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CLEVELAND ACCUSES HOUSING OF UNFAIR PRACTICES

The Housing Authority executive D.C. Fair, Jr. has been accused of using unfair labor practices by Adolphus Cleveland, who was fired in December from his job as Social Services Director.

In a Jan. 8 letter addressed to the Federal Labor Relations Council, Cleveland said he was given a new job description on Friday, July 21, and then put on probation Monday, July 24, for not fulfilling the job specifications.

Then, he said, Fair told Cleveland on Nov. 2 that "he had decided to terminate me as of Dec. 1, 1978 because things just aren't working out" and expressed his desire to "do this quietly."

In the letter, Cleveland asks for reinstatement, back pay retroactive to Dec. 1 and raises retroactive to Oct. 1.

He said, "I am being damaged financially and professionally as a result of this injustice."

Cleveland has worked for the Housing Authority for two years. He is the pastor for the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

The probation letter from Fair on July 24 to Cleveland said there were numerous requests for action Cleveland did not respond to satisfactorily, did not devote adequate time to his duties and did not make innovative suggestions.

Fair added in the letter, "Let it be clearly understood that there is no personal animosity toward you."

Fair was contacted for comment Wednesday by the Lubbock Digest. He said he would rather not make a comment at this time. He said he would have a statement next week.

Copies of the letters and the two job descriptions to Fair, Mrs. Kathy Morton, George Scott, Moses Turner, Vernon Behner, David Garza, Jack Hairwell, and T.J. Patterson.

Education Women's Rights Project ACLU from New York City. She will speak on Women's Rights Wed., Jan. 17th, at 8:00 p.m., Room 109, Texas Tech University, School of Law. She is a dynamic speaker. The public is invited admission is free.

DEBUTANTE QUEENS HONORED



Regina Butler



Felisa Johnson

"A Night to Remember" was the theme! The Palm Room was the scene for the eighth bi-annual Debutante presentation. This lovely affair on Thursday evening, December 28, was sponsored by the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Fifteen lovely young ladies made their bow into society.

Deb Queen for the 1978-79 presentation is Miss Regina L. Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Drisdale. She is a sophomore at Huston-Tillotson College at Austin, Texas. She is majoring in elementary education.

Regina says, "It feels great to be the Queen of the ball, and I would especially like to thank my parents for allowing this opportunity."

First Maid is Miss Felisa Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Eva M. Mack. She is a senior at Estacado High School.

Second Maid is Miss Dana Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Heenan Johnson. She is a senior at the Dunbar-Struggs Complex.

Wanda Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, designed the cover for the year's presentation. Dana Johnson designed the fly sheet. Both young ladies received awards for their achievements.

Other debs were: Paulette Bolton, daughter of Mrs. Martha Blue; Jacque Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Cooke, II; Valencia Route, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Route; Rena Flewelling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flewelling; Bette Hereford, daughter of Mrs. Willie M. Hereford.

Also Sonja Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Dera Perkins; Debra Larry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Larry; Vera Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Mann; Anita McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCoy; Marsha McGraw, daughter of Mrs. Mary McGraw; and Tympania Price, daughter of Mrs. Roberta Price.

Mrs. Teresa Wheatley served as chairlady of this year's presentation with Mrs. Katherine Richardson as co-chairlady. Mrs. Willie M. Washington served as official announcer for the



Dana Johnson

affair. Classic Ballous and Sons Band of Waco, Texas furnished the entertainment for the evening. Mrs. Lillian Jones is Basileus of the

local chapter.

Proceeds from the affair will be used for community service projects and local scholarships.

UPAL TO PURSUE TRUTH IN CONGER CASE, ASKS NAACP TO DO THE SAME

Members of the United Political Action League agreed Monday to investigate what happened in the firing of Elton Conger by the Lubbock Independent School District.

Conger was released from his coaching responsibilities at Atkins Jr. High October 20 because of what Supt. Ed Irons termed defiance of a direct order, use of an obscene gesture and obscene language. Then, in December, the school board, without listing reasons, fired Conger from his teaching position, he said.

UPAL had asked Conger to speak to the group to find out what really happened.

Conger said his dismissal, in the eyes of the school board, was based on the defiance of the direct order.

Conger said the direct order was when he was told by an official to resign "just 'cause I didn't fit in." He was told to not go onto the field that night, he said.

"I went ahead and coached that evening," Conger said. He said he asked to see the order in writing. He was afraid the order to stay off the field might be a trick to say he was shirking responsibility.

That night the principal came on the field and told Conger he might have to see Dr. Leslie in the morning. He was given no reasons for him to resign except that he didn't fit into the Montre system, he said.

Conger was never notified to improve or confronted with grievances, he said.

Concerning the accu-

sations of obscene language, Conger said other coaches in the district use the language and the charge was not a primary consideration by the district.

Conger added that most evidence against him was brought by Supt. Irons' son David Irons, coach second in line to Conger.

Representatives of the Texas Education Agency went with Conger to the Hearings.

Conger has the option to appeal to the TEA Commissioner or to District Court. He would not state what he plans to do.

In earlier instances, Conger had been accused of running up scores in games against mostly white schools. He said he was asked by Pete Regas to apologize because he was an embarrassment to Lubbock public schools.

PHYLLIS WHEATLEY REDEVELOPMENT GIVEN FIRST ROUND GO-AHEAD

The relocation of Phyllis-Wheatley area residents and re-vamping of the area by the city was given initial go-ahead by South Plains Association of Governments board of directors.

The \$497,000 from the federal government, if acquired, will go for phase I of the estimated \$2 million, five-to-seven-year project.

Phase I will include relocation of 16 families, two churches, and one convenience store.

The area is bounded on the north by the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad and the City of Lubbock Cemetery; on the east by a cattle rendering plant and the City of Lubbock Sewage Treatment Plant; on the

south by grain elevators; and, on the west by Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad.

408 people live in this 90% Black area.

All beneficiaries of the project are persons of low and moderate income. 54.7% of the households are below the poverty level.

The first project is expected to take 12 months to complete.

In other action, the board gave favorable comment to financial distress grants for the Central Plains and Lubbock Mental Health/Mental Retardation Centers, continuation funds for Head Start Program and approved CETA Title VI special projects funding through

Sept. 30.

At the close of the meetin, Judge Rod Shaw discussed a letter he received from Supt. of schools Ed Irons about the audit discrepancies of October.

The letter, by Gene Shiffeld of the Adult Learning Center, said that the center did not participate in any changes that a corrected audit submitted by LOIC's Diana Henderson to the SPAG board showed. The audit discussion came prior to OIC's getting the FY 1979 \$1.2 million contract.

Juanita Forbes, CETA director, said "I don't know why they brought this up again. None of the staff has ever said they changed time sheets. What they did was send in amended CETA-9's. None of the staff has ever used the terminology of changing the time sheets."

BAEYEH TO SPEAK ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Lubbock Chapter and University of American Civil Liberties Union will feature Patricia Baeyeh, Director of Public

NAACP WILL HOLD MEETING HERE

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Lubbock Branch, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 13, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, 2100 Oak Avenue.

The public is invited to attend.

The agenda includes installation of officers, announcement of new committee chairpersons, and the NAACP pledge

to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

Officers to be installed for two-year term are Rev. Roy C. Jones, president; George Scott, Jr., 1st vice president; Rev. Ben Roberts, Jr., 2nd vice president; David Sowell, 3rd vice president; Ms. Joan Y. Ervin, secretary; Dr. Carmyn H. Morrow, treasurer; Mrs. Mary McGraw, assistant secretary; Ms. Rose Wilson, assistant treasurer; and the following

AIRMAIL TO IRAN MAY BE DELAYED

The Postal Service cautioned mailers this

week that, because of a curtailment of air transportation to Iran, airmail to that country may be delayed. Mailers should take into consideration when corresponding with persons in that country.

This far, no problems exist with surface mail.

C.O.P. — JAN. 17

Citizens of Progress will meet at 7:30 Jan. 17 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The public is encouraged to attend.

UAPL CALLS IMPORTANT MEETING HERE

The United Political Action League (UAPL) is calling a special called meeting at 8 p.m. Monday evening, January 15, at the Green Fair Manor apartments Community Center, East 28th Street and Weber Drive.

This meeting is termed

"very important" by its president, Dr. F.L. Lovings.

