

LPD Beefs Up Patrol With 33 New Officers

Increased manpower in crime prevention and investigation programs as well as more patrol officers on the beats are now in place since 33 new police officers have completed field training.

In a recent news conference, Capt. Tom Martin said the new officers, the largest rookie class ever to graduate from the Lubbock Police Academy, are filling vacancies, replacing officers assigned to the special Overton detail and additional positions authorized by the City Council last year.

"During the first full month our rookies were on individual assignment, we had better beat coverage than we have had in years," Martin said.

"During our 3 to 11 evening shift in October, there were 53 more staffed shifts than a year ago. On the late-night flex shift, there were 37 more staffed shifts in October than a year ago.

These are the times of day with the most police activity. As a result, patrol officers are better able to respond to citizen calls.

Martin noted that a year ago officers working the evening and flex shifts were answering 6.6 and 7.7 calls per officer per shift. "Since we have refilled our ranks, this dropped to 3.49 and 5.64 calls per officer per shift during October," Martin

said.

The boost in manpower is felt in other ways.

Ed Taylor and Charlie Smith have been assigned to the newly created pawn shop detail. It is their job to trace all pawned merchandise and see if it matches items reported stolen in recent thefts and burglaries.

Ray Martinez has been added to the detective division. This increases the number of investigators in the crimes against persons unit to eight.

Porfirio DeLeon has become the fourth officer in the crime prevention unit. He will concentrate on providing follow up support in residential areas where Neighborhood Watch groups have been formed.

And there are now eight special duty officers assigned to the Overton area, the square mile between Texas Tech and Downtown Lubbock. The two day-time beats and two night beats are in addition to the regular 24-hour beat that has the highest number of reported crimes of any beat in the city.

"The increase in manpower is a step forward in making Lubbock a safer place for us all," Martin said. "But it is a small step compared to what citizens can do.

"We rely on the cooperation of citizens who report

suspicious persons and who provide information that can lead to the arrest of those who would threaten our lives and property. By working together, we can continue to reduce the crime rate in Lubbock."

Youth Day Set For MLK Effort

The Martin Luther King Celebration Committee will present its Second Annual Youth Day January 16, 1988.

All elementary, junior high and high school students as well as college students are asked to participate.

Youth are invited to participate in choirs, dramas, speeches and skits.

There will be prizes, awards and recognition.

For more information, contact Thelma Brown, 766-1747 or Bert McWilliams, 762-6411, ext. 2281.

First practice was held Wednesday, December 9, 1987 at Dunbar High School at 7 p. m.

Sixth Grade String Students Will Perform

Saturday, December 12th, over 500 sixth grade string students will represent LISD's forty elementary schools at the 6th Annual City-Wide String Concert to be held in the Coronado Gym at 12-noon.

Dr. Velma Ruth Shambrock, assistant superintendent for elementary education, will present the welcoming remarks, with Coronado orchestra director Boyce Wyrick serving as concert coordinator. Judy Woody, former LISD string instructor, will be the concert's guest clinician/conductor.

The public is invited to attend, with admission free.

1938, Grimes retired in July after serving 34 years in the Lubbock school system, including a 25-year stint as principal of J. T. Hutchinson Magnet Junior High School.

The 61-year-old graduate of Lubbock High School received a business degree from Texas Tech University in 1953 and later earned a master's degree in education from Tech.

Grimes served on active duty in the U. S. Navy during World War II and in the Korean conflict. He amassed 42 years of active and reserve service, advancing through all of the enlisted ranks and two warrant ranks before retiring as a captain in 1966.

A life member of the National Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association and Texas Parent Teachers Association, Grimes also served eight years on the Lubbock Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Roy T. Grimes

Roy T. Grimes, retired principal and veteran educator, has announced his candidacy for the Lubbock Independent School District (LISD) board of trustees at-large post in the May 7 primary.

A Lubbock resident since

Bethel Fellowship Hall Named For Late Rev. A. W. Wilson

In the celebration of the 67th Church Anniversary of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, the Fellowship Hall will be named in honor of the late Rev. A. W. Wilson, who pastored this church for 27 years.

A pastor and concerned community leader, Rev. Wilson was a part of the growth of Bethel. He was the first Black in Lubbock to seek the position of City Councilman in 1963.

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

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

During the day, other services will include various reports from various committees as well as a Bethel Family Dinner immediately after services.

Special guest for the day will be Rev. S. V. Ferguson and members of St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church of Midland, Texas.

The public is invited to attend this day long services as 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



Rev. A. W. Wilson
Pastor of Bethel for 27 Years

many friends and pastors of our many sister churches of Lubbock will come and be with us," said Rev. Smith.

All auxiliaries of Bethel are part of the planning of this special anniversary.

Rev. Wilson was called

"Father" of the Northwest Conference of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church by his fellow peers in the ministry.

Rev. I. C. Cooper is presiding elder.

Can Bishop College Survive?

by
Trina Darden

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This series is written by Trina Darden, a graduating senior at North Texas State University, Denton, Texas.)

Higher education for blacks is in serious danger as predominantly black schools face shutdowns, takeovers and bankruptcy. This danger is especially obvious at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, where a 106 year old institution is about to fail.

