our sympathy to the relatives and families of Lowell Perry of Abilene, Hal Frazier of White's Ferry Road School of Preaching, Monroee.

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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

It is seldom that one gets a weekend that keeps one hopping from one theater to the other and winds up on a Monday morning with an almost incredible score!

Take, for example, the weekend just concluded. In the space of Friday to Sunday, I caught no less than two stage performances and two outstanding motion pictures. Now that's a pretty gruelling and, happily, good score. The stage productions were the Texas Tech University Theatre's fine production of the famous Greek tragedy, "Oedipus Rex" and the Saturday night performance of the highly-regarded Atlanta (Georgia) Ballet company at the University Center.

The movies were Art Carney and Lily Tomlin in "The Late Show," now unspooling at Showplace 4 down at the K-Mart, and the French entry, Oscar-nominee for the Best Foreign Film of the year, with its leading lady also up for the Best Actress Award, "Cousin, Cousine" which is at the Fox 4.

Let's take the movies first. Art Carney, who won an Oscar in a delightful film about a cat a season or so back, has come back to us in a film that has equal charm. Oddly enough, it begins and evolves around a cat, too. Only this time the cat belongs to the non-stop talker and gifted actress Lily Tomlin. Carney is a private eye in the manner of the 1930s-40s and Lily comes to him to engage him to find her cat. What he finds is murder and blackmail on a high level plus a woman who is as annoyingly provocative in action and talk as he could wish.

The little film rolls along merrily and is a delight all the way. In addition to Carney and Tomlin you'll find Bill Macy (Maude's husband on TV) in a central role, too.

The language is slick, fast, funny and has some of those words in it, but they slide off easily and fit the mode of the day.

I was so amused Saturday afternoon, in the climactic scene, when a character pressed the trigger of his silencer pistol, and the Lubbock heavens split open at the split-second moment to rend the theater with a horrific thunderclap. The director would have eaten his heart out at that moment. It was almost "the shot heard 'round the world"!

It's kinda too bad that they called this film, "The Late Show." When you mention it in speaking about it to others, they naturally assume you mean the tube. No, the film is called "The Late Show," referring, of course, to those old Dick Powell etc. films about Raymond Chandler's famed private eye Phillip Marlowe in those gone days, seen nowadays only on the TV screen in the week, small hours—the late, late show.

Suffice. You have been advised. Go see marvelous Carney and wonderful Tomlin cavort in this spook about murder and blackmail and laugh. It's a little gem of a film.

Also very amusing, and I doubt if for much more than a week, is the French-made "Cousin, Cousine." It's at the Fox. The film is a gentle, sexy comedy of family affairs and is recorded with English dialogue. Its leading lady, Marie Christine Barrault, was nominated for an Oscar a few weeks back and a charming and adept actress is she.

The film concerns a lot of adulterous hanky-panky in a free-wheeling French family and is totally inoffensive. It plays smoothly and with gobs of charm and earns its right to be considered an award contender. It's short, for films these days, an hour and a half, but every moment is done with taste and happy abandon. It is worthy of your time and your money. Like, "The Late Show" it leaves you with that warm feeling of having been thoroughly entertained—and there aren't many films these days that can accomplish that state of affairs.

So, you have two to consider, "The Late Show" at Showplace 4 and "Cousin, Cousine" at Fox 4. You can't go wrong on either one, I testify.

Now the stage fare over this weekend. As you probably know Texas Tech was host this week to the Atlanta Ballet, the State Ballet of Georgia. The 13-member troupe is very young and very dedicated and gave us two evenings of meticulous work in the University Center Theater. I caught the four ballets they did Saturday night and was highly impressed. Any ballet company that could dare to follow the unforgettable San Francisco Ballet of last month has guts, if nothing else.

The work the young troupes did was mainly ensemble. They worked on a bare stage and they danced exceedingly well. The only point that I questioned was their strict (and I mean STRICT) adherence to the choreographer's outline and direction. Somehow, it was like a beautiful building. When you see a building, you are not aware of the architect's blueprints. You see the result; not the work in progress. The Atlanta Ballet gave me the impression all through the performance that the dancers were being extra-precautious in following the design of whatever choreographer had outlined the work. Instead of dancing to the climax, they "approached" the climax in a studied, concentrated manner which robbed them of the natural fluid quality that spells balletic success.

I will step aside on one of the four ballet offerings Saturday to pay tribute to two fine dancers in the company. I speak of "The Still Point" danced to the music of Debussy, choreographed originally by Todd Bollender for the New York City Ballet. In this graphic depiction of a young girl's coming to maturity (based on a poem by T.S. Eliot), the work was impeccably danced by the young Filipino lady, Maniya Barredo, and her dancing partner, Ronald Jones. It was an exquisite performance by Barredo and she captured the laurels of the evening easily. I understand she did the same in the Friday performance of a gypsy ballet, too. She was utterly delicate and sure and the tall Jones was the perfect partner for her. It was lovely and right.

At 8:15 p.m. today and through Wednesday you have the rare opportunity to see one of the great tragedies of the theater, "Oedipus Rex" which is being handsomely staged at the University Theater on the Tech campus, the last production of the 1976-77 year. Directed by the sensitive Ronald Schulz, the performance is grim and relentless as the tragic tale of the king of Thebes who slew his father and married his mother and culminates in suicide and blindness unfolds.

The setting is superb and the playing is slick and knowledgeable. Tall, resonant-voiced Lynn Mathis is a commanding, tortured Oedipus, while Diantha Pennington Roberts is a touching, vital Jocasta. The lesser roles are fine (there is a large chorus for this one—lines being spoken in unison) with Bradley Williams as the blind prophet particularly outstanding. I remember good work from Mark Walters as Creon, Michael Roe as the Servant-Messenger and Ray Green as the Shepherd.

James Odom's thematic music was cleverly interpolated, though I thought the extra-long flute introduction was a bit tedious before the action began. It was somewhat long and repetitive. But, overall the production is a plus all the way, highlighted by a stunningly-effective standing set designed and lit by Arden Weaver.

The play will be on view through tonight (8:15 p.m.) and certainly deserves your attention.



Poverty Level Income Raised

The new official "poverty level" annual income for a non-farm family of four in the continental United States has been set at \$5,850. It is \$350 higher than last year's level to reflect increases in consumer prices.

For a farm family of four the increase is \$300 to \$4,980.

Each April 1 the U.S. Department of Labor recalculates the poverty income level to determine who may qualify for various job training programs under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

The figures are adopted by many other agencies and organizations as benchmarks to determine who is poor.

Lubbock School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 25

Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Buttered Black Eyed Peas
Buttered Carrots
Spiced Apple Sauce
Cookie
1/2 Pint Milk

Secondary Choice

Liver & Onions
Buttered Broccoli

Tuesday, April 26

Italian Spaghetti
Corn on Cob
Tossed Salad
Pear Half
Cornbread - Butter
1/2 Pint Milk

Secondary Choice

Submarine Sandwich
French Fries

Wednesday, April 27

Burrito, W/Chili
Buttered Potatoes
Seasoned Spinach
Fruit Cobbler
1/2 Pint Milk

Secondary Choice

Macaroni & Cheese W/Ham
Sliced Beets

Thursday, April 28

Chicken Fried Steak W/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Vanilla Pudding
Hot Rolls - Butter
1/2 Pint Milk

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Friday, April 29

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