Lubbock Opportunities Industrialization Center's First Graduation-Some of the 53 graduate of LOIC first graduating class are shown listening to one of the speakers.

Oliver Childs, Regional Director of Región V, of Dallas, Texas, and Don Harty, area manager, spoke to the group last Friday evening at the local center, 2200 East Broadway.

Eddie Richardson is Executive Director of the local OIC facility and Rev. A.L. Davis is Chairman of the Board of Directors. (Staff Photo)

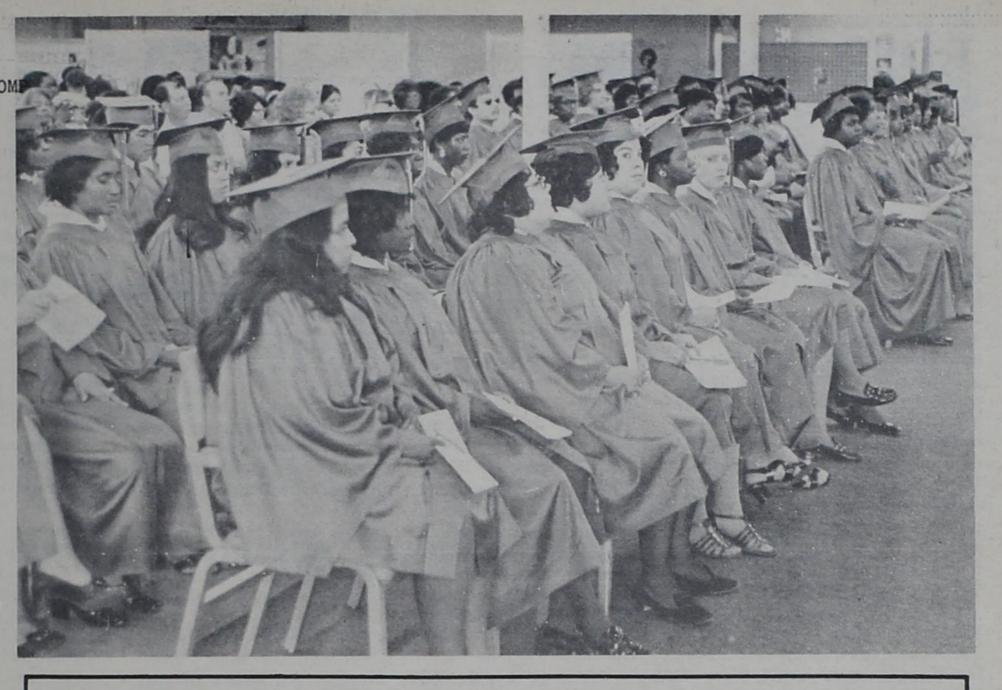
Fifty-Three Graduate From Lubbock OIC Center Friday Evening

With the theme, "We Help Ourselves," fifty-three persons graduated from the Lubbock Opportunities Industrialization Center (LOIC) in the first graduating class last Friday evening at the center, 2200 East Broadway. More than 250 persons were in attendance to observe the exercises of the manpower development program.

Oliver B. Childs, regional director of a five state OIC effort, was present and commended the fifty-three persons who crossed the burning sands at LOIC.

Donald Harty, OIC Area Manager, was also present at the first graduation exercises of the local program and was pleased with the outcome of the first class.

One of the trainees, Jo Ann Gibbs, delivered an address which was accepted by all in attendance and proved to be quite impressive to those making the first march. With a subject of "We Can Make It-So Can You," Miss Gibbs made it known to those present that there are many avenues for poor people to conquer. "No, we are not satisfied with welfare, we have learned to stand on our own two feet. You can be whatever you desire as long as you are willing to help yourself," she stated.



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unemployment, and do it for much less cost."

Of the 53 graduating last Friday, thirtythree are already employed and have shown an increase from \$1,171 a year to the present figure of \$3,500 earning power.

The executive director of LOIC, Eddie P. Richardson, and Rev. A.L. Davis, chairman of the board of directors, were also participants in the program.

First class graduates were: Margaret Aguilera, Emma Lou Avery, April Anderson, Victor Arguellar, Eddie Atkins, Sandra Burrell, Mary Brightman, Ruth Byrd, Louie Cage, Dessie Carroll, Argulda Cleveland, Janie Escobar, Josephine Flores, Jeanie Franklin, Lucy Gonzales, Jo Ann Gibbs, Lorraine Guyton, Bettye Harris, Vanie Hibler, Pearlie Jackson, Ruby Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Ethel Jones, Ruth Lara, Rebba Lopez, Dorothy McKenzie, Cumie Morris, Annie Nash, Georgia Parker and Joyce Patton. Also graduating were Reyes Pena, Minnie Perry, Velma Price, Sandra Prelto, Bettye Quigley, Odessa Quigley, Ruby Quigley, Jose Ramirez, Bobby Ramos, Warlene Reed, Jackolyn Robinson, Esther Sanchez, Lestene Sewell, Elnora Stevenson, Rowanda Tolar, Carol Truitt, Marvin, Turner, Georgia Washington, Minnie Wells, Irene White, Bettye Willis and Lydia Wilson.

D.C.'s Delegate, Walter Fauntroy, Will "Go Along With McGovern Platform" Position

by Robert O. Owens

Miami Beach, Fla.-(NBNS)-The District of Columbia's non-voting Delegate in the Congress, Walter Fauntroy, a leader in the controversial lining up of uncommitted black delegates for Sen. George McGovern, also went along with the McGovern forces on the Democratic platform.

One exception was on the minority plank endorsing a \$6,500 annual income. The unsuccessful plank won the votes of all black delegates except those from Florida committed to Gov. George Wallace. On the other provisions, Delegate Fauntroy led the D.C. delegation in unanimous support of a platform draft which he earlier had found inadequate in terms of the Black Bill of Rights. Several days before the Democratic National Convention vote on the platform, Fauntroy circulated a memorandum to convention delegates outlining differences between the Platform Committee draft and the list of black demands.

Noting that the platform is "distinctively vague in most areas," Fauntroy felt it is "generally consistent with the substance of the Black Bill of Rights as regards employment, foreigh policy (particularly Africa) health, home rule for District of Columbia, education and drugs."

Childs, who was the keynote speaker, added, "There's no easy victory when you are unskilled, and unless we strive for skills and training, the battle is lost."

The regional director went on to add, "The same endeavor that put us on the moon and conquered age-old diseases also can train a man or a woman and reduce

Don Defore Visits Local Goodwill Industries Training, Work Facilities Here last Wednesday



Don Defore, noted actor formerly in the Hazel series on television, and a member of the California State Board of Goodwill Industries visited the local branch of Goodwill Wednesday afternoon, July 12th.

Goodwill Industries has been in Lubbock since 1967, and last year employed 168 people in sheltered employment who put in over 95,000 man hours in the Goodwill plant and earned over \$72,000 in salaries. During the same year, Lubbock Goodwill Industries placed 20 people in competitive employment.

