EDITORIALS

President Nixon Makes Good Sense

Evidently the meeting with President Richard Nixon and the 13 Black Congressmen who waited 14 months to do their thing made good sense. The hour and a half meeting appeared to have "gotten down to the nitty gritty"-top administration style last week on Capitol Hill.

There were two points made by the Chief Executive which struck the black congressmen profoundly. The first was, "If I were you, I would be doing the same thing. I would be over here

fighting for the rights of black people." The second was an, "admission that black Americans have been treated unfairly and are still being

treated unfairly.'

The above mentioned points, made by the highest officer holder in the nation should challenge the City of Lubbock to start seriously looking at the problems of black people-at the "nitty gritty" level. It should be a challenge for the powers that be to quit footshuffling and start doing something for all people.

Not only does the President of the United States have a crucial role to play in this day and time, but so does the City of Lubbock. The burden of proof is on the City of Lubbock and all of its

citizens.

Of course, the black community has a job to do. We msut all continue to develop ourselves today, not tomorrow. We must all get with it and communicate with those in power in our city.

We must all realize that the problems which exist in our community will not be solved overnight. But, together, we all can begin to put together a plan which can eventually be implemented for the benefit of all.

Apparently the President of the United States and this black newspaper are tuned in on the same frequency on this matter. It would appear, also, that we haven't been so garbled after all. We've been saying from time to time that there's a lot to be done locally by friend and foe.

Thank you, Mr. President, for saying same to the Congressional Black Caucus. Let's hope your voice is heard in Lubbock, Texas. It was fourteen months coming, but maybe, afterall, we'll be able to communicate. Right On!!

True Blackness or Hypocrisy?

Several weeks ago, two young blacks were married African style. This was good, because there should be an image of the blackness of our people. But what is really disturbing about the whole matter is that the white newspaper was given all the available information concerning the

This is so disturbing because this brother is forever talking about his blackness and is always critizing his black brothers and sisters. Yet, he forgets the black media when he seeks publicity.

Last year, the United Black Coalition chose him to participate in their first annual Awareness Convention. Money was raised from the black community-merchants and citizens-to bring him several hundred miles to make a presentation to young blacks who were attending the meeting. Less than a year since his deubt in his community as a public speaker, he forgets his blackness.

The most important factor at this time is that brothers and sisters in the community are sounding off on his actions. They are asking, "is he true black or hypocritical?"

Of course, time will tell. At this time, we can only wait and see if the brother is for real. It's one thing to talk blackness, but it is another to go against the grain of what he preaches.

He is a young black, with much talent, but will he continue to do tail spins in the future? It takes more than talking loud, wearing the dashki and an Afro-haircut to show your blackness. Let's hope this brother realizes that.

City Dump Starts Along Here



No, this is not the city dump, rather it is the road to the City of Lubbock dump ground, located in East Lubbock. The street in the picture is East 37th Street. Citizens of Lubbock have for years been using the street as a dumping ground, rather than driving several more blocks to the prescribed location in the dump ground.

We're glad to know that the City of Lubbock will begin a "comprehensive enforcement on April 1, 1971, of City Ordinance 777, pertaining to transportation of garbage, trash and refuse on public streets."

What all that boils down to is that the next "cluck" who decides it smells better on East 37th Street than at the dump grounds and puts his trash out on a public street just might be faced with a \$200 fine.

This enforcement of a City Ordinance to stop such action is good and will benefit the entire City of Lubbock. The West Texas Times would like to commend the City Manager's Office on taking this much needed and long delayed move.

From The Business Desk

No one is ever really sure what a person or group of people will do, especially in law suits, and that's usually what makes covering the court house so very interesting to some reporters. In the

case of the celebrated lawsuit which has been underway here in Lubbock over the past several weeks, you know the one, about who can and can't sell municipal bonds, one thing is certain-everyone on both sides has told everyone else what they will and will not do.

And the arguments on both sides sound reasonably plausable. Mr. Rose and his group doesn't think the way the bonds were secured and then later sold was quite up to snuff, according to the city charter. The city fathers and councilmen naturally claim they have done no wrong. Now it doesn't take an Oliver Wendel Holmes to figure out that what we have here is two groups of people agreeing to disagree with each other on how to run the City of Lubbock's business.

But then things begin to get muddled, and probably in good faith on each party's part. The part that really makes a person wonder what is going on is when you start talking about moneywhich more often than not confuses a country boy-when politicians and lawyers take up the subject. Anyway, this is the way I see it at the present time:

Mr. Rose wants the city run according to the city charter, and he doesn't want to see the bond sale fall through, because it would cost the taxpayers more money, supposedly, if the bonds are not sold on the present bid. The city council wants to run the city according to their interpretation of the charter, and they don't want to see the bond sale fall through because it would cost the taxpayers more money, supposedly, if the bonds are not sold on the present bid. So you see, they both agree-on the money part at least. Neither side wishes the city taxpayers any additional expense. And by additional expense, we are talking about the often circulated story about an additional cost "to the taxpayers" of \$135,000 if the bond sale falls through.

Now the part that gets confusing to me is who is really worried about the "taxpayers' expense?" No one on the city council was really worried about the "taxpayer's expense" when they helped ram the original \$13.5 million bond issue down the poor taxpayers' throats in the first place. But now they are ready to kick up a fuss everytime there's a chance to "protect the taxpayer." What

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my views

by Eddie P. Richardson

We Too, Must Do Our Part!!!



With pollution and ecology the cry of the land, and with Earty Day to be marked here very soon,



where do we fit? The city manager has committed himself and the police department, as far as uncovered trucks are concerned, up to a \$200 fine upon conviction, to put an end to the stringing of waste and debris through the city

of Lubbock, by allowing enforcement of an ordinance which has been on the books here in Lubbock for some time.

The city council and zoning committee are sup

posed to shut down that damn dusty, nuisance of a caliche pit in some of my neighbors' back yards.

I realize there is still a lot for the city and others to do as far as cleaning and keeping areas clean. But on the other hand, there is a helleva lot we can do on an individaul basis, starting with our own yards and ending in our alleys, on a communitywide basis, to help clean up our present conditions.

