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Pictured above (left to right) are Carol "Butch" Thomas, principal, Estaca-

do High School, Lubbock, Texas; Charles S. Olcott, President, Burger King U. S.

A.; and Jean Epley, teacher, Lamar Elementary School, Texas City, Texas.

Patterson Speaker Omega Banquet



Pictured above is T. J. Patterson (second from left) along with Maj. Frank Melton, Carey Don Childress, and Maj. Louie Rivers.

Jr., basileus of Psi Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Lawton, Oklahoma.

Patterson addressed

approximately 250 person at the Annual Achievement Week Banquet at the Hotel Lawtonian last month.

Melton served as program chairman and is Keeper of Finance for the chapter.

Patterson addressed the theme: "Quality Leadership: An Imperative For Future Progress."

This graduate chapter presents three (3) \$500.00 college scholarships annually for excellence in scholarship to a high school senior from each of Lawton's high schools. College scholarships of \$300.00, \$100.00 and \$75.00 were also awarded during their recent Talent Hunt Program.

LISD Classes

Dismiss Early

Monday, Dec. 7th

Classes in Lubbock Independent School District will be dismissed at 2:00 p. m. on Monday, December 7, for in-service education activities for teachers. This year's school calendar calls for several days, including those at the end of the semesters, to be concluded early for students in order to arrange programs for teachers or give time for work on records. Bus schedules will be adjusted Monday afternoon for the early dismissal time. Regular class days will resume on December 8.

NAACP Will Open House

This month's meeting of the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will be held Saturday, December 12, 1987 at 7:30 p. m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 North Quirt.

This is a special meeting, a "Holiday Open House", and is sponsored by the Membership Committee.

All members, potential members, and supporters are invited to come out.

David Sowell is Membership Chairman, and Rose K. Wilson is President of the Lubbock Branch.

LCBD Hosts State Wide Conference

The Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Inc. (LBCE) will host the second state wide conference to develop plans to establish the Texas Association of Black Chambers of Commerce December 11-13, 1987 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, 601 Avenue Q.

Registration fee for the conference will be \$25.00, and will include a continental breakfast, a luncheon, a reception, and all conference materials.

During the first meeting in Odessa, Texas, October 23-24, 1987, hosted by the Black Chamber of Commerce of the Permian Basin, Black Chambers from across the state of Texas were present.

Those present unanimously agreed to have meetings and conferences around the state of Texas to solicit support and develop plans to organize the Texas Association of Black Chambers of Commerce.

Subsequent to the Lubbock planning session, meetings are scheduled for Austin, hosted by the

Capitol City Chamber of Commerce; and Waco, hosted by the Waco Black Chamber of Commerce.

Eddie P. Richardson, executive director of LBCE, was chosen by the group in Odessa to serve as coordinator of this second meeting.

Rev. Kado Lang is chairman of board of LBCE.

Educators Put 'Thinking' At Top Of Lesson Plan

Captiva Island, Fla. -- America's top educators are returning to their hometowns armed with eight recommendations for improving education in this country.

Teaching students "how to think" in a knowledge-based society must be among the highest priorities of American educators, according to the group of 100 outstanding teachers and principals.

"We have to teach kids how to access information to get the most out of their learning," said Mary Mackbee, a principal from St. Paul, Minnesota and a group spokesperson. "As one of our teachers put it, 'Children are not things to mold, but people to unfold.'"

The recommendations were announced by the group following five days of meetings and discussions. The list will be presented to President Reagan in an effort to stimulate nationwide improvements in education.

The educators represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, America Samoa and Puerto Rico and have been participating in the fourth annual "In Honor of Excellence" symposium sponsored by Burger King Corporation. This announcement culminates the symposium.

The group also under-

scored a need to stress personal and social values-- such as work ethic excellence, teamwork, self-discipline, initiative and honesty -- because of the changing American family structure.

"There was a period where we did slack off teaching human values because of public pressures," Mackbee said. "People felt that values should be learned elsewhere. Now, the responsibility to teach values is coming back to us because of the great amount of time that children spend in school."

The educators also are calling for greater autonomy for teachers and principals to set their own standards of excellence and the methods to go about achieving it.

"Who knows better about what's going on in the classroom than the teachers?" said Bert Neumaier, the 1987 Connecticut Teacher of the Year from South Windsor and a group spokesperson. "I believe that many teachers feel boxed in by the tremendous constraints put on them. For example, why can't we lift some of the restrictions of the kind of textbooks we use and the curricula we teach? I guarantee you'll see a tremendous change if the growth comes from the bottom up instead of from the top down."

The educators also point to a growing need for increased partnership with the business community. They recommend that the two groups work together to define expectations for graduates, as well as to define opportunities for students to learn in community settings.

"I think the answer to working with business is better communication about what business expects from students," Mackbee said. "Educators take kids from all different levels and are expected to turn them out with all the same results."

The other recommendations proposed include: a call for long-term funding commitments by school boards and legislatures; a clarification of the role of the public school system as it relates to other institutions of society; continued strengthening of professional standards for teachers and principals; and the need for the general public to better understand the goals and successes of the school system.

Burger King Corporation and its franchisees operate more than 5,000 restaurants worldwide. A wholly-owned subsidiary of The Pillsbury Company, Burger King Corporation and its franchisees have system-wide sales in excess of \$5 billion.



RIBBON CUTTING -- Pictured above are some of

the dignitaries who attended the historic ribbon cutting of

the Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Inc. (LBCE) recently at this new location, 2812 C Weber Drive.

Santa Land Opens Dec. 10

Santa Land will open for its thirty-first year on Thursday, December 10. Opening ceremonies at 6 p. m. will include Mayor B. C. "Peck" McMinn turning on the lights of the 60 ft. Christmas tree and, of course, the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Dean Killian and the Westwind Brass Band will put you in the spirit with holiday music beginning at 5:30 p. m.

Santa Land is located in K. N. Clapp Park, 44th and Avenue U, and is open nightly December 10 through December 23 from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m. It is estimated that over 50,000 South Plains citizens will

visit this two week Winter Wonderland during 1987.