'Goodwill aids handicapped people in vocational rehabilitation programs, work adjustment programs and by offering short term shelter employment with the aim of placing these same people into competitive employment.

Approximately 90 per cent of Goodwill's operating budget comes from the collection, restoration, and resale of donated objects. The rest of the budget comes from the United Fund, local civic club support and grants.

Black News

Sen. Brooke Appeals for Housing Funds

Washington-(NBNS)-Senator Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) has appealed to President Nixon to double his budget proposal for subsidies for public housing projects. In a letter to Nixon, the black Republican Senator said reports from city after city "paint a bleak picture of desperation" in which countless public housing projects are threatened with bankruptcy.

Philly Ordered to Hire Black Police

Philadelphia-(NBNS)-A U.S. District Judge has ordered the City of Philadelphia to hire one black policeman for every white added to the city's police force.

Judge John P. Fullam also ordered that promotions within the department be made on the same one-to-one basis.

Mayor Frank Rizzo, who rode a reputation as a "tough" police commissioner into the mayor's office, said the city would appeal the order.

Court Strikes Down Ohio Residency Rule

Cincinnati–(NBNS)– A three-judge panel of Federal District Judges has struck down as unconstitutional an Ohio statute requireing a year's residency to become eligible for welfare benefits.

The U.S. District Court decision, on an appeal brought by the Legal Aid Society, permanently enjoined state and county agencies from enforcing the state residency requirements.

Electronic Test Developed for S-C Anemia

Philadelphia-(NBNS)-A suburban Philadelphia firm, Bio-Data Copr. of Hatboro, Pa., has announced the development of an electronic method of testing for sickle cell anemia. Fauntroy discussed several issues which were either not mentioned in the platform or which seemed only partially in compliance with the Black Bill of Rights. According to the D.C. Delegate, none of the Caucus' recommendations in the area of minority enterprise were adopted by the platform committee.

The platform pledged to replace the present welfare system with an "income security program". This program is only vaguely defined and does not specify what income should be. The Black Caucus supported the unsuccessful effort to include the \$6,500 annual income plank at this point in the platform.

Fauntroy's memo cites the total exclusion of recommendations on the military. The platform only mentions "the Democratic Party's intent to combat racial tensions in the military."

On the issue of penal reform, Fauntroy wrote that there was "no real consideration contained in the platform. Emphasis is placed on post-release assistance. Similarly, no attention was given to the part of the Black Bill of Rights which concerned Democratic Administration appointments.

"The platform fails to recommend an increase in the number of black federal judges and other legal officers," Fauntroy wrote. "It also does not reflect the New Homestead Act, proposed by the Caucus, to make more effective use of land owned by federal, state and local governments."

The tone of Fauntroy's comments seemed to be generally favorable to the platform. He reserved his harshest criticism to the substitute planks offered by Governor George Wallace.

Wallace's unsuccessful efforts to alter the platform in the areas of busing, South African policy, and the Supreme Court, were termed "repugnant to the spirit and substance of the Black Bill of Rights," by Fauntroy.

EDITORIALS

More SBA Opportunites Needed by Blacks in West Texas-Lubbock Area

In looking around these United States at opportunities in the business communities, we see Black brothers and sisters getting their share of business chances with the help of the Small Business Administration, SBA. In Lubbock and on the South Plains, there appears to be a lack of communications in this regard.

Several weeks ago, the editor of this media had an opportunity to talk with the local director of the Lubbock SBA office and he made it clear that industry is looking for Blacks and other minority groups who are willing to participate in the business community.

This is good, but the Black community has not been made aware of such business opportunities. These opportunities include minority contracts and also the manufacturing of products which would be purchased by some of the leading companies in the nation. Of course, those who apply for such contracts must be capable of producing the merchandise needed by the companies.

Government grants are good for a start, but Black people need funds to move into business and be able to come up with a positive products idea to enhance the market place in this country. Unless communications are established with the Black community, this lack of opportunity will continue to exist.

If we are to really move up the socio-economic ladder in the Black community of West Texas, we must get our share of business opportunities.

Many in the system will argue the point that there are not Blacks who are capable of operating such businesses. This may be true in many cases, but we must remember that there is much talent available that can be developed into going businessmen. Black people, for example, have been managing churches, funeral parlors, barber shops and other small businesses for years. A little more developing from the business community in these areas, some more financial backing, and we can develop Black brothers and sisters who own and operate small businesses efficiently and profitably.

We are not talking about bar-b-que shops and other very small efforts. We are talking about developing persons who could very easily manage and supervise persons in larger operations.

We would encourage the local Small Business



YIPPIE SUMMIT By Jack Anderson 1972 Pulitzer Prize Winner for National Reporting (Copyright, 1972, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.) Washington–Vacation time is rapidly coming to a close for the radical movement in Miami Beach.

The same loosely-organized group of Zippies



If we can say that Lubbock is behind the times in respect to what Black people are doing all over this country, then I won't miss it very much if I'd say that when you go to Amarillo, Texas, you set your watch back twenty years! That's the way I saw it.

Although there was a lot of effort on the part of the congregation and pastor of the Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church to make the Lubbock District Church School a success, Amarillo has its problems.

After spending three days in that community, I observed several things which should be corrected by the Black brothers and sisters of that community. If ever there was a need for a Black media, such as the West Texas Times, it has to be in Amarillo, Texas.

This writer contacted two local television stations, both nationally affiliated, of that city about covering the story of over two hundred young Black brothers and sisters in the city of Amarillo attending the Lubbock District Church School convention. One of the stations was just not concerned. The news director told this writer that they didn't have time. While the other station did talk, they were most reluctant about coming to the Black community to film a story on Black people in a positive meeting for their evening news.

I hope my Black brothers and sisters of Amarillo (and any other community with television stations) realize that local television outlets are under the guidelines sent down by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of Washington and that each time they make application for renewal of their licenses, they must show that they are cooperating with the Black community as well as any other ethnic groups. I would be willing to say that members of the Black community of Amarillo are contacted by the local television stations there each time they make application and a letter is written and signed by some Black brothers and sisters who say "amen" to the good job that is being done by the Amarillo television media. For these Blacks to allow themselves to be used by any media, which shows it does not intend to cooperate with the Black community, is absolutely ridiculous. This newspaper has been running stories from the Amarillo community for some time now. Many times though, we haven't had enough advertising to run all the stories from the Amarillo area. Like I told a lady at the convention last week when she "bawled" me out on why her stories are sometimes left out of the paper, or even cut down at times. "If we had the space to do so, we would run all the stories."

and Yippies who cavorted and sunbathed during the Democratic Convention are now holding serious strategy sessions aimed at embarrassing President Nixon during the Republican Convention next month.

My source for this information is my own longhaired teen-age son, Kevin, who infiltrated the radical movement while I was in Miami Beach for the Democratic Convention.

Kevin tells me that zany Abbie Hoffman, a yippie for all seasons, has held a number of summit meetings with his unpredictable lieutenants.

