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Rev. Adams Director South Plains Funeral Home

South Plains Funeral Home begins its 50th year with Rev. Roscoe G. Adams now in charge of operation.

Rev. Adams was reared in Lubbock, Texas and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1954. He is a 1956 graduate of Commonwealth Mortuary College in Houston, Texas, and a 1976 graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas.

The Adams family which includes his wife, Henerietta; sons Jon and Shawn; and a daughter Angela, have resided in Dallas, Texas since 1977, moving there from Lubbock.

Jon is a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas. Angela is a senior at Carter High School and Shawn is a sophomore at Carter High School.

Rev. Adams operated Adams Oak Cliff Mortuary until 1981, and more recently, has been with the Singing Hills Funeral Home of

Dallas.

He has been a licensed mortician for 28 years, and has worked with the local funeral homes of Lubbock. He served as associate director of South Plains Funeral Home until 1977 when the family moved to Dallas.

Rev. Adams would like for you to please call on him regarding



Rev. Roscoe Adams

Dr. Hooks To Speak At NAACP Luncheon

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, who is the Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the scheduled speaker for the Lubbock Branch NAACP Building Fund Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, February 22, 1986, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at

the University City Club of Lubbock.

Dr. Hooks has been the Executive Director of the NAACP since August 1, 1977, when he was elected to that post by the NAACP National Board of Directors. Prior to his election, he had been a commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission.

It is a well known fact that Dr. Hooks is a multi-talented individual who has actively engaged in several careers. He is a man of the cloth, a Baptist minister, a co-founder of the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Memphis, and a lawyer. His credentials as a lawyer was instrumental in his being chosen the first Black judge in a southern state since the days of Reconstruction. He has

Guest speaker will be Elder L. F. Thuston, pastor of the Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ.

Also appearing will be local citizens of Lubbock, including City Councilman T. J. Patterson.

The theme for this year's program is "Pooling Our Resources."

Mrs. R. B. Thompson is coordinator.

also been a television producer wherein he hosted his own show, "Conversations in Black and White and Forty Percent Speaks."

A native of Tennessee, Dr. Hooks was born in Memphis and attended LeMoyne College. He also attended Howard University and in 1948, secured his J. D. degree from DePaul University, College of Law. He is a veteran of World War II and a Life Member of the NAACP. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, The Tennessee Council on Human Relations in Memphis and the Shelby County Human Relations Committee.

Dr. Hooks is a current member of The American Bar Association as well as the Judicial Council of the NBA. His wife is the lovely Frances D. Hooks, who was the guest speaker at the Freedom Fund Banquet for the Lubbock Branch, two years ago. The Hooks have a daughter, Mrs. Patricia L. Gray and two grandchildren.

Dr. Hooks is best known for his outstanding leadership of the oldest civil rights organization in the United States, as the NAACP was founded in February, 1909.



Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks

Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP-- as recently seen on "Face The Nation."

discussing apartheid. (Picture: reprint from Metro Magazine, Feature Insert, by Eloise Johns, p. 17, 1985.)

Lincoln/Douglas Tea Set For Saturday

The 20th Annual Lincoln-Douglas Tea will be held Saturday afternoon, February 22, 1986 from 4 p. m. until 6 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the New Hope Baptist Church.



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An Open Letter To Black Youth

Not A Coward Anymore

"I am a coward. I have proudly stood before the biggest bully, but I am a coward. I have looked death in the eye and never sweated; no not once. But I am a coward. I would swim the greatest ocean and climb the highest mountain and still a coward I would be. I am not afraid of external things. They can only harm the body. I am afraid to fail, so I will not try."

Anonymous

Failure. It is a fear that plagues us all. Failure. What a great word this one would be had there never been such a word. It attaches itself to the soul and eats away like a cancer that will not let go.

"What's the use in starting a diet? I'll only gain it all back."

"Man, I know I need another science to enter a good college, but if I take chemistry, I'll probably flunk. Then people will say, 'I'm stupid.'"

I remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was not like every other man. We see only that he succeeded, but if we looked deeper, we would see that first he took a chance. He did not concern himself with the "what ifs" of the world. He knew only that he must do something. He knew that he could fail, that people might not hear when he first stood up. Even so, he stood and encouraged others to stand also, and to continue standing. Martin was not afraid of what others might have seen as failure. He was not afraid of deaf ears and cold hearts. I believe he knew he could not fail. I believe as long as he stood and did not give up, even if he stood alone, he did not fail. Martin knew that if you do not stand for something, you will fail for anything.

We, like Dr. King, must stand too. We must stand and say "I will be all that I can be," and that is an awful lot. In us, the youth of today, yesterday, and tomorrow, the dream still lives. We can reach the stars. We have the minds, talents, and opportunity to do, to be what is our right and cannot be denied... a success. This is all because one one tried and then said "go and do likewise."

We must grow for a better tomorrow for ourselves and our children. We must be the best we can be. If we try, we cannot fail, even if things turn out as we planned, we are still a success because we did our best. We cannot take this freedom for granted.

The key to success is getting up more times than you fall down. If you find one career which is not right for you, then try something else. Change if you must, but do something. If you fall down in the middle of the street, do you sit there? No, you get up, wipe off the dust, and go on. Is it not so with life? Are you a failure because you fell? No, you are a success because you got up.

Some of us have made mistakes. We have gotten pregnant, or committed crimes, or done things and just have not got caught. Some of us make poor grades or it just seems everything we do turns out wrong. These things don't not have to hold us back, but we can learn from them. We can make them work for us. We must believe in ourselves. WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR DREAMS, if only we try. But once you have made it, bring someone with you. NOTHING can hold you back, so be a star, 'cause Baby, you are!

"I am no longer a coward. I am not afraid to fail. I am only afraid of not trying."

Anonymous

"A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are for."

Anonymous

Carand Hope

Dear Reader:

We all need encouragement, an understanding ear, and sometimes objective advice. Please write to me with your questions or let me know if this article is a help to you. I care and I really want to hear from you.

Love,

Carand Hope

Please address your letters to: Carand Hope, Southwest Digest, 510 East 23rd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

EHS Stages Annual Coronation

Estacado High School will present its 19th Annual "Coronation and Grand Ball" Saturday evening, February 22, 1986, beginning at 7:30 p. m. in the Estacado Auditorium. Outstanding student representatives from the school's various departments will be honored and the "Mr. and Miss EHS" winners will be crowned by Estacado's principal, Carol A. Thomas. Parents of the seventy-one honored students will also be

recognized. Following the Coronation, the student council will sponsor a "Grand Ball" to be held in the Estacado Cafeteria.

Ten young people are vying for the honor of Mr. and Miss EHS. Candidates for "Miss EHS" are: Carol Alvarez, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sisto Alvarez; Alicia Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Comora Anderson; Stephanie Lee, daughter of Mrs. Lauretta Lee; Vickie Roberson, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Ronnie Brown; and Teena

Storey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jewell Storey.