All members are asked to please be in attendance.

"There is some very important business which needs to be discussed now," says Dr. Lovings.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson proud to have their grand daughter, Theresa Thompson of Denver, Colorado, to come and live with them. They are really happy!!

Miss Ollie Howard and daughter of Santa Anna, California spent a few days her with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Howard. They left for home last Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Young has been out of town since the holidays visiting relatives in Dallas, Texas. She also attended her brother-in-law's funeral in Marshall, Texas last Saturday.

Mrs. Corine Fair received word last Thursday that her aunt, Ruth Davis, had passed in Houston, Texas. Due to weather conditions, she was unable to attend the funeral services.

Mrs. Billy Bowman returned home last

Wednesday after spending the holidays with her brother, Elroy Redmond, and sister, Faye Lewis, both of Fort Worth, Texas. They also motored to Hot Springs, Arkansas to visit Mrs. Fannie Tatum, a friend and former member of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church here. Mrs. Tatum sends love to all. Mrs. Bowman also visited her nephew and family, Mr. Garland Taylor of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She's glad, however, to be back home. She reported a wonderful trip.

Due to weather conditions, services were still held at the New Hope Baptist Church. Mrs. Tommie Lee Ervin and daughter, Phillis Gant, worshipped at New Hope.

A beautiful installation service was held at New Hope Baptist Church with Dr. Jim S. Loud as speaker. His choir sang beautiful.

Mrs. V. Frances was stult in on last Sunday due to the flu.

Mrs. Louise West is all smiles over her son's being home this week. They couldn't get here for the holidays. Sammy Barrow attends th University of Nebraska, and has been home for a year. He will be returning back on January 15. Also Clifford who attends Texas A & I at Kingsville, Texas, and Mike who is a student at North Texas State University at Denton, Texas. Another son, Kenneth, graduated from Texas Tech University in December with a BA degree. Clifford was home for the Christmas holidays, but had to come back to greet Sammy. They reported a wonderful time together.

Congratulations to Mrs. West for a job well done and hanging on in there. They are some wonderful boys.

Mr and Mrs. Fred Milligan enjoyed the company of their daughter, Vera Henderson fo Houston, Texas, who visited them

OUTREACH BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Members of the Outreach Breakfast Club met last Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Juanita Sowell, 2404 East 9th Street. Devotional scripture was read from the Gospel of Luke 21:7. "No room for Jesus while the angles sung Glory to God in the Highest, on earth, Peace, Goodwill toward men."

The breakfast was really delicious. It brought sunshine to all. Remarks were given by all in attendance.

Thought of the morning was given by Sister Vivian Peoples. It was: "It matters not the condition in which Christ was born, God still is and he's able, so reach out and touch somebody."

The spirit was high. A delicious breakfast was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Juanita Sowell and Mrs. Roberta Hightower.

Guest present included Mrs. Corine Harkey; St. Luke; Ms. Willie Mae Thomas; St. Matthew; Mrs. Mary Johns; Bethel; Mrs. Becky Mendonza; St. Elizabeth; Miss Nero Mendoza; St. Elizabeth.

The next breakfast will be held in the home of Mrs. Willie Mae Thomas, 2406 East 6th Street.

On the sick list this week include Sister Savannah Goody, who is mother of our president, Sister Mary Ward. We are asking all members

and friends to continue to pray for her recovery.

Vice president Corine Fair was in charge on last Sunday morning. She, as usual, gave encouraging remarks to all members to make a new start.

The president's official staff and members of the Outreach Breakfast Club is wishing everyone a prosperous new year. May it be filled with many spiritual blessings and good health.

For more information about the club, call 763-2966.

Chairperson is Mrs. Mary Ward; vice chairperson is Mrs. Corine Fair; acting reporter is Mrs. Dorothy Hood.

BBB ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS HERE

The Better Business Bureau of the South Plains, Inc. is pleased to announce its officers and directors for 1979. They are Leon Harris, chairman of the board, Webster & Harris Advertising; Matcom T. Cleland, president, BBB/South Plains; C.B. Carter, first vice president, Texas Commerce Bank; Henry Huncle, second vice president, First Manufactured Homes; Lester Grimes, treasurer, Grime Insurance Agency; and A.C. White, immediate past chairman, Galbraith Steel & Supply Co.

The directors are: Eldon Akin, Methodist Hospital; John Anderson, Hale County State Bank, Plainview; Geneva

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These will be installed at the Bureau's Annual Luncheon to be held January 10, noon, in the Gold Room at Hemphill-Wells, South Plains Mall.

LUBBOCK ARTS FESTIVAL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Lubbock Arts Festival, scheduled for April 27-29, is now accepting applications for performances of dance, music, and theatre by individuals or ensembles. Performances ranging from the classical to ethnic to folk will be on several stages in the Lubbock Civic Center. Such acts as mime artists, magicians, clowns, and jugglers will entertain in street performances.

All interested performers are invited to apply. Audition times will be arranged. Artists will be performing gratis. Further information and applications may be obtained by contacting th obtained by contacting the Lubbock Cultural Affairs Council, P.O. Box 561, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

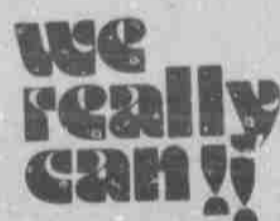
TEXANS TO RECEIVE REDUCTION ON TAXES

Reduced federal excise taxes will save Southwestern Bell customers in Texas an estimated \$21.1 million in 1979, according to Bob Dunbar, division manager for Southwestern Bell in Lubbock. On January 1, the federal excise tax on telephone service was reduced from four percent to three percent, he said. Under a schedule established by federal law, the tax will continue to drop one percent each year until it expires January 1, 1982.

Congress first imposed the excise tax on a limited basis during World War I. Although repealed briefly after the war, it was reinstated during the Depression and has

continued since then on a more extensive basis.

During the 1940s and 1950s, the rate was as high as 15 percent on local service and 25 percent on Long Distance service. From the mid-1950s until 1972, it was 10 percent on most local and Long Distance services. In 1973, and each subsequent year, the rate has been reduced by one percentage point.



COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEEDS MEN AND WOMEN

Community Hospital of Lubbock needs men and women to help in Volunteer Services. According to a spokesperson, one can be a great comfort to patients who need someone to read to them, to assist them in moving about the hospital, or just sit and listen to them talk. Any age adult is eligible to apply and will be trained to be a good volunteer helper. This will be a great satisfaction in helping others. Community Hospital will have a gift shop open soon and will need volunteers to work any amount of hours of time one will have to offer. For further information, contact Louise Stokes, Community

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We especially thank those who appeared on program with timely statements and songs of hope and love.

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POLICE HAPPENINGS AROUND LUBBOCK



set. It is believed that the back door was used to carry the set outside for a get away.
He also reported a burglary about the first of the month.

THEFT

BETTY J. MONROE, 1821 East 1st Place, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown took \$1,030 worth of personal effects from her house one day from her car one day last week while it was parked at 1013 Spruce Avenue. She told police that the car was left unlocked. Taken from the car was a purse containing \$124 in cash, a .32 caliber pistol, \$800 worth of wedding rings, and a \$60 necklace.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE

WILLIE BROWN, 1614 Zenith Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that a man borrowed his car without his permission one night last week. At this police report, he has not seen his car or heard of it since. "I would like to have my car back," said an unhappy Brown.

The car is valued at \$450, at least when he last saw it.
He said he would file charges against the man this week.

THEFT OVER \$200

DARLENE BRADFORD, 1814 East Brown Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown did take four hubcaps from her car while it was parked in her driveway one day last week. The hubcaps were

THEFT OVER \$200

WILLIE BROWNING SCOTT, 1321 East 25th Street, reported to Lubbock police that she returned home to find her house on fire. She called the local fire department for assistance.

She believes her problem began, aside from the fire, when a man went into the house to get some of her belongings.

According to the police report, the man did come back out of the house with her jewelry box, but the rings were missing. She said: "Where are my other rings?" The man said, "I don't know and I got to go."

The man left the scene. Taken from the house were \$3,073 worth of jewelry.

THEFT

WILLIAM H. WATSON, 1301 47th Street who is also the band instructor at Estacado High School, reported to Lubbock police that on the last few days of school before the holidays, someone took from the band room office a ring and a small jar of money.