Kevin was present when Hoffman was seeking to outmaneuver federal snoopers. For the benefit of electronic snooping devices, Abbie and friends would meet in their gaudy headquarters and lay out one set of plans. Then, the plotters would slip outside and privately draw up a different strategy.

The basic aim of the radicals, reports Kevin, is to turn the sober-sided Republican Convention into a carnival of confusion.

-GOP Snoops-

Meanwhile, the Republicans have done some infiltrating in Miami Beach on their own. Wandering through the Convention Hall among all the Democrats earlier this month, I spotted two top Republicans. They were GOP Vice Chairman Dick Herman and his assistant, Jim Gale. Posing as service personnel, the two explained they were actually sizing up facilities in preparation for their own convention in August.

Both Herman and Gale are worried about security at the convention. They have instructed Republican security agents to work closely with Miami Beach Police Chief Rocky Pomerance, the hefty, jovial cop who is now intensely evaluating contingency plans to handle what looks like a raucous week with the radicals.

While maintaining cordial relations with Yippie leaders, Pomerance has kept in constant touch with the FBI. Pomerance receives FBI reports from every major city in the nation informing him of known radicals leaving for Miami. In addition, Florida police have staked out all the major roads coming into Miami. They are keeping a running tally of the cars, buses and campers carrying potential trouble-makers into the state.

-Finger-Lickin' Good-

Fried chicken magnate, Colonel Harlan Sanders, passed out free fried chicken and paid \$35.00 for wastepaper baskets at the Democratic Convention. But we have learned that the old Southern gentleman is a Republican at heart.

Administration office to find a means of getting the word out to persons in the Black community of the opportunities which are available. Of course, the local SBA office can't do it by themselves. It will take the help of everyone, Black and white together, to imporve the situation. But we must get the ball rolling if anything positive in West Texas is to be started.

West Texas and Lubbock has far to go in this area, but if we all get involved in this endeavor we can produce Blacks who are able to own and operate, as well as manage, businesses and industries that we all can be proud of.

This newspaper would encourage the local SBA officials to inform the Black community, as well as other minority communities, of the opportunities that are available. A lot can be accomplished if all parties concerned will pull in the same direction.

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What I'd like to make clear is that Amarillo, Texas, needs a media, because as far as the other news outlets are concerned, the Black community just doesn't exist.

It has been my understanding in the media business that television stations are most cooperative. This is certainly not the case in Amarillo. The West Texas Times would like to expose incidents similar to the television bit. We need your help and we need advertising revenue from the Amarillo community.

George Parrish, the local stringer for the area in this newspaper, certainly has his work cut out for himself. Keep the faith Brother Parrish, maybe soon you can move the watch up a little bit.

Thought of the Week: "An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity."

As I See It. . . . Dolph Brisco, Democratic Continued On Page Three Underneath the Colonel's long coat, he wears a big, gold "Richard Nixon in '72" tie clasp. The Colonel told us he is glad the Democrats like his chicken. But he believes the Republicans will do the most finger-licking good for the country.

-Battling Queen Bees-

Although the Women's Caucus struggled valiantly to present a united front at the Democratic Convention, we have learned that a major power struggle is brewing inside the women's lib movement between the Caucus's two middle-aged queen bees—Bella Abzug and Betty Friedan.

Militant feminists, who feel they were shortchanged during the Democratic credentials and platform fights, are telling insiders that battling Bella Abzug and glorious Gloria Steinem used old machine-like politics to deliver the women's vote to McGovern.

Betty Friedan, who founded the Women's Caucus two years ago, is reportedly very upset over Bella's partisan attitude toward McGovern. Betty has told friends privately that Bella has failed the women's cause because she won few, if any, concessions from McGovern for her support.

-End of A Dream-

Hubert Humphrey, the happy warrior of national politics, has seen his life-long quest for the presidency come to a frustrating end.

Humphrey has spent the last 12 years coming in second in national politics. For four years, he served as the nation's number two man under Lyndon Johnson only to come in second by less than one percent to Richard Nixon in 1968. This year, Hubert has come in second again-this time to his one-time next-door neighbor, George Mc-Govern.

Have these defeats embittered Humphrey? Will he work hard for McGovern? I predict that Humphrey will devote himself fully to electing McGovern president. In a politician like Humphrey, the basic instincts never die. He will campaign as hard for McGovern as he would for himself.

Little (1) (1) related Thursday, July 20, 1972



Assault

Sam Haskins, address unknown, reported to the Lubbock Police Department a strange incident last week. He stated that he and six other men were coming from the "hog pen" when he noticed two females having trouble with their car at 19th and Avenue D.

He said he stopped his car to give assistance and the other men left. They then came back and began to beat him up. The men also took tape decks from the women's car.

Burglary

Rosie Willis, 1014 East 28th Street, Apartment A, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that about three weeks ago persons unknown did enter her house through a rear window, which was pistol. unlocked, and took her television set.

There was no estimate as to the value of the set.

The question to ask is; why did she wait so long to report the theft of the set?

Rudely Displaying Firearms

Mable McKinley, 1306 East Broadway, reported to local police that she was leaving the Chimpanzee Lounge when she was approached by a man. She reported that she began to talk to him.

At that time, another man came up and she said; "What do you

As I See It . . .

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Police Beat

want?" He stated, "Hey, do you know this fellow? (referring to the first man she was talking to). The man then flashed some type of identification and said, "Whatever you say now, I am going to take him to jail."

At that time, two other men walked up and one handed the man being arrested a small caliber pistol.

The lady said she then backed up, went inside the cafe and out the back door.

Destruction of Private Property

Mary Ward, of 823 Vanda Avenue, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone unknown did shoot through the back door of her house with what was believed to be a .38 caliber

Damages to the back door glass was estimated at \$5.00.

Aggravated Assault

Theresa Ann Johnson, of 815 Avenue C, reported to the local police that she was sitting in a car in either the 700 or 800 block of Avenue C(really she was sure of the block) when something happened to her.

She told police that there was a few shots fired and one hit the window of the car in which she was sitting. Something did cut her right arm. She didn't know where the shots came from, or who was responsible. She did say that when she finds out who is responsible for the shooting, she will file charges.

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Mr. Burnie Lawson, a former resident of Lubbock spent several days in the Hub City visiting his mother, Mrs. Cora Lawson, of 2205 East 29th Street, and other relatives. He hadn't been in our city for nearly 41 years. He resides in St. Louis, Mo. *****

Rev. and Mrs. S.R. Anderson were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Middleton of Denver, Colorado

last week. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Middleton are sisters. The former Miss Ida McQueen Jackson, Mrs. Middleton, has many friends in and around the Lubbock area.

Mrs. S.R. Anderson returned to Lubbock last Tuesday via Continental Airlines after visiting with her father who is seriously ill in an Oklahoma City hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Berry, Sr. of Pittsburgh, Pa., arrived here last Saturday via flight to visit their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Berry, Jr. and their grandson, Darrell and other friends,

Mrs. Virginia Robertson, a daughter, Miss Sylvia Robertson, and also another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Malone of Oakwood, California, are visiting their daughter and sister here, Mrs. Kinnie Dearman and husband.

