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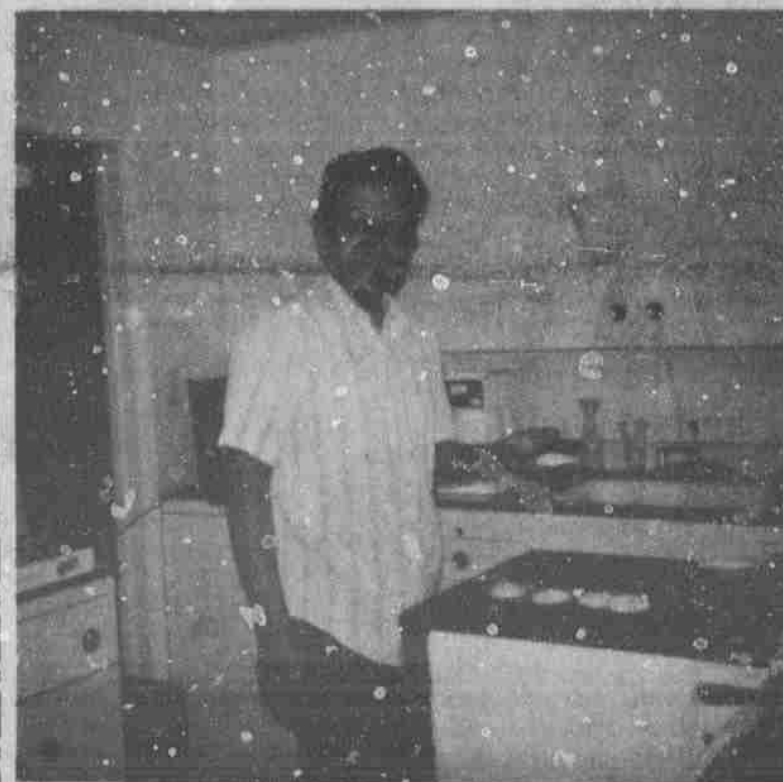
FLORES REACHES FIFTH GENERATION HERE



Mary & Eddie Flores with baby, David



Isabel Flores, oldest



Domingo Flores



Isabel Flores

The Isabel Flores family recently added the fifth generation baby to their clan.

David Louis Flores, born in August, represents the fifth generation. The group began when

Isabel Flores came from Mexico in 1872 and landed in Roaring Springs. He worked for the City of Lubbock from 1940 to 1953.

Domingo Flores, his son, was born in 1920 and

was a chef at the Lubbock Hotel and at the Chicken Box.

Isabel Flores, the grandson, works for Fanks Seeds Hybrid. He was born in 1942 and went to Gradalupe,

Sanders and Lubbock schools.

Eddie Flores, the great grandson, was born in 1960. He played football for Lubbock High School.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY WILL HOLD CONFERENCE SOON



An address by Presidential Assistant Louis E. Martin and a special tribute to JET Magazine and JET Executive Editor Robert E. Johnson will be among highlights of a National Leadership Conference to be held by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. "Encouraging the de-

velopment of individual leadership skills and forging solutions for the challenges of the 1980's" will be goals of the conference, stated Alpha General President James R. Williams.

The conference, to be held in Chicago, January 5-7, 1979, will be attended by representatives of the organization's over 500 chapters in this country and abroad. Mr. Williams, who serves as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, will be installed for a second two-year term as the Fraternity's national president during the meeting.

Mr. Louis Martin will serve as keynote speaker at the conference's Installation Luncheon on Saturday, January 6th. Mr. Martin, former Editorial Director of the Chicago Daily Defender and Deputy Chairman of the democratic National Committee, was recently appointed Special Assistant to the President for Minority Affairs by President Jimmy Carter.

JET, the weekly news magazine of the Johnson Publications group, will be saluted at the Conference Banquet on Saturday evening, along with Robert Johnson, Executive Editor of JET since 1963. A member of the Johnson Publications staff for over twenty-five years, Mr. Johnson has been a moving factor in the success of JET, serving previously as Associate Editor, Assistant Managing Editor, and Managing Editor.

The conference, which will feature a number of seminars and workshops, will be headquartered at the Palmer House Hotel.

BROADCAST TO FEATURE DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR.

Washington, D.C. - The National Public Radio will honor the birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a 90-minute special, "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Man and His Times," scheduled for broadcast on NPR member stations nationwide.

NPR's edition of Dr. King's 1967 Massey Lectures, recorded several months before his death, reflect his philosophy and strategies for non-violent but revolutionary social change. After nearly three decades to spearheading the struggle for human justice and civil rights of black and poor people, Dr. King eloquently explains his theories to achieve worldwide peace and equality.