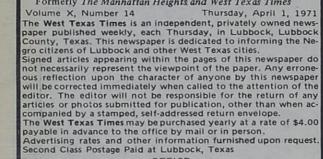
One example of how we can improve our own conditions is shown in the above picture. Naturally the city is expected to empty the container more often, keep the top closed and all the other little things we think someone else should do. But, we could make sure we put our trash in the container and not loose around or near it. We could also put our trash in boxes and bags and stack it neatly near the container if it is full.

After April 1st, when the litter ordinance is in force, I hope to see a lot of difference in our area. We can not scape goat then and say, "what's the use?"

If we do not start cleaning our own area, you can be sure some do-gooder group or organization will be right over here doing it for us with their ecology bags, while we sit around gripeing and groaning about "why do they always have to come over here and do it for us?"

The perfect example of this is the nasty little stream through Mae Simmons Park. Let's get off our big, fat, laxy asses and clean up our own neighborhood. Then we can raise hell with the city when they fail to do their part, if they fail, but first let's do our part and clean up our part of this

Brothers and sisters, we live here, let's make it look like home and feel proud of our community!



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A Lubbock woman was taken

to a local hospital after apparently

being stabbed by a 19-year-old

man one night last week in the

1500 block of Avenue C. Police

talked to the lady at the hospital,

but the details of the matter were

There was a witness to the

Once inside the car, the un-

House Burglary

M.E. Collins, 3416 East Baylor Avenue, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone did break into his house by way of his garage and took eight boxes of candy, which was valued at \$1.80 a box.

He also told police that the unknown person did take \$1.40 in change. Value to replace the window of his garage was \$4.00.

Woman Shot with Pistol

A Lubbock woman, Shirley Wilson of 1502 Quirt Avenue, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that a man did pull a pistol out of his belt and shot her in the stomach one day last week.

There was a witness to the incident. She told police that she would definitely file charges against the man.

Theft Over \$50.00

Charles W. James, 3410 East 17th Street, told Lubbock police that someone did break out a left vent glass of his car to gain entry. The vehicle was parked on the

From the Business Desk . . .

Continued From Page Two it looks like to me is another case of a politician hollering to save a few pennies, (in this case \$135,000 on the bond sale) while he continues in every way possible to hastily throw away "taxpayer's dollars", (or spend \$13,500,000).

But like I said earlier, it gets confusing to most people when politicians start talking about taxpayer's money.

One thing that can be drawn from all this action is the fact that Mr. Rose has shook the "powers that be," right down to the foundation of city hall, and he has also shown a way-in case anyone is interested still-for the people in this town to get the city's attention again on this representative voting thing that has so often been discussed and dismissed by the people who run the city.

By the way, someone has taken some interest in this action-as I have been advised that the next step in making people accept representative government on the city council will probably be taken through the courts. That might be very interesting, especially since Texas Tech students are nearly eligible to vote here now, and they certainly have no way to be represented on the city council.

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hub Among the teachers who took

advantage of their spring vacation last week to go out of the city were Grover Colvin, Mrs. E. Davenport and son, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones, Mrs. Joe Murphy and Mrs.

incident who gave brief information. The victim did not give any information as to what happened or who was responsible.

Car Burglary

Willie Lee Baker, 1813 Avenue D, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone did take a .22 caliber pistol from his car while it was parked in the 1600 black of Avenue C.

The value of the gun was \$15.

Attempted Break In

Annie Lang, 3404 E. 13th St., reported to the Lubbock police that she heard prowlers outside her house one night last week.

The next morning signs of a screen being forced were found. Kathy Richardson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGowen and grandson, David, returned home from a visit with relatives and friends at Navasota, Texas. They also visited other neighborhood towns.

Mr. Wilmar Wilson is a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Lila H. Griffin and Mrs. Ruby Adams visited in San Antonio, Texas, last week. They carried Mrs. Lessie Smith home who was here for the wedding of her nephew, Christopher Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Struggs and grandson, Darrell, visited with her sister, Mrs. Bob Tieuel, last week.

Among the sick and shut-in this week are: Ernest Butler, who is a patient at Highland Hospital; Mrs. Bernice Davis, and Mrs. Betty Miller, both patients at Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Johns received mes-

sage that her sister, Mrs. Fennie Smith, had received emergency surgery at a hospital in Cleveland,

Rev. A.W. Wilson was able to be out Sunday, but unable to preach.

Mrs. Lindsey Shine Thomas is still critically ill, and A.L. Smith is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Bernice Jackson, who has spent several days here conducting a Hat Show, which was quite succuesful, has left for home. She was guest of Mrs. G.H. Davis, a friend of Mrs. Jackson's for many years.

Donna Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones, who is a senion at Trinity University in San Antonio, spent the spring break visiting in Dallas, Fort Worth and her home-the hub city. She was accompanied by a room mate, Miss Beverly Gaither, who is a junior. She is a native of Georgia.