Miss Joyce Alexander is home from University Hospital where she was a patient several days and is recuperating satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Melton drove to Canyon, Texas, last Sunday to who will participate in the West Texas State Band Camp for two weeks. She plays the B-Flat Clarinet. Olympia just returned from visited her aunt and uncle, the Trambles. She also visited her grandmother in Waco, Texas.

Alphonso Perkins has returned and shoplifting, are connected to

tient at Methodist Hospital where he is suffering from pneunomia. Mrs. Louise Sedberry is yet under the doctor's care at home and is recuperating slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Fowler and daughter, Lesa, of Los Angeles, California, left Wednesday morning for home after visiting briefly here with their relatives, the E.C. Struggs family. They also visited relatives in Hobbs, New Mexico; Dallas and other Texas cities.

Services are pending at South Plains Funeral Home for Mr. Will Jordan, a long time resident of Lubbock, who was once a faithful member of St. Luke Baptist Church. He was treated by a doctor one day last week and was found dead the next day around noon. A nephew at Midland, Texas, has been contacted.

Final rites are also pending at Jamison Funeral Home for Mr. Clint Harris who passed away last Friday evening at Methodist Hospital. His survivors include a daughter here.

T.I.P.-N.A.B. Program Now Underway Here

Rudy Donat, Chairman of the Retail Committee of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, announced last week that the T.I.P (Turn In a Pusher) - N.A.B. (Nab A Burglar) program has begun in Lubbock. The program is aimed at combating crime by offering rewards for anonymous tips leading to the conviction of a criminal.

Clarence Solnick, member of carry their daughter, Olympia, the Retail Committee, stated that the program is similar to one constructed in Tampa, Florida. These two programs are being combined here due to research uncovered in Prairie View, Texas, where she conjunction with the Florida campaign. Solnick stated that this research showed that more than one-half of the crimes committed against business, such as burglary

which anyone can call anonymously and is given a reward of from \$100 to \$500 should a conviction result from the information.

The caller is assigned a special identification code whereby he can claim his reward after a conviction, even though he has never given his name or been named by anyone connected with the program. The "tipster" calls back after the conviction and gives his code number and then is told the amount of his reward and how to claim it. The reward, incidentally, is determined by a secret committee.

The T.I.P. - N.A.B. number in Lubbock is 747-1213. The phone is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Lubbockites Attend **Funeral Services**

Lubbockites attended funeral services for an uncle, A.Y. Hubbard, Sr., 71 year old resident of Trinidad, Texas, last Saturday in that city. He passed away last Thursday in a local hospital of that city, following a brief illness.

Services were conducted at Cedar Fork Baptist Church.

Survivors include his widow, Louvenia; two brothers, R.D. of Temple and E.T. of Seattle, Washington; a sister, Mrs. Maybelle Allen of Midland, Texas; thirteen children; (one preceeded him in death); forty grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, many nephews and nieces, and other relatives and friends.

Lubbock relatives who attended the services were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sanders and sons, Mrs. Emma Rowe, Mrs. Lillie Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Wilson, Miss Ora B. Barnes, and James and Shag Whitfield. Mrs. Allen was unable to attend the services due to illness.

All the other members of the family were present. E.T. left Dallas last Sunday on a flight back to Seattle.

Money Loaned On Guns, Diamonds, Stereos, TV's, Tools, Musical & Sporting Goods. A ACME PAWN SHOP Between the Spanish Theatres 762-2110 715 Broadway

sion at Austin, is in hot water with the brothers and sisters of the Black community, as well as other ethnic groups in Texas. When he made it clear that he was in George Wallace's camp last week, he made his bed hard for Black help. I wonder how many Blacks are on Mr. Brisco's campaign staff?

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Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson of 1528 East 1st Place, and son, Pat-It looks as though he has a rick, spent a week on the West very hard row to hoe come next Coast where they had an opportunity to visit Disney Land.

FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

to California after visiting his mother here, Mrs. Paralee Bell, and maily friends.

Mrs. Ophelia Smith suffered a stroke Friday night after attending a revival. She is in the Intensive Care Unit at University Hospital where she is reported in fair condition.

Mr. Governor Holiday is a pa-

drugs and usually are committed by addicts seeking funds to support their habit.

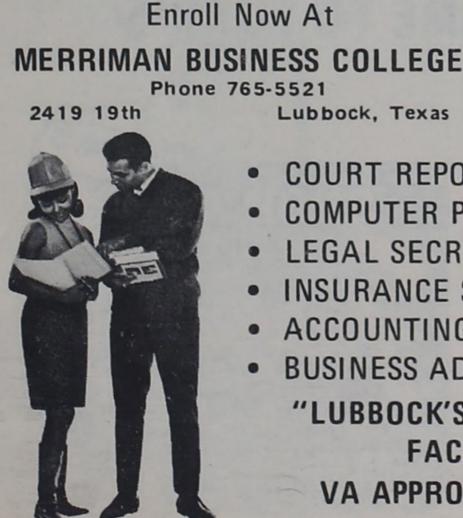
The spokesman further stated that the program will operate through a secret phone hook-up



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Are You The Real Charlie Brown?

Amarillo-You have all seen Charle Brown in the Peanuts comic strip, but this is a different Charlie Brown that I am writing about.



If any of you reading this article happens to be named Charlie Brown, I assure you that the use of the name is incidental or we may ask, will the real Charlie Brown please stand up?

In today's race for survival one meets many comic strip characters, in fact so many until it is hard to tell who is real. I was on jury duty a few days ago and happened to see a very typical act put on by a Soul

Brother who is a custodian in the County Court Hours. He was punched in the side by a white cop and he really did his act. One could ask anyone down there if they knew him and they would probably say, "Who? Old Charlie Brown, sure he is well liked around here. Can't you see Why?"

This whole thought came from a pool hall participant who evidently called himself Charlie Brown, so one day one of his peers asked him, "Are you really Charlie Brown?" This raised a question in the fellow's mind which caused him to look in the mirror at himself, he then asked himself the same question with one slight change. "Am I really Charlie Brown?"

Are you really yourself or are you portraying some make believe character for the sake of survival? Think about it.

Dianne Parrish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish of 1613 N. W. 15th, left Sunday to spend a few days in Oakland, Calif. She will spend about two days in Flagstaff, Arizona touring the canyon. She expects to have an exciting trip.

Mrs. Mildred Anderson of 1112 N.W. 18th flew to Austin, Texas, to attend the graduation exercise of two of her grandsons. She spent several days with her son and his family before returning to Amarillo.

Mrs. Lillian Webster of Mineola, Texas, has returned home after spending seven weeks here with her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Parrish, who has been ill. Mrs. Parrish is now doing fine and showing improvement in regaining her health.

Attend Final Rites In Grand Prairie

Mr. and Mrs. George Smothers have returned from Grand Prairie, Texas, where they attended final rites for George Smothers' mother, Mrs. Rose Lee Smothers, who was 83 years old at the time of her death July 5th.