Candidates for "Mr. EHS" are: Danny Alamanza, son of Mr. &

Mrs. Juan Alamanza; Darrell Bailey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Bailey; Oscar Gomez, son of Mr. & Mrs. Mariano Gomez; Tony Pruitt, son of Mrs. Bobby Pruitt; and Michael Stubblefield, son of Mr. Moses Stubblefield and Mrs. Mary Birden.



MISS EHS CANDIDATES (left to right) Carol Alvarez, Alicia Anderson, Stephanie Lee, Vickie Roberson, and Teena Storey.

Dr. Graves Honored At Girl Scout Council Meeting



Dr. Lucille Graves, center, was recognized for 30 years of dedicated service to Girl Scouting at the annual meeting of Caprock Girl Scout Council, recently. Mrs. Nolan Swain, Council

president, left and Mrs. James Russell, volunteer coordinator, right presented the service bar to Dr. Graves while several of her family members congratulated her.

Dr. Lucille Graves was recognized for her many years of dedicated service to Caprock Girl Scout Council during the organization's annual meeting recently. Several members of her family were among the more than 130 delegates and special guests for the awards and recognition program at First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Graves, principal and founder of Mary & Mac Private School, received her 30-year membership service guard to wear with her Girl Scout pin presented by Mrs. James Russell, volunteer coordinator. "I've offered Girl Scouting to the girls every year since I started my school," said Dr. Graves.

As Girl Scout leader of Troop 332 at Mary & Mac Private School, 902 East 28th Street, Dr. Graves offers opportunities to

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"Rollo" Visits Digest

Nathaniel Taylor, Jr. who played the character, "Rollo" on the Sanford and Son show, made a brief appearance at the Southwest Digest office, Wednesday, February 13, 1986. "Our future is in our youth. I want to go back into teaching again. My greatest happiness is to see a young person I once helped. My own life motivates me to want to help young people."

I came up on the streets, in gangs, etc. I survived and made up my mind to help any young person save themselves from themselves before it is too late.

We need to keep our heads on straight, and go back to the basics. One of my greatest satisfactions is to go into a ghetto school or prison or jail institution and tell the youth that they are somebody and no matter where they have come from, or

what they used to be, they are somebody now and can be what

they want to be, and say "Look at me. I came from the ghetto streets of Saint Louis and I made it and so can you."

Some of the greatest joys of my life have been years after I talked to a youngster and have them come to me later and say "Thank you," even though I may not remember them at the time. They say "Remember when you..." and that is when I remember them, the attitude, and their state of mind at the time and really feel good to know that I helped this person to find themselves," Taylor said.

Taylor came to Lubbock as a retreat and to rest, but maintained a busy schedule anyway, which he said was therapy. Some of his activities included a visit to the Digest, receipt of an honorary citizenship from the Mayor of Lubbock and the City Council, a visit to the Chamber of Commerce, business

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NATHANIEL "ROLLO" TAYLOR, JR. of well-known television show, "Sanford and Son," is shown with Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, shaking hands while visiting here last week.

He was in the "Hub City" to rest and relax, and just got away from the

Hollywood rat race and hustle and bustle. He spoke at Estacado High School Monday.

Photo by John Harvey

RUBY JAY'S CORNER



The New Hope Baptist Church services were great throughout the day, beginning with Sunday School.

Deacon Swain was at his post and led the morning worship service along with Deacon Givens. Mrs. Ida Johnson, radio announcer, introduced the broadcast. The combined choir sang. The announcements were made by Miss Cynthia Ball. Rev. A. L. Dunn gave the altar call prayer and Rev. Nash delivered the morning sermon. His title was: "Thanks, Praise." The scripture was Genesis 14:17-20.

Mrs. Willie Mae Nelson, Mrs. Willie Mae Evans and Mrs.

Precious Brown have been shut in for some time. They were happy to be at church Sunday.

The Baptist Training Union was held at 8:00 p.m. Director A. Thompson presided. The topic was good: "A Unique Privilege."

The Barbara Jordan Senior Citizens worshipped with St. John Baptist Church Sunday morning. Rev. Moore is the proud pastor. They reported that the service was inspirational.

The Women's Missionary Society's Evening of Love Salad Supper and Secret Sister Pal, on Valentine's night was great. We

are sorry that some of the ladies could not make it out.

The evening worship which was held at 7:00 p.m. was sponsored by the WMS for Black History Month. The choir rendered Negro spiritual music. It was enjoyed by all.

Saturday evening, the Community Club met at the home of Mary Ward on Broadway. Mrs. Bettye Collins is the president. They had a wonderful time.

Continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Mrs. Roberta Allen is recuperating from the flu. Also pray for our bereaved families; the Herefords and the James Lewis families; the Brooks family of Decatur, Tx. (She was Miss Johnnie Walker's aunt). The service was last Fri. at 2:00 p.m.

The 20th Annual Lincoln Douglas Tea, sponsored by South St. Paul Mission of Tulsa, Tx. was scheduled for and will be held on February 22, 1986 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Fellowship, 2002 Birch Ave. The theme is: "Pooling

Our Resources." The guest speaker will be Elder Thuston, pastor of Alexander Chapel C.O.G.I.C. The tickets are \$5.00. Mrs. A. B. Thompson is the coordinator. Please come and bring some one with you. All are invited.

We just received word that Mrs. Verlena Herford Chandler is a patient at Highland Hospital with pneumonia.

Services for Papa, Dad, Mr. George Hereford, 96 years young, were held last week in Sanders

Memorial Chapel. Burial was in city of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Sanders Funeral Home. He was born in Huntsville, Alabama. He lived in Texas most of his life. His wife preceded him in death in 1956. Survivors include a son, Rev. Norris Hereford of Ft. Worth; three daughters, Artis Matthews, Margaret Jackson and Betty Jo Hastings. All of Lubbock; 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

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A Look At Our Past!!! II

by
Eddie P. Richardson

As written last week, since this is Black History Month, we will devote the rest of this column for the month of February to this cause. We still say that if America devoted its time to true history of all Americans, we would have no need for ethnic history, Black or any other observations. But as H. G. Wells said many years ago, we have been fed the "poison called history." The following is reprinted from "In Freedom's Footsteps: From The African Background to the Civil War," International Library of Negro Life and History, by Charles H. Wesley.

Although laws were passed around the middle of the seventeenth century placing the blacks in perpetual servitude, many Negroes were free and were engaging in business enterprises similar to those pursued by white Americans. Since the economy of the South was more agricultural than industrial, even in the formative years, it was natural for the heavy influx of Africans to be located in the southern colonies, and thus subjugation of the slaves became a primary concern of the whites. They passed laws in every southern colony to restrict and limit the activities of the blacks, both slaves and free men. The free Negro then became a sort of semi-citizen in the South.

Although the North also sanctioned slavery in the earlier colonial period, the emphasis on industrialization brought many immigrants from Europe to that area. The need for slave labor thus decreased, and as the need diminished the laws in the North were relaxed and slavery died a gradual death. Free blacks became concentrated in the North, especially following the Revolutionary War, and as the Northwest Territory was opened for settlement many free men left the South for the new areas, where they could obtain land and escape the dreaded hand of the bountycatcher.