This was Miss Gaither's first trip to Lubbock. They left for

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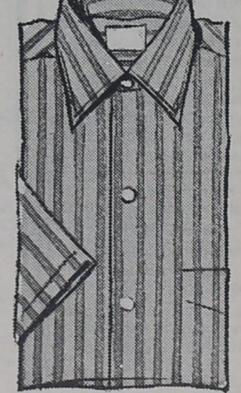
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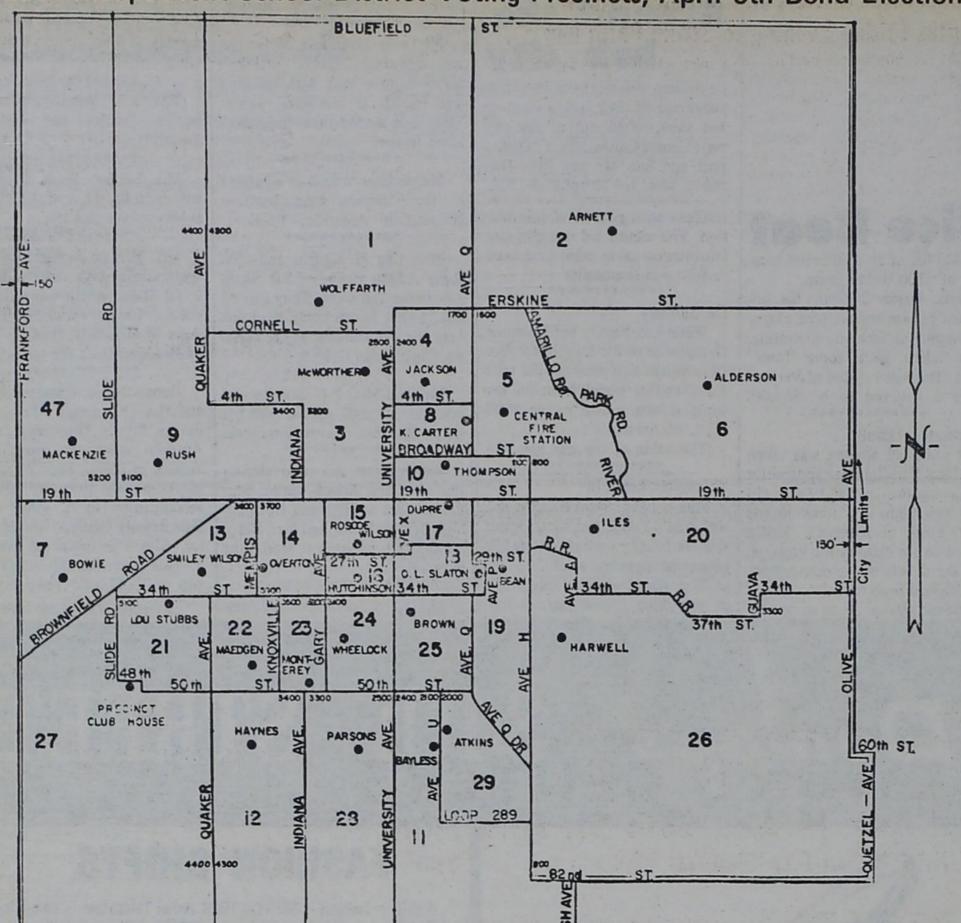
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THE MAN'S SHOP

Lubbock Independent School District Voting Precincts, April 6th Bond Election



League of Women **Voters Set Program** Here April 7th

New members of the Lubbock League of Women Voters will participate in an orientation program on April 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Duane Jordan, 3419 62nd Street, Mrs. Jordan, League of Women Voters president, and Mrs. James Webb, membership chairman; will show slides and publications pertaining to League activities.

Foreign policy will be the discussion topic for the Montereyunit of the Lubbock League of Women Voters. Mrs. Clark W. Ellzey will present the program at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 8, in the home of Mrs. Byron Shotts, 3609 44th Street. Other unitmeeting will be next week.

Membership in the League is open to women 18 years old or older. Information on the League may be obtained by calling Mrs. Duane Jordan, 795-9718.

Making Plans Already

Some young people wait until the last minute to get ready for college, and this often includes choosing an institution of higher learning. This does not apply to Ann Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Williams of 2122 East 30th Street.

Ann has already decided to attend Paul Quinn College in Waco,

She and her sister, Rose Mary, became members of Bethel A.M.E. Church March 21st.

A man whose normal weight is 150 pounds would weigh about 50. pounds if all the water in his system were dried up.

School Bonds . . .

Continued From Page One chased either ahead of or con-currently with new developments to improve planning and save money.

Additional instructional equipment is needed to upgrade various areas of the curriculum.

Facilities for physical education in the elementary schools need improvement.

Some schools need improved lighting.

To encourage carry-over or lifetime sports, additional tennis courts and hard surface tracks are needed for the regular physical education classes.

Termed "conservative" by the board and school administration, the bond issue will nevertheless make possible the purchase of school sites, some additions to schools, and the construction of a new facility for North Avenue U Elementary School which currently operates from sub-standard portable buildings reported to be 20 years old. Because of the uncertain residential pattern in far southeast Lubbock and declining enrollment, it is proposed that new steel relocatable units be purchased to replace the portable buildings at Southeast Elementary School. These relocatable units would be modern in every detail, including carpeting, rest rooms and air con-

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ditioning. If residential growth continues toward Southwest and West Lubbock, additional facilities will be constructed there.

Conservative estimates do not show increase in enrollment over the five year period, the school administration emphasizes. Some classrooms will not be needed in some buildings, particularly in some older school plants in neighborhoods where there has been a shifting of school population.

Other uses will be found for the space, including centralized processing space for library books and sites for headstart education.

The polls will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. In this issue is a list of the voting places.

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STUDY THE FACTS: LOOK FOR THE SPECIAL FACTS BROCHURE MAILED TO VOTERS THIS WEEK!!

Lubbock voters will have the opportunity on April 6 to approve a \$5,600,000 bond issue that the schools' Board of Trustees is recommending to provide for building and instructional needs over the next five years. Decision to call a bond election comes after months of study of enrollment estimates, and of the building and instructional needs for the next five years. Financing for the bonds can be made with the current portion of the tax rate, 43¢, that is used to pay for past bond sales.

VOTE ON APRIL 6

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This advertisement paid by friends of schools.

Around The Hub City . . . Continued From Page Three San Antonio early Sunday morning via flight. Miss Gaither enjoyed her visit here very much.

Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin returned last Saturday from Miami, Florida, where she attended a conference in the Field Engineer Division of IBM. She was special guest of Charles P. Biggers, Western Region manager of IBM.

She was a recipient of a plaque, with her name inscribed, and a boquet of a dozen roses. She also was guest at the Florida Fountainbleau Hotel and reported a very pleasant trip.

Thirteen pieces in a "baker's' dozen" originated when King Louis of France warned all bakers who gave under measure that they would be beheaded.

Local Meat Cutters and Butchers Union Votes Friday Evening to Strike Farm Pac

In an important meeting last Friday evening, the members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workers of North America AFL-CIO, Local Union P-777, Unit 3, voted to strike if terms were not met by the owners of the Farm Pac Kitchens. In a vote, 98 per cent of the members voted yes in regard to the strike. There are 162 members in this organization.

It was the feeling of the members that as long as there is a way to get the contract settled, they would still be willing to sit down with the company and discuss the measure.

A meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 5th, in regard to the problems which the workers are involved with at this time. The

members feel as long as they are meeting with the company, they'll

An official of the local union put it this way; "98 per cent of the total membership at Farm Pac voted to go on strike and we intend on doing this. If it takes a strike to reach our goals. We are for it. More money is our goal."

The unit chairman of the group, Ronnie Brown, said, "Hell, we are all grown ups. So we should act like grown ups. Damn, we must fight or give up. We are not play-

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ing; this is a serious game and someone must get hurt. We want money."