WEST TEXAS TIMES Services Held for **Isaac Castilow**

Final rites were conducted Tuesday, July 11, at 2:00 p.m. at Lyons

> Chapel Baptist Church for Mr. Isaac Castilow, a long-time resident of Lubbock, who was dead on arrival at a local hospi-

tal after he collapsed on his job at

with the Memorial Funeral Home of Grand Prairie in charge of arrangements and burial.

Final Rites Read For John Denson

Final rites were read last Saturday afternoon for John Denson, Jr., 41, of 2081/2 13th Street, in Jamison Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Denson died early Tuesday

Hemphill-Wells of an apparent heart attack.

He was born in Wharton, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Castilow and while yet an infant his parents moved to Marlin, Texas, where he was reared and where he met Miss Margie Bogus. They were marreid October 16, 1938. To this union were born eight children. He was a member of a family of nine brothers and a sister.

Rev. O.D. Hollins assisted with the services and Rev. C.D. Collins gave the eulogy.

The Castilows moved to Lubbock in 1943 and their children were educated in Lubbock Public Schools.

Survivors include his widow, Margie; eight children, Janice, Harold and Shelia of the home; Mrs. Erma Robinson, Isaac, Jr., Mrs. Lola Bradford, all of Los

Angeles, California; Miss Sammie Castilow of Dallas and Mrs. Betty Thomas of Panama; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Jackson of Compton, California; eight brothers, Robert and J.D. of Dallas, Melvin of Fort Worth, Curley of Huntsville, Timothy and Leon; and an aunt, Mrs. Mary Richardson of Marlin, Texas; 14 grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

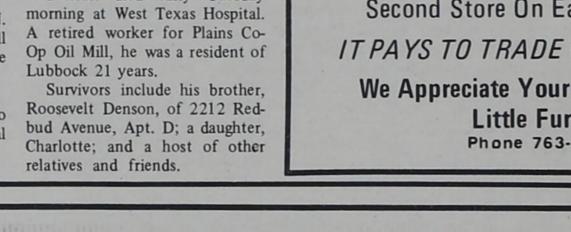
Arrangements and burial were by Jamison Funeral Home with burial in Peaceful Gardens.

Pallbearers were Ervin English, Willie Turner, Tommy Simpson, Willie Judie, Elmo Johnson, Oscar McCormick, Bobbie J. Wade, and Willie Greenwood.

He was a member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

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Services were conducted at St. John Baptist Church Saturday, July 8, at 4:30 p.m. with Rev. B. E. Collie officiating.

She was born in Caldwell, Texas, October, 1889, to Jerry and Martha Davis. She was converted at an early age and united with St. Matthews Baptist Church.

After moving to Lott, Texas, in 1919, she became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Then, following a move to Grand Prairie in 1947, she united with St. John Baptist Church where she was a faithful member until her death.

Mrs. Smothers is survived by nine children; Mrs. Adean Harrison of Caldwell; Mrs. Cordis Brown of Grand Prairie; Hosie Smothers of San Francisco, Calif.; George Smothers of Lubbock; Mrs. Virginia West of Oakland, Calif.;Preston Smothers of Fort Worth; Mrs. Velma Casey of Grand Prairie; thirty grandchildren; one hundred and one great-grandchildren; three great, great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. Pallbearers were J.T. Freeman Clayton Brown, Edward Harrison Jr., Richard Lee Smith, Donald Smothers and George A. Harrison. Interment was held at American Memorial Park of Grand Prairie,

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CAGE NAMED TO ALL STAR TEAM-Nathaniel "Bubber" Cage. son of Mrs. Clara Cage of 2420 East 8th Street here in Lubbock, recently was named to play in the Green Belt All Star Football Classic for the West Team. The game is scheduled for Saturday, August 12, in Childress, Texas,

Cage was a defensive stand-out with the Estacado Matadors here.

Lubbockites Attend Services in Midland

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Woods, George Woods and Mrs. Mae D. Simmons attended funeral services in Midland, Texas, last Saturday, July 8th, at 3:00 p.m., for Mrs. Lois Carruthers, who was a relative of theirs.

Services were conducted at Hollowell United Methodist Church with Rev. W. Bledsoe, pastor, and United Methodist Church of Fort and granddaughter, Karen. Worth, Texas, officiating. Clyde Carruthers, of the home; a stepson, Floyd Carruthers of Detroit, Michigan; two brothers, Royal Blaine of Carlsbad, New Mexico and Luther Blaine of Los Angeles, friends. A sister and two brothers proceeded her in death.

Lubbock Family Host Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris, of 3402 East 16th Street, were host last week-end to members of their family from Pittsburg, Penn., and other parts of Texas.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harris were nieces, Mrs. Lenora Carter and Mrs. Bettye Price Bell and daughter, Rosalind, all of Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson Rev. E.C. Purnell of St. Andrews and daughters, Grace and Linda; Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Survivors include her husband, Billy Cooper and daughter, Michelle, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Wilson and son, Alex, all of Houston.

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Students Should Be **Immunized Before Opening of School**

Lubbock Public Schools have issued an appeal to an estimated several hundred youngsters and their parents that the students begin the required immunication program.

The new state requirements went into effect during the last school term, but registration in school this fall will have to be delayed for students who have not

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District Church School Meeting Is Successful

Amarillo-One of the highlights of the Lubbock District Church School and Allen Christian Endeavor Fellowship Convention was a program of gospel music last Thursday evening at Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church, 1903 N. Washington Street. This special effort involved about 200 young people, representing church choirs from Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, El Paso, Wichita Falls and Amarillo.

This program was part of the Allen Christian Endeavor Fellowship which involves the young people of the Lubbock District Sunday Church School.

Theme for the three-day convention, which ended Friday, was "Christian Education for a Galloping Society."

The Rev. A.J. Davis, Sr., pastor of Johnson Chapel, was dean of the convention activities. Also present for the convention were the Rev. Leon McNeil, Presiding Elder of Lubbock District; Rev. A.W. Wilson, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church of Lubbock; Rev. B.F. Stewart of Austin, who gave the annual address; Rev. L.E. Ausbie, assistant dean of the convention from Midland; and T.J. Patterson, district school superintendent for the Lubbock District.

The Lubbock District includes Amarillo, Lubbock Midland, El Paso, Big Spring, San Angelo and Slaton.

Sex education, the problems of teenagers and the purpose of Continued On Page Six

Resolution of Sunday **School Convention** Held in Amarillo

Whereas the 1972 Lubbock District Church School and Allen Christian Endeavor Fellowship Convention comes to a close in the city of Amarillo and a church known as Johnson Chapel A.M.E.

Whereas the host pastor and members have shown that "love lifts" by their demonstration of cooperation, advance planning and congeniality food and homes. . .

Whereas the planning that went into the fruitation of this well attended session and the enthusiasm shown from the entire district speaks a new zeal for Christian Education for a Galloping Society.