The philosophy of the Revolution-equality and the rights of men-seemed to promise the blacks a new type of existence. When the war between Great Britain and the American colonies became a reality blacks were anxious to enlist and support the doctrine of freedom and equality with their service and their lives. After the controversy was resolved as to whether they should be accepted in the army, many served the Revolutionary cause with valor. But they were to find themselves on the sidelines when freedom came in 1783.

The Constitutional Convention sanctioned slavery and continued the slave trade, although blacks themselves protested and spoke out against these inhumane attitudes of the "Founding Fathers." The formation of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church by Richard Allen in 1793 was the beginning of organized activity on the part of Negroes. Soon after Bethel Church was founded, Prince Hall began the organization of blacks into Masonic Order. These beginnings of institutional life among American Negroes gave them an opportunity to organize a platform from which they could verbalize their protests against slavery and the slave trade. (To be continued next week).

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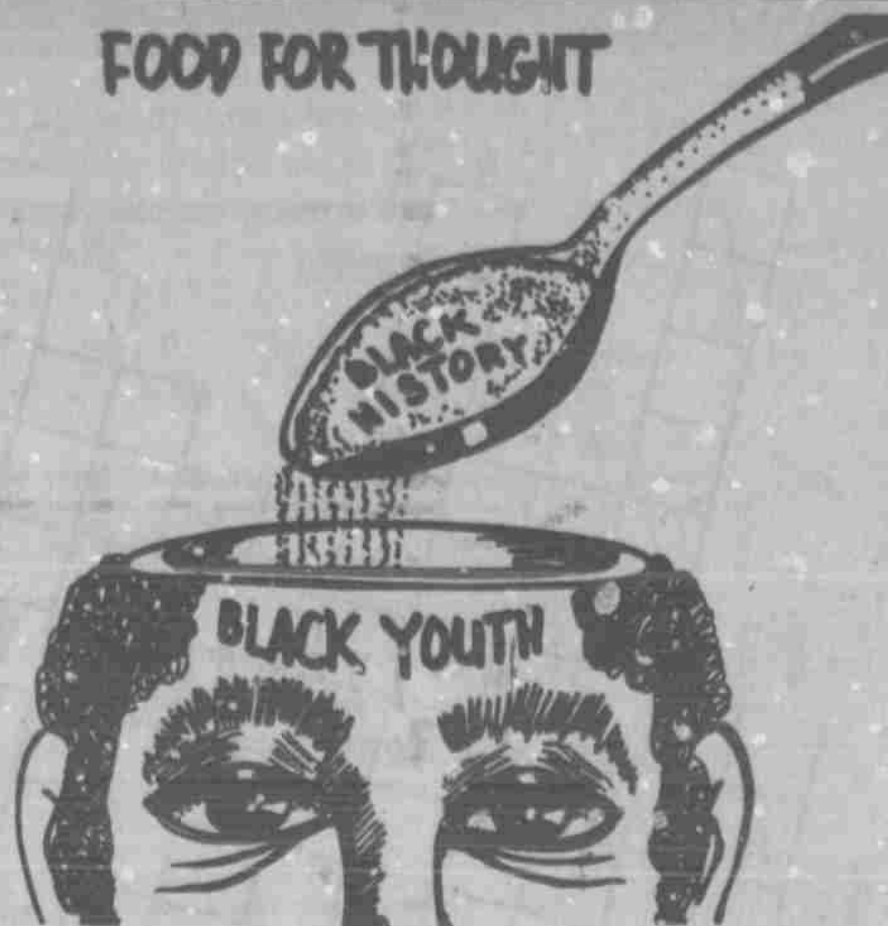
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NNPA FEATURE

Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



Bishop Tutu Believes

BIG BANKS ARE BACK OF APARTHEID

The Right Reverend Desmond Tutu, Anglican Archbishop of Johannesburg, South Africa, isn't afraid to call a spade a spade. Spitting in the face of a concrete conservative Commonwealth of California crowd in San Francisco last month, Bishop Tutu blasted the big monopoly controlling money center banks in the U.S.A. AS ARMS OF APARTHEID. An announcement that came as a shock to faithful Reagan supporters sitting neatly in their seats to see a show by a Black man dressed as a Bishop of the Church, crowned with the Nobel Peace Prize the previous year. Yearning for a quaint look at this son of a prince was partly why they were present. The other reason was to hear a confirmation of their corrupt capitalist policies as a moderating force in the faithless apartheid government of South Africa. But Bishop Tutu was on the serious mission of making life better for Blacks and whites, rather than the other way around. That way he could be sure and include everyone.

Bishop Tutu talked only briefly about the suffering of Blacks in South Africa to save the country from mass bloodshed. Standing on the sidelines watching as Steve Biko's body "with his brains bashed" was laid out on "a jeep and driven 800 miles across" South Africa for Blacks to see and believe in the white man's torture for those who could not tolerate apartheid any longer, was not the Bishop's idea of a sermon on the mount to the Black masses.

Like the Afrikaners who "fought with the Nazis," Commonwealth Club conservative members sat muted when some World Affairs Council members who jointly sponsored the Bishop's speech jumped to their feet at each fighting word against apartheid of the Anglican Archbishop. Reagan "needs a history lesson," cited the small scholarly priest,

who can no longer be a school teacher in his own country, because of the apartheid government which the White House hails and helps! "It was the Blacks" in South Africa that fought against the Nazi General "Rommel rats," stated the Bishop for all who could hear his cry for equal justice for all men and women on earth; Jews and gentiles, Blacks and whites. While the White House waits, Blacks are rallying and moving all over the world to put an end to the evil that is apartheid in South Africa.

A major New York money center bank has responded to the growing worldwide divestiture pressure on people, pension funds, banks and profit centers that do business with the apartheid government of South Africa. It has stated it will not renegotiate its existing or grant any new loans unless the government of South Africa abolishes its apartheid laws. Like the first crumbling of a dam, this has caused all to see the power behind the sea of Black folks fighting to be free. Faithful believer that he is, Bishop Tutu, thinks if other U.S. banks will get behind the drive "we will be home and dry" before violence and bloodshed breaks out all over South Africa and indeed the world. Apartheid cannot exist without the aid of U.S. banks. With U.S. banking system suffering its worst year last year since the Great Depression, with the souring farm credit system, savings and loans in serious trouble and Third World debt too big, it is ironic that the big loan can still save something, even if they don't know how to save themselves. The simple truth is, it is not too late to repent, provided the white controlled banks are willing to help a holy man's Black friends.

The Black Press: Guardian Of Human Rights

Letter to Editor

"Inaccurate and Biased Editorial"

Dear Editor:

I often read your 'cry in the wilderness' to the Black people of Lubbock, to wake up and be a 'part of the solution,' or 'Positively Lubbock.' It often seems that yours has been a frustrating and lonesome plea, but I have suffered with you. I, too, know that there is much which can be done and God willing, it will be done.

According to George Will's "inaccurate and biased editorial" which appeared in the AJ on 1-25-86, regarding the CBS program of the same date, "The Vanishing Family-Crisis in Black America," it would appear that, "The problem is that millions of blacks are victims of many irresponsible blacks," because they interviewed a few irresponsible teenagers in a couple of isolated places.