The problem stems from the wages which the members are receiving at the present time. The Farm Pac workers claim that the firm is making more money than ever before and they feel that the company's offer is not a satisfactory agreement.

Workers, at the present time,

are receiving \$2.20 an hour and are competiting with master companies (such) as Armour, Swift and others. . . "In the past three

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Young black boys and girls who reside at Coronado Apartments are shown above playing softball last Sunday afternoon in a vacant lot near the apartment complex. It's worth noting that these young people are less than three blocks from the J.A. Chatman Park, yet they spend most of their time playing games in this area rather than the city park.

Crosbyton News



Mrs. Mary Frances Harris, of 308 N. Ayrshire in Crosbyton, Texas, is the community reporter there. Anytime anyone has any news of interest to the readers of the West Texas Times, please contact Mrs. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Harris and family attended the funeral services of Mr. Roust T. Harris, Wednesday, March 17th, held at the Independence Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs, Texas. He was the brother of Mr. Booker T. Harris.

Mrs. Lela Mae Wyrner and her daughter of Amarillo, Texas, spent last week-end in Crosbyton with Mrs. Wyrner's mother, Mrs. Annie Mae Cole.



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is now in Viet Nam, sent greetings recently to all of his friends in Crosbyton and the Lubbock area. Bobby is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Harris of Crosbyton and is a 1970 graduate of Dunbar High School.

Wong, used by at least 150,000,-000 Chinese, is the world's most common family name.

Bell Telephone Work Underway on 50th

Southwestern Bell began placement of underground conduit along 50th Street between Avenues P and D on Tuesday.

The conduit, through which cable will be placed to provide for telephone growth, will be buried in the city-owned parkway inside the curb on the north side of 50th. Six manholes also will be constructed along the route.

Completion of the job will require six to eight weeks, said John Whitcomb, division manager for Southwestern Bell.

"We regret any public inconvenience which may be caused as a result of this project," Whitcomb said. "However, it is necessary to provide for the continuing telephone growth in Lubbock which is indicative of the progress of the city."

The conduit will provide facilities for nine large telephone cables. Only one cable will be placed initially in the conduit, but Whitcomb noted that the remaining vacant conduit will provide growth potential for some time.

"Providing buried facilities also enhances the public convenience, and provides a weatherproofing factor for the telepone company," Whitcomb said.

Federation of Choirs Mark Anniversary

The Seventeenth Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs was held Sunday afternoon at Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church with the mass choirs contributing the music of the hour. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Desma Moore.

Reverend E.D. Toines and members of St. John Baptist Church were host.

The choir members were beautifully attired in black with white

and black corsages worn by the ladies.

Most of the choirs were represented.

Members of the official staff absent were president A.L. Smith, who is ill; Mrs. Betty Miller, also ill. Mr. G.C. Colvin, who was out of the city and Rev. A.L. Dunn, who was out of town.

Mr. Wilson Baldwin presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin made an appeal for the upcoming School Bond Election which is scheduled Tuesday, April 6th.

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Afro-American History Notes for Bush Newspaper Readers: William Taylor Williams was born 87 years ago in Clarke County, Va. He graduat-

ed from Harvard University in 1897, performing countless services for Negro education throughout the nation for civic groups and federal agencies. In 1919, the first issue of the Cyclopedia of the Colored Race appeared. Williams was editor!

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Notice: Black Organizations of West Texas and the Permian Basin. This column is in the process of compiling a Directory of Black Organizations in the West Texas area to be ready for distribution in June. There is no charge for the listing. Please send in immediately the name and president of your organization and state whether it is a religious, civic, fraternal or social one. All responses should be sent to the Bellringer, P.O. Box 1204 Midland, Texas or P.O. Box 3302 Odessa, Texas.

West Texans as well as ex-students and graduates of Texas College, Tyler, Texas, will be pleased to learn that the 77th Anniversary program commemorating the founding of this church-related institution of higher learning on Sunday, March 22nd was a huge success. Founders day message was delivered by Dr. Bunyan Jacobs, president of the black Lighthouse Life Insurance Co. of Shreveport, Louisiana. He urged the graduates to take a greater interest in building the college that has pioneered in giving black youth pride and dignity even in poverty and stressed christian values from its founding with three students and two acres of land. The institution today boasts of a six million dollar plant with a new science center scheduled for opening around July 4th.

Rev. A.J. Johnson, former pastor of Friendship Methodist Church of Pecos, Texas wishes to be remembered by his many friends of the western regions of the Lone Star State. With the cooperation of his church and friends, a very neat and cozy restaurant and recreation center in the ghetto is now opened. "If there is one thing the black church should do in the coming decade of the '70's, it is to point the way for more black business places in our black communities," believes A.J.

Deep down in his heart, we bet he missed West Texas after having spent nearly a quarter of a century in Lubbock, Lamesa, and other points like Pecos, where he spent his longest pastorate of nearly a dozen years. And talking about Soul Food, try some of Johnson's Bar-B-Que domesticated rabbit, Whew!

East Texas Bellringer shown here is Mrs. Johnnie Mae Proctor of Henderson, Texas, and a former member of the administrative staff

of Texas College at Tyler, Texas. Mrs. Proctor is the widow of the late Reverend A. Proctor and is seeking to be the first black, woman or man for that matter, to be elected to the school board in the heavily black populated, "Wallace Country."

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As we pen these tid-bits, we are approaching the town limits of one of the nation's largest all-black towns-Boley, Oklahoma. The famed

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Texas College Choral Group is scheduled for a concert appearance here and we will cover the event. During our extended tour of the deep South in the meantime, the Rev. Mrs. A. Buckhalter, associate minister of St. Paul C.M.E. Church in the Tall City, writes "that all is well" and "don't forget to bring Mom back with you." We might do just that.

Bellringer's thought for the week: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." Quoted, Remember?

Until later, Peace Brother!

Final Rites Read for Husband of Former Amarillo Resident

Phoenix, Ariz.—Funeral services were held for Mr. Henry Smith, 29, the husband of a former Amarillo resident, Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the South Phoenix Baptist Church of Phoenix. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery by Weber and Sons Mortuary of Phoenix.

Mr. Smith, an electrical engineer, died Monday of kidney failure. His wife is the former Miss Patricia Wheeler, a registered nurse, and a graduate of Carver High School.