Whereas the presence and contribution of Dr. B.F. Steward, the organizer of the first Lubbock District Institute and spiritual father of our Presiding Elder, the Rev. Leon McNeil.

Whereas the contribution of the District Superintendent, T.J. Patterson; the Convention committees and teachers. The coordination of the total program by the Dean of the Institute, the Rev. A.J. Davis, Sr.

Whereas the high note was the gala spiritual Pentecostal downpour on the Lubbock Choir in the Youth Extravanganza Night and the zeal of Johnson Chapel Youth Choir, plus their total participation.

Whereas the inspiration and drive created by the Presiding Elder and wife for the whole district leading up to this hour.

Whereas the Lay program under the district Lay president, Brother C.W. Wilson, got us started in the right frame of mind.

Whereas the resource people in Drug Abuse Education from the Drug Abuse Rehabilitation Center of Amarillo brought much to the success of our young people's enthusiastic response to our classes with Mrs. M. Cox, Mrs. L.E. Ausbie and Mrs. Iris McNeil.

Whereas the Sickle Cell Anemia presentation by the Rev. H.G. Williams generated the kind of awareness we hoped and we commend Rev. Williams.

Resolved that we give the local church, the city of Amarillo, the City Fathers and all governmental agencies of the city, all races of people a standing vote of thanks for this grand entertainment.



charge of arrangements. Interment rest of this week. was held in the Fairview Cemetery.

Joining the festivities were Mr. California; and a host of relatives and Mrs. James Craven, Sr., of Lubbock.

Mrs. Carter and the Bells will Jackson Funeral Home was in remain with the Harris family the

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Afro-American History Notes: The second World Black Festival of Arts and Culture will take place in 1974 in Lagos, Nigeria. The first



festival was held in Dakar, Senegal in 1966. Each festival will bring together black artists from all over the world, so styles and talents can confront one another, and to illustrate the diversity of black culture, art and civilization and to lead to better international and inter-racial understanding. Those interested should write to: John H. Johnson, Publisher Ebony, 820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Our guest columnist this week is Lorenzo E. Ausbie, pastor of Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church of Midland and the first black to be elected to a school board position (member) in West Texas. Since his election, several others have been elected in West Texas. Ausbie was also a delegate to the 39th General Conference of his denomination that recently closed in Dallas, Texas. At another time, he will also tell our bellringers some of the far-reaching implications of this meet.

Dear Bob: The recent meet of the National School Boards Association meeting in San Francisco was one of the outstanding events in my tenure as a member of the Midland Board of Education. Especially noteworthy was the opportunity to participate in the "problem clinics" as they relate to a minority school board member.

There was unanimous acclamation that whatever we achieve as a school board member, we would not be able to satisfy some segments of the communities we serve. Certainly we are well aware that even the black community in most cases are as divided on school issues today as they were when integration began in the '50's. The strong conclusion was that we must seek out opinions from our communities and study the issues thoroughly and in the end make a decision that we feel is the best for the future. What we decide may well determine the future of many children and youth in our schools.

Mr. Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP stated that it was his opinion that school bussing is not the issue of our problems, per se. It is indeed quality education and how to best attain it.

Mitchell added that in every ethnic group one would find some people opposed to change in any form, concluding that most blacks want to be treated as human beings and not as members of an ethnic group.

In my own situation, I was not surprised to find that my own black community was divided on the integration issue that involves the last black school in the system, but I was shocked that black leaders in some areas would attempt to unseat me because of a difference of opinion. All that a black elected official has to do is vote one time on an issue that is already a split one, and then he is called by the opposition "whitey lover" or "uncle tom", none-the-less the important thing is to have a conviction and vote according to that conviction.

In San Francisco about 98 percent of the black delegation present said that they had been called "Uncle Tom" by some faction or that they were labeled as lower middle-class leaders who had forgotten the "black cause."

Recent trends in education point to the direction of the open space class room atmosphere for primary and elementary pupils and because of this, school districts are finding it necessary to re-design their buildings and to build their future buildings to meet this new concept demand. All over the country, school buildings are being erected to meet this new challenge which educators think will help greatly in creating the team-teacher with para-professional climate that ultimately brings the best brains in a school to direct teaching of his or her strongest subjects. May I take this means to congratulate you on your wonderful work of creating good inter-racial understanding and goodwill by your column in a number of our best newspapers and periodicals and am thankful for this opportunity to serve as your guest columnist. In our next letter, we hope to talk about trends in the black church as a result of our General Conference held in Dallas, Texas, recently. I am, fraternally yours-Lorenzo E. Ausbie.

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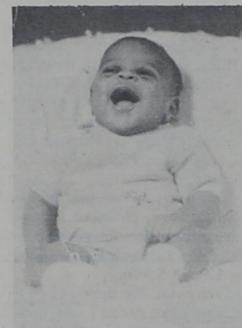
Also participating in the three day convention were fifteen members of Operation Drug Alert of Amarillo who talked about the drug problem. Discussion of problems of narcotics by the youth of the convention made up one workshop.

Patterson delivered the annual layman's address on Wednesday evening. His topic was "Unity."

Presiding Elder McNeil said, "This is one of the better conventions held ever in the Lubbock District." This was the feeling of the entire leadership delegation to the meeting.

Tiny Tots on Parade **Contest Underway**

The Rosa Circle of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church is sponsoring a "Tiny Tots on Parade" Sunday, August 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the church auditorium.



These young fellows, Kerry Millner, age nine months, is spon-



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Bethel A.M.E. Church

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with Rev. A.W. Wilson, pastor, delivering a splendid sermon. The Youth Choir gave special music which was enjoyed by all present.

Visitors present last Sunday morning were Mrs. F.D. Nelms of Midland, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Berry, Sr., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Mrs. Linda Scott Robinson of Houston, Texas.

Delegates to the District Sunday School Convention in Amarillo, Texas, at Johnson Chapel A.M. E. Church, Pamela Rollison, Linda Barber, Mary Jordan, Finis Brown and Dorsal Benson, reported of their findings to the meeting in Sunday School. There were 66 persons present.

One of our members, Mrs. Estelle Pierce, had a birthday this week. She was wished Happy Birthday.

Mission meets each Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Estelle Pierce at 5:30.

Youth Choir rehearsal is held each Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the church auditorium. Senior Choir No. 2 meets each Thursday evening at 8:00 in the church

Shawn Michael Clark, 2 year old sponsored by Ms. Henrietta Clark; are just a few of the tots who will be participating in this effort.

The boy and girl raising the highest amount of money in this effort will be crowned "Mr. and Miss Rosa Circle" and each will receive a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond.

Rev. Adolphus Cleveland will be the speaker for this event with music furnished by the Angelic and Youth choirs.

The public is cordially invited to come out and witness this eventful effort.

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auditorium.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Southside Singers of Midland and Odessa areas will be present in a special program Sunday, July 23rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sister Lucille Gailbraith, former member of Bethel, is the director.