I was happy that Bill Moyers had the courage to have such Blacks as Rev. Jesse Jackson, Atty. E. Norton, Dr. Glen Loury and Mr. C. Knox on his program to set the record straight; not that it had any effect on George Will and his speedy conclusion that the civil rights era is irrelevant to "the calamity currently engulfing much of black America."

George Will failed to emphasize that voting rights are not limited to the right to mark a ballot and put it in a ballot box. The true voting right should include the right of choice on where to live, work, play, secure an education and worship. Black people know that some inroads have been made in each of these areas, but most Black people are aware that the current trend is to close these inroads in order to completely eliminate any chances of complete assimilation into the mainstream of society. The only avenue of freedom which is left to Black people, especially in Lubbock, is that of worship.

"They say that the Black family is gone; we know that jobs are dwindling. There are almost no places for wholesome play; (we just voted one out last month) and the right to secure the kind of education you want is being tested out of existence for those -Me to pay for it, as well as jobs for teachers and administrators, our think tanks. The high cost of homes outside the ghetto force us to remain in the ghetto because of discriminations on the jobs we have; routine with low pay; depend because few skills are required, but you need 'to be over-qualified' to qualify. These characteristics almost eliminate politics. OJIE vehicle left! The church. It is still free! Thank God!

I have noticed at least three churches in every Black neighborhood in

RINGING THE BELL

by
Bob Tigue:



Storms: Out here in the far Southwest, and as I pen these lines, the winter storms are passing over and the weather is gradually getting back to normal. I remember that all these years, the words of a song that I use to hear my Methodist preacher dad sing many times: "The Storms are Passing Over, Hallelujah!"

Having been born and reared in the great Southwest, we were often greeted with vicious storms even as a small boy to this present retirement age-still these storms come dear readers. Often, we commuted to our pastoral charge that was miles and miles away and thus we met these storms rather often at certain seasons of the year. They were sometimes storms of ice, or rain, or wind or snow or a combination of all. Again we would recall the words of our Dad, even as we drove courageously if fearful, through these storms: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me." One thing here is certain, we never turned back but kept driving through them and then after a while, the storms would calm.

We believe then and do now, that there is a lesson God teaches us in allowing these storms in our lives. He reminds us of one thing surely and that is, He is in charge and after the storm it seems the world is more beautiful and peaceful than ever before. These storms also teach more of our everlasting dependence upon God, for He alone can lead us through safely. And whether we want them or pray that they will not come--these storms continue to haunt us until our dying day or until our day is done. Yes, even the storms of life as sickness, loneliness, old age and what have you in your storms?

At our recent national lay meet in Oklahoma City some G. M. E.'s could hear the rumblings of an approaching storm in some circles. There just seems to be so much unrest and dissatisfaction among some elements of our church. Perhaps Bishop H. C. Bunton expressed it pointedly when he recently wrote that we seem to be majoring in minors at this stage of the game.

As observed at the Lay Meet, it seems that many in our church are concerned about the mission expansion of our church, the mission program of the church, the financial structure and operation of our church, the place of higher education within the confines of our church, as well as the ever increasing cost of national meets of the church in general. There were other issues addressed which we will discuss later. We are eternally grateful to Bishop Doty I. Korn, Jr., host and Bishop Nathaniel Linsey, co-host for providing a sounding board for some of the issues that should be resolved as we approach our General Conference just a few weeks away.

Perhaps the worst of the storm is over and we can prepare for the storm clouds of doubt, fear and suspicion to disappear. For I know that the storms are in His hands and we by be afraid. And after the storm, we can prepare for the clean-up process that will make us clean again. Let it not be said that we had little faith. Let us pray: Oh, Lord give us strength to endure the storm for after the storm, comes cleansing and peace, we pray. Amen.

Lubbock to each school there. I have also noticed that the Black ministers of Lubbock have formed a single ministerial organization. Can you visualize this group of inspired leaders building a political, economical and educational power base in East Lubbock? The AME Church got started that way.

If all of the Black ministers can come together as one, Black people should be able to see eye to eye on politics through colored glasses instead of being divided by Republicans and Democrats, (divide and conquer). There is nothing in the U. S. Constitution or the Holy Bible about political parties being necessary to government or voting. Since they are traditional and the way of life here, it behooves us to use the available vehicle to meet our desired ends. What would be wrong or difficult about organizing a Black People's Party to support Black candidates, regardless of the party? The Federated Women's Clubs have already taken a lead in this area. Our ministers can help.

Can not our churches become more than a safe place to vent our frustrations and socialize? Can't they be the solid rocks that Jesus spoke to Peter about? Can our united ministers unite our people in common causes? What about credit unions/banks, cooperative stores, recreational outlets for wholesome fun? Can't we make our political and economical power felt? Until we can, we will not have a prayer!

Renetta W. Howard, Citizen

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spotlight on health

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Finally when his unadvertised business goes under, he'll advertise it for sale. Then it's too late.



BUILDING WORD POWER

ADVISER (ad-vi'-zur)—n. A person who gives an opinion.

ALMANAC (ol'-muh-nak)—n. A yearly calendar with information about the weather, tides, etc.

ATTENDANT (uh-ten'-dunt)—n. A person who serves or takes care of.

DOUBT (dout)—v. To think that something may not be true or right.

EXACT (eg-zakt')—adj. Strictly correct; having no mistakes.

HIGH-RISE (hy'-rize')—adj. Describing a tall apartment house or office building that has many stories.

INTEGRATION (in-tuh-gray-shun)—n. The act of doing away with the segregation of races.

OLD-TIMER (old-time'-ur)—n. A person who has lived or worked at the same place for a long time.

OPPRESSED (uh-pres'd')—adj. Having been kept down by the cruel use of power.

RECENT (ree'-sunt)—adj. Happening a short time ago.

REFUSE (ree-fyooz')—v. To say that one will not do, give or agree to something.

TRANSFER (trans-fur')—v. To move, carry, send or change from one person or place to another.

VERSE (vurs)—n. A poem or the kind of writing found in a poem.

Dr. Graves

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girls to experience fun and learning activities which add variety to everyday living and prepare them for the future. The troop has girls who are in first grade through high school. She plans with the girls in her troop for their overnight and cookout