As in the past, a variety of lighted Christmas scenes will be arranged in a semicircle around a Yuletide bonfire. Features to be enjoyed include a life-size Nativity scene, an animated reindeer barn, Frosty the Snowman, and a number of other holiday characters.

Most importantly, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there each night greeting everyone and listening to Christmas wishes.

Santa Land is sponsored by the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 762-6411, ext. 2684.

Shown above, from left to right are: State Senator John T. Montford, Lubbock County Sheriff Sonny Keese, Rev. Kado Lang, chairman of LBCE; T. J. Patterson, City Councilman; Mayor B. C. "Peck" McMinn; Mrs. Marjorie Katsman, President of Board of City Development; and Mr. & Mrs. Eddie P. Richardson, President of LBCE.

Standing in the background is Travis Ware, Criminal District Attorney.

The LBCE will host the second state wide conference December 11-13, 1987 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center.

Presidential Candidate Here Saturday

U. S. Senator Al Gore, D-Tenn., will be in Lubbock Saturday afternoon, December 7, 1987 at 4 p. m. at the County Lion Restaurant, on the Amarillo Highway.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

RUBY JAY'S CORNER



New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Care."

Last Sunday, services were good at New Hope. The radio announcer was Mrs. L. F. Barrow, and church news were given by Anita Henry. Altar prayer was offered by Pastor Nash.

Pastor Nash's sermon was "The End Then & Now." His scripture was 1 Peter 4:1-7. It was a very good sermon.

Mr. Matthew (Pat) Roberts had surgery. He is expected to be home this week. His son and wife of Dallas, Texas were here to visit with him.

It appears as though everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. This writer ... RUBY JAY ... wants to thank everyone who were so nice by sending food to her on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Susie Williams is enjoying her sons (James) and wife from Washington.

Don't forget his brother, R. J. Givens, are also enjoying him.

Louise West visited her sons in California for the holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rollison enjoyed their children for the holidays. Carolyn and her friend from Houston Texas and son, Larry, of Dallas, Texas were here.

This writer learned that Sunday Mariah Griffen of Meridian, Texas passed away. She is an aunt to Ernestine Davenport. The Alexander family service will be Tuesday.

Billie Johnson and

relatives cooked dinner Sunday for their mother, Mrs. Jesse Johnson who celebrated her 95th birthday.

Mary Ann Jones and her friend from Dallas, Texas visited in Lubbock during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Dr. Damon Hill, Jr. and family motored to Houston, Texas for the Thanksgiving holidays. They carried Chantell Jay with them, who had an opportunity to visit with Mrs. Nash and children. She enjoyed the trip very much.

The Fifth Sunday's Mission Program of the Women's Auxiliary was held last Sunday night, and it was very good at New Hope. The theme was "The Crowning Quality of A Christian Woman." The drama was "The Challenge of the Cross" which will be held Sunday, December 6, at 7 p. m., and will be sponsored by the BTU should be exciting. It will be called: "The Pearly Gates."

Keep praying for our sick and shut ins in our community. Mrs. G. H. Davis is shut-in this week, and she desires to be able to attend church. Don't give up, Sister Davis, God is able.

Mr. & Mrs. James Goode and son, Henry, recently traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, New Orleans, La., and Louisville, Ky., and had an opportunity to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with the mother of Marian and her sisters and brothers from Chicago, Ill., New Orleans and Yazoo City. It was a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. They also attended the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington,

POLICE BEAT!!

THEFT OF MONEY

JOE SHELBY, 1913 8th Street, reported to Lubbock Police that a man wanted to help him one day last week. He needed change of a \$100.00 bill, and the man agreed to go and find change for the \$100.00 bill.

At this report, the man has not come back with the change for the \$100.00 bill. SHELBY told police that he has talked to the man several times, but the man refuses to bring the change for his \$100.00 bill.

After further questioning, police found out that the man in question is a parole. Since SHELBY knows who he is, and is a parole, shouldn't that take care of his problem?

cigarettes, valued at \$1.50. Damage to the residence was believed to be \$95.

HARASSMENT

A 15-year-old Estacado High School student reported to Lubbock Police that he had received a threatened phone call one day last week. He said a

person posed as an officer in the Lubbock Police Department, while a lady called and threatened him.

His mother became concerned and advised the police department.

We Thank You!!

We thank you for the splendid Thanksgiving service held in our honor Sunday, November 22, 1987.

To the coordinator, Rev. Otis Cooks -- pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and members, our many friends, pastors, ministers, churches and families -- we are so grateful that you came by to wish us well. We will always cherish the memories of that day, and many others shared in West Texas.

May God forever bless everyone of you in our prayer.
Rev. & Mrs. G. B. Coleman



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Entry was apparently gained through an east window of the southeast bedroom.

Taken from the residence was rental VCR, valued at \$300; and a pack of

Texas. Even had an opportunity to visit Mildred Sedberry and grandchildren -- Dijon and Nikki -- who are living in Louisville, and visited in Grand Prairie and Irving, Texas.

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The Black American

by
John L. Harvey

I believe our ancestors would rise up from their resting place and shout a joyful cry if they could see their high spirited and courageous offspring today, and the gigantic steps our proud young Black men and women are taking toward prosperity and peace in America.

Black Americans have awakened with a new spirit today and risen from the bottomless gutter of ignorant to the lighted mountain top of knowledge. Lifting themselves to a new standard of living with love and respect for one another. They have dismissed the physical and mental paralyzing attitude "I can't" from their conscious mind, knowing that it is the slogan of do nothingism and losers. And restocked it with the spiritual energizing attitude "I can" knowing that it is the motivate slogan of winners. Parents are passing these words of wisdom to our spiritually hungry children, teaching them the power of faith and self-reliance. Protecting them from the fatal quick sands of drugs and dope addiction, and other street habits leading to bewilderment. Helping them to see the light of life in the priceless gift of physical and mental health for themselves, for their unborn children, and for their offspring not yet conceived. Putting them on the safe highway of understanding, and self-confident.