Since 1961, the Massey Lectures, named for Vincent Massey, the first native born Canadian Governor-General, have provided a forum for scholars to present

original research in lecture series broadcast over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio network.

The program, produced by National Public Radio's Department of Specialized Audience

UNCF TELEVISION SPECIAL RAISES \$8,454 HERE.....

"Evening Extraordinaire," the United Negro College Fund television special, aired Saturday, December 9th over KMCC-TV, Channel 28, raising \$8,454 for over 50,000 deserving students enrolled in the 41 UNCF member colleges across the country.

T.J. Patterson and Fulon Berry co-hosted the special which features

Programs, highlights Dr. King's final testament -- a living legacy of his outstanding contributions as a minister, orator, scholar and social activist.

Executive producer for this NPR tribute is Janet Dewart.

such notables as Rufus Thomas, O.C. Smith, Cynthia Scott, Billy Paul and Johnny Taylor.

Local community leaders and alumni of UNCF colleges lauded the impressive credentials of black colleges, citing well-known graduates of these institutions. A plea was made for support of these colleges and universities.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MAIL SERVICE

The U.S. Postal Service will operate on a holiday schedule on Monday, January 1, 1979, in observance of New Year's Day.

No residential, business or rural delivery will be provided on Sunday, December 31, and Monday, January 1, except for the delivery of Special Delivery articles, Express Mail and perishables.

One mail collection from collection boxes labeled with time decals will be made on Sunday, December 31. No mail collections will be made on Monday, January 1.

All retail windows will be closed on Sunday, December 31, and Monday, January 1.

Six colleges in Texas will derive benefits from this fundraiser: Bishop, Huston-Tillotson, Jarvis Christian, Paul Quinn, Texas and Wiley. Each is private, accredited and historically black.

1979
Blessings to All

May all your hopes and dreams come true during this happy holiday season. You've helped make ours come true this year.

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HAVE A JOYOUS 1979 TO ALL OF YOU AND YOURS!
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RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Mrs. Ruby Jay

WHAT'S GOING ON

something for print, let me hear from you. You may do so by writing: "RUBY'S CORNER", Lubbock Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

By the way, have a "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

If you know of anyone who would like to subscribe to this newspaper, advise me and this writer will help you.

A nephew of this writer, Freddy Simmons to Chicago, Ill. called on

Christmas Day and wished me a "Merry Christmas."

Those spending Christmas with relatives in Lubbock are Mrs. Ann Taylor's mother and aunt, both from Ballenger, Texas.

Miss Brenda Kinner of Houston, Texas is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Kinner.

Mrs. E.C. Stuggs' sister and husband, Rev. and Mrs. Bob Teul of Hobbs, New Mexico, stopped by for the holidays.

Mrs. N. Priestly, her sister and husband, all of Pleasanton, Texas are visiting here.

Mrs. Judith Newton's brother, Dion Demerrill of San Jose, California, is visiting here. It has been ten years since Mrs. Newton has seen her brother. They reported a wonderful Christmas together.

Some of the residents of Lubbock who are out of the city for the holidays include Clarissa Jay and Jerry Williams who are visiting in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. G.H. Davis is visiting in Albuquerque, New Mexico with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Colquitt and son, Jerry, are visiting relatives in Austin and Thorndale, Texas.

Mrs. Bernice Kelly and mother, Mrs. Mary McKinney, are visiting their sister-in-law and aunt in Honey Grove, Texas.

Mrs. Fannie Young of Dallas is visiting her children here.

Mrs. Mattie Beatty visited her mother in Tyler, Texas this week.

Mr. Ulysess Kelly visited relatives in Marlin, Texas this week.

Mrs. Lovie Jean Cunningham announced this week that her daughter, Janet, gave birth to a nine pound baby this week. Both are doing well at this report.

Mr. & Mrs. O.W. Wright of San Antonio, Texas are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lampkins of Abilene, Texas are visiting their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hunter spent the holidays with their relatives here. They are residents of Odessa, Texas.

Among the recipients of plaques commemorating fifteen years of service with the City of

Lubbock is William H. Britt, a member of the Lubbock Police Department. We say, "A JOB WELL DONE, MR. BRITT."

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Johns of Las Vegas, Nevada are visiting relatives here for the holidays. They stopped in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Johns and Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Donaldson.

Mr. E.I. Donaldson is recuperating from surgery he had recently on his feet.

Emerson Miller, former employee at the Lubbock Opportunities Industrialization Center (LOIC), is visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays. At present time, Miller and family are residing in Seattle, Washington. He is a pastor there in one of the Seventh Day Adventist Churches. He stop by the "Lubbock Digest" office this week and enlighten us on what black people are doing in the country.