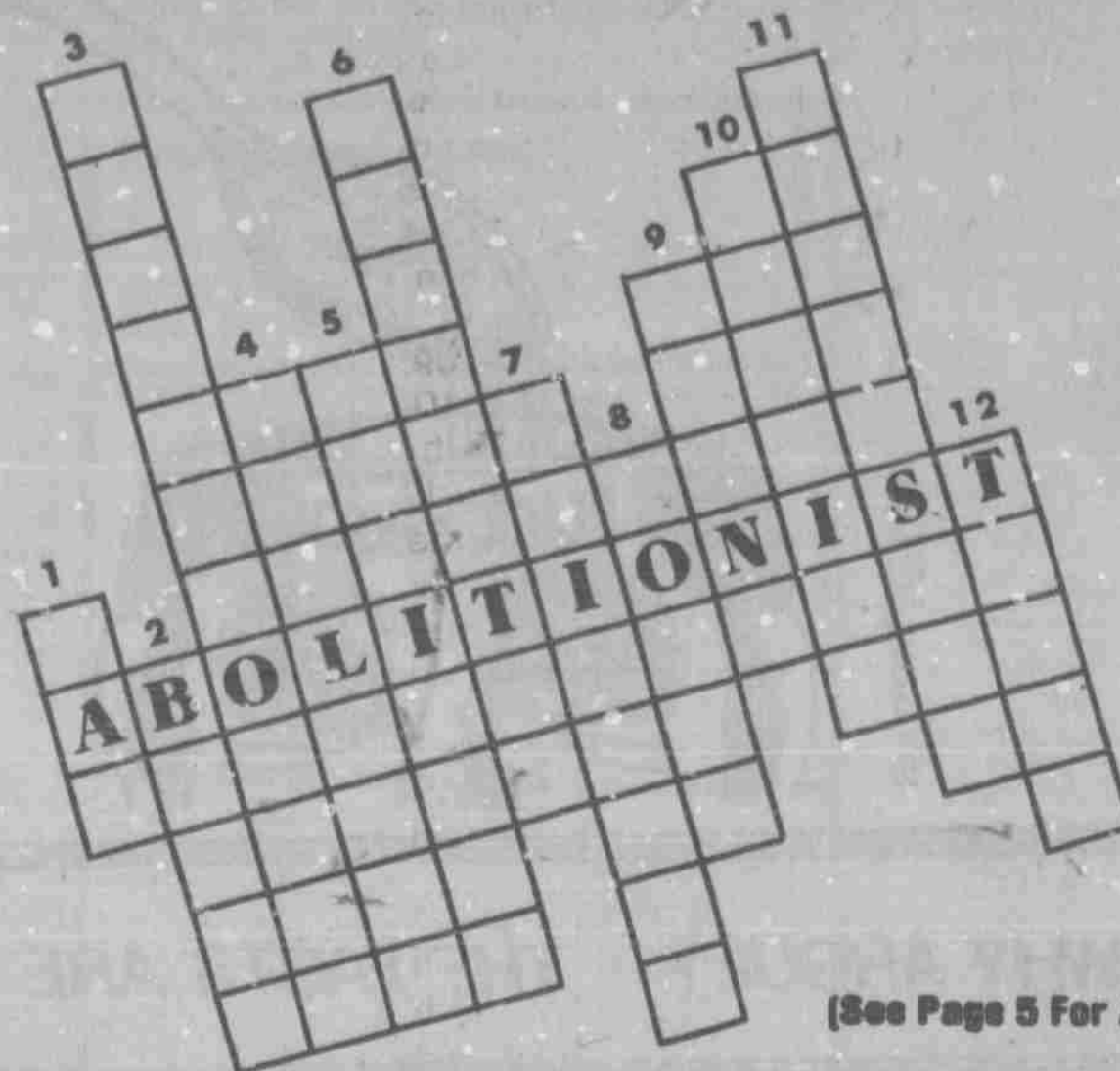
held Easter weekend each year. This annual event is one of the entire troop looks forward to with enthusiasm.

Dr. Graves commented, "Girl Scouting is important. I'm glad I've done it all these years."

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“WE ARE SOMEBODY” CORNER



(See Page 5 For Answers)

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

1. In the state where Douglass was born, it was against the _____ to teach a slave to read.
2. Douglass knew _____ can teach everyone a lot of things.
3. A person who wants to get rid of slavery is an _____.
4. Douglass became a part of the Underground _____.
5. He gave money to help _____ slaves.
6. Douglass moved to _____ New York in 1847.
7. Douglass started a newspaper and had his own _____ shop.
8. He called his newspaper the _____ Star.
9. Douglass' newspaper told people slavery was _____.
10. His printing shop was a _____ on the Underground Railroad.
11. Douglass wanted to do all he could to help his _____ people.
12. Douglass wrote _____ books about his life.

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LEARNING IS FUN



BLACK HISTORY LESSON America's View of Black Americans

A Black Heritage Program Part Two

Speaker #2: Last time we were talking about great things that Black Americans have done. What about Richard Allen? He didn't like the way the White people were treating Black people in the church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He founded the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. This church became the first major religious institution for Blacks in the U.S."

Speaker #2: "Let me tell you something that really burns me up! In recent years everywhere you go you hear so much about astronauts, inventors, child abuse, parents yelling, 'Don't spank Johnny,' and so forth. Benjamin Banneker, a Black man, was not only a mathematician and astronomer, but he was also the first Black American to write a scientific book. His book was called an almanac. This book included many things. There were articles on free education. There were articles to stop the physical punishment of school children. Banneker also built the first clock in America."

Speaker #3: "Well, we knew he invented the first clock, but we had never heard of all the other things."

Speaker #4: Now that we've begun this discussion, what about Black women?

Speaker #5: There was Phillis Wheatley who became a poet and was known all over the world for her stories and verses. Sojourner Truth, after freedom, set out as a pilgrim of God "to free her people." When people criticized her because she could not read the Bible, she said, 'God speaks to me directly.'"

(The Youth Choir sings, "All My Help Comes From the Lord.")



Speaker #6: Ida B. Wells was a very brave woman. She fought for civil rights from 1892 to 1931. She founded a society against lynching. She was also one of the first founders of the NAACP."

Speaker #1: "Don't forget Mary McLeod Bethune. Even though she was a cotton field hand in her youth, she spoke out for Black education and integration. She was also an adviser to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930's and 1940's. She fought for integration within the federal government. She was a vice president of the NAACP. Well, young people, Mrs. Bethune's life tells us that you can do or become what you want, if you have faith and determination."

Speaker #2: Mrs. Bethune is remembered for her work in education and government. Mahalia Jackson is remembered for her gospel music. She was called the "Queen of the Gospel Song." She began to make Black gospel music famous in 1940. Her record "Move On Up a Little Higher" brought a new kind of music to America. This was the first gospel song to sell more than a million records."

(The Gospel Choir sings "Move On Up a Little Higher.")

Speaker #3: "Gospel music is not the only kind of music that Black people are famous for."

(More next week.)

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1. To serve as a supplemental—not a basal—reading-motivational and comprehension-enhancement tool;
2. To help rebuild the pride or sense of worth so deliberately and systematically stripped from Black families generations ago but which still remain unredressed to such a large degree today that many Black young students and adults have little or no will to learn or achieve;
3. To enable Hispanic students and their parents to better understand that America is their home whether they were born in the Continental United States or not...and that they have a rich heritage upon which to build a bright future;
4. To maximize parental and other adult involvement by inserting *The ADVANCER* within the adult-oriented local cooperating community-building newspaper; And,
5. To assist in gaining a better racial understanding by students (mainly other Whites) in appreciating to a greater degree those aspects of the Black and Hispanic cultures which have been distorted so greatly and which remain unredressed to this day.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

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NUL works to get rid of racial discrimination. It also works to get political and economic equality for Black Americans.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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OUR HISPANIC NEIGHBORS

A Visit to Mexico's Largest State

There are 30 states in Los Estados Unidos Mexicanos (the United Mexican States). Chihuahua (Chi-wah-wah) is the largest state in Mexico in size (Sonora is 2nd; Coahuila is 3rd). Chihuahua is Mexico's richest state. Chihuahua is about the size of our state of Oregon.