Unselfish devoted Black parents and teachers have elevated the intelligents of our boys and girls to an extraordinary level. They have instilled in them a lofty concern for each other. The boys are no longer becoming pimps and luring innocent girls to dope and drug addiction and prostitution. They have acquired the knowledge and wisdom that demands them to cherish and praise our virtuous girls for the sakes of love, and peaceful harmony.

They have studied the science of marriage, and learned that mutual devotion is the spiritual binder of marriage, the stimulator of love, and a great incentive of success. When they join hands in matrimony, their spiritual dimension spread beyond the width of man's imagination.

I am proud to be a Black American, watching our kids move forward in all fields and phases of life, and watching them get high on love, and expressing mutual appreciation of each other.

I am proud to be a Black American, because of the great faith of our ancestors and the humble strength they had enduring the anguish of slavery that lasted for hundreds of years, followed by a segregated system of deprivation, exploitation, agonies of physical pain and death. And yet, they never lifted a hand in hatred or violence. Their humbleness was justified by empathy and faith. They were people of peace, and we (their offspring) maintain those values today.

We express our everlasting gratitude to those noble, courageous, white Americans who recognized the evil of slavery and segregation and sacrificed their own freedom, and some gave their lives for the sakes of freedom and justice for all Americans. Their spirit will always live in the hearts of peace loving people.

It Needs To Be Said

by
The Mystery Writer

I had begun to feel that the goal of "It Needs To Be Said" was not being met but thanks to the local NAACP

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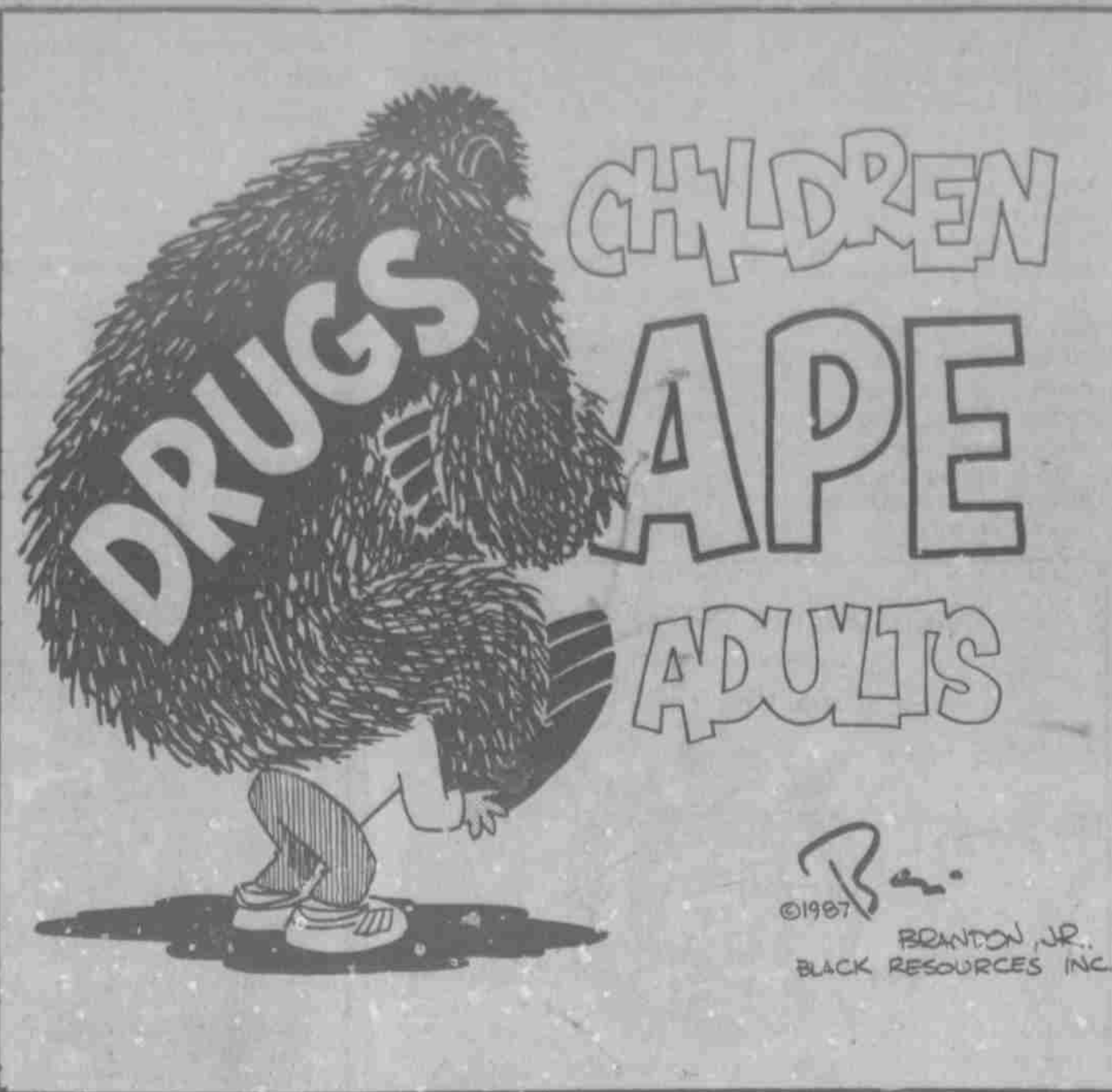
People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said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

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for their reply, I find this is not the case. From the pointed reply, the column is accomplishing its intended objective. Also, the Mystery Writer is not associated with the Southwest Digest in any capacity, except as a reader.

The material that appears in this column is an attempt at relaying information and comments that are heard within the community by all segments. It is mainly the words of those that are not privileged to inside

information, the non-elite -- I try to speak out for the outcast of the "in-crowds". I write under the mystery writer simply because our community is built on who you are, what you have, who are your people and what have you done. The "in-crowd" reacts negatively to anything from non-members and since there is a certain amount of vindictiveness associated with "in-crowd" members, I choose to remain anonymous.

As you can see, the 11/26/87 NAACP article told enough of someone's personal business to cause embarrassment for that individual. Fortunately, the NAACP thinks it is.