Facing lawsuits from several creditors and other

financial pressures, Bishop College filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in April of this year to protect assets while it tries to rebuild financially.

This turn of events is only the latest in a series of hardships that has knocked the once prominent institution to its knees. Beginning in the late 1970s, Bishop received one blow after another, each weakening the future of the institution.

In November of 1977, the United States Department of Education withheld funding from the college until officials could account for \$1.7 million in federal money. This funding was not resumed until August of 1978.

In August of 1978, three former Bishop College employees were convicted of embezzling student loans for their personal use.

Mismanagement of funds and poor administration continued into the 1980s. In 1985, the college was placed on probation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for failing to meet accreditation standards.

By 1986, the problems that Bishop had previously faced would seem small. After continuous financial battles, several important members of the school's Board of Trustees resigned. By September, all of the board's

white members had left. The businessmen refused to stay due to the circumstances surrounding the current status of the school. These resignations cut the last link between the business community and the black school.

In September of 1986, the Internal Revenue Service filed \$1.5 million liens against the college for failure to pay income taxes. Several businessmen and religious leaders proposed a plan to buy out the school. However, board officials opposed the proposal.

In December of 1986, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reviewed Bishop, who was already on probation, and completely removed its accreditation. Degrees obtained from the school were no longer recognized nationally and credits earned would no longer be accepted when transferred to an accredited school. The loss of accreditation caused Bishop to be dropped from the United Negro College Fund Program. The program gave the school \$500,000 in funds the previous year. Bishop was the first college ever dropped from the program.

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Announces For LISD Board



Dr. Jim Goss

Texas Tech University Professor, Dr. Jim Goss has announced his candidacy for the Lubbock Independent School District (LISD) Board of Trustees at-large position.

Dr. Goss, 53, has twenty-five years experience as a professional educator. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and Master's and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago. He has taught at the University of California, Los Angeles; Washington State University, and Indiana University.

He came to Texas Tech University as Chairman of

RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Services at the New Hope Baptist Church were really good last Sunday. New Hope is the Church where the people really care.

Sunday School began at 9:30 a. m. with Supt. Swain at his post of duty.

Morning worship began at 10:30 a. m. Radio announcer was done by Mrs. Frances, while Ms. Anita Henry gave the church news.

Our pastor, Rev. S. C. Nash, preached from II Corinthians 9:15. His

subject was "The Unspeakable Gifts."

The B. M. E. Board will meet in Dallas, Texas December 9-10, 1987 at the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.

Members of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will be celebrating their pastor and wife's anniversary -- Rev. & Mrs. J. H. Ford. The New Hope Choir is asked to attend and be responsible for selections.

The New Hope Baptist Church Family would like to send out some grand congratulations to Sister Hattie Gipson. She was awarded and recognized for her achievements as an educator and principal in the Lubbock Independent School District system. This writer, says congratulations, Mrs. Hattie Gipson!!

News come to Lubbock that Mrs. Ohelene Wright, formerly of Lubbock and now a resident in Denver, Colorado, is very ill at this report.

Mrs. Ona Lee Holiday lost her father. Our prayers go out to her, and other bereaved families. Among them are the Phillip Gant and John Stewart Evans families. Look to God, because He is able.

Don't forget that the Southwest Digest will make a good Christmas gift. Let this writer hear from you, if you would like to subscribe for a friend or relative who lives away from Lubbock.

NEWS

Our Greatest Humorist

November 30 is the anniversary of the birth of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain. Twain, the acclaimed American author of such novels as *Tom Sawyer*, *Huckleberry Finn* and *The Prince and the Pauper*, was born in Florida, Missouri in 1835.

In his day, Twain was famous for his humor. Today's literary experts say he was more than a humorist. Many rank him as the greatest writer born in America.

"I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835," said Twain. "It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it." He did, in fact, die in Redding, Conn. on April 21, 1910, just one day after Halley's Comet passed closest to the sun. **ll**

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ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

LOUISE MARIE COLEMAN, 2640 East Baylor Avenue, reported to Lubbock police this week that she and her daughter were home when two unknown persons came up to their front door.

One of the persons rang the door bell. No one answered the ring, and he rang it again. Still no answer, so he decided to kick the door several times.

Since the door didn't budge, they headed off in an east direction.

After the kicking the door, they caused \$70 worth of damage to the Coleman's residence.

This happened to LOUISE MARIE COLEMAN this week, and it could happen to someone else next week. Be extremely careful when you open the door to see who is coming to visit you. It just may not be Saint Nick!!

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

SHARON LAVAE WRIGHT, 5310 Aberdeen, Apt. No. 307, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown came up to her car while it was parked outside her apartment last weekend and dashed a can of red spray paint on the car. Damage to the car is \$1,500.

VEHICLE BURGLARY

SHARON P. BUNTON, 1808 East 24th Street, reported to Lubbock police that while her car was parked in her driveway last week, someone unknown came up and took a stereo from her dash.

She told police that the car was locked, but when she came outside to get into the car, doors were unlocked.