According to Watson, the ring was value at \$450. The jar contained two or three dollar bills and some change. He said approximately \$6 or \$7 was in the jar.

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LUBBOCK MAN ASSESSED LIFE

Last week, a 28 year old Black man was convicted of a third felony offense in November and was assessed a life term in prison as an habitual criminal.

Sentenced was passed on Troy Anderson Givens in 237th District Court after Judge John R. McFall overruled a defense motion for a new trial.

Givens was convicted November 27, 1978 of burglarizing the Bear's Den, 407 Quirt Avenue, last summer.

He was convicted as an habitual criminal on the basis of a February 3, 1976 burglary conviction in 99th District Court and a July 3, 1968 armed robbery conviction in 137th District Court.

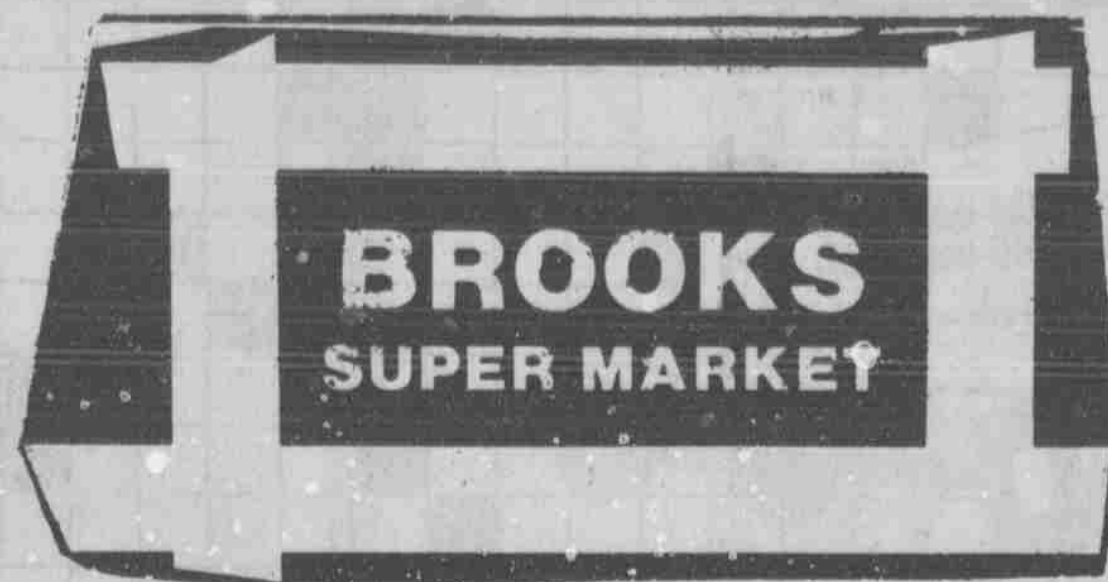
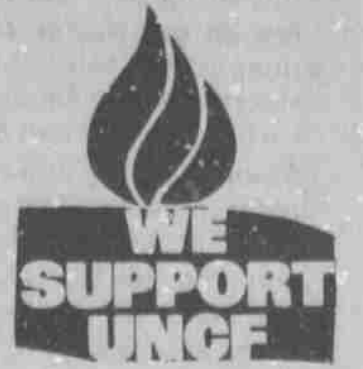
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POSTAL SERVICE ASSIST ALIEN

The U.S. Postal Service again will cooperate with the Immigration & Naturalization Service in assisting all aliens to comply with the Alien Address Report requirements. It was

announced this week. In compliance with the 1952 Immigration & Nationality Act, all aliens residing in the United States as of January 1, 1979 must report their current addresses no later than January 31, 1979.

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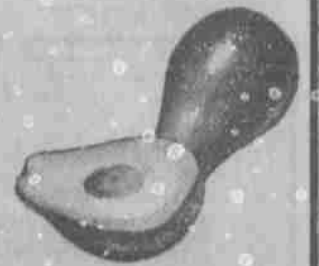
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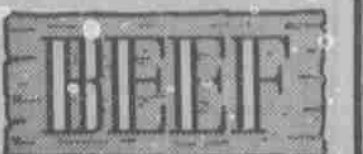


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Editorials

WHY NOT??

by Eddie P. Richardson

Let's Take A Good Look Around Us!!

Most people who read this column or talked to this writer has read or heard these words: "We are fast on our way to the back to the bus." The sad thing is WE will not even have the fare. The most sickening thing about the whole matter is WE think we have it made and laugh at the people in the Deep South, but stop and compare the advances and gains in the political and economic world and then cry. Check out any city in the Deep South and compare not by size, but by the Black population and check the number of Black owned businesses, Black people holding political offices on all levels, and, last but not least, check the Blacks in key positions in the world of work.

After the comparison, see who is 30 or more years behind. Another thing to compare is how they stick together against how WE (BLACK PEOPLE) are afraid and stand alone here. One recent case in mind here is the ELTON CONGER situation. If BLACK PEOPLE had it together here, there would not have been a BLACK CHILD or TEACHER at any Lubbock school and the nation would know about the case. Like similar cases in the Deep South, the same thing would have happened here. As long as BLACK PEOPLE here do not get it TOGETHER and become firmly UNITED and SINK OR SWIM together, WE (BLACK PEOPLE) will forever be second class citizens.

Minorities need to get it TOGETHER as a whole. I mean different races or groups of minorities. The system plays the same game with different groups of minorities as with single groups. With the single groups of minorities, the system hand picks leaders for the community they represent without the sanction of the group involved. The system hopes this will divide the community into camps with the leaders with his followers and that so called leader with his followers. The same old game of divided people and conquer. What the system don't know is minority people, especially BLACKS, resent hand picked leaders from downtown. The way the system plays the game with different groups is not a well accepted effort.

How many times have YOU watched the other BLACKS AND BROWNS tell another to watch the OTHER? They are really accomplishing more than one can imagine. The fact is both groups are not accomplishing a damn thing, but a few hand outs and crumbs. What all minorities and the disadvantage need to do is work TOGETHER to make AMERICA truly AMERICA! This is the land of the FREE, home of the BRAVE, the PROMISE LAND of PLENTY for ALL AMERICANS, regardless of race, age, creed, religion, color or national origin. America will never be America for some until AMERICA is AMERICA for all, and all Americans share the true AMERICAN DREAM.

WHY NOT??