Beside his wife, Mr. Smith is survived by a son, Brian, and a daughter, Deirdre, both of the home; his parents, four sisters and one brother, all of Jonesboro, La.

Lubbock Couple Visits Spain

Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Jr., of 1801 East 26th Street returned last week-end from a spring vacation tour which took them to Spain and a brief visit to Tanger Morocco, North Africa.

Among the sights of interest was the Rock of Gibraltar.

The Scotts were among five blacks who made the trip. The other three came from Columbus, Ohio. The trip consisted of 102 members.

It was quite informative, as well as pleasant. They had a very enjoyable trip.

Mr. Scott is assistant dean of Students at Texas Tech University and his wife, Luella, is a member of the substitute teachers corp of Lubbock public schools.

Jehovah's Witnesses Meetings Underway Here This Week

The East unit of Jehovah's Witnesses announced a special visitor for their meetings this week. Mr. Hermod Jensen, circuit minister from New York is conducting a series of Bible discussions which began Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Kingdom Hall, 14th and Vanda.

"Decisions You Face — How Will You Make Them?" will be the main subject Jensen will discuss next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and it is considered the highlight of his visit, according to Horace Dove, presiding minister of the rapidly expanding East unit.

Jensen is in Lubbock inspecting three of the local congregations and described his talks as having mainly to do with the evangelizing work of Jehovah's Witnesses lo-

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Austin, Texas—Senate hearings on a multi-hundred-million-dollar tax bill are under way, and where they stop nobody knows.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes indicated they may continue for a week or two.

Key argument as hearings opened centered on whether the state should have a corporation income tax.

Texas economy will be slowed down by the corporate income levy, argued Tom Sealy of Midland, representing the new Texas Association of Taxpayers, at hearings before the State Affairs Committee.

Corporate profits tax, countered AFL-CIO President H.S. (Hank) Brown, will meet revenue needs and "create balance between corporate and consumer taxes."

Sealy backed the House-passed increase of sales tax from 3.25 per cent to four per cent, but said his group needs more time to formulate a complete tax plan.

Brown favored a six per cent corporation profits tax, which he said would raise \$600 million over the next two years.

Business, said Sealy, already pays 34 per cent of the state sales tax. Consumers and non-business interests, said Brown, pay 62 per cent of all state taxes, while business pays 31.7 per cent in direct levies, including its share of the sales tax.

Minimum tax bill, said Sen. A.M. Aikin, Jr. of Paris, based on the Senate's Finance Committee budget proposals, would be \$643 million for the coming biennium.

Lieutenant Governor Barnes said he hopes to have the tax bill on the Senate floor for debate by April 12.

House of Representatives, said Appropriations Committee Chairman Rep. W.S. Heatly of Paducah, will have the budget bill ready for debate by Easter.

Welfare Cuts Ordered—True to advance warnings, Welfare Board ordered a cut in Aid to Families with Dependent Children effective July 1.

Average grant of \$118 a month will be reduced to approximately \$80, about one-third of current payments. Cutback also will eliminate 4,500 families from AFDC rolls.

Gov. Preston Smith expressed regrets, but said he has no legal authority to alter the cut, since the state has reached the \$80 million a year ceiling for welfare outlays.

Smith gave his endorsement to the constitutional amendment (Amendment 3) to be voted on May 18 which will raise the ceiling.

cally as well as in 206 lands where over one million ministers are proclaiming good news to their neighbors. "The purpose of our work is to help people face the problems they are confronted with at the family level as well as nationally and internationally. The Holy Bible offers fine counsel on how to make decisions as well as predicting a happy future for people who want to follow its principles," he said.

Meetings during the week will include a morning session at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday which Jensen will conduct. He will then join with members of the East unit of Jehovah's witnesses in going door-to-door to extend an invitation to interested persons to study the Bible, which Jensen explained, is done free of any charge. "Also interested persons who want answers to Bible questions are aided to learn where, in their copy of the Bible, they can find the answers," Jensen said.

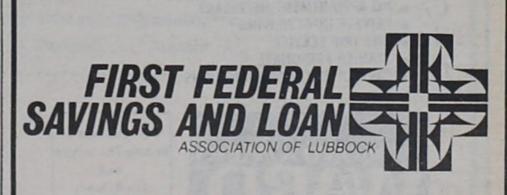
Saturday night Jensen will conduct a meeting entitled, "New Things Learned," which he explained is a review of scriptural points discussed during the past six months with the audience participating in answering review questions. Jensen's visit is provided by the Watchtower Society who sponsors more than 26,000 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses world wide. Four times a year, circuit ministers such as Hermod Jensen, who represent the world headquarters in New York, visit with local congregations to further strengthen them to carry out their work following the manner established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago.

Meat Cutters . . .

Continued From Page Five years, the employees have made the company more money (than) since existence of the company," stated Brown.

"The last negotiations were made with the company in 1968, and the raises for 1968, 1969 and 1970 were 10 cents per year. At the time the company gave us 10 cent per hour (raise) each year, the company was low in finance, but now is making more money," according to Brown.

"I will not ask 162 members to walk and 30 of that 162 stay in the plant. All 162 must go and by your actions tonight (March 26th) the whole 162 will walk." Brown said to the group.



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From My Scratch Pad

by George Parrish

I received a copy of the honor roll for the fourth six weeks, from Carver Junior High School, which went something like this; seventh



grade: *Shirley Graves, *Charles Ross, Kristina Gaddas, Frederick Martin, Gala Mathis and Sandra Nickerson. Eighth grade: Robert Brown, Shirley Ford (also third six weeks & semester), Brenda Oages, Rodney Sanders and Jesse Turner. Ninth grade: *Diane Gates, Vanessa Jones, Charlotte Oliphant, Dianne Parrish and Gale Scott. (*denotes "A" honor roll).

Mrs. Herman Smith of Waco, Texas, the sister of Mrs. Ruby Johnson of 1910 N. Washington, arrived here via Braniff Air Lines for the sudden, but brief, hospitalization of Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is now home and recuperating nicely and Mrs. Smith has returned to her home in Waco.

Mrs. Lola Plantt of 1808 N. Washington died Sunday morning in the hospital after a long illness. Funeral services are pending with Austin Morturary. Sister Plantt was a member of Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church and also a long-time reader of the West Texas Times.