Value of the stereo was \$375.

She did not give anyone permission to take her stereo.

THEFT

SHAGONA REGAIL BARSON, 3304 East Bates Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that two visitors came to her residence for a visit last week.

While there, the pair went into her bedroom and took

three jogging suits. Value of the jogging suits were \$60.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

ROYCE LEE WELLINGTON, 3305 East 17th Street; GLEN FEZELL, JR., 1022 David Street, and DEON TYRONE MAXWELL, 2726 East 8th Street, reported to Lubbock police they were minding their own business early Sunday morning (shortly after midnight) playing dominoes when a man came into the house they were playing at 1003 David Avenue. The man, according to the police report, was wearing a white handkerchief around his mouth.

The man asked them if they wanted to play for money. The men playing said, sure! And when they said that, the masked man said: "Let me go get my friend."

He stepped outside to get his friend, but came back waving a .22 caliber rusty black pistol and began

shooting it in the floor. The man who came back with him also had a white handkerchief around his mouth, who told the men to give him their money or he would kill them with his knife.

The men who were playing dominoes quickly ran their hands in their pockets and came up with \$38.

The masked men took the \$38 and immediately left.

HOUSE BURGLARY

PHILLIP GANT, 1832 East 1st Place, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown broke into his residence and caused his residential alarm to go down.

GANT told police that he found the front door to his

residence standing open when he arrived.

Taken from the residence were a microwave oven, valued at \$375; brass horse, valued at \$175; brass deer, valued at \$80; and old fashion English telephone, valued at \$50.

Damage to his house was \$60.

A neighbor told police that he saw a man around the Gant home, and several more across the street from the house. He believes they were the same ones he had seen earlier in the neighborhood.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

TIMOTHY DARRELL HERFORD, 2712 East Colegate Avenue, reported

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall last Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. This was a Pancake Breakfast Fellowship. You are the nicest people -- the people of Lubbock. We love you'll everyone.

Sister Mary Ward welcomed our visitors, and this welcome stands to all mankind. You are welcome anytime to meet with us, pray with us, for us and to help the prayer needs of anyone who needs it. Rev. Poke was the speaker for the morning. His subject was: "Clear Vision for 1988." His scripture was Mark 8:22-25.

"And he cometh to Bethsaida, and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. (24) "And he looked up; and said, I see men as trees walking.

(25) "After that, he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

(26) "And he sent him away to his house, saying, neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town."

This preacher asked: "Why did Jesus touch him twice? He could have just touched him once and did the perfect job. We need a clear vision of God. If your vision is blurred, you are not at your best.

Rev. Poke is a young minister who has a real message for Lubbock. We love, Rev. Poke.

Rev. Tom Collins, pastor

Police Beat

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to Lubbock police that he was in a parking lot of a local club when he had a problem.

He told police that a friend was refusing to leave and was arguing with the bouncer of the club. HERFORD told police that he stepped in and was trying

of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, offered the morning prayer.

Thought for the week: "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed." Think about it.

The chef was our very own president. This woman has many years of experience cooking for the public. She did a great job last Saturday. Thanks to President Burleson.

We will be collecting food items, candy and fruit for the needy families as always. If you would like to donate, just call or bring them by 2407 East 9th Street. Or call: 762-3347. We will pick them up. Thanks very much, Lubbock!

Prayer Tower Memorial Building Fund: Doris Jean Smith, \$100.00; Mrs. O. D. Hollins, \$5.00; and Mrs. Elnora Jones, \$5.00.

Thank you very much for your gift. We are walking by faith and not by sight.

Closing prayer was contributed by Rev. Larry Brooks.

Our guest list included: Rev. Tony Williams and wife, Rev. Tom Collins and family, Rev. J. V. Harris, Rev. Poke, Rev. Larry Brooks, Sister Callie Howard, Sister Elnora Dyer, Sister Sherrell Snell and Sister Elnora Jones.

Write Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Read and thank about this scripture, all our sick and hurting: II Chronicles 7:14.

Sister Christine Burleson, president; Sister Ruby Henderson, vice president; Sister Annie Johnson, secretary; and Sister Dorothy Hood, reporter.

to get his friend to leave.

The bouncer, he claims, holds a grudge with his family, and hit him in the back of the head with his night stick.

HERFORD was taken to Lubbock General Hospital to have medical attention to the one inch cut caused by the night stick.

HERFORD told police that he wants to file charges.

THIS N THAT

MCWILLIAMS WOULD DO GREAT JOB!! THIS N THAT ... in talking to the many ... CONCERNED CITIZENS ... about the welfare of their ... YOUNG KIDS ... who participate in games at the ... SOUTH PLAINS BRANCH LIONS CLUB BOYS CLUB ... who are saying that ... BERT MCWILLIAMS ... would do an outstanding job in working with these kids. Really ... after looking into the matter ... THIS N THAT ... is convinced that ... MCWILLIAMS ... would do an outstanding job ... and he is ... A BLACK MAN WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS BLACK COMMUNITY ... Let's hope ... STEPS WILL BE TAKEN ... to invite him for the job. Well ... not job ... BUT AN OPPORTUNITY ... to work with our kids. ... NETTIE LOU GADISON THE BARBERPERSON SAYS: "Let's ... DO A SPLENDID JOB ... in working together as ... CITIZENS ... as we approach this holiday season."