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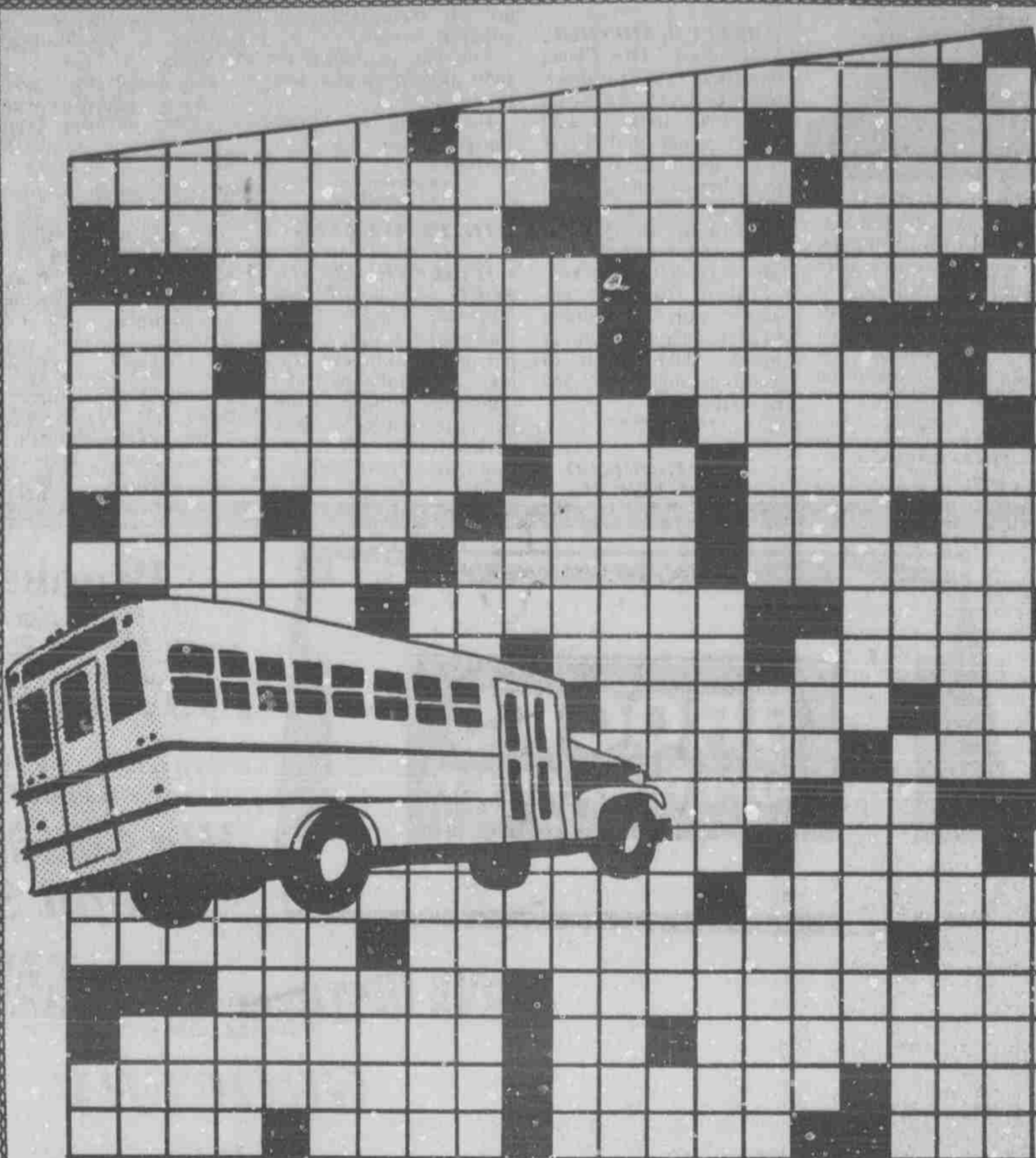
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THIS WEEK WE EXAMINE

MINORITIES AND CRIME Part V of Six Parts



BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
 Human Rights Activist

The Harassment of Black Leaders and Officials

(Here, in a series of six vital articles on "Minorities and Crime," a fresh perspective is provided with which all black Americans should be deeply familiar. It must be shared in every possible way with white Americans for the mutual good which it affords. The six articles are historical in nature. Two relate to the unique roles of Ambassador Andrew Young, and the final article seeks your help in suggesting a workable way out of the historic impasse which presently makes matters increasingly worse.

In the New Testament Letter (or Epistle) to Timothy, there is an often overlooked but devastatingly revealing statement regarding those who exercise moral or ethical leadership in the Church. The statement (presumably written by the Apostle Paul to his faithful disciple Timothy) states: "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife..." (I Timothy 3:2).

What is so often missed, in a crucially revealing way in this passage, is that these words would never have been written unless there was a grave or serious problem regarding polygamous bishops. That ethical teachers, or "moralizers," are not always true to their own teachings or calling has been evident throughout the centuries. It is no less evident today

with our thoroughly well-intentioned and moralistic President who represents (albeit in some of its more sober aspects) a de facto segregationist religious denomination; who hails from a state where blacks are said to be potential political prisoners when they venture more than 40 or 50 miles from the State capital; and who is said to be perhaps dangerously naive in his expressed beliefs (as on the West Coast this summer) that, unlike Russia, we have practically solved our nation's racial problems.

Far from the President's latter observation, and regardless of who is to blame, the racial divisions in our nation persist as strongly as they did nearly 100 years ago more ago. Only the shape of the oppressive difference has been changed.

The National Association of Human Rights Workers, with the impressive encouragement of two black state lieutenant governors, Dymally of California and Brown of Colorado, released this past year an explosive and meticulously prepared documentary revealing the well-nigh systematic efforts to discredit nationwide all of our major black political, civic and religious leadership.

To the nation's former "top cop," J. Edgar Hoover, who was also an active Sunday School teacher and an avid writer of religious literature, the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a criminal of the first rank.

That Dr. King was spied upon, lied upon, vilified and harassed is now a matter of public record. The Human Rights Workers' report entitled "The Dilemma of Black Politics," makes a practically irrefutable case regarding the pervasive American feeling that black Americans do not have the appropriately high character which makes them worthy of public service. This document (available through the Human Rights Workers' national office, or through the office of Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally, The State House, Sacramento, California, might well be read and pondered by every thoughtful American, whether Black or white.

One may smile at the seemingly unique "innocence" of a President Jimmy Carter, who taunts (some what as from a glass house) other nations where all men (and women!) are not free.

But the blunt or unmasked opinions of Mr. Carter—as all should know—are not new. They are built securely, even though unconsciously, into the historic fabric of our nation's life, and they are not likely to be rooted out until they are first fully understood and accepted for what they are.

The exclusion of blacks as "free men" or as "men of character" is evident in several classic documents which emerged almost simultaneously with the U.S. Constitution. John Jay, in *The Federalist*, No. 2, wrote:

"Providence has been pleased to give this one connected country to one united people, a people descended from the same ancestors, speaking the same language, professing the same religion, attached to the same principles of government, very similar in their manners and customs."

With a much more blatantly racist twist, which still predisposes blacks both to political harassment as at least semi-criminals and to the cavalier and benevolent naive stance of a kindly Jimmy Carter, Thomas Jefferson, whose racial double-mindedness was well known, wrote more pointedly: "It is impossible not to look forward to distant times when our whole rapid multiplication will expand itself... with a people speaking the same language, governed in similar forms, and by similar laws; no can we contemplate with satisfaction either blot or mixture on that surface."

That black Americans, historically and largely unconsciously, have been viewed as, in some sense, beyond the conventions, American pale, makes blacks as a race vulnerable to political harassment, open to legal abuse, and accepted as crime prone by most white Americans. That black Americans must take the initiative to correct such devastating misconceptions should seem self evident.

The next and last article in this series will deal with "The Needs For Reform."

"On Conger Case" LOCAL NAACP BRANCH SHOULD ACT

IT WOULD APPEAR AS THOUGH THE Lubbock Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) would have acted by now since the firing of Elton Conger, who was a coach and industrial education teacher for the Lubbock Public Schools. Evidently, the local branch has chosen not to get involved!

We have learned that Mr. Conger hasn't requested the local branch to intervene, and the chapter has done just that! Perhaps it is proper for a party to request such an act, but we feel in this particular case, some steps should be taken by this organization.

A point at hand was the alleged police killing of a young 28 year old Black man in east Lubbock. The local branch did get involved into that situation. Why not the Conger case?

In order for the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP to gain some clout, it will have to act in behalf of citizens, regardless of the circumstances, and get the true picture of what is going on. After all, from the way we see it, this is why the NAACP was organized in 1908.

We would hope this local branch would check into the situation so citizens of the Black community will know what is going on. All of you who are officers were elected to utilize your abilities to get down to the bottom of discriminatory acts against brothers and sisters in the community. The Conger case will be a means for you and the organization to utilize your expertise.

heard, via grapevine, that the United Political Action League, UPAL, will be involved in this matter. Why don't you, too, Lubbock Branch, NAACP. We know you should get involved!!



More than 75 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives have joined Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) in a bipartisan effort to provide for the renovation and operation of a presently mothballed Naval ship for the purpose of providing health care and related services to developing Nations on a non-profit basis. Mitchell has introduced the "SS LIFE Act of 1978," H.R. 9785, which seeks to temporarily transfer the hospital ship USS Sanctuary to LIFE International to conduct the medical, educational and humanitarian program.

LIFE International is an incorporated, tax exempt non-profit organization founded in June of 1975 for the general purpose of providing humanitarian services to developing areas. LIFE International found its beginnings, however, in the highly successful Christian Service Corps, established in 1965, which has to date stationed more than 400 volunteers whose ages range from 18 to 70 years old in over 60 Nations to provide services in the areas of medicine, health, agriculture, communications, art, business and others. LIFE itself, has a particularly noteworthy Board of Directors, the membership of which includes the highly distinguished former Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable John W. McCormack.

The USS Sanctuary is a hospital ship which is presently in a state of quasi-mothballing in the Philadelphia Naval Yard. The ship has three operating rooms, five intensive care rooms, and 100 beds. The available number of hospital beds can be expanded to a total of 300, if required.