A special thanks from the Sunday School Departments to all parents and friends for their support in helping us to carry the young people to Amarillo. These young people certainly appreciated your concern. Thanks to the adults who accompanied them, also. Our children were outstanding participants in the Sunday School Convention.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members. *****

New Hope Baptist Church

Fifth Sunday, which is July 30th, will be under the auspices of the women of the church. Let us all give our support, presence and finance in order to help our women make this a big day.

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the West Texas Baptist District Association will be held August 7-11 with the First Baptist Church of Eastland, Texas.

Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday, July 23, with the Messiah Presbyterian Church as host.

General Mission will be held Monday evening, July 24, beginning at 8:00 p.m. All women of the church are asked to attend.

A Rummage Sale will be sponsored by the Board of Christian Education on Saturday, July 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. at Broadway and Avenue E.

Ushers rehearsal will be held Friday evening, July 21, at 8:00. All ushers are asked to attend and on time, please.

Whisper a prayer for Patricia

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Lubbock Woman at Bedside of Father

Mrs. S.R. Anderson, wife of Rev. S.R. Anderson, left via Continental Air Lines Friday to be at the bedside of her father, Mr. Wayne Lee, who is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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the Sunday Church School were among topics discussed at the meeting by the youth.

The Rev. H.G. Williams, pastor of the Good Shephard A.M.E. Church of Fort Stockton, discussed Sickle Cell Anemia, a disease which affects the black population.



The Gospel Keynotes will appear at the American Legion Hall in Yellowhouse Canyon on Thursday, July 27th, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Tri Way Grocery. \$1.75 in advance, \$2.00 at the door. Children under 12 years of age \$.75. For more information call 763-4956 or 747-6321. Sponsored by Jerusalem Temple **Church of God in Christ**



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Church News . . .

Continued From Page Six Savage who entered West Texas Hospital last Sunday afternoon to have her tonsils removed.

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

The month of July has been a month of travel for our pastor, Rev. M.T. Reed. The first week in July he attended the National N.A.A.C.P. convention in Detroit, Michigan. He was honored, along with 125 other ministers, for work done in his community toward better relationships between the races of mankind. Only three ministers were at the meeting from Texas, and our pastor happened to be one of them.

Last week, Rev. and Mrs. Reed ference in Houston, Texas.

This week, Rev. Reed is serving the Junior High Camp. Miss Rhonda J. Davis is also serving in the camp. Perry Davis registered and is attending the camp.

The School of Christian Mission will open July 24 and continue through July 27 at McMurry College at Abilene, Texas.

Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ

Gospel Meeting to be held at our church July 31st through August 6. Willie F. Washington of Marshall, Texas will fellowship with us. He is a great speaker.

Brother Waydell Nixon, our minister, will conduct a revival in Odessa, Texas, July 24th through July 30th.

Sister Waydell Nixon, Shanna at 8:00 p.m. and Stevie are out of town this week visiting with her mother in Jefferson, Texas. They solicit your prayers.

Those who were visiting with us last Sunday were the Joe Crockett family of Plainview, Texas; Curtis Johnson of 2616 Globe Avenue and Sister Andrews of July 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. The pub-Sherman, Texas. We are always lic is asked to please attend all of

a "Tiny Tots on Parade", August 17 in our church auditorium. We are asking all of our members to cooperate in this effort by purchasing of tickets for the affair.

Young ladies, there is a club for you at the YWCA, 35th Street and Flint Avenue. The first meeting will be this morning at 9:30 a.m. Get your friends together and come to the "Y".

Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

Youth week will be held July 31 through August 6th. Rev. Gregory Franklin will be our guest for the entire week. Each night, the youth of St. Luke will sing, usher and have a great time in the Lord.

Members of the Esther Circle will meet in the home of Sister Lillian Metters, 1314 East 14th attended the Jurisdictional Con- Street, tomorrow afternoon at 6:30.

Members of the Queen of Sheba, as a counselor at Ceta Canyon in Dorcas, Hope and Martha Circles met in the homes of Sister Carrie Mims, Sister Clara Scott, Sister Mattie Denson and Sister Frankie DeVaughn this week.

> Prayer meeting is held at the church each Wednesday evening at 8:00.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut-in members. Those on the sick list this week include Sisters Emma Breedlove, Annie Let us not forget the upcoming Hinton and Daisy Deo. Also, Brothers Samuel Swisher, Wilmar Wilson, Clarence Bennett and A.D. Robertson.

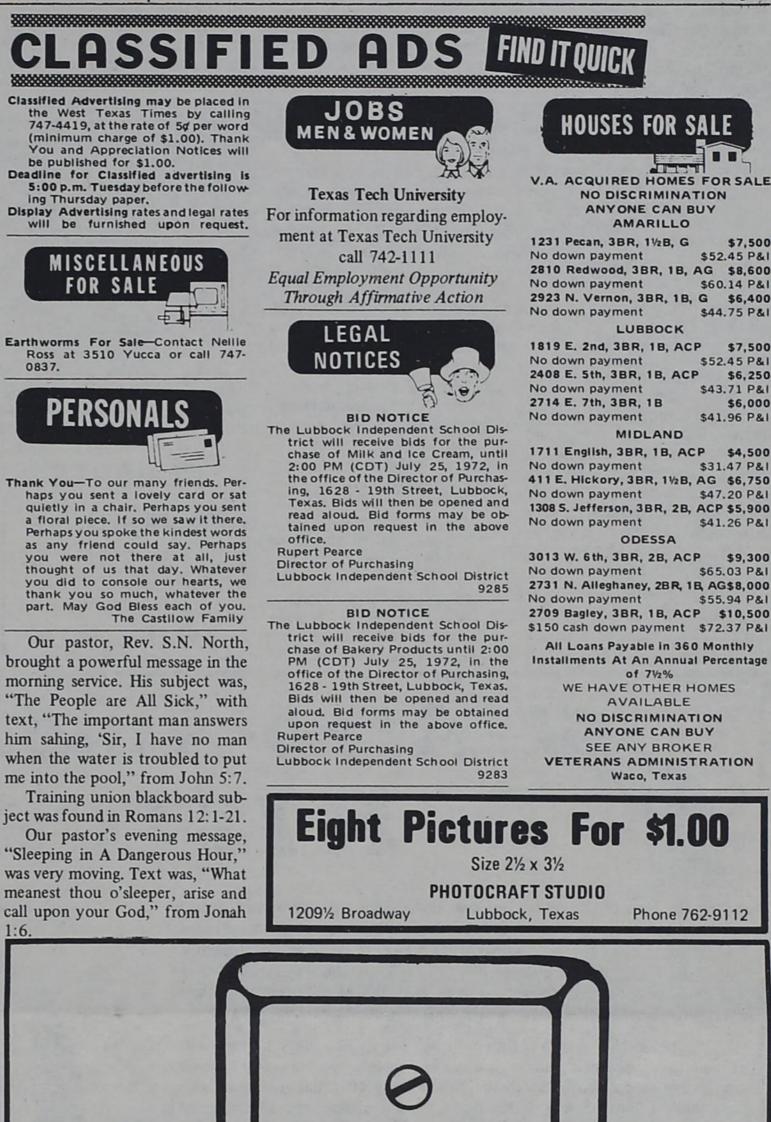
*********** Jerusalem Temple Church of God in Christ

The Spiritual Soul Seeks of Lubbock will be heading a musical program Friday night, July 21st,

There will also be a song festival on Saturday night, at 8:00 p. m., featuring out of town groups and many of the local groups.