LPD HAS INCREASED IN NUMBER, BUT STILL NO BLACK OFFICERS!! THIS N THAT ... is wondering what is the problem ... THAT THERE ARE NEVER NO

BLACKS ... who are a part of the graduating class of the ... LUBBOCK POLICE ACADEMY ... Surely ... since the ... LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL ... is very sensitive about this area of employment ... there are some ... QUALIFIED BLACK PERSONS SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD ... who would qualify for this position as policeman or policewoman. ... THIS N THAT ... would also like to advise the ... BLACK COMMUNITY ... that they are needed also to let the ... LUBBOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT ... know that you want ... BLACK POLICE OFFICERS ... You can do that by ... FIRST FINDING SOME YOUNG BLACKS ... who can become officers ... and then keep track on their outcome ... THIS N THAT ... learned that there were at least ... SEVEN BLACKS ... who was in the last class of 33 who recently graduated ... and knowing some of those young fellows ... SOME OF THEM ... should have been in this class ... Anyway ... THE BLACK COMMUNITY ... needs some ... BLACK POLICE OFFICERS NOW!!

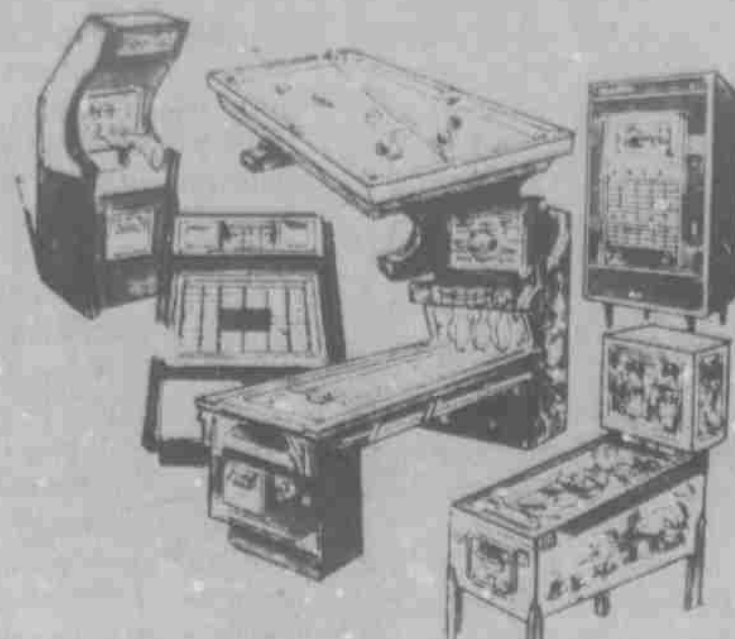
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It Needs To Be Said

by
The Mystery Writer

With the holidays rapidly approaching, many of you have your mind on buying gifts, cooking for relatives and friends and other activities closely related to Christmas. During this period, less not forget that there are those among us that are waiting and watching to make your holiday a very sad one. It is too bad these people are a part of our society, but like tornados, they are a part of our life that we must deal with.

The people I am referring to are those thieves that lay in wait for us to make a mistake. During the Christmas season, they are worst then ever because they are everywhere and more of them surface than normal. We must be ever mindful of that and let not our minds be totally on the joy and happiness this season will bring.

When shopping after work, don't forget it may be dark when you come out of the store. Many parking lots will be full and you may have to park some distance away from the entrance. If alone, it may be wise to ask another couple to escort you to your car. Another thing that makes you an easy mark for thieves is having your arms full with gifts and having to sit them on your car to open the door. In a blink of an eye, one or two packages can be gone. The best suggestion, shop in pairs, park in lighted areas and be alert to what and who is around you.

From the time you get your shopping money be alert for thieves. They, the thieves will be around the banks and other places where you cash checks. Have you ever paid any attention to how many people are in and around the check cashing window at Brooks? It is very easy for any one of them to see exactly how much money

you have. When shopping and paying the cashier, don't go through your money, someone may be watching and catch-up to you later. Think before leaving home and prepare your money so you will never have to expose all of it in public.

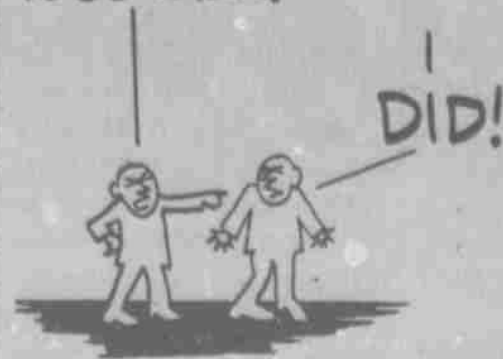
Senior citizens, you know you are prime victims. Shop with young people you know and trust. If you must shop alone, do it during the day light hours and carry your money somewhere other than that purse you carry in your hand. Remember, a thief will also take your gifts, don't overload yourself and hold tight to your purchases. Bus stops and riding on the bus tends to make you relax, you are not paying attention, but the thief is.