The SS LIFE Act of 1978 is

being proposed as the vehicle to institute a joint venture between the government and the private sector to foster high quality, comprehensive health education, training, and care—including medical, dental, environmental, and nutritional programs—in developing Nations. An international interchange of health ideas, services and personnel would also be promoted.

You may write to your Congressman and Senators at: Congressional Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 or Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Please congratulate them for their important work and let them know where Black America stands on crucial issues.

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People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible; and we will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would do. And this we think is fair.

So this is our resolution to you: Feel free at any time to call this office for information concerning this newspaper or any other matter that is of concern to you.

This isn't a propaganda sheet made to create or validate. This is a newspaper made to educate and not to agitate.

T. J. Patterson Editor
 Eddie P. Richardson Editor

Obsequies

LEO THOMPSON

Final rites were read last Friday afternoon at the Jamison & Son Chapel for Leo Thompson, 67, of 3416 East 16th Street.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Thompson was found dead at his home last Tuesday. Justice of

the Peace L.J. Blalack pronounced him dead. Survivors include a son, Leo, Jr. of Lubbock; a daughter, Ruth Berry of Lubbock; and twenty-one grandchildren.

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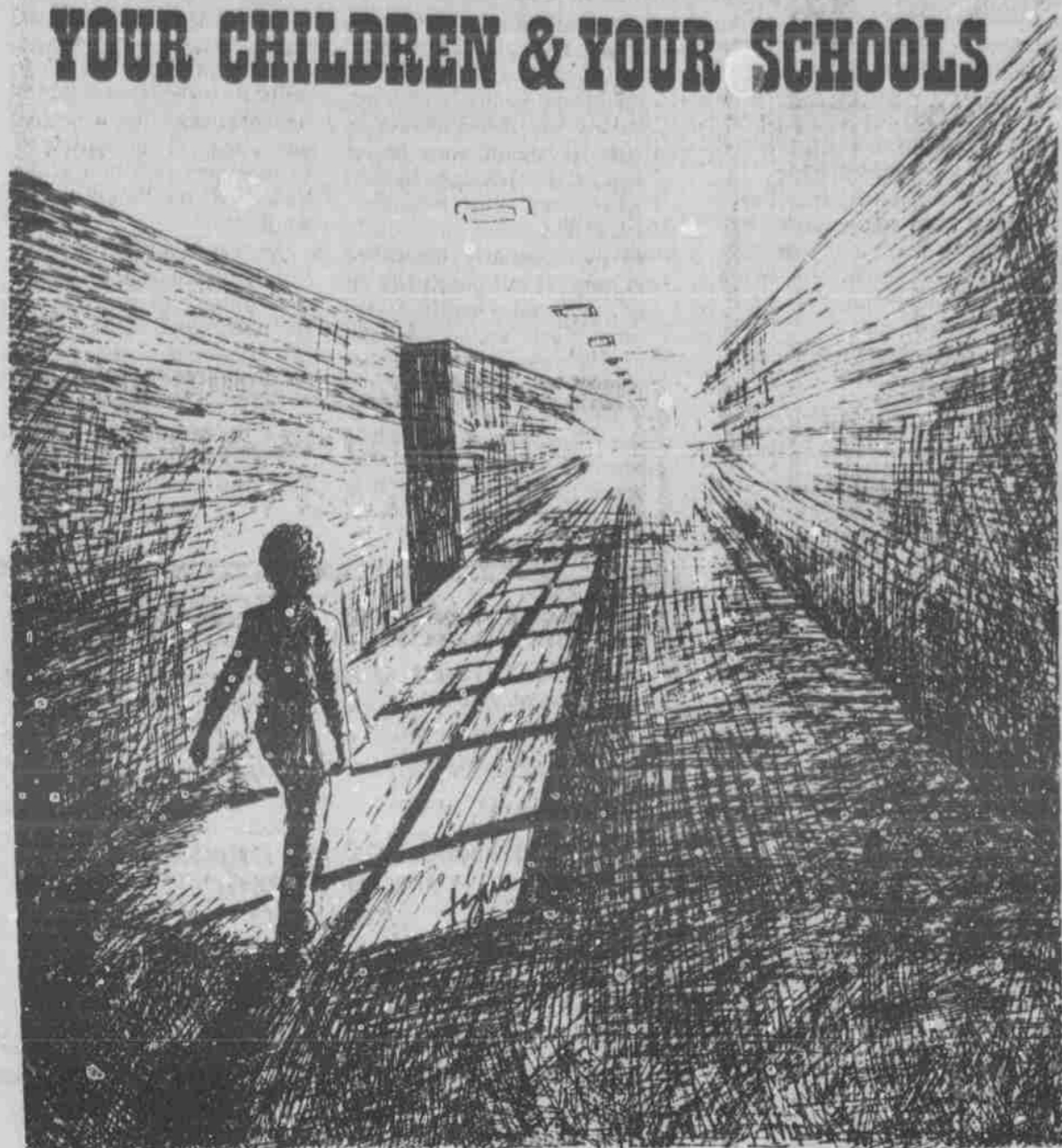
*As I grow old and tortured I grow black
27 years old today
And still living in a shark
Wondering where Mary went
And when she's coming back.*

27 years old today,
Get this monkey off my back.
—Robert Louis Jimerson

(Are we to be "forever free" to be held in captivity? So Robert Jimerson would ask.)

Black poets, who may wish exposure to our reading public, may send copies of their poetry—for editing and with permission to use—in groups of 12 poems or more to Media resources, Box 157, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158. Poetry selected should normally appear within 12 to 20 weeks. Because of staff limitations, no copies are returned.

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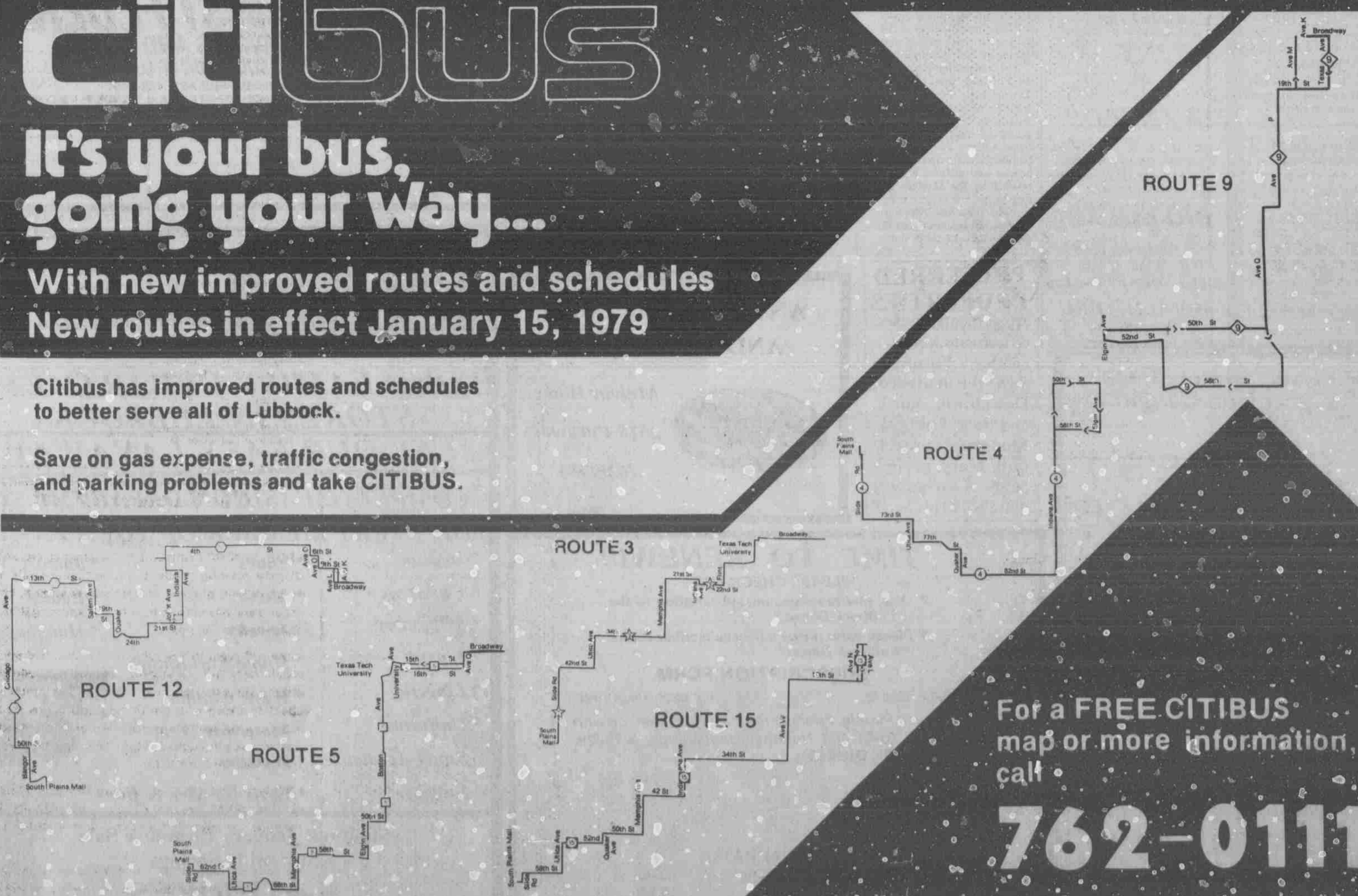
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Across The Nation