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Across The Nation

News From Home Folks

This feature is a new compilation from more than 100 black-owned and oriented newspapers in this nation. It deals with what blacks, who are all-too-often little recognized, are doing to promote full participation in American life by black Americans.

The Topeka, Kansas Ebony Times reports the help which one state is providing for victims of Sickle Cell Anemia, a disease almost peculiar to black people.

Governor Robert Bennett has signed into law a bill which expands the state's sickle cell anemia program to provide financial assistance to those suffering from the disease.

The results of two studies show clearly that blacks really do not have it made to the extent that other ethnic groups claim they do.

A major new survey for the government found that racial bias in housing was widespread in the nation and was very prevalent in the Midwest.

In addition to actual rejection, the survey found incidents of "racial steering"; that is, sending blacks to selected neighborhoods—areas which were already all black most contend with a 75 per cent chance of discrimination.

The purpose of the bill which I have signed is to insure that no person afflicted with sickle cell anemia will be forced to use all his or her resources for treatment, thus placing a financial hardship on the immediate family.

While this will not eliminate the pain and suffering caused by this disease, the program will help those who can least afford it to receive adequate care and treatment.

The bill requires the Secretary of the Department of health and Environment to establish the program of financial assistance and to draw guidelines to determine who will be eligible.

The Decatur, Illinois Voices Editor-Publisher Horace G. Livingston, Jr., has noted in an editorial how national studies suggest an increase in racism—and not a decrease.

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house hunting. To gather these statistics, the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing hired blacks and whites across the country to pose as prospective buyers or renters.

The fact finding project was done for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and now that the facts are in Housing Secretary Patricia Harris plans to come up with a new fair housing policy.

It was discouraging for blacks in this territory to discover that the very worst discrimination occurred in

the 13 urban areas of the Midwest. The other notable report of the week was that Jim Crow (constitutionally, that is) is still alive, if not kicking very high.

West Virginia's state constitution still decrees that "colored and white persons

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POLICE HAPPENINGS AROUND LUBBOCK



THEFT

I.V. WILLIAMS, 1709 Vanda Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that a man had taken his compressor one day last week. Police did observe the man wheeling the compressor. The suspect, who was approached by police, said he was just borrowing it. According to the police report, Williams did not give the man permission. The compressor, which is capable of doing many things, was valued at \$300.

police that persons unknown did break a window to her apartment one day last week. Once the window was broken to the kitchen, they apparently crawled inside. Once inside, they took five pounds of sugar from the kitchen cabinet. This sugar was valued at \$2.00.

Lubbock police that over the past six weeks she has been receiving some bad phone calls.

The last call, according to the police report, came on last Friday. She told police the voice sounded like a female.

She told police that when she would answer the phone, the voice would begin to cuss her and said she would beat her up.

Ms. Davis said he would file charges against the person if she knew who it was.

Ms. Davis, age 18, did tell police that when one call was made, the calls would continue over the next several hours.