1:6.

The Faithful Harmonizers of Dallas, Texas, and Brother Parker, also of Dallas, will be in a battle of songs on Sunday afternoon, glad to have those who visit with these programs at our church. It you miss any of them, you will certainly miss a treat.



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Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"The Mount Gilead Baptist Friendship Baptist Church Church, the friendly church where church where everybody is somebody. The church extends to members and public a cordial and clarion call to worship with us each week."

The Rosa Circle is sponsoring reviewed by the pastor.

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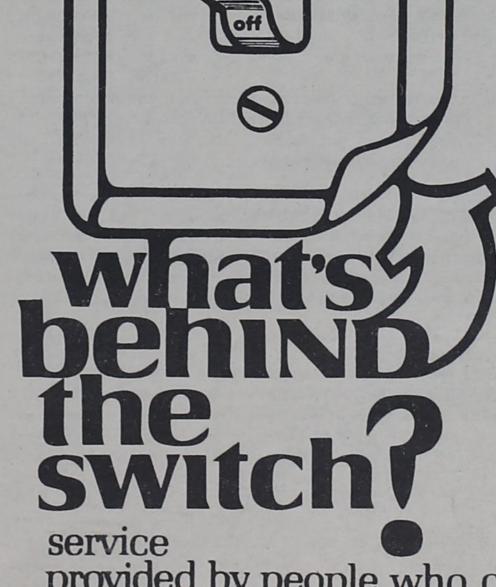
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The eight-hour course is open to the public without charge. Interested persons are requested to call the CTC office at 762-6411, ext. 448, for reservations, although it is not necessary to register in advance.

The DDC program will be taught by Lt. Fred Marshall, safety education officer for the Region 5, Dept. of Public Safety, and his staff.

The DDC program emphasized preventability of accidents and teaches all drivers, including experienced drivers, how to perform better. The course uses the same principles that are used by such professionals as truck drivers, bus drivers and others who annually drive 100,000 miles or more without a single accident.

Medical writings indicate that influenza has been recognized since 400 B.C.

Cases of the growth in the late life of a third set of teeth have been recorded several times.

Bodies of poet William Blake and his wife lie in pauper's grave in Buyhills fields, Finsbury.

School Students . . .

Continued From Page Five started their immunizations, adcording to the school district's director of pupil personnel services, Bill Parker.

"We have no alternative under the law but to require that the immunizations be secured. We have some evidence that a number of youngsters, possibly several hundred and mostly junior and and senior high students, have not yet started the required program," said Parker. He pointed out that if these students wait until near the August 22 beginning of school to secure their immunizations, a burden will be created for the city's clinics and physicians.

All immunizations should be completed by the time the student enters school. "If this is not possible," Parker said, "students will be allowed to enter school if immunization against one of the diseases listed in the state requirements has

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been started." Students were notified by school nurses during the past year if they needed to secure immunizations. Letters concerning the new requirements were sent home with the students.

Free immunizations are now being given at the City-County Health Unit at 1202 Jarvis. Hours are from 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Fridays. Many students have seen their family physicians and others have used community clinics in the city. Parker explained that students should provide the schools with immunization reports.

Smallpox immunization is not required under the new law. Requirements for the grade levels are:

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through five: Vaccines are required for polio, three oral Sabin doses with the last dose since age four; diphtheria tetanus (DTP or Td), three doses with the last dose since age four; measles (rubeola), one dose or the illness through age 11; and rubella (three-day or German measles), one dose through age 11.

Grades six and above: Vaccines are required for polio, three oral Sabin doses to age 19 years with the last dose since the age of four, and diphtheria tetanus (DTP or Td), three doses with the last dose within ten years. In addition, immunization is required for measles and rubella through age 11 as outlined for the lower grades.

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Afro-American HISTORY

In the time of the American Revolution, Negro churches existed. Usually they were quite small and their ministers totally untrained. There are historical accounts of Baptist churches being organized in Aiken, South Carolina in the 1780's. George Liele, baptized in 1775, preached in Georgia while the Revolution was in progress. Thomas Paul and M. C. Ciayton organized churches in the North during the early nineteenth century.

The Negro church as an institution did not develop until Richard Allen united a scattered group of Methodist churches to organize the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1816. Shortly after this Allen's associate, Absalom Jones, organized the first Episcopal Church among Negroes, and James Varick laid the foundation of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church. John Chavis, at a somewhat later period, developed into a prime mover in bringing the Presbyterian church to the attention of Negroes. Daniel Coker and Lott Cary were pioneer Negro missionaries to Africa.

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The African Methodist Episcopal Church has the distinction of being the oldest and largest institution among Negroes. It was founded in Philadelphia in 1787 by Richard Allen, an extraordinary organizer and minister. In the reaction which followed the end of the Revolutionary War, Negroes were discouraged from worshipping at churches with white congregations. One Sunday in November, 1787, Richard Allen and several of his friends rebelled against the increasing restrictions of segregation that were imposed upon their right to worship in St. George's, one of Philadelphia's leading Methodist churches. Richard Allen led an exodus of Negroes from the church and set about organizing a new denomination-the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

In less than two years, Richard Allen and his group had constructed a new church called "Bethel" and Philadelphia's Negroes joined it. In 1816, Richard Allen was a prime mover in calling together 16 independent Negro Methodist congregations from different states and organizing them into one group. Richard Allen was elected as the first bishop of this new denomination and thus began a career of preaching and organizing which ended only with his death in 1831.

Richard Allen seemed to have a natural gift for organization. During the Revolutionary War, he was a slave who made enough money as a wood cutter and wagoner to buy his freedom (and that of his brother) in 1782. Converted to Christianity while yet a slave, Allen used the first years of his freedom to preach the gospel to Negroes in and around Pennsylvania. He was present at the organizing conference of the general Methodist Church in 1783. On April 12, 1787, Richard Allen and several other Negroes formed the Free African Society whose purpose was the improvement of the social and economic conditions of the free Negro. Using this society as his foundation Allen was able to bring together enough people to launch the African Methodist Episcopal Church which has endured to this day.



RICHARD ALLEN (1760-1831)

FOUNDER, AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH-Bron a slave in Philadelphia. Purchased his freedom with money earned as a wood cutter and wagoner, 1783. Rebelled against restrictions of segregation in Methodist church; led Negro exodus to a new independent church called "Bethel". Founded the Free African Society to improve Negro social conditions, 1787. In 1816, he organized 16 independent Negro Methodist congregations from different states into one group, the AME Church. Elected its first bishop at that time.

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