Well, you made your purchase at the mall, got in your car without being mugged, now to make one more brief stop, at the grocery store. Car doors are locked and you return 5 or 10 minutes later to find your purchases gone. Packages on the back seat of a locked car is like leaving the keys in the ignition, it's an invitation for a thief. In most cars, a thief can steal it in less than 15 to 30 seconds, believe me.

Don't make your house a catalog for thieves to shop from. Yes, that pretty tree sitting in the window is a beautiful sight, but it also is a clear view as to what you have inside that house. Most thieves do not want to run the risk of breaking into a house and don't come away with something worthwhile. Therefore, the less you allow them to see what you got, the less chance they will visit while you are away. Also, be leery of strangers that visit, even those that come with a friend of yours, they may visit again while you are away.

During this holiday, less
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WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE! FROM CAPITOL HILL

By Alfreda L. Madison

Secretary of Education Fails to Enforce Anti-Discrimination Laws

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) recently released an analysis of the deplorable status of Black participation in public higher education in five southern states—Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma and Virginia.

In 1983, the federal court in *Adams v. Bennett* required the Department of Education to obtain from these states a plan containing concrete measures which ensured that all goals of its 1978 desegregation plan have been met, no later than the 1983-86 school year. The Court required the Education Department to commence enforcement proceedings against any state by September 15, 1984 which had failed to achieve substantial progress in the 1983-84 school term.

It has been three years since the issuance of the plan and all five states have defaulted on most aspects of their plan. The states have failed to meet their desegregation and enhancement targets and goals, that they themselves planned, which were approved by the Civil Rights Office of the Education Department. As a result, in most cases Blacks are worse off than they were a decade ago.

The Education Department, in spite of the Court order, has refused to enforce the proceedings or even indicate the compliance status of these states. Being faced with Congressional oversight hearings last spring, the Office for Civil Rights issued a so-called Factual Report by inviting public comment.

Because of failure of the Education Department to discharge its responsibility under Title VI of the '64 Civil Rights Act and its refusal to carry out the Court order, coupled with the deplorable conditions of Blacks in higher education, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund is calling upon the Department of Education to act now.

Progress on bringing the traditional Black colleges, in a desegregated system to full and equal partnership, has been uneven. Norfolk State University and Florida A&M are doing much better than other Black institutions. However, overall the legacy of discrimination against Black institutions has not been rectified.

For instance, Virginia has defaulted on all aspects of its planned programs for raising the parity between Blacks and Whites in the education field. In the student aid funds, the average Black recipient is significantly less than that of the Whites. Virginia has even defaulted on mentoring its plans.

And Georgia has failed to achieve its desegregation goals in the eight years granted it by the Civil Rights Organization of the Department of Education. Georgia promised, in 1978, to improve the physical facilities at its Black colleges, improve academic programs and services offered to both students and faculty. The state promised to provide: \$15 million for construction at the three traditionally Black institutions by 1984, but as of 1985 only half of this amount had materialized. Twenty-one new enhancement programs at the Black schools, some substitutes were implemented, which have fared poorly in both funding and enrollment. The plan was to at least enroll 2100 students of all races, but fewer than 1000 have been enrolled, of whom only 176 were White. Georgia's performance in its desegregation goals have failed, and in many ways Black citizens are worse off at the plan's expiration than at its initiation. In spite of Georgia's poor performance, the Office of Education's Civil Rights Division report shows that the agency intends to disregard its violations of Title VII.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a traditionally Black institution, was promised enhancement programs and comparable resources and facilities to the traditionally White institutions. Programs at Pine Bluff were to have been strengthened, duplicative programs eliminated and increased White enrollment. These improvements have been minuscule and instead there has been a loss of White enrollment at Black schools.

Florida promised to enhance programs and physical facilities at Florida A&M University to make it comparable to the traditionally White institutions. While eleven new programs were added and many constructions completed, it remains far below the White institutions.

Oklahoma also has used trickery in attempting to meet its promised goal of desegregation at Langston University, the traditionally Black college by strengthening its subdivision at Tulsa, where it has become almost an entirely White school, but it has ignored its goals at Langston.

The LDF report criticizes the Federal Education Department for its failure to enforce the laws or even give any indication that it intends to do so. The report states, "The Secretary of Education has a legal duty to enforce Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Youth Services Set For Faith Deliverance

Come and join us and "Let the Children Praise Him." The Youth of Faith Deliverance Temple, 3224 Cornell Avenue, invite our many friends to church services Sunday, December 13, 1987—Youth Services.

Rev. Wendell Davis will be the speaker for the 11 a. m. services.

During the 3 p. m. services, Don C. Edwards of Waxahachie, Texas will be speaker. He is a member of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church where Rev. Mickey Gerald is pastor.

Brother Edwards is the State President of the Young Men For Christ Auxiliary of the General Baptist Convention of Texas.

Among his many other accomplishments while a resident of Lubbock were: he was very instrumental in organizing the Lubbock Chapter of the Young Men for Christ.