Chihuahua City was founded in 1709. Father Miguel Hidalgo (see *The ADVANCER*, Vol 2 NO. 38) was captured by Spanish forces in the city. He was held prisoner in the building which is now the *Palacio Federal*. Hidalgo and his followers were executed in the building that is now the state capitol (*Palacio de Gobierno*).

During the Mexican war the town of Chihuahua was occupied by United States troops.

The Cathedral was started in 1724. It was not finished until 1826. The Church of San Francisco (Saint Francis) was started in 1717. It was finished in 1789. Hidalgo's remains were buried in this church until they were transferred to



Mexico City in 1823.

Benito Juarez [See *The ADVANCER*, Vol. 3 Nos. 17 and 18] lived for some time in Chihuahua City.

On our next tour we will visit *Quinta Luz*. It used to be the home of Doroteo Arango. Do you remember who he was? That's right. He changed his name to Pancho Villa.



Blackboard



Frederick Douglass: Black Abolitionist

Frederick Douglass was born in Tuckahoe, Maryland. He was born a slave. He did not know the exact year he was born. He thought it must have been in 1817. He choose February 14 as his birthday. February 14 is St. Valentine's Day. Douglass' mother used to call him her "Little Valentine."

Frederick Douglass learned to read when he was a young slave. His master's wife taught him how to read. This was against the law in the state of Maryland. Douglass thought all Black people should learn how to read.

Douglass did not like being a slave. He read a lot about free people. He wanted to be free, too.

In 1838, Douglass ran away to New York City. Later, he went to live in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He began to speak out against slavery. He became an abolitionist. An abolitionist is a person who wants to get rid of slavery. Douglass fought very hard to help his people gain freedom.

Frederick Douglass became one of the best abolitionist speakers. He spoke so well that some people thought he could not have been a slave.

"People doubted if I had ever been a slave," Douglass said. "They said I did not talk like a slave, look like a slave, nor act like a slave."

Douglass wrote a book about his life as a slave. He wanted people to know what slavery was like. The book was called *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*. It is one of the slave narratives (see *ADVANCER*, Vol. 3 No. 6).

Frederick Douglass wrote two other books about his life. They were called



My Bondage and My Freedom and *The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*.

In 1847, Douglass moved to Rochester, New York. He started his own newspaper. It was called the *North Star*. He wanted to do everything he could to help his oppressed people.

The *North Star* told people that slavery was wrong. Many people read the *North Star*. People started to understand why Black people should be free.

Some of the White abolitionists did not want Douglass to have a newspaper.

They tried to get him to stop printing the *North Star*. Douglass refused to stop printing his newspaper.

Frederick Douglass fought slavery every day. He spoke about slavery. He wrote about slavery. He gave money to help fugitive slaves. His printing shop was a station on the Underground Railroad. Many fugitive slaves escaped to Canada from this station.

By learning how to read Frederick Douglass helped his people. He learned a lot of things from books. He knew books can teach everyone a lot of things.

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THIS N THAT

PARENTS, TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN THIS N THAT ... would like to ... **URGENT** ... **PARENTS** ... to please begin some ... kind of a ... **CAMPAIN** ... in your family ... to advise your children ... of how important it is for them to ... **STAY AWAY** ... from strangers ... Point in hand is the ... **LITTLE TEN YEAR OLD STUDENT** ... who attends ... **PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** ... According to the ... principal ... **RAYMOND PEPPERS, JR.** ... the young fellow arrived at school ... early Monday morning ... and was ... **CALLED OVER TO A CAR** ... where a ... **STRANGE BLACK MAN** ... forced the ... **YOUNG FELLOW** ... in his car ... The kid was in the car ... until the car stopped at the ... **7-11 STORE** ... at the corner of Zanith & Parkway Drive ... The young fellow ... **GOT OUT OF THE CAR** ... and fled to a ... **FRIEND'S HOUSE** ... and called ... **MR. PEPPERS** ... His mother ... began to bring him back to school ... but became frightened ... while going back ... **THIS N THAT** ... learned that the youth did come to school ... **TUESDAY** ... This situation ... could have been your ... **CHILD** ... and you don't have to live in the ... **LARGER CITIES** ... for ... **CRAZIES** ... to pick up your child ... As ... **BROTHER PEPPERS** ... said they are going to start a ... **CAMPAIN** ... in their school ... beginning immediately ...

HAVE YOU SEEN A POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS N THAT ... would like to see the ... **SUSPECT** ... who picked up the ... **TEN YEAR OLD PARKWAY ELEMENTARY CHILD** ... Monday morning ... According to the ... **CHILD** ... the ... **BLACK MAN** ... was about 5 ft. 2 inches tall ... wearing old blue jeans with torn knees ... brown boots ... a brown fur-lined jacket and a thick silver ring on his ... left hand ... His car ... had a ... **DARK BROWN INTERIOR** ... with ... **RED CUSHIONS IN THE REAR WINDOW** ... Not many ... **BLACK FOLK** ... especially that age ... would have ... **RED CUSHIONS** ... in the rear window ... **WILL YOU HELP FIND** ... this ... **CRAZY MAN** ... If he gets

away with this incident ... who knows who the ... **NEXT VICTIM** ... will be ... Could be one of yours! Lets ... **FIND THIS** ... person!

MAGGIE TREJO HAS DONE A GOOD JOB THIS N THAT ... is very happy over the ... **JOB** ... our friend ... **MAGGIE TREJO** ... has done over the past ... **TWO YEARS** ... as a City Councilperson ... At this report ... she was ... **UNOPPOSED** ... and that is the way it should be ... She's a ... **VERY HARD WORKING LADY** ... concerned about the entire city ...

NAACP LUNCHEON SET THIS WEEK THIS N THAT ... would like to ... **ENCOURAGE** ... all who can to attend the ... **NAACP LUNCHEON** ... set for Saturday morning ... **FEBRUARY 22ND** ... beginning at 11 a.m. ... at the University City Club of Lubbock ... Featured speaker will be ... **DR. BENJAMIN HOOKS** ... executive director of the NAACP ... Should be an outstanding effort ... on the part of the local branch ... as this man ... **DR. HOOKS** ... is in touch with what is going on in the world ... Only thing which bothers ... **THIS N THAT** ... is we hear all this good information ... and still refuse to get involved ... After all the ... **NAACP** ... has done much for all of us ... Tickets are only ... **\$15.00 EACH! GET ONE! PROUD TO SEE! THIS N THAT** ... was glad to see the outstanding banquet ... sponsored by the ... **CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD** ... last Friday night ... at the George Woods Community Center ... It was a ... **FELLOWSHIP** ... and everyone there had a great time ... Master of Ceremonies ... **DR. R. A. PILLOW, IV** ... did a great job ... and his testimony was touching ... it was just a great evening ...