Mr. Inman Neal of 1633 NW 15th is in the hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he underwent surgery last week. At the time of this writing, Mrs. Neal was visiting with him, and no word has been received as to how he is doing.

Mrs. John Warf of 1909 N. Washington is recuperating in her home after being hospitalized with pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Warf were scheduled to leave for Hawaii on the 19th of March but she had to be rushed to the hospital on the 15th. Well, we can't win sometimes, huh Mrs. Warf. Better luck next trip.

Mrs. B.L. Alexander of 602 Arnold Place is ill in her home at the time of this writing.

It seems like we have some new and up-coming models in our town. Liz Alexander, Dianne Parrish and Gale Scott were feature models at Colbert's Harry Holland in Wolfin Village Saturday. I understand that they are going to be there again next Saturday. They must have a thing going for themselves.

Mrs. Alice Miller of 1507 N. Washington and Mrs. Willie Harper of 1424 NW 11th have returned home from Waco, Texas, where they spent a week visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Finney Smith of 1500 N. Washington have returned home from Houston, Texas, after a month stay there where they visited with sick relatives and other friends.

Mr. Dennis Rodgers of 1608 NW 15th is home after spending some time here in the VA Hospital.

Mrs. Mayme Brown, Mrs. Claud Hooks and Mrs. Maggie Brown, all attended the DCCW Meeting in Dalhart, Texas, last Monday and reported having a grand time there.

Mrs. Sedalic Swoopes has won her bout with the flu and is recuperating nicely now.

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annual turn-out at New Hope Baptist Church. They will have their annual tea in May and the public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Jesse Johnson was called to Oklahoma City where her mother is very ill.

The Spade and Hoe garden club is in the process of beautifying the lawn at the Children's Cottage on North Washington St. Mrs. Melvin King is president, Mrs. William Jones is secretary and Mrs. Polk is treasurer.

Some Things I Have Never Seen

A preacher having to insist that people only attend one service to make room.

Deacons having to call for help in carrying contributions out.

A dozen families requesting front seats in church.

A dozen people asking for more work to be done through the week.

A congregation so filled with reverence that at the end of the service everyone remains quitely meditating for a time.

A worship period where there was not one late-comer to distract services.

A worship service where everyone paid attention, and didn't write letters or draw pictures.

A town where there were not some chronic gossipers to gossip about everyone and everything.

But, wouldn't it be wonderful.

Royal Ladies Club

The members of the Royal Ladies Club met Wednesday before last in the home of Mrs. Baker, 1901 East 15th Street.

The next meeting was held Wednesday, yesterday, evening at 8:00 in the home of Mrs. L. Brown in Yellow House Canyon.

Is This Really Killer?



Many of us are familiar with Flip Wilson, who appears on NBC, (local channel 11) each Thursday evening. Last Sunday morning the West Texas Times was informed that Flip was in town. Not only was Flip in town, but as shown above, he brought "Killer"—a sharp looking Rolls Roycs.

Talking about being equipped—like all good things that go with the "good life", the Rolls contained a private phone, a tape deck, loaded with some of Ray Charles' sounds, and all the rest of the trappings necessary to outfit such a fine outfit.

Mrs. Milton Cook, shown pointing to the Killer plates, discovered that Flip was resting at the In Town Inn. He toured East Lubbock Saturday evening, looking for brothers and sisters. According to an aide, Flip's on vacation, traveling about and writing next year's shows.

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A.C. Upshaw City's 11th Traffic Victim

Final rites for Arley Charles Upshaw, 29, of 2705 East 10th Street, were held Tuesday afternoon at the St. Matthew Baptist Church with Reverend R.S. Stanley, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

He was killed late Friday evening when the car he was driving crashed into a concrete culvert at East 19th Street and Loop 289 shortly before midnight.

Peace Justice Wayne LeCroy pronounced Upshaw dead on arrival at Methodist Hospital.

A witness to the mishap, Andrew Ursua of 1617 Zenith Avenue, who was stopped at the intersection of the two roadways reported that the victim's car was southbound on Loop 289. The car weered off the roadway to the east and plowed into the concrete culvert and steel post, according to Ursua. The auto then turned completely around, throwing Upshaw from the car.

The South Plain's 24th death this year was employed at Farm Pac Kitchens.

He is survived by a wife, Jerlene, four sons, Gary, Wendell, Terry and Timothy, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. Angeline Gibson of Hillsboro, Texas; and a brother, James Leroy Baker of Lubbock.

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Spelling Champion Named at Parkway

Myrna Whitehead, a sixth grader at Parkway Elementary School, has something big going for her. She was named the school's spelling bee champion Monday. Little Myrna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Toliver, 1818 East Colgate Avenue.

An alternate winner is Angie Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hill, 1906 East Amherst Avenue.

Wendell Huddleston is principal of the school.

Ballroom Dancing Slated at Maxey Community Center

Maxey Community Center, 30th and Oxford, is offering an adult ballroom dancing class for five consecutive Monday nights starting April 5th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is sponsored by City Parks and Recreation and there is no charge. Call 762-6411, Ext. 321 to register or for further information.

Officers Elected for Dunbar Boosters

A new approach to involvement is underway at Dunbar High School. Instead of just having elected officers, a new twist has been added where the husband and wife will serve as a team in the offices of president, vice president at large and first vice president positions.

According to the newly elected officers, this will create more involvement of the "men of the community."

Those elected Monday evening at the Dunbar High School cafeteria were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin, president; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sirpliss, vice president-atlarge, Mr. and Mrs. Oree Matthews; first vice president; Mrs. Gladys Henderson, secretary; Mrs. Doris Dickinson, assistant secretary and Mrs. Annie Sanders, treasurer.

The organization meets each Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All interested citizens are asked to join this effort

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by Bertha Dixon

"Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful," 1 Corinthians 4:2. Moses was born by faith. He was a proper child who wasn't afraid of the King's commandments. He came by faith.

We all should be ready for the Lord's return. We must be busy about our Master's business, rather than enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. Keep the faith with God. It's not the hours you put in the week with God, but it's what you put into God's teaching that counts.

Dear Father, help us strive together by personal efforts. Help us to realize that love is life. Pride is death. Amen.

Mount Gilead Baptist Church

April 18 is a date we shouldn't forget. Our Senior Choir will present a musical festival. Guest choir will be the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Tahoka, Texas. Rev. M.A. Brown is minister.