Rev. Eddie Brown and members are honored to have Mr. Don Edwards as their guest for Youth Day Services.

The public is invited to come and hear this dynamic speaker for the Lord.

7th Annual Women's Day Set Here

Christ Temple COGIC cordially invites the public to attend their 7th Annual Women's Services beginning Friday, December 11, 1987 at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

The theme will be: "More Precious Than Gold." Job 23:10; and 1 Peter 1:7.

Sub-topics will be spoken on by various speakers of the Women's Department of Christ Temple. The inspirational Choir, along with the Sunshine Band Choir, Adult and Junior Choir, will furnish the music for the services. Also other choirs of the city are invited.

Guest speaker on Sunday afternoon will be Missionary Hattie Scott of Scott Temple COGIC.

Mother Hazel Thompson, conductor, along with Mother Wilma James, co-conductor, and Pastor W. D. Haynes, trust you will attend these services and be blessed of the Lord.

LVNAT Will Meet

The Licensed Vocational Nurses, Division 18, will meet Monday, December 14, 1987 at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Nellie Salzman, 3011 2nd Place, who will be hostess.

The program theme will be "Advanced Credit Program for Licensed Vocational Nurses."

Speaker will be Helen Payne who will speak on nursing careers.

She is a counselor at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

All members are asked to bring a toy for the Toys For Tots program, and a can good for the South Plains Food Bank.

For additional information contact Marian Goode. 762-4668 or 765-5555.

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On Booker T. Washington

The early years of my life, which were spent in the little cabin, were not very different from those of thousands of

other slaves. My mother, of course, had little time in which to give attention to the training of her children during the day. She snatched a few moments for our care in the early morning before her work began, and at night after the day's work was done. One of my earliest recollections is that of my mother cooking a chicken late at night, and awakening her children for the purpose of feeding them. How or where she got it I do not know. I presume, however, it was procured from our owner's farm. Some people may call this theft. If such a thing were to happen now, I should condemn it as theft myself. But taking part at the time it did, and for the reason that it did, no one could ever make me believe that my mother was guilty of stealing. She was simply a victim of the system of slavery. I cannot remember having slept in a bed until after our family was declared free by the Emancipation Proclamation. Three children—John, my older brother, Anninda, my sister, and myself—had a pallet on the dirt floor or, to be more correct, we slept in and on a bundle of filthy rags laid upon the dirt floor.



The ancient Greeks used war dogs, one of which behaved so valiantly at Marathon that he was included in the picture of the battle.

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Jordan, Oakley & Pippen Kick Off Miller Lite/NBA All-Star Balloting

Joining (bottom photo) on

the ballot for this year's game Feb. 7 at Chicago

Stadium are teammates Charles Oakley, middle, and Scottie Pippen, right.



Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan (top photo) casts the first vote for himself in the Miller

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A Strong Father

There is a story told about a small boy who was trying to lift a rock into his little red wagon that he had received for Christmas. The small boy moaned and groaned, trying with all of his might to lift the rock, but to no avail. His father stood watching him. Finally the father called out, "Son, are you using all of your strength to lift that rock?"

After taking a deep breath, the boy replied, "Yes, father, but I just can't do it!"

"Are you sure you are using all of your strength?" the father asked again.

"Yes, father," replied the disheartened boy.

The father smiling said to his son, "No, my boy, you are not using all of your strength. You haven't asked me to help you!"

How many times have you been like the small boy. The stress of everyday living molds into a rock, burdening you down with a load that seems to be so heavy that you cannot carry it. How many times have your search for peace within a world that is filled with turmoil!

How sad it is that we like the little boy, often fail to realize that our Father is strong and He is waiting to help us, if we would only ask Him.

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"Lord, I'm Accused Of Loving You!! I'm Guilty"

Part III

Psalm 14:2 -- The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

Lord, I had my house built, but it was on sand. The gods were all dumb, like my leader man. (Cars, Money & Self)

Lord, I was thinking I was high & mighty, Black & Proud. I walked away from you, and said I shall over come out loud.

I found out that everyone had their rights, do what you wanna do. I saw them take "Prayer" out of school, now look at the "Fools."

Isaiah 56:10 -- The Lord said, his watchman are blind: They are all ignorant. They are dumb dogs. They cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Lord, I remember going 80 mph; getting ready to open a beer. Your voice said: "Don't open it!! My heart did fear. I saw myself laying in a field. Blood all over my face. I said that's me out there, I'm going to die today.

Lord, and when you breathed on me, ice cold feeling over me. "I prayed and repented and right then, "I came back to reality. (I slowed my ride to 50 mph. My foot on the gas pedal was shaking "Historical", and I began to pray. "Almighty God, please don't let me die today, because I know what kind of life I've been living, and if I die today; I'm going to hell, so God please, don't let me die.)

II Peter 6:9b -- The Lord is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Psalm 38:1, 4, 9, 15, 21 & 22 -- O'Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasing. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. All my desire is before thee: and my groaning is not hid from thee. For in thee, O'Lord, do I hope, thou wilt hear, O'Lord my God. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. Forsake me not, O'Lord, my God. Be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O'Lord. My salvation.