This writer has no intentions of bickering issues back and forth in this newspaper. However, a few points of clarification to the NAACP reply is required. First, we agree, those issues you referenced are not NAACP action items and I was not asking you to act in that manner. I was referring to why we don't have those things available in east Lubbock, not for the NAACP to provide them. If the land, buying power need for clothing, food and shelter, entertainment exist in east Lubbock, why is not provided? If the "system" continually builds these items so needed in east Lubbock, that we of east Lubbock must go west to obtain, I ask why? We have the money and job to support these for the benefit of west Lubbock, therefore, I say we can support them here. What we don't have and I can't understand why the lending institutions will not allow a minority to borrow the needed capital to build businesses in east Lubbock. That is the point I was seeking the NAACP support/assistance. CIVIL RIGHTS are being violated in this respect. Blacks can not borrow sufficient capital to open or build while Whites are being allowed to borrow. Is this not DISCRIMINATION? I was hoping that the NAACP could shed some light on this subject, not discredit the mystery writer.

Many of us feel it is discrimination and maybe the NAACP could do something about it in the form of finding out just why we can't qualify for new businesses and homes in east Lubbock. Since we

Fungi Pollutes Air

We may be misguided in our efforts to solve the problem of indoor air pollution, according to Gray Robertson, president of a Virginia-based pollution monitoring firm.

Although tobacco smoke is the favorite scapegoat today, Robertson has found that in 95 percent of the cases, "vapors and gases such as . . . tobacco smoke . . . were not found to be the culprit in poor air quality." The sources we are unable to readily identify, such as fungi and bacteria in the heating and cooling systems, cause most of the trouble.

"If smoke is trapped, so are all the invisible pollutants," said Robertson.

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have not heard any comments from the NAACP about this, the MW was merely passing along information in a manner that the community on a whole would know that the information has been passed along. We, Blacks, try too hard to keep each other from being informed as to what is going on. Since you are a national organization, has outside help been sought; has someone looked into this issue as a possible civil rights violation? As mentioned several times, a NAACP column is needed to enlighten us as to what's going on.

As a NAACP member myself, I have not received any written information concerning the charter, goals, objectives; nor do I receive monthly updates. Very little is provided in the meeting, therefore, we members who are not within the "in-crowd", know about as much as non-members. Let's work together without mud slinging, as none of us needs to waste our time talking negatively about each other. If we can not help one another, then say so. If there is a chance you can help, then help. The answer to our problems are so simple, work together as a whole, not in individual self centered little groups. Come on, let's get our acts together!

We The People

Freedom is Always a Challenge

From their first American history class in grade school, students hear about the writing of the Constitution by the Founding Fathers. There are test questions on Washington and Madison, and often students are asked to list basic rights protected by the Constitution.

Too many students and their parents, however, view the subject as something rather dry and boring, belonging to the musty past. In truth the struggle to protect and preserve our basic American liberties is a never-ending one.

The challenge to our rights and freedoms is often subtle. It is not a frontal attack as commonly as it is a ribbing away at the edges. Seemingly unimportant court cases can assume mammoth proportions by opening the way for a host of new attempts to erode or "reinterpret" basic rights.

Nowhere is this tendency more evident than in the First Amendment. Justice Hugo Black once said that nothing he had discovered in the debate over the Bill of Rights "indicates that there was any belief that the First Amendment contained any qualifications." Certainly the language in the Constitution is remarkably straightforward: "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble. . . ."

Yet, nearly every session of the Supreme Court features one or two First Amendment cases dealing with disputes over these fundamental rights.

Sometimes these cases concern situations that are themselves controversial. But, for example, the right of an unpopular group to assemble cannot be denied without jeopardizing the rights of all.

On other occasions the cases involve specifics that appear so minor that the decision seems unlikely to have a lasting result. For example, the Supreme Court ruled that casino advertising in Puerto Rico can be restricted by the government if the ads are directed at Puerto Rican residents rather than tourists. Although most legal scholars disagree, this 5 to 4 decision is being cited by some as evidence that Congress has the power to outlaw certain advertising categories, even for legal products, such as tobacco.

It is a current reminder that the principle must never be lost even when the individual circumstance seems unimportant.

As a former chief justice of the Supreme Court once wrote: "Every generation of Americans must preserve its own freedoms."

This is one of a series of columns celebrating the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. LJ

THIS N THAT

HAROLD WASHINGTON WILL BE MISSED!! THIS N THAT ... as well many of others ... **KNOW THAT MILLIONS OF BLACKS** ... in America will miss ... **HAROLD WASHINGTON** ... the first ... **BLACK MAYOR OF CHICAGO, ILL.** ... Now if ... **WASHINGTON** ... living ... he would be amazed on the ... **POWER BEING PLAYED** ... to get his position ... He was dead less than two days ... when they began to see who would take his place ... One thing for certain ... **WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** ... people quickly forget you ... and the world keeps moving ... **WITH OR WITHOUT YOU!!**

AN EAST COLEGATE DAY!! THIS N THAT ... after attending the ... **MEETING** ... of the residents of ... **2900 BLOCK OF EAST COLEGATE** ... learned that next year ... they will proclaim the ... **FOURTH TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER** ... as ... **EAST COLEGATE DAY** ... This group of fine people ... are working hard to have a ... **MUCH BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD!! THIS N THAT** ... would like to say ... **THANK YOU ... ROOSEVELT CARROLL** ... for allowing ... **THIS N THAT** ... to have an opportunity to come and be with you ... **HANG IN THERE!!**

D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "The only way to ... **MAKE IT** ... is to work ... **TOGETHER** ... and help those who need help along the ... **WAY**."

YA'LL COME!! THIS N THAT ... has learned that the ... **LUBBOCK BRANCH** ... of the ... **NAACP** ... will be having an ... **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** ... Saturday ... **DECEMBER 12TH** ... and invites everyone to come out ... and be a part ... Will be held at ... Parkway Neighborhood Center ... 405 North Quirt ...

OMEGAS HAVING A "BASH"!! THIS N THAT ... would like to say ... **CONGRATS** ... to the ... **MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI** ... for their upcoming ... **BASH** ... which will be held ... **DECEMBER 31, 1987** ... at Days Inn ... Only \$10.00 per person ... Come on out ... and be part of this effort ...