FAMILY STYLE ... **D. C. KINER THE BARBER SAYS:** "As black people ... **WE** ... need each other ... to make our city a ... **MUCH BETTER PLACE** ... to live." ... **STILL AT ITS SISTER R. A. THOMPSON** ... is still ... **WORKING HARD** ... on the annual Lincoln/Douglas Tea ... which will be held this year ... at the ... **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH** ... Saturday afternoon ... February 22, 1986 ... from 4 to 6 p.m. Give

her a ... **HELPING HAND** ... **HIT HARD THIS N THAT** ... learned that ... **SISTER JOAN Y. EDWIN** ... did a splendid job ... at the ... annual Black History Banquet ... at Ramo Air Force Base ... She's been a sick lady ... but thank God ... she's still able to use her talent ...

WHAT ABOUT CANDIDATE RALLY?? THIS N THAT ... would hope some ... **LOCAL ORGANIZATION** ... would sponsor some kind of a ... **CANDIDATE RALLY** ... like the Men's Civic & Social Club ... did years ago ... Some talked about the involvement of our ... **OLDER BLACKS** ... but at least they keep us informed in the political arena ... and our young ... **BLACKS** ... today ... are just sitting back ... taking things for granted!

Mrs. Erma "Tiny" Westmoreland



Final rites were held for Mrs. Erma Lillian "Tiny" Westmoreland, a former resident of Lubbock, Texas, were held Thursday, February 13, 1986 at the New Providence Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas with Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor of Smith Chapel Church of God in Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Westmoreland was born September 25, 1941 in Limestone County to Mr. Nathan and Mrs. Lorenella Morris. She attended Peabody School in Hillsboro, Texas. She also attended Dunbar High School in West, Texas.

On the 19th day of October, 1963, she was united in wedlock with Mr. Ernest Westmoreland in Amarillo, Texas. To this union 6 children were born. She was an active member of Smith Chapel COGIC. At her departure, she held offices in Bible Band, President, Treasurer, Church Tribe Captain No. 3.

Mrs. Westmoreland was a housekeeper for Timber Ridge Apartments, Fort Worth, Texas. She departed this life February 9, 1986 at Medical Plaza Hospital at 7:10 a.m.

She leaves to mourn her death: her loving husband, Mr. Ernest Westmoreland, Sr.; 3 sons - Ira Westmoreland, Earnest

Longtime Resident Succumbs

Final rites were held for Mr. George Walter Hereford Thursday, February 13, 1986 at Sanders Memorial Chapel with Rev. J. H. Ford, officiating.



Mr. Hereford was born to the late Aaron Hereford and Mattie Cabot Hereford April 4, 1889 in Huntsville, Alabama.

On December 7, 1908, he was united in marriage to Betty Corrine Edwards in Franklin, Texas. To that union 9 children were born.

He moved to Lubbock in 1936 where he reared his children. He retired from Carlock & Carlock Co. in 1960.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, one daughter, Eva, and five sons - Claude, Charlie, Leonard, Louie and Linual.

He leaves to mourn his death: a son, Rev. Morris Hereford of Fort Worth, Texas; three daughters - Mrs. Artis Matthews, Mrs. Margaret Jackson and Mrs. Betty Jo Hastings, all of Lubbock, Texas; 19 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, 3 great great

grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Palbearers were Henry Jackson, Edwin Hereford, Curtis Giddens, Ronald Hereford, Linual Hereford, Anthony Giddens, and Robert Rafe.

Honorary palbearers were Adrylle Hastings, Michael Matthews, Adaryl Hastings, Gerald Mymbs and Michael Roberts.

"Rollo"

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people, citizens and a morning visit to Estacado High School.

Some movies and television shows which Taylor has appeared in, include numerous commercials as the following titles: "Adam 12," "Police Story," "The Hunter," with Steve McQueen, "Sanford and Son," "Sanford, Jackie and Darlene, Wicked, Wicked," "Harry O," "The New Red Fox Show," as well as the movies, "Just Passing Through" and "As Above So Below."

The actor was very impressed with the friendliness of Lubbock and plans another visit with the possibility of relocating in Lubbock as a permanent residence, and only working in Hollywood, Taylor concluded. "It's a long hard road from the Black ghetto streets of Saint Louis to Hollywood, but worth it."

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Life's Moral Conflict

Life at its best is filled with trouble, heartaches, disappointments and that inevitable crossroad of good and evil. At the crossroad, we have to make a decision. We are free moral agents and at the crossroad, we have to decide whether we will take the road of GOOD or EVIL. We often struggle within ourselves over this issue. We know that we cannot be neutral. We hear the apostle Paul saying, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21 NIV). At the crossroad of life we must face this moral conflict. What side will you take? I admonish you to take a stand against evil. Joseph Rux said, "Evil often triumphs, but never conquers," and Jawaharlal Nehru said, "Evil unchecked grows, evil tolerated poisons the whole system." Good will always overcome evil. When you choose good over evil, Oh what a joy and satisfaction that will come to your heart. Never forget that it is important that you realize what the conflict means. Always ask God to guide you and help you to choose the right side and good part in every conflict. With His help, you can use the right to overcome wrong and good to overcome evil.

ML Pleasant News
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We extend greetings from the church whose motto is: "The Church Where Everybody is somebody." Holy greeting everyone on still another beautiful day of our Lord, which has been made for us to see and behold, as His children.

This past Sunday's lesson was: "Make Peace." The scripture was Matthew 5:9, 38-48; Luke 6:31, 34-36. The key verse—Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. The scripture Matthew 5:9. The lesson was beautiful, very interesting and inspiring.

Everyone was at his post of duty and our attendance was great as usual. Our devotion worship was led by Deacons Willie Burleson, A. C. Smith and Sister Madie Johnson. Deacon Smith read Matthew 18:1-8. We all engaged in altar prayer, which gave us new life as we stood to communicate with our Saviour while Pastor Kelly prayed for us.

The Youth and Senior choirs sang during the services; songs of praise and adoration to our Father who is in his Holy Temple. We knew and felt His presence.

Pastor Kelly delivered the morning message from the Book of Luke 10:30-37. His subject was: "A Man On Jericho Road." He truly preached a spiritual sermon.

Our sick and shut-in include those whom we shall not forget. They are: Sisters Lizzie Milo and Sofoma Steel; Crothers Harry Trueblood and Nathaniel Wilson are patients in Golden Plains Care Center. Patients in

We Thank God For Jesus

"Lord, Can I Change My mine?"

Luke 15:11, 12 - Jesus said, a certain man had two sons: the younger of them said, father give me the portion of goods that falleth to me, and he divided unto them his living.

Lord, like the prodigal son, I wanted to be free, To do my own thing, my life belong to me.

Lord, I asked you to give me life's need, So I can make my self happy, the way it suppose to be.

Luke 15:13 - Not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and wasted his substance with riotous living.

Lord, I know what's right, I was raised in a Christian home, but I can do what I want, because I'm now grown.

Lord, I can do anything, or be what I want to be, I've seen my rights, in news papers & on T. V.

"Rights to sin: gay rights, woman's rights, black rights, abortion rights, no school prayer rights, no spanking rights, no death penalty rights, K. K. K. rights, & run-away rights."