The youth department will present an Easter Pageant Sunday, April 11, during the evening worship.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

Hereford, Texas—The Mt. Sinai Baptist Church honored their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Cleason Frost, with their first anniversary March 19-21. Rev. C. Frost is one of the sons of Jenkins Chapel of Amarillo, Texas.

Brother Scott, spokesman for the Mt. Sinai Church family, said they first selected Rev. Frost then elected him for their pastor. The welcome was given by Mrs. Alfred. High, with words of encouragement by Rev. H.B. Whitten, former pastor of the church, who advised the pastor, "Son, tell the truth."

Scripture reading was by Rev. V.P. Perry, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, with prayer by

Golden Rule Circle Meets

The members of the Golden Rule Circle of Bethel A.M.E. Church met in the home of Mrs. Eula Mae Joiner, 1308 East 24th Street, last Thursday evening. Mrs. Catherine McCormick, vice president, presided over the meeting.

After regular devotion, Rev. A. W. Wilson, pastor, was a surprise visitor and gave an interesting talk for the group.

The meeting was closed with the regular motto: "In the name of the triumph God, may the Spirit of Christian Mission enter into every heart, this we ask in Jesus' name."

The next meeting will be held tonight in the home of Mrs. Ben Smith, 2303 Elm Avenue.

Rev. David Hill, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. Conductor was Rev. L.L. Gipson, pastor of Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church and sermon by Rev. J.E. Neal, pastor of St. John Baptist Church of Amarillo.

Rock of Ages Baptist Church

A special program will be sponsored by the Rock of Ages choir, April 11th at 8:00 p.m. staring the "Soul Seekers" along with other regular Easter speakers.

"The Creation," is to be presented by Miss Mamie Dunn and Miss Ollie Taylor will also appear on the program.

The public is invited and welcome to attend this special service.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Snyder—The members of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Colorado City, Texas, cordially invite the assistance churches and their friends to a spiritual singing, featuring the "Crusaders" of Snyder, Texas, Sunday, April 4th, at 3:00 p.m.

The program is sponsored by the general church, Brother Woods, secretary.

Lyons Chapel Baptist Church

Saturday night the senior mission had a covered dish social in the home of Mrs. Gladys Shepherd, 224 East 36th Street. Games were played and a tasty covered dish supper was served.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Sunday School, with Supt. Brown in charge, opened. The beginners' class had the financial banner. Sister L.E. White and Largene Baldwin are the teachers.

Pastor Hollins spoke from Rev. 2:10, at the 11:00 a.m. service. His subject was titled, "Crowning Day."

B.T.U. was held at 5:30 with Sister Elnora Brooks in charge.

In the 7:00 p.m. service the senior mission and usher board had a spiritual and very enlightening program. Brother Clarence Wells

is president of the Usher board. On April 4th, at 3:00 p.m. senior mission will render their annual

Tuesday night the senior night met in the home of Sister Hattie Stinger at 2409 Weber Drive.

Let us pray for and visit our sick. Brother Brady Baldwin is at home at 2401 East 29th Street and Sister Bettye Miller is in Methodist Hospital.

Sunday, April 4th, Rev. Sister L.E. Moore will start a spring revival. The public is invited and you are always welcome to the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church Amarillo-Sunday, March 28th was youth church day with the following youths taking active parts in the service. Call to worship, Donald Jones, opening hymn, Angela Davis, youth prayer, Tommie Jones, responsive reading, Joe Wilson, Jr., Decalogue, Elaine Davis, announcements, Dianne Parrish, morning offering, junior stewards: David Manning, Donald Jones and Stanley Miller, welcome to visitors, Liz Alexander, introduction of speaker, youth president Nicy Wilson. Guest speaker for the day was Mrs. Willie Hick-

Mrs. Hickman brought a beautiful message, not just to the youth, but to all in attendance. She used as a subject, "Reality."

The attendance was very good. There were two visitors at the 11 a.m. worship hour.

Let us continue to pray for the sick, not only of our church but where ever they may be.

Next week there will be prayer services going on at Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church and the following week there wll be preaching all week closing out the service on Friday night with the Last Seven Words of Christ in song. Please remember these dates and attend these services.

Shiloh Baptist Church

Amarillo-Sunday School was well attended with Supt. E.J. Masters in charge. Call to worship was by Brother W.T. Greer, "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace, Whose Mind is Stayed on Thee, Because He Trusted in Thee, For in the Lord Jehova is Everlasting Strength." Isa. 26:3-4.

Ronnie Sherwood was at the piano to furnish music for the service. The deacons were in charge of the devotion service, with the pastoral prayer for the sick following

Pastor Hackett brought a very spiritual message from St. Luke, 11:2.

Mrs. Artie Vaughn was restored back to the membership of the church. We are happy to have Mrs. Junior Levi Hold home from Washington, D.C.

Training union was held at 5:00 p.m. The adult union rendered a program with the theme; "The Church Today." A reading was given by Sister Isabel Brown, subject, "The Church of Yesterday." A duett by sister Holands and sister Mattie Cribbs was presented. Another reading by Mrs. E.J. Masters, entitled "What Training Union Will do For You" also was presented. The program was enjoyed by all attending.

The members of the Eunice Circle will meet tonight in the home of Sister Rosie Lee Freeman, 2403 East 7th Street, at 8:00.

The members of Sarah, Queen of Sheba and Martha Circles met in the homes of Sisters Allie Williams, 2403 East 29th Street; Bobby Mims, 2727 East 2nd Place; and Wilma Horton, 2108 Elm Avenue, this week.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Prayer gives power to weakness and opens to poverty the world's wealth. It puts fruits and flowers where thorns and briers flourish.

A great celebration will begin on the third Sunday of April through the fourth Sunday. We are making plans for this to be a great celebration.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut-in. Sister Ottris Barron is recuperating nicely in the Highland Hospital. Brother A.L. Smith is ill in his home. Sister Ruby Travenis is also recuperating in her home. Sister Alberta Evans is ill in Methodist Hospital. Pam Lenord is recuperating in her home after a tonsillectomy.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

PFC Alonzo McAlister, who has recently returned from training in the U.S. Army and is heading for Turkey, taught the Adult Sunday School class last Sunday morning. He summarized the lesson: "Use It or Lose It."