Bethel Fellowship

Hall Named For Late

Rev. A. W. Wilson

In celebrating the 70th Church Anniversary of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, where Rev. D. A. Smith is pastor, the Fellowship Hall will be named after Rev. A. W. Wilson who pastored Bethel for 27 years.

"We are just happy to dedicate this hall in honor of the late Rev. A. W. Wilson," said Rev. Smith.

This dedicatory service and others services will take place Sunday, December 13, 1987.

The public is invited to attend this affair as the members of Bethel thank God for bringing them this far, and letting the community know how much Bethel appreciates being a part of Lubbock.

"We are hoping all our many friends of the various churches and community will come and be with us.

According to Rev. Smith, a bus load of members of the St. Luke AME Church of Midland, Texas will be present.

For more info ... contact ... **EARL ELLIOTT** ... who is working hard for this effort ...

NAMING IT AFTER REV. A. W. WILSON!! THIS N THAT ... has learned that the fellowship hall at ... **BETHEL AME CHURCH** ... will be named after ... the late ... **REV. A. W. WILSON** ... who pastored that church for ... 27 years ... This is good to see ... and say good work ... **BETHEL MEMBERS & PASTOR SMITH** ... This will take place ... Sunday afternoon ... December 13, 1987 ... Be there ... and be a part ... You know ... **REV. WILSON** ... would have agreed with what is taking place as ... **BETHEL CELEBRATES** ... its ... **70TH YEAR!!**

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

Another great day in the Lord has been so beautifully worshipped at Galilee. Pastor Gentry brought a message of deliverance last Sunday from the Book of Isaiah 1:7-11, from where he gathered the thought, "Standing On The Promise of God." May the continuously bless Galilee.

Sunday evening was Mission day in which the Senior Mission served

their hour well. President L. Fullbright and her staff represented their theme: "The Christ Has Come," with such a wonderful spirit until everyone wanted to share in the service. We thank God for such a day.

On the 28th of December, the Youth Department and Junior Mission will be having a Christmas

On the 20th of December, the Youth Department and Junior Mission will be having a Christmas program to worship the great "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

Praying for a wonderful time in the Lord. Our prayers reach out for the problems of the world. Sister Laverren Fullbright, reporter.

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Kick Returns

During my years in the National Football League I ran back kick-offs and punts as well as starting in the backfield for the Chicago Bears.

It's rare today to see a starting player running back kicks. The coaches may feel that a particular player might get injured while playing on special teams. Back then my coach just saw it as another opportunity for me to get my hands on the ball.

When the coach said, "I want you to run back kicks," you did it. The players felt differently about their jobs, and it was a job.

Today's players often tell the coach what they will and will not do. And frankly, many of them are afraid to run back kickoffs or punts.

I loved playing on the special teams. I wasn't worried about getting hit because I could see all the people in front of me. In running from scrimmage, you can get hit from the back or the side. On returns, they are coming straight at you.

The way I ran with a lot of moves, tacklers got an arm or a jersey or pushed me out of bounds; I was always doing things to keep opponents off balance. The collisions were not any more violent than a normal running play.

I'll admit there was one time in my rookie year when a Detroit player clothes-lined me, which was legal back then. I didn't fumble but I jumped up and started running to the wrong bench. My teammates had to catch me and turn me around.

Watching football today, I have trouble understanding why kick-off and punt returns aren't more successful. The rules have been changed to make it a great deal easier for the return team. Kickoffs are from the 35 yard line instead of the 40. On punt returns, only two defenders can take off immediately at the snap of the ball. It used to be that all 11 defenders charged down the field at once. An old coach of mine in grade school used to tell me that a good back should beat one man 100 percent of the time and two defenders 75 percent of the time.

Teams might not be spending enough time on returns in practice. You have to be able to do it in practice if you expect to do it in the game. If they really worked on it, I think fans would see a lot more touchdowns scored on returns. **■**

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

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Where's The Fun In Jogging?

By Bert Randolph Sugar
PM Editorial Services

Just in case you haven't noticed, the highways and byways of America are being overrun, literally, by joggers—most of whom look, from the rear, as if they're waving good-bye without using their hands.

And now my wife, whose idea of exercise is shopping faster, wants me to keep pace with the running fad. Just last week, as I was doing my daily calisthenics with the TV remote control, she came in and announced that I had to do something "for the good of my health." "Health," I said aloud, "isn't that something everyone is always drinking to before they fall down?" "Very funny," said She-Who-Must-be-Heard-Out, and hurried on to tell me that "the best thing" would be for me to "lose weight, quit drinking and take up jogging." Taking the tact of all husbands everywhere, I told her, "Honey, you know I don't deserve the best; what's second best?"

For someone who is at an age when he's not worried about being in shape, just thankful he still has one, to be told that jogging is good for you is somewhat akin to being told that Joan of Arc is Noah's wife.

To me, jogging is not an exercise, it's a designer sport. Everywhere one looks, young people can be seen running. All so obscenely thin that they look as if they work in an olive fac-

tory dragging pimento through. And all proudly prancing around in their official badges of courage. There are "official" sweatbands, sweat socks, shirts, shorts, shoes, etc., etc., all costing top dollar. Great! Just what I need, \$180 worth of officially-sanctioned equipment, all of which looks like expensive underwear, merely to run down to the corner mailbox.

And have you ever seen a jogger smile? What is it about their exercise-hyphen-sport that takes all the fun out of it? Is it because they're counting the number of steps 'til they get back home, thinking, as I do, that this is an exercise in futility.

You can't jog in a small town. Bobby Rowan of Enigma, Georgia says he tried jogging but everyone stopped him to offer a lift to wherever he was hurrying.