Lord, I know I was like the prodigal son, your spirit came unto me. "I'm now trusting in you Lord, you gave your son Jesus, I'm now free."

I was a slave to the devil; living in the world of sin. "I thank God for Jesus; I've been born again!!"

John 8:32 -- Jesus said, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free

Luke 13:24 -- Jesus said, strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

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

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By My Lord Jesus Christ

Written by Billy "B. J." Morrison, III
Your Brother in Christ Jesus Always!!

Appreciation Services Set For Butch Avery

The members of the First Progressive Baptist Church will hold a musical Saturday, December 12, 1987 at 7 p.m. It will be to help celebrate the First Appreciation Services for Brother Butch Avery, church musician.

The Lord has blessed him in so many way. We are so thankful to have him as the musician.

Also coordinating this event will be members of the Senior Choir.

Rev. Homer Avery is pastor; Sister Ruby Price, vice president of Senior Choir.

OBSEQUIES

Lester J. Brooks



Los Angeles, CA. -- Final rites were read for Lester Joseph Brooks, a nephew to several local residents, were held Saturday, November 14, 1987 at the Grant A. M. E. Church with Elder W. A. Smith officiating.

Mr. Brooks was born October 5, 1951. He was the first born to the union of Hubert and Jennie Brooks. On November 7, 1987, God called Lester to rest.

He accepted Christ at Zion Baptist Church in Compton, California. Lester was united in holy matrimony on November 8, 1986 to Cindy Rankin. He and his family resided in Compton.

Lester loved sports and his favorite was baseball. He was a person who was always there to help, anybody that needed him. Lester always did that which he thought was right according to God.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory: his mother and father, Hubert and Jennie Brooks; his wife, Cindy Brooks and an expected child; two sons, Martel and Davion; two daughters, Leslie and Traniel; two sisters, Deborah and Sonya; four brothers -- Mitchell, Hubert, Jr., Tyson and Ivan; and a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Two of his uncles, Billy Moore and Gunwright Moore, traveled to the funeral.

Longtime Resident

Succumbs Monday

A longtime resident, Robert Terry succumbed Monday night, December 7, 1987.

Services are pending at Adams Plains Funeral Home.

Mother of Brother

George Lewis Dies

Funeral services will be held for Mrs. Mollie Hunter, 87, Saturday morning.

December 12, 1987 at 11 a.m. at Ford Memorial G.O.G.I.C.

1602 Quirt Avenue, with Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

She was the mother of Brother George Lewis.

Adams Plains Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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CHRISTIAN CURSING

I. Introduction

We approach a delicate, yet important, subject to all the saints today and especially to those in the Lord's churches, that is: the matter of "Christian Cursing." The Christian of today thinks nothing of taking upon himself the ways and appearances of the world. In our society nearly every one professes belief in the Lord but few give evidence of repentant, converted hearts that is characteristic of all who are truly saved. An area that points out this pseudo-Christian trend is the utilization of the language of the world. To directly accuse professing people of using God's Holy name in vain as an outright, deliberate curse word would be an overstatement. Yet, many euphemisms for God are heard every day and often truly born-again saints are guilty.

A. What is a Euphemism?

Let me give Daniel Webster's report: "...to use good or auspicious word for an evil or inauspicious word..." - of good sound.

1. It is the use of a word or phrase that is less expressive or direct but considered less distasteful, less offensive, etc. than another.

2. A word or phrase so substituted. Thus, it is a form of cursing that replaces a direct curse word with a more acceptable word which in effect does the same thing.

B. The question must be asked of modern-day Christians: Do you ever use the name of the Lord in vain?

The word "vain" means "empty," "as nothing," or "lightly." When referring to the subject at hand, it applies to "false-swearing" or "light-swearing." These are words that have little meaning, or an empty purpose or something that is said lightly. Some will use the name of the Lord, yet, go on to defend their position by saying, "I didn't mean anything by it." Others make a defense by claiming that God knows our weakness and therefore will forgive us. However, premeditated sin in God's sight is inexcusable.

C. Are we responsible for our words?

What does the Scripture say in the 3rd commandment? Ex. 20:7, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." The words, "in vain" mean empty, without thought, or lightly. This is clearly a violation of the 3rd commandment and that is a transgression of God's law which is SIN in God's book! The TRUTH is that God still holds all of us accountable for our words: Matt. 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Your swiftest defence may be to quickly bring up the fact that God's saints will not stand in the judgment of sinners. That is true. But beware that words have a way of describing what is in the heart. Matt. 12:34, "O generation of vipers, how can ye being evil speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." While the truly saved will not be judged as to their eternal position in Christ by their performance of works, it is difficult to believe that born-again saints, those changed by the Spirit of God within and have been taken out of the pig-pen of sin, will want to return to it. Scripture says that a pig returns to the mire but that is because of its nature. Therefore, the person who says he is a saint of God but by nature loves the practices of the world and is not convicted of the use of sinful words of the world, that one is of the world.

Ignorance is no excuse to sin when we have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit to keep us in truth. So, let us develop and identify some words. This will not be an exhaustive list but rather examples.