There were 63 persons attending last Sunday morning's Sunday School. Rev. A.W. Wilson was present at the school services. He was confined to bed last week.

New Hope Baptist Church

Easter services will be sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance on Friday, April 9th, at New Galilee Baptist Church in Carlisle at 8:00 p.m. Reverend Anderson is pastor.

It won't be long before our "Step Up, Catch Up, Get Ahead Rally" will close at our church. The rally is now in progress and will end Sunday, April 18th, at 3:00 p.m.

The Board of Christian Education meets each first and third Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Usher meetings will be held Friday evening at 8:00 in the fellowship hall.

A special program will be sponsored by the W.M.S. Sunday, April 4th, at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Brotherhood meeting is held each Thursday evening at 7:00.

April 3rd, Saturday, the junior department will sponsor a weiner roast at the church, beginning at 12:00 noon.

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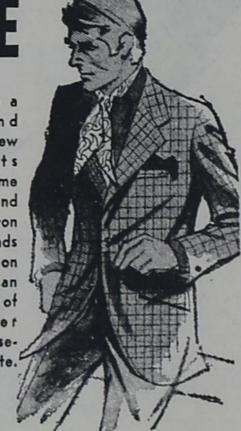
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Now weigh this, will you?

Here I am, an imaginary poor worthless sinner and I realize my ndition so I want to change. Here I go, with hope in my heart—hope find a person I can tell my troubles to and ask how can I come to thrist and get forgiven for my sins. I shove off to the local church and after the said pastor is through delivering his message of God, I am so worked up, I'm ready. He said all I have to do is accept Christ as my personal Saviour and live for Him.

OK-here comes the invitation!

Boy, emotion hangs at my head, my heart races, it's pounding like drums in my chest! I rise to my feet and think to myself, Lord help me. Give me the courage to stand! I race down the aisle, I give the preacher my hand and try to give God my heart in the best way that I know how.

Then here it comes—"Brother Cooks comes to us as a candidate for Baptism. What is your pleasure?" (not what is the will of God?) Then there in a corner or someplace, some joker gets to his feet and says, "Brother pastor, I rise to make a motion that we accept Brother Cooks' statement and he become a member of this church after the right hand of fellowship and Baptism." It is then seconded by someone of the congregation. After which the pastor says, "you heard the motion, are you ready to vote?" (now get this, they are going to vote on whether I can be accepted by Christ. Christ doesn't have anything to do with it!) Then he says, "Question." Then they all reply, "question."

In the meantime, I'm getting more confused by the minute because he said all I had to do is give him my hand and God my heart.

Then he says, "All in favor say I," (not aye). "No nays and so be it." Then he got another long sermon while holding my hand (this is when he scares the living pants off of me and I'm sweating, my knees are knocking and just when I get too confused to give anybody a sensible answer he says: "Brother Cooks, go by da table and pay your tides (not tithes) and give in the public offering and the building fund. Don't forget the special offering and the pastor's aid. When I git (not get) time I'll baptise you. We are so busy and it is so cold—see you next Sunday."

Heck, when next Sunday comes, I'm afraid to go back. So the probability is that I will lose all interest in trying to be a member of the church, because I can go through less than that joining a local card and domino club. That way, I don't have to go by all those tables and empty my pockets.

John 6:37 says: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." These are the words of Jesus.

The Ivory Street Church of

Each month we will salute one

Christ in Slaton will host the area

fellowship in April. The date will

of the teachers in the educational

department. This month we are

very proud to salute Sister Grace

be announced later.

Well, this is the way I see it. Why it is, I don't know???

Church News. . .

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Our church will host the West Texas Baptist District Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress on June 7th through 11.

We will also host the B.M. & E. State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress August 9th through 13th. We are asking for the cooperation of our friends to help us to entertain our guests as they come.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut-in. Sister Bertha Thomas is at the bedside of her father in Bryan, Texas. Berdine Thomas and grandson, Anthony Thomas, are ill. Brother Les Gereford is still ill at home. Brother James E. Jackson is in Room 428 D at Methodist Hospital.

Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ

Our spring meeting will have its beginning April 26th through May 2nd. Brother Macheal Nixon of Greensville, Texas, will be doing the preaching. Make plans to attend and bring a visitor to the meeting.

The annual church lectureship will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. The University Church of Christ will serve as host, with Brother LS. Winston as host minister. The theme: "New Testament Christianity to Twentieth Century Man." Brother Nexon will leave for Cleveland April 2nd.

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Ann Johnson who is head of the primary department. She was chosen on the recommendation of our fine Superintendent Worthey.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

The first Sunday is Palm Sunday. On this day, we will Christen all children who have not been Christened.

Mrs. M.T. Reed attended the annual meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service held in Pampa, Texas, last Sunday through Wednesday. She says the meeting was a great success.

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

Activities for the day began at 9:30 a.m. with school for all ages. Supt. Morris and teachers were at their posts of duty. The lesson was reviewed by Brother Garrett and highlights of the lesson came from Supt. Morris. School was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The morning worship services began at 11:00 a.m. with singing by the congregation and prayers of thanksgiving offered by Sister Brooks and others.

The message was brought by our pastor, Rev. R.J. Dixon, and was entitled, "The Will of God." His text was from the books of St. Matthew, 6:13-18.

In the evening services at 7:30 p.m., after the devotional period, Rev. Dixon spoke from the Book of Ephesians 4:25, using as a theme "Unity and Love."

May we remember the sick and shut-ins everywhere in prayer and visitation.

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The Hereford Families

Manhattan Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church

Sabbath School began at 9:15 a.m. with Supt. C.R. Stubblefield at her duty along with her coworkers.

Sabbath School program was "Birthday Thank Offering."

Devine hours was brought by our guest speaker, Pastor H.L. Thompson of Alexandria, La. His sermon was "The God of Halloween." taken from Hebrew 2:14.

On April 10th the far West Lay Preacher Federation will be held in Amarillo, Texas. Youth Congress will be held in Memphis, Tenn. April 22 through 24th.

Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church

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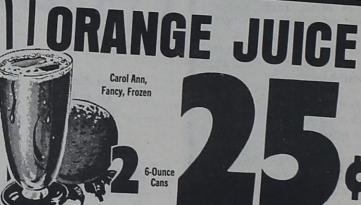
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