There's the joke, size standard seven, about the husband who doesn't think he's getting the most out of his home life and goes to a doctor for advice. The doctor, adopting the latest fad in lieu of a normal "take two aspirins and call me in the morning," prescribes jogging, 10 miles a day and for the patient to call him in a week. One week later, as suggested, the husband called. "How is everything at home?" asked the doctor. "How in the dickens would I know?" said the husband. "I'm 70 miles from home." That's jogging. As for me, give me

sleep-walking. It allows you to both rest and exercise at the same time. Like Calvin Coolidge, "I do not choose to run." **■**

Sportswriter Bert Randolph Sugar is the author of over 20 books on baseball, football and boxing.

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Jesus Is Coming Again

Two zealous acolytes, Zarrieus Patterson and Michael Rollison, were performing their duty. Zarrieus lit one of the candles on the Advent Wreath. As this candle becomes alive, I wondered how many present were aware of God's gracious gift of promise and hope.

God has entered human history, partaken of our suffering, died on a crude cross, rose from the dead and is now sitting on the right hand of God. But he is returning to earth again. I do not know when he is coming, where he is coming or how he is coming, but he will return. We are saying with Paul to Titus that we are still looking: "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearance of the great God, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). We know that the future belongs to God we are walking by faith and praising God for the things that we do not know. We glory in the past but we dream of coming glories. Jesus our Lord, is coming again!

We Thank God For Jesus

"Lord, I'm Accused of Loving You! I'm Guilty"
Part 2

Exodus 20:3-4 -- The Lord said, thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Lord, even when I was raised in a Christian home, but went out in the world of sin, when I got grown.

I was brainwashed: "With We Shall Overcome and I'm Black & Proud. The devil told me I was "FREE At Last, & I Said It Out Loud."

Proverbs 16:18 -- Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Lord, I wasn't free from sin; and many times I did face death, and Lord, I know now it was "Grace"! And I have not seen death yet."

"In 1961 a man pulled a shotgun on me! *** But Grace was there and I'm alive and well."

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"In 1979 a man pulled a shotgun on me! *** But Grace was there and I'm alive and well."

Proverbs 3:11-13 -- My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

***** God loved me; while satan was trying to kill me. He loved me first! *****

(Lord, I heard: "I Have a Dream! And mine I can't bare," there's so much "hate" around me, it's just like a nightmare.

Deuteronomy 13:3-5a -- The Lord said, thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and will all your soul. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord.

Lord, the devil had me down, and telling me how to get up, and be high. He told me about "Lite Beer", Pills, Marijuana, Cigarettes, and it's all a lie."

Hosea 4:6a -- The Lord said, my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Job 2:28 -- The Lord said, it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

Lord, I thank you for coming into my life one day, Like the prodigal son, "You cleaned me up and washed all my sins away."

John 3:16 -- Jesus said, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him (Jesus) should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"Amazing Grace; that saved a wretch like me, He looked beyond my faults and saw my needs!"

Luke 22:32a -- Jesus said, when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

God is not through with us yet. Let's pray for one another.

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The annual Yule Bus Trip, hosted by Rodgers Community Center, is scheduled for Friday, December 11 at 7

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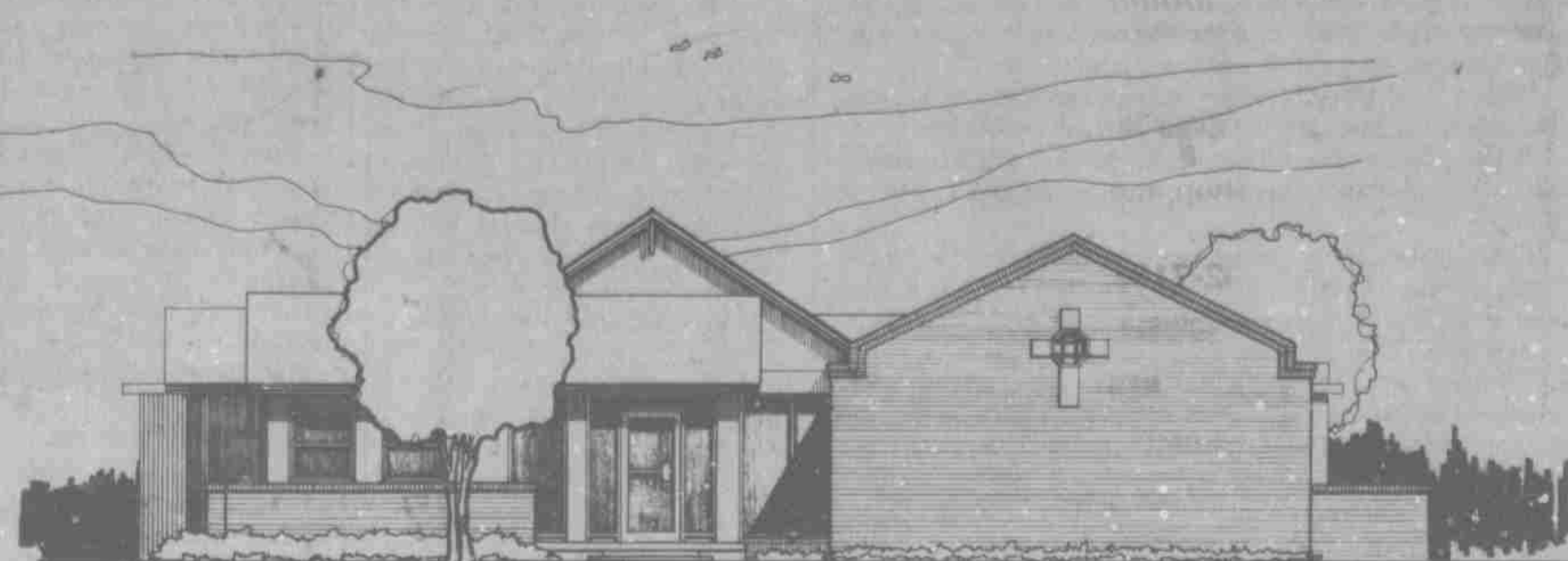
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THE SIN OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

Every Christian should be able to visualize the place where their soul was brought from which is the pit of HELL and we should be able to visualize the crucifixion of Christ. Do you see the angry priests, the weeping women, and the apostle John? Can you distinguish the sneering thief from the repentant thief? Do you see the nails, the blood and the roughness of those stakes that nailed him to the cross? Please read again Matthew 27:26-50 of the account of the crucifixion. Meditate over it and weep over it!