II. Words that are used which involve God's name in vain or with lightness. These definitions will be according Webster's Dictionary.

Any good dictionary will give you all of these.

A. Euphemisms of God.

1. Gosh: "...an interjection, an exclamation of surprise: a euphemism for God." The world would make light of the use of this word but the saints ought to heed the meaning of words. It is the using of the word "gosh" in the place of the word "God" to make it seem less offensive.

2. Good: (used by itself or together with other words as in, "good-night," etc.)

a. The word "good" is often used as an adjective with a descriptive intent by comparison. However, the etymology of the word shows that it is not an innocent word when used as an interjection. Etymology: from the word "gode;" Anglo-Saxon, god, akin to German, Gut.

b. Used as an interjection: "In some exclamationary phrases expressing surprise, consternation, etc. (e.g. good-gracious! good-grief! good-night!) Good is an euphemism for God." That includes forms of the word goodness, even when we personalize and say "goodness me," there is a wrong connotation and it is just a replacement for being able to use the name of the Lord.

3. Golly: "It is an interjection, an exclamation of surprise, etc.: a euphemism of God." It is a milder, socially acceptable way to use God's name in vain. This

also includes all the shortened forms as in "gol" (goddarn).

4. Gracious: "as an interjection, an exclamation of surprise, it is a euphemism of God."

5. Gee: "It is an interjection (a euphemistic contraction of Jesus), (slang), an exclamation of surprise, etc." All forms of Gee, Gees or Cheez, Cheese, Cheeze, Sheeze, still relate back to the Lord Jesus Christ when used as an exclamationary remark.

6. Jimmy Crickets: has been used by many professing people, however, it is also a euphemistic expression of Jesus Christ. It is just a way to try to exchange acceptable words with which to euphemistically use our Lord's name lightly. It is an interjection.

7. Many forms of expressions as: Great day, Toledo, etc. While the words may not in themselves mean anything wrong, their usage makes them a replacement for the Lord in an exclamationary remark.

8. The expression "man at the wheel" has a direct reference to the Sovereign God of the universe who is in control of all things, but here euphemistically applied and taken lightly or disbelieved altogether. It is not a light thing to acknowledge God's sovereignty in an empty statement. For He is Sovereign.

9. Egad: ('igad,' egad') interj. (prob. ah God), a softened or euphemistic oath.

B. The usurping of God's authority of judgment or making light of His character.

1. Darn: (all forms of this word included) an interjection, a euphemism of the word damn and is a form of a curse. A curse is never inflicted seriously except it call upon God to do the damning. It places the curser in the seat of authority in God's place to sit judgment over the one being cursed and makes God subordinate to the one using the curse word to inflict damnation at their will. It is calling God to take over one's own side and condemn the other person to Hell. It matters not whether the person says, "dag-nabit," or "gosh-darn," or "damnation," all of these words use God's authority and name lightly and wrongfully.

2. Holy Cow: Holiness is an attribute, a perfection of God in which we view God separated from all sin (morally and spiritually). A cow has no soul, it is a-moral and is without a spirit. These kind of words have a way of making light of God's character. There also is nothing Holy about smoke. It too, is a euphemistic way of using a word with a wrong intent to make it seem acceptable, and with lightness (in vain).

3. The Lord willing and the creeks don't rise: is a mockery of the Lord's sovereignty. As a matter of fact He does control the creeks, therefore, the two are not contrasts.

(Beware of telling of jokes that use the person of God as a character within a joke. And while it need not directly attack or directly mock His being, it does use Him in a lightness or manner of foolish jesting.) Eph. 5:4, "Neither filthiness, or foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks."

III. Conclusion:

There is no intent to go into all the foul, filthy words of modern-day vocabulary, it should not be necessary. Eph. 4:29, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Col. 3:8, "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

The Jews, as was their human custom, would use God to call upon Him to be their witness in oaths. They refrained from using His Holy name in conversation because of His power and Holiness. They had first-hand historical experience for disregarding His Holiness. Yet, because they were not born-again their actions were often only legalistic in nature and not because of their love and relationship to the Lord. They were commanded to "not swear" in lightness. Matt. 5:34, "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by Heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King..." (vs.37), "But let your communication be yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Israel was taking oaths lightly and calling on God to back their position. Jesus said just say yes or no and back your word with action.

What's wrong with using sound proper words? Why do Christians need the crude, rank, unwholesome, blasphemous cursing language of the world? Look at Col. 4:6, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt: that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

To use euphemisms for God is the same as if His own name were used. Christian cursing and cursing is getting more popular and socially acceptable as the world infiltrates the circle of the Lord's people. Many of the New Evangelical churches (which are no more than some type of religious organization of people) are using this modern jargon to identify themselves with the world and to show them that they are just like them. Well, maybe they are. But that does not justify us.

Remember, it is not always the words by themselves that we use, but often it is the intent of the expression, whether anger, frustration or disagreement that we feel toward God.

Now what can we do? It is simple. Don't use words (actual or euphemistic) that will break fellowship with our Saviour. And as important: learn to direct our thoughts, words, and feelings to the Lord. He is Sovereign. He is coming soon!!

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