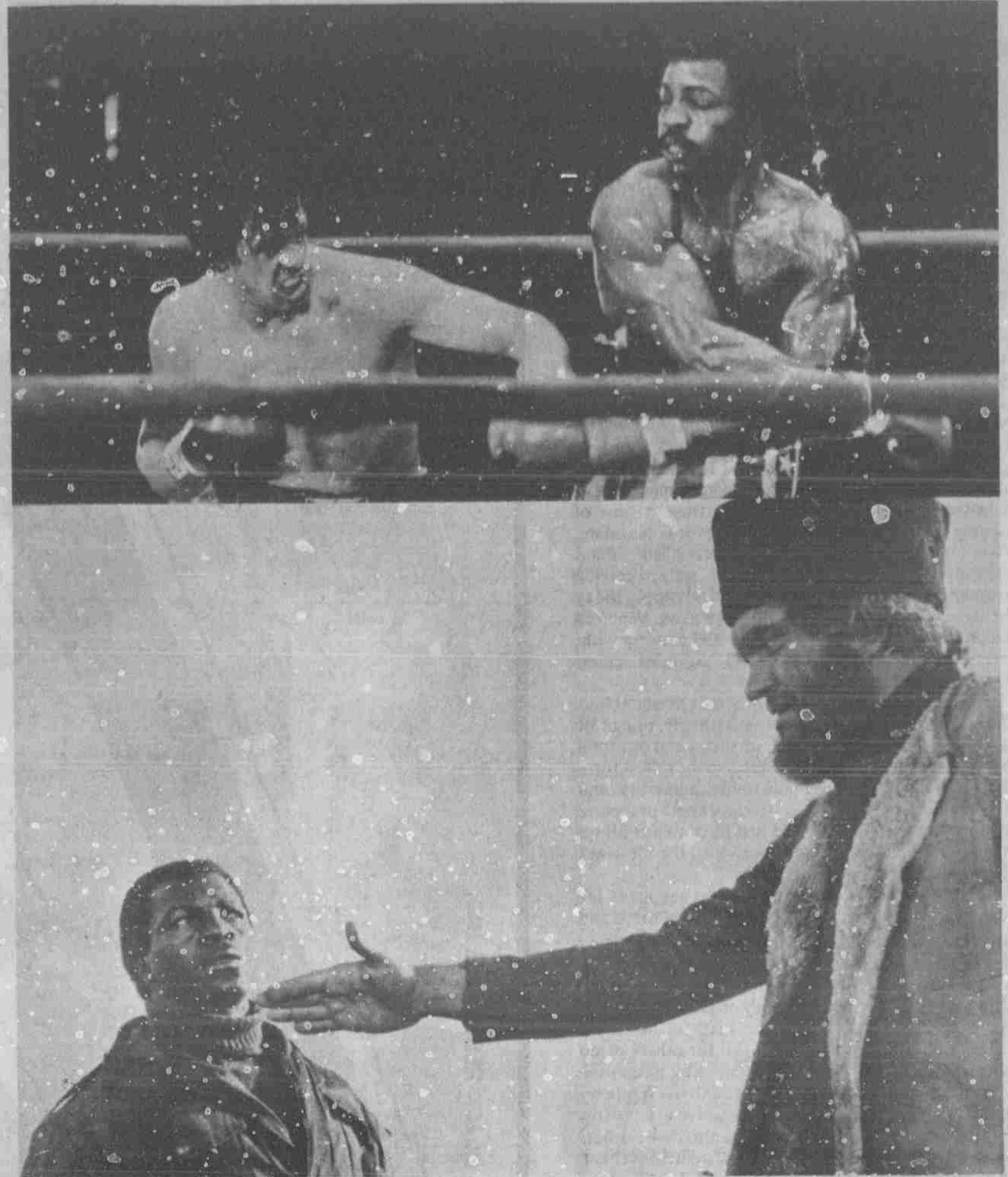
POSTAL EXAM OFFERED BY POST OFFICE

Postmaster Elmer J. Reed, Jr. has announced that the Post Office in Lubbock, Texas has received permission to open an examination titled "Cleaner, Custodian and Custodial Laborer."

These positions are restricted by law to persons who are entitled to veteran's preference. Applications for this examination will be accepted from persons who are not entitled to veteran's preference, but such persons will be considered for positions only when persons entitled to veteran's preference are not available.

This examination will be open beginning January 3, 1979 through January 12, 1979. Interested persons may fill out application blanks during this period at the Main Post Office, Room 202, 1515 Avenue G., Lubbock, Texas. Starting salary is \$13,128 per year.

TURNABOUT



Towering over star Sylvester Stallone, Carl Weathers as the black champion Apollo Creed, in the hit film "Rocky," delivers a devastating punch. Below, with his 6'2" height being dwarfed

by co-star Richard Kiel's 7'2", Weathers prepares for a fight to the death in American International's epic film adaptation of Alistair MacLean's best seller, "Force 10 From Navarone." Weathers

proved to be a winner in both bouts. "Force 10 From Navarone" stars Robert Shaw, Harrison Ford, Edward Fox, Barbara Bach, Carl Weathers, Franco Nero, Richard Kiel and Alan

Badel. Carl Foreman wrote the screen story based on MacLean's novel with the screenplay by Robin Chapman. Guy Hamilton directed the film for producer Oliver A. Unger.

BURGLARY OF HABITATION

HAZEL COLES, 2707 Weber Drive, Apartment A, reported to Lubbock

TERRORISTIC THREAT

GWENDOLYN DAVIS, 3413 East Colgate Avenue, reported to

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LEGGETT'S SEWING QUARTERS
HOME AND COMMERCIAL

THEFT

TAMYA PRIESTLY, 2801 Vanda Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown did take four wheel covers from her car one day last week. The incident occurred in the 3000 block of Toledo Avenue.

She didn't know the exact value of the covers.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

JESSIE MAE EDDINGTON, 1314 East 17th Street, reported to Lubbock police that she got into an argument at Sedberry's Cafe, 310 17th Street, one day last week.

According to the police report, she was hit on the forehead with a pool cue.

The person who was apparently responsible for assaulting Ms. Eddington, was approached by the police. She told them she was the manager of the eating establishment and had asked Ms. Eddington to leave, but she wouldn't.

TEXAS BANK WINS AGAIN!!

Last Monday Night the Texas Bank Basketball Team extended their winning streak to 6-0 by exploding past J & G Waste Systems 114 to 64 in the Men's Open Basketball League. Larry Lawrence led the Red scoring machine with 37 points. Reggie Ramey followed with 23