If your visualization is accurate you will see several soldiers near the foot of the Cross. Perhaps they are on their knees as though in prayer. But look closely. They are not praying! Those thieving and murdering mercenaries are casting lots; wagering and gambling over which of their bloody hands will be privileged to carry the seamless robe of Jesus away that night. See Matthew 27:35.

Those gamblers are the epitome of evil, while on the Cross the Incarnation of righteousness. Can you imagine those two reversed? Can you picture Jesus on His knees gambling over the property of another that He Himself has died for to save and forgive their sin?

My friend, gambling is contrary to the principles of Christ and The Word Of God the Bible. It does not belong in the heart of any Godly Christian.

THE HISTORY OF GAMBLING

Wagering is almost as old as the hills. For many hundreds of years before the first coin was minted, men found other things to gamble with. Archeologists have found painted pebbles resembling dice which go back to the days of the Stone Age. Anthropologists tell us that gambling has its roots in the worship of primitive gods. In fact the Hindus until recently worshipped Krishna by gambling and often losing all that they possessed. This tie with idolatry ought to be enough to keep God's people away from the evil vice of gambling.

With the advancement of knowledge and technology, gambling has advanced as well. Not so often do we hear about betting on which oyster will open first or on what day the first freeze will come or the first snow will fall. Now we enlightened people bet on football games and dog races. For many years horse racing was called the sport of kings while dice and cards belonged to the serfs and beggars, but today all of us have access to whatever gambling we want, from the back alley "crap" game and the sleazy bookie joint, to the plush casinos of Reno; Las Vegas; Atlantic City and Monte Carlo. Not only do we have access but multitudes go. Public opinion polls reveal that two-thirds of all adults bet at least once a year and 80% see nothing wrong with it.

Dr. Igor Kusyszyr of York University has said, "We are pluck in the middle of a pleasure explosion. People are searching for kicks and a good time. They want to experience new and pleasurable sensations... Gambling will pleasurably take people out of reality, suspend them at a comfortable level of arousal and allow them to test their power of decision-making. Gambling also allows the individual to be a leading actor-a hero in a dream of their own making." Perhaps Dr. Kusyszyr has pinpointed the reason for our rapid descent into gambling dens.

THE WASTE OF GAMBLING

A 1962 Atlantic Monthly article said, "Gamblers look upon it simply as taking a chance." But they are taking a chance which our State and it's economy cannot afford. They are pouring dimes and dollars day by day into a vast stream of cash which most illegal underworld activities. Here in the good old U.S.A. yes, sir! even in Texas.

Some argue that legalized gambling ends the illegal gambling. Actually, studies in the United States indicate that states where gambling is legal also have the highest amount of illegal gambling. The U.S. Justice Department's Organized Crime Section says, "Legal gambling creates a whole new (gambling) market, but the effort on illegal is negligible." Illegal bookmakers are still popular, because they offer better odds than state-run operations, and the winners are completely tax-free.

THE POPULARITY OF GAMBLING

Gambling has never been so popular! Never has such a large percentage of our population been so addicted to it. Never have governments been so pleased that their children are so mesmerized.

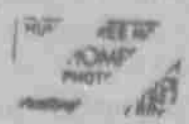
The Greeks claimed that gambling was detrimental to the state; today we use it to support the state. The Egyptians used to call it effeminate, because it turned working men into lazy louts; today the welfare leech often cashes his check at the race track. In Tullian denied that dice players could be Christians; today churches head the betting parade and make fortunes off the weaknesses of betting fools. England

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at 9 a. m. last Saturday in the beautiful home of Sister Althea Sheffield. We thank God for His word. President Christine Burleson was in charge of the meeting. Opening devotion scripture was Psalm 9. Prayer was offered by Sister Dorothy Nash and Sister A. W. Wilson. Short remarks were given by Sister Burleson. Plans were made for the annual Christmas project.

Morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Dorothy Hood. Her scriptures were Mark 11:13-26; Hebrews 11:1. Her subject was "Faith That Works."

"And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came. If hopefully he might find anything thereon, and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs were not yet. (14) And Jesus answered and said unto it, no man eat fruit of tree here after forever. And his disciples heard it."

For the same reason he cursed the fig tree, he also want it to be done in the House of Prayer, and that is be fruitful. You see when Jesus speaks, faith is the results and it is instant. When he cursed that fig tree, the disciples heard it, but did not see the results. But the next day when they say the fig tree, the results were visible. It was dried up from the root. When we speak to a problem out of faith, the problem is solved from the root out, not outside in. Hebrews 11:1 -- Now faith is the results of things hoped for, evidence of things you can't see. Mark 11:22 -- Have faith in God. Have the God kind of faith and you can be a mountain mover. Where money rules there is no bearing of fruit. If we would put more emphasis on being fruitful, Christians, and not money changers only, we would see faith that works in

our homes, churches, in the pulpit, in the community, in our children, through the dope addicts, the drunkard, the backslider, pretender. You can have whatever you say in prayer with faith. Mark 11:5 -- What have you done to your neighbor? Forgive, forgive, forgive, and let's begin to move some mountains all over this city and beyond. We have the authority to use the name of Jesus in doing so. I love to say in the name of Jesus!!

Thought of the Week: "The Church and government are not in conflict as long as they are working for the good of all mankind." Think about it!

Breakfast was served nice and hot. Sister Sheffield is a good cook. We want to give her the credit. Come one, come all!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will have a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. Come by and bring your family and friends. This will be the last breakfast for the year of 1987. This will take place at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, where Rev. Tom Collins is the proud pastor.

We will spend the remainder of the year making plans to share with those who are less fortunate. If you haven't done this before, why not try it this year. Buy a gift for someone in need.

Closing prayer was offered by Sister Annie M. Johnson.

Write to us, Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Or even call us at 762-3347.

We are walking by faith and not by sight.