Romans 8:23 - The wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Isaiah 64:6a - We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.

Lord, I was living high on the hill, trying to pick myself up, I took alcohol & pills.

Lord, trying to keep up with the Jones, got me down, My money ran out like my friends, they're not around.

Luke 15:14 When he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine (starvation) in the land, and he began to be in want.

Lord, I'm hooked on drugs, going down for the last time, I look over my shoulder to you, "Can I change my mine???"

Lord, I've been wrong, oh how I've sinned, To do my own thing, I put me in the world's hog pen.

Luke 15:18 - He said I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee.

Proverb 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Matthew 11:28 - Jesus said, come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Brothers & sisters these are the last days. It's time to get your soul saved, God has every thing we need, Time to repent & say: "Lord, for give me please."

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, be (Jesus) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Written by Billy "B. L." Morrison III 2-19-86

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Sisters and Brothers met at 9:00 a.m. on last Saturday, in the home of Bro. and Sis. Tommy Ervin. This was a super meeting. The opening devotion was led by Sis. Burleson, Sis. Caines, Sis. Ervin, with Sis. Cris Burleson presiding.

The morning scripture lesson by given by Rev. C. C. Peoples. His subject was "One More Chance" from St. Luke 13:6-9. He used this illustration: A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if he could find any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. Finally, he told his gardener to cut it down. "I've waited three years and there hasn't been a single fig," he said. "Why bother with it any longer?" "Give it one more chance," the

Gardener answered. "If we, A figs next year, fine. If not, I'll cut it down."

This speaker said thank the Lord for one more chance. No one should have to ask you if you are a Christian. It should be visible in your life. Our Lord did not have to look very close to see that the tree had no fruit. Christ is looking for us to bear fruit. You were not created to only look good and do nothing. You are in the danger zone of being cut down. Get busy today. We are the s. . . I this

earth. We have waited many years for some to show fruit, but he still sees only leaves. Whatever you can do to lift Jesus, please do it now. This 9th verse ends like

Twin Cedars Nursing Home: Sister Lela Mae Patterson, "more are others in their homes whom we are not aware of in the surrounding community, but let us pray for all of them. Let us pray that they will have speedy recoveries. Pray ye one for another always. Keep smiling!"

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this: "It will cut you down, if you bear not fruit!"

Motto for the year: "We are going to the enemies' camp and take back what he has taken from us. We are going to put him under our feet and claim the victory." Think about it!

Breakfast was served and we ate of the holy spirit as well as the food. Are you hungry? Spiritually or physically? We have plenty. Your invitation is: "You have to be hungry, then come."

Our guest list included Rev. and Sis. Peoples, Phyllis Gant, John Abbott, Ruby Johnson, Mariann Caines, R. L. Abbott and Jean Abbott. We were so glad to have them with us.

On the sick list this week is Chris Bogus who is in Methodist Hospital, Room 412 West Billy Johnson, Herman Johnson, Lee Ivory, Ruby Johnson, Jeneva Hemphill, Rev. Floyd Shaffer, Virline Carroll, Aline Howard, Hattie Henry, Curtis Jackson and Bobbie Brown, who is also in Methodist Hospital. We also pray for those whom we are not aware of. Our prayers go out to all of you. "You can make it, people!"

Let Us Pray
God of Mercy, bring deliverance to many today who are hurting in many ways. We pray in

your precious name, Jesus. Amen.

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The Prayer Tower is in the hand of the man with the plan, which is Jesus Christ. Rev. C. L. Peoples gave our closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22, 1986 at 2404 East 9th Street, in the home of Sister Juanita Sowell.

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Cancer — The End Result

Certainly the citizens of this country as well as many other countries have been in recent days made aware of the danger of cancer. Our beloved, able, and courageous President underwent surgery on July 13, 1985, and some twenty-four inches of his colon was removed because of cancer. Health authorities tell us only heart disease causes more deaths than cancer.

Webster's Dictionary defines cancer as — "a mass of tissue cells possessed of potentially unlimited growth that serves no useful function in the body, robs the host of nutrients necessary for survival, expands locally by invasion and systemically by transmission of cells along lymphatic and blood pathways, and unless recognized early and removed, it kills the host and that is usually considered due to a combination of carcinogens and predisposing factors (as heredity, age, trauma, or chronic irritation), cancer itself never being directly inherited though a predisposition to certain forms may be heritable."

The key to survival is early recognition and surgical procedure or chemotherapy. Sometimes both methods are necessary. In some cases nothing is successful. With all the wisdom and skill God has given to doctors they are limited in what they can accomplish. God has given medical science the ability to save people from much suffering and to prolong life for a limited time but final results are in God's all-wise, all-powerful hands. He is God and beside Him there is none else. "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it, not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else" (Isa. 45:18).

Remember it is written — "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand" (Deut. 32:39). Again, "The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up" (1 Sam. 2:6).

He gives and sustains physical life. He also has given ways by which we can enjoy a greater measure of health and strength by proper diet, exercise, rest, and care for our bodies. If we abuse or

misuse them we suffer the consequences. But because of sin and its affect upon all creation the best of care and attention will not always keep one from sickness and diseases of different kinds. And then there is the aging process. So eventually people die, even those who have been the most healthy and lived longer than average.

"The wages of sin is death (both spiritual and physical); but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). To those who go on in their sin, their unbelief and rejection of the gift of God — the Lord Jesus Christ — "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

If there is cancer in one's body the key to survival is prompt discovery and surgery or chemotherapy. We believe cancer illustrates the nature of sin. There is this difference. Not everyone has cancer though many do and it is a threat to physical life to all who have or will become infected with it.

However every member of the human race is infected with sin. "For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:22, 23). "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20). "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). Sin is an act, the violation of, or want of obedience to the revealed will of God; a state, absence of righteousness; a nature, enmity toward God. "The wages of sin is death." The moment the first man, Adam, sinned he died spiritually, he was separated from God. Nine hundred thirty years later he died physically — Gen. 5:5. Physical death is the separation of the soul and spirit, from the body — James 2:26.

Man is a trinity — spirit, soul, and body. When a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of the soul they have the assurance given in 1 Thess. 5:23-24 — "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

The early detection and treatment of cancer is vitally important if one is to be cured. So the sooner a person comes to know the reality of sin in their heart and life the greater the opportunity to be saved. The longer the delay in accepting God's remedy the greater the danger of dying in your sin and going out into eternity without God. In fact into the lake of fire and brimstone where the Devil, Antichrist, and the false prophet are along with all the unsaved of all ages.

Just as no one can know when they may discover cancer in their body, no one can know for certain just when they may die and go out into eternity. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (11 Cor. 6:2). There are thousands of cancer victims while there are multitudes dying in their sin. There are some forms of cancer to which there is no known cure.

But there is a sure and certain cure for every kind of sin. It is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ shed at Calvary. "Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation (manner of life) received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you" (1 Pet. 1:18-20). "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7).

And never forget this blood is eternally efficacious for the salvation of sinners and the cleansing of sinning saints. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7). But he must be received, believed on by each individual. "Without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6).

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