News From Home Folks

This feature is a news compilation from more than 100 black-owned and oriented newspapers in this nation. It deals with what blacks, who are all-too-often little recognized, are doing to promote full participation in American life by black Americans. It is thus a salute from all of our readers for unsung heroes, and is designed to be a challenge for all of us to keep on doing our very best.

The English Victorian Prime Minister Disraeli once wrote: "Tell me how a people honors its dead and I will tell you with a mathematical precision how they respect their nation's laws [and the rights and dignity of others]."

Applied to Albany, Georgia, upon the passing of one of its giants in the black community, Albany is a place of wonderful people among whom to be.

The Albany Times relates in the words of one staff writer:

When I received the assignment to write this story, the publisher said, "Write it like you were writing it about a god!" I wanted to know why he was like a god. This is the story I got:

Mrs. James C. Reese, who teaches English at Albany State College, was in a Denver meeting when it happened to her highly regarded husband sometime last Friday. When the neighbors of their sixty-thousand dollar home at 229 Sunrise Dr.—near MLK Jr. Hl—found him, he had already passed. Those neighbors were Dr. C.K.

Dunson, head of ASC's Education Department, and Dr. Bruce Ford, an ASC biologist. The lifeless body was that of the man Times publisher, Dr. Willie Russell, had said "write it like about a god."

"Dr. Reese helped so many young people," Dr. Russell explained. "He helped them go to college. He helped them get jobs. And they were here today (Tuesday) to see him properly put away." Dr. Russell called an endless list of names, from that of Jordan Grove's Rev. Menefes and Friendship's Rev. Lowe to those of ASC Pres. Chas. Hayes, photographers B.F. Cochran and W.W. Terry, Parole Board Chief Mamie Reese, Mr. and Mrs. James Haape, Dr. J.D. Hamilton, Dr. Walter Judd, ex Coachman Park Principal F.V. Rollins, Southside Prof. Eugene Barnett, Hazard Principal Newsome (who succeeded the deceased), Dr. Alfredo Stokes, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Daugherty H. Ind. Arts, Prof. Paul Buchanan, The Noble Family of floral fame, Kappa Pres. Grady Caldwell, Dr. Maudecca Wilson, Mrs. C.B. King, and many more who filled to capacity Bethel AME Church, now pastored by Rev. J.L. Butler.

Both Criterion Clubs of Albany and Waycross were there. Both the Kappa's and Delta's were there. Atlanta's Dr. Horace Tate, State Senator, and GTA Executive Secretary, brought that extremely powerful state organization's tribute. Ms. Sybil Thomas splendidly sang The Lord's Prayer; there were other tributes. Then, the strains of "Going Home," Elliott's, Albany's oldest black funeral home, closed their hearse door on the casket and drove in somber dignity carrying the remains to their final resting place in Riverside Cemetery, where it joined those graves of black Albany's most illustrious.

Dr. James C. Reese Sr. was one of Albany's black giants. He was born in a tiny Georgia hamlet and rose to become a President of the Georgia State Teachers, of the Morris Brown College Alumni Association ASC Dean of Students, principal at Staley P. in Americus; Center High in Waycross and Hazard Lab School at ASC. The neatly done funeral

program gives the following obituary:

James Columbus Reese departed this life on Friday, March 31, 1978 after an extended illness. He was the son of Mrs. Eola Reese Burton Jones of Wrightsville, Georgia and the grandson of the late Rev. James C. Reese.

After completing his elementary education in the public schools of Wrightsville, Georgia, he was graduated from the Academy of Morris Brown, Atlanta, Georgia. His baccalaureate and masters degrees were conferred upon him by Morris Brown College and Atlanta University respectively. Additional degrees and honors were bestowed upon him by North Carolina State College, Durham, North Carolina and Union Baptist Seminary, Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Reese helped to mold the lives of many students as their teacher and principal at Wrightsville, Georgia, Staley High School, Americus, Georgia and Center High School, Waycross, Georgia. While at Albany State College he served as Associate Professor of Education, Dean of Students and Director of the Hazard Training School. He was a member of the summer faculties of Savannah State College and Atlanta University.

The Portland, Oregon Skanner has demonstrated a unique way to encourage community involvement. All of our black newspapers seek community participation. Here is one exciting way which reflects the determined spirit of our black editors/publishers in this regard.

The Skanner announces a \$25 prize for the best news story of the month. For any particular week, the story must be original and must be submitted by Tuesday noon. It should be typewritten, double-spaced, and not more than 1500 nor less than 500 words in length. The story should be of a non-sensational nature and should deal with subjects of vital interest to the Northeast community (of a political, historical, economic, or sociological nature, for example). Each article will be judged on its intrinsic merit and will be subject to confirmation and editing by The Skanner staff.

The competition is open to all Portland area residents and no single individual can win the prize more than 2 months in a row. All copy submitted must include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer. As all articles and pictures will be retained by The Skanner, be sure to make a second copy for your records. Monthly winners will be announced in the first issue of the follow-

ing month. First month of the contest will be June.

In this way, The Skanner hopes to encourage more community input and to recognize and reward those of the Portland community who possess writing-reporting talent.

Address all entries to News Contest, P.O. Box 11252, Portland, Ore. 97211.

The Albany, Georgia Times shares with us a local success story of which we may all be proud. Are you among the growing number of persons who have congratulated your own editor/publisher for sharing "Across The Nation" with you and who send notes of congratulations from afar to those whose local successes would be greatly augmented by a note from someone like you?

The Times story reads: Miss Barbara Frazier, a junior at Monroe High School, has been selected for the Governor's Honors program in art. Barbara was one of 30 students selected in a statewide art honors program. As a Governor's Honors student, she began attending Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. for special classes this summer.

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frazier of Albany, members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She is the granddaughter of E.O. Geiger of Griffin, Ga. and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier, residents of Wauhatchie, Fla.

Barbara has attended classes at Banks Haley Gallery and has won several art contests in past years. Her initial art contact was with Mrs. Tommie Underwood in Wauhatchie. More recently, Barbara's studies have been under the direction of Harvey Griffith, her nominating teacher and Monroe's first full-time art teacher. Barbara has plans to pursue art in college.

The Tulsa, Oklahoma, Eagle tells the deeply human story of a warm-hearted welder, the likes of whom greatly enrich so many of our communities, but remain un-

heralded and unsung. The Eagle story follows:

"I'm not going to be able to help you anymore unless you get into something 'legit,'" said the priest.

"Everytime I go up to get you out they ask me what kind of work you do for a living and I can't tell them." It was then that I decided to quit the liquor business.

The brown eyes twinkled as she remembered the long ago conversation with the legendary Father Bradley, former pastor of St. Monica's Catholic Church.

The brown eyes belonged to one of the sharpest minds of the Greenwood era, 76-year-old matriarch Mrs. Georgia Ola Walker. She was recounting to this reporter how she came to be a cafe owner down on what used to be called "deep Greenwood."

Her cafe at that time, however, was not on Greenwood but located at 616 East Archer, directly across from the old Small's Hotel. When she shook herself from the liquor business which had landed her in jail several times and brought on the priest's warning, she bought out a cafe that was for sale on Archer and proceeded to turn it into a money maker.

Lamenting the past, she said "Greenwood went down because nobody really believed what they saw was happening. If we had started in time we might have done something to stop it. But we never really believed it would ever get this bad."

"Things started going down when they sold the Small's Hotel," she said. And then she went on to give her formula for success: the things that kept her afloat while others failed. "Have what they want and keep your doors open continually. Also, you notice I don't have any trouble here. There may be a little arguing but all I have to do is speak and it's over. You won't find any shooting or cutting or fighting here. Even when I'm not here all my employees have to do is mention my name and whatever trouble is brewing ceases."

"I strive for friendliness although many people look at me and don't think I am friendly. They ask me why I don't smile. I do smile, of course, but not often. I'm

slow to make friends but once I make friends I always keep them."

"I don't smile in. Because I don't have a head full of foolishness. You won't find me drinking, and smoking and joking with the customers. That's why I have such power with them. They listen to me."

Mrs. Walker says she is not going to retire. "But I'm going to slow down. When you get to be my age you need to do more than ever."

"Most women my age have swollen ankles or swollen knees, but I ain't swollen nowhere. I don't have nobody working for me that can get around as good as I can and I'm old enough to be their grandmother. No, I'm not going to retire but I'm going to ride around a bit and fly a little bit."

Mrs. Walker is a member of First Baptist Church in North Tulsa. She admits, however, that "I don't go to church everytime the door opens but I pay my dues. Just two weeks ago I gave my church \$200 and I do a lot of things for all kinds of people I have ever buried some."

"The main thing is to treat people like you want to be treated. That's all you can do. You're going to have friends and enemies no matter what you do."

In keeping with her word Georgia Ola is closing "Georgia's Cafe" on Greenwood but that will not be the end of the cafe. It will be reopened for business at 1140 North Denver... the new home of the best fried chicken sandwich in Tulsa.

Media Reviews:

(For social scientists, and all who want to understand a beautiful black family heritage)

INCLUDING AND NOT EXCLUDING

A review of *The Black Extended Family*, by Elmer P. Martin and Joanne Mitchell Martin, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1978, 128 pages, Hardcover, \$10.95.

"You shall know the truth; and the truth shall make you free." If this Scriptural saying is even remotely prophetic, blacks in America should soon be on top of the freedom ladder. After long being misunderstood and either consciously or unconsciously demeaned in most, if not practically all of our social scientific literature, black social scientists of discernment are now beginning to have their say.

The incomparable value of this felicitous development is especially evident in *The Black Extended Family*. It is

social science at its open, methodical and analytical best.

It should be profitable and enticing for our readers to note the Martins' definition of the black family. After their eight-year study of some thirty black extended families, comprising more than a thousand persons, they write: "When we speak of a black extended family, we mean a multigenerational, interdependent, kinship system which is welded together by a sense of obligation to relatives; is organized around a 'family base' household; extends across geographical boundaries to connect family units to an extended family network; and has a mutual aid system for the welfare of its members and the maintenance of the family as a whole."

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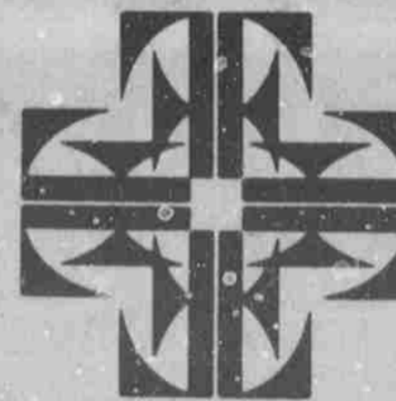
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Semi-Monthly Summary

HISTORY-MAKING BLACK HAPPENINGS:

South Africa — A scandal of sorts broke out in South Africa following reports that large amounts of money designated to build a positive image for South Africa in the United States particularly could not be accounted for.

has been viewed as one mark of the success of this campaign.

Newark, N.J. — The hot summer months saw the same inordinately high black youth unemployment rates in Newark as in the past. Black adult unemployment still doubles that of whites.

Public relations experts have said that the black mayors generally symbolize

the hope of "getting ahead" in their own persons. They also have been successful in having their constituents feel that, regardless of their difficulties, they will be heard and dealt with in the most expeditious and equitable ways possible.

New Orleans, Louisiana — Ernest Morial looks like just another able and educated white man, but one who had the guts to seek to use his rich gifts to help change the image and direction of his city.

He has emphasized that New Orleans cannot prosper by living in a dream world of the past. Noting the fact that poverty and despair are rife in a city rich in old traditions but short-sighted regarding its present survival needs, Morial has indicated that the needs of its people rather than its image in the minds of visitors will be the major focus of his administration.

In an almost Old Testament prophetic mood, the new Mayor promised a well-nigh Year of Jubilee, at least in terms of his administration's determination to set things on a just and promising course for all in the City of New Orleans.

New York, New York — Here and throughout the country, the controversy regarding the one-man play, "Robeson," has continued. The mood of the debate is far less vitriolic than the depths of the feelings involved, suggesting an issue-oriented confrontation regarding the meaning of the theatre and the responsibility of a playwright.

Nir, Robeson's son's argument is simple and direct: "The problem is it's not my father." James Baldwin, who has entered the controversy, claims that a writer cannot create a "successful play" based upon the demands of "the popular culture."

(For an in-depth analysis of these and other issues on black and Third World life, please see "The MONITOR Microscope" in the monthly magazine supplement to this paper.)

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY

Since black people come under the rulership of Pisces, we are given to emotionalism and psychic realization. We may experience spiritual realization or enlightenment and end up sounding like "reborn Christians," or we may quietly perceive why the older people cling to the spiritual ideas and thoughts expressed in the Bible.

If you're wandering in circles bored with day to day existence, be your own pet project, and set before you the task of breaking every bad habit you have. For Aries it is self-centeredness; for Taurus, greed; for Gemini, superficiality; for Cancer, pettiness; for Leo, megalomania; for Virgo, overcriticalness; for Libra, narcissism; for Scorpio, jealousy; for Sagittarius, tactlessness; for Capricorn, avarice; for Aquarius, cold-heartedness; for Pisces, self-doubt.

Otherwise... feel good about the Self. No human passes through the metamorphosis without conscious effort and constant struggle. Black people as a race are also being called upon to rid themselves of the last vestiges of the slave's mentality—which keeps us looking for salvation outside of our own Selfhood.

ARIES — March 21-April 20 It is difficult to go it alone and be cold at the same time. However, in order to attract heat to you, you may have to become the flame.

TAURUS — April 21-May 21 You should aim at being resourceful because you rarely lose when taking a risk. You will lose if you never take risks.

GEMINI — May 22-June 21 You should be standing in an effulgent light marvelling over the promised glory if you've been a do-right person.

CANCER — June 22-July 23 Sit still. Those who need you will eventually come to you needing peace and sympathy. Give because the giver is thrice blessed when pleased to do so.

LEO — July 24-August 23 When things start getting better, you forget all about the hard times... and... that's o.k., because hard times aren't worth remembering unless they taught us values like humility, generosity, determination, control—plus also introducing a technique for transcendence.

VIRGO — August 24-September 23 Isn't it great to be hard-working! Some people have nothing to do because they don't know what there is in life to do other than feed and stimulate and groom their bodies—as if they were animal keepers of the human soul.

LIBRA — September 24-October 23 And what if beauty, when finally captured, reveals an ugly face? The dissolution of the unreal, of plastic minds and celluloid habits may leave one feeling bereft.

SCORPIO — October 24-November 22 It should occur to you that you do not have to deceive ignorant people in order to exploit them. But if ignorant people are also stubborn, you must find a way to transcend them if they are obstacles on your path of attainment.

roost, they may lay you a golden egg. However, he shell could be prematurely cracked, or its content totally useless—but at least you have something. Don't fret if you can't be as generous as you'd like to be.

CAPRICORN — December 22-January 20 What does a well run organization do when it runs out of creative ideas? Since ideas are not listed in the yellow pages, one has to use the energy in this time period to articulate, envision, and concretize whatever creative ideas/thoughts that have been ruminating in the subconscious mind.

AQUARIUS — January 21-February 19 The most astute intellectuals often have a difficult time trying to objectify their personal actions and reactions—nevertheless, don't be afraid to dip your soul/spirit into the fire of emotion.

PISCES — February 20-March 20 If you display a weak and vulnerable position to insensitive persons, don't be surprised and don't complain if they "naturally" try and take advantage of you.

SAGITTARIUS — November 23-December 21 If the chickens come home to

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE???

The 50's class reunion committee needs addresses on the following persons. If you know the whereabouts of these people contact: Joan Crawford at 762-8063

Table with columns for years 1950, 1953, 1957, 1951, 1954, 1952, 1955 and names of individuals.

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MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. A.L. Patrick, delivering a splendid message.

Ushers meet at the church each Monday evening at 7 p.m. Senior Choir practices on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

The Prayer Band meets at the church each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. The Young Matrons, Deacons and Laymen Brotherhood meet at the church on Wednesday evenings at 7 and 8 p.m.

The Youth Department meets at the church at 7 p.m. Teachers meeting is held each Friday evening at 7 p.m.

The Deaconess meet at the church the first and third Saturday of each month. Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church.

BETHEL A.M.E.

Although the weather was still icy, a large number of our members were present to hear our pastor, Rev. A.W. Wilson, deliver his first sermon of the new year. It was a most inspiring message which should have helped all who were present.

Senior Choir Number One, under the direction of Mrs. Lillian C. Struggs at the piano and Mrs. Rose Lincoln at the organ, was responsible for the music on the first Sunday of the year. Their lovely voices were enjoyed by all in attendance.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members. Brother J.H. Wilson, who has been ill for some time, asked the church to pray for him and his family. Also on the sick list is Mrs. W.H. Stephens and Mrs. Doris Ragland. Let us not forget these members and others.

Members of the Ma Jones Missionary Society meet each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the church auditorium. They are asking for others to join them each week.

The Stewards meet at the church each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Members of the RAYC meet at the church each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Number One also meets at the church at 7 p.m. each Wednesday. Senior Choir Number One meets in the home of Mrs. Lillian C. Struggs on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Why not start the new year off right by attending this needed service each week.

Senior Choir Number Two practices each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the church auditorium at 7 p.m. All members are asked to be in attendance.

Senior Ushers meet at the church each Saturday evening at 7 p.m. All members are asked to come out and take part in this worthy meeting.

Thought of the Week: "If a task has once begun,

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

GROWING UP IN CHRIST

Philippians 3:12-16; 1 John 4:13-21

Philippians 3:12-16

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

13 Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward all of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let those of us who are mature be thus minded, and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you.

16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

1 John 4:13-21

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us because he has given us of his own spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

16 So we know and believe the love God has for us, God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

17 In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment and he who fears is not perfected in love.

19 We love, because he first loved us. 20 If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is liar for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

21 And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

MEMORY SELECTION

Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18

never leave it until it's done." *****

LYONS CHAPEL BAPTIST

Services were well attended last Sunday morning as Rev. Roy Jones brought a splendid message to the church. It was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Youth Day Services will be observed on Sunday, January 14. Youth meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11. Mrs. Roberta Hightower is asking all young people to come out and participate.

Let us continue to pray for the sick and shut in members of our church and community. A church that prays together, stays together. *****

GREATER SAINT LUKE BAPTIST

From Our Pastor's Study: "In 1919, there may come a time when you will not have a straw to cling to except these

words. These thoughts should "pull you through" anything if you remember them, knowing others have been in impossible situations before you. "If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they are gone" And so hold on when there's nothing in you except the will to hold on."

Mission Two meets at

The warm fellowship of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church would like to say: welcome to our many visitors each week. If you are a new resident in Lubbock, we hope you will find our city warm and friendly. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to come and worship with us and participate in any or all of our services or activities. Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship service begins at 11 a.m.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church and community. Will you do this for Christ? *****

TWENTIETH & BIRCH CHURCH OF CHRIST

The following members of our congregation requested prayers of the church. They are Velma Lethridge, J.D. Brown, Milton Lee, Mattie McGee, and Joyce Childers. Let us remember all these in our prayers.

Sister Mary Newton is recuperating from her recent surgery. Let us pray for her speedy recovery and safe return home to Lubbock.

Brother Arnelious Smith of Hobbs, New Mexico, brother of Sister Archie Brown, will enter Methodist Hospital for some test this week. It is our prayer that all goes well with him.

Brother T.E. Ray is still on the shut in list. Remember him in your daily prayers.

The Fourth Annual Elder's Workshop will be hosted by the Sunset Church of Christ January 17 through 19.

A fund raising dinner, hosted by Brother and Sister G.E. Stewart, will be held at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas on February 16. If you are planning to attend, please contact Sister Verna Walters for ticket information.

The National Lecture-ship will be held in Milwaukee, Wis. this spring. Exact dates will be announced later.

"JUDGE NOT THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED" One of the most misunderstood verses in the Bible is the one which deals with the matter of judging others. Some people reject correction from others on the basis that the Bible says that we should not judge. These are those who are wrong, and don't want anyone to tell them so.

Jesus was not condemning all judgement. He said to Simon in Luke 7:43, "Thou has rightly judged." And this is the point in Matt. 7:1-5. Here, our Lord was rebuking those who passed judgement on others while they were doing something worse. He praised Simon for making a correct observation.

When members of the church judge one another without the facts, or according to the appear-

ance, they stand guilty. "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgement in the scriptural way. Jno. 7:24. In fact, this is the true meaning of Matt. 7:1. For verse 5 of Matt. 7. Jesus made this statement, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." A person with a

beam or plank in his her eye cannot judge a person with a mote or small particle in his her eye. However, with the beam removed, a valid judgement can be made.

Paul said that those on the outside of the body of Christ will judge, but those on the inside can be judged by the family of God. "For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without, God judgeth." 1 Cor. 5: 12-13. *****

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH


Brownfield, Texas

A great program is on tap at our church on Sunday afternoon, January 14, at 3 p.m. It will be our "Musical of the Year."

There will be great singing from throughout the West Texas area. Among those churches invited to participate

include Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ, Community Baptist Church, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, and New Hope Baptist Church of Shallowater, Texas. Appearing on program will be Rev. Tony Williams, pastor of Community Baptist Church, who will sing a solo.

Our pastor, Rev. C.D. Collins, invites his many friends to come to this great program. *****



If it's Borden, it's got to be good.

TRIUMPH BAPTIST Slaton, Texas

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. M.A. Brown, delivering his first new year's message of 1979. Let us continue to pray for our pastor and support him in the Lord's work.

The first business meeting of the year was held Monday, January 8, at 7 p.m. There was a good attendance.

Sunday, January 14, at 3 p.m., the Pastor's Aide will be sponsoring a program.

The church would like to ask that we pray and visit our sick and shut in members of the church and community. We are asking special prayers for Sister Hesikize Thomas who has been hospitalized.

Prayer Poem

In 1886 Edwin Hatch (1835-1889) wrote the celebrated hymn, "Breathe on me, Breath of God." Its words recall the Easter evening scene in the Upper Room in old Jerusalem where Jesus breathed His breath upon and into the lives of His disciples. God always seeks to make each of us a part of His most holy life.

Breathe on me, breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God
Until my heart is pure,

Until with thee I will one will,
To do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

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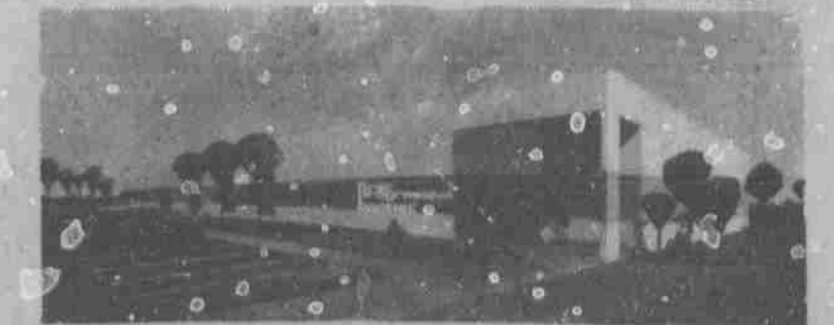
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