If you are ill today in your body, you're doubtless thinking of a healing for your body. Well, you should. God is speaking now to you of being in health, a state of

health -- body, soul, mind and circumstances. Move toward total health in your thinking, praying, believing, giving God thanks for every bit of health you have, and expecting God to grant you continuing and increasing health. 3rd John 1:2 -- "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

You can touch God for the healing of your total being. You can do it. God wants you to have it.

Thank you for your word, Lord. It's healing for our bodies. In your name, we speak forth your healing power in the lives of many, in the name of Jesus, we pray. AMEN.

Sister Christine Burleson, president; Sister Ruby Henderson, vice president;

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once outlawed gambling entirely because wise officials could see what a terrible effect it was having on the people. Today England is one of the worst countries in the world for gambling debts.

One has said, "Swindling; forgery; theft--every crime that extreme necessity and outright desperation can suggest to a person who has lost all the moral ties--follows in the train of gambling."

John Cotton said that gambling was "a witching disease that makes some scratch their heads, while others, as if bitten by a tarantula, are laughing themselves to death."

U.S. President George Washington said of gambling, "This is a vice which is productive of every possible evil, equally injurious to the morals and health of its votaries. It is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief. It has been the ruin of many worthy families, the loss of many a man's honour, and the cause of suicide. To all those who enter the lists, it's usually fascinating. The successful gambler pushes his good fortune, till it is overtaken by a reverse. The losing gambler, in hopes of retrieving past misfortunes, goes on from bad to worse, till grown desperate, he pushes at everything and loses his all. In a word, few gain by this abominable practice, while thousands are injured."

A former Supreme Court Justice accurately noted that "gambling" is a general evil. It leads to vicious inclinations, the destruction of morals, abandonment of industry and honest employment, and a loss of self-control and respect...."

YOU CAN'T WIN AT GAMBLING

Despite all the warnings of wise and good men, billions of dollars are wagered annually. How much of all this wealth is returned to the average foolish bettor through winnings? Ask Ernest Blanche, author of "You Can't Win". Mr. Blanche studied 256 horse races. If he had bet on the favorite horse in every race to win, he would have lost his shirt. If he bet the favorite to show, he would have lost even more, and if his money went to the favorite simply to place, he still would have lost money.

The Irish Sweepstakes is perhaps the best known lottery. Did you know that only 40% of the proceeds go towards prizes, and that the chance of winning is 1/305,000? The reason why we see more and more of these lotteries is because there is no way that the sponsor can lose. The largest Canadian lotteries turn over a meager profit of 20% only because millions of dollars are spent on advertising each year. Even lowly bingos make a 50% profit for the accursed organizations which sponsor them.

Christian, if you know of someone who has broken even over a long period of time with lottery tickets, raffles, horses, football pools, or any other kind of gambling, you have found a rare individual. If for no other reason but the soundness of Christian stewardship, no saint of God ought to gamble.

THE DANGER OF GAMBLING

Earlier this year one prominent church leader spoke in general terms on the evils of gambling and then tried desperately (hypocritically) to defend his church's long time association with bingos. He said that there is a sharp distinction between gambling as a relatively harmless diversion and gambling with the specific aim of "making money fast through chance...."

I fail to see his point. 95% of bingo players play for the money they can win, and more. Someone should ask this gentleman if he also advocates an occasional visit to the pornography shop for recreational purposes. Why not shoot a little "speed" or give your two year old son or daughter a shot of bourbon every other day? Just as it's a fact that the disco leads many into immorality, it's a fact that gambling on a small scale leads many to gambling on a big scale. Ask the local members of Gambler's Anonymous--it's a sin and habit which always begins small. Every saint should oppose the desires of professional gamblers to expose the young to the "pleasures" of gambling, and while they're at it they should fight off-track betting for the same reason.

CHRISTIAN, DON'T GAMBLE!

Why shouldn't the Christian gamble? Because it has the same relationship to theft that dueling has to murder. It used to be legal for two fools to kill each other with pistols or swords, yet at the same time it was murder for one man to do it to an unarmed opponent. Gambling is a legal theft. When will wise governments see that, like dueling, gambling is detrimental to society?

It is morally wrong because it is an attempt to get something for nearly nothing. It leads men to get that for which they did not work. It destroys initiative and creates laziness. It is completely contrary to God's Word the Bible.

And when will someone see that government sponsored gambling, lotteries and horse races, are really a regressive tax on people who, many times, can't afford to pay any more? Many of the poorest citizens spend hundreds of dollars gambling that ends up with the government, yet if these poor people were taxed directly there would be a cry for revolution. Why can't people see that this is nothing but a tax on idocy and foolishness? It's the opposite of income tax, it's an out-go tax.

There is only one good way to open a lottery punch, and that's with dynamite. There is only one good throw of the dice, and that's to throw them away. There's only one way to cut a deck of cards, and it's with a pair of scissors.

The Christian gamblers are financing sinners, hurting their families, perhaps destroying their marriages, ruining their testimony and shaming their Saviour. They are displaying to the world that their hearts are in earthly rather than in Heavenly treasures. They are not permitting the Lord to have His way with their lives and future, but in a round about way they are asking the Devil to be their guide and benefactor.

I have never yet met a Christian gambler who also was consistent in their tithing to God. Gambling and the withholding of God's tithe are cousins in the theft family. God's Word says in the book of Malachi chapter 3 and verses 8 and 9 "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

Whether it is hatching for a coke or the coffee, a football pool, a vice game, a lottery ticket, a pool game or the casinos, it all has the same principle and leads to the same end.

CONCLUSION

Reader, if you are not saved from your sin and addiction to gambling or anything else, let me point you to the ANSWER. Jesus Christ died on the Cross at Calvary to redeem souls from the bondage of sin in every form. He is the Saviour and only one who can deliver you from your lusts and even yourself. If you will just repent and turn from your sins and turn to Him only for salvation and forgiveness from your sin. If the Lord has convicted your heart about these things, then admit your helplessness and sinfulness, and turning from them, putting your faith in the sacrifice of Christ. Jesus says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24). God's Word also says in Romans 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." And in verse 13 of this same chapter "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Jesus also said "I tell you, Nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3 and 5). Romans 6:23 says "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." I urge you to confess your sin and turn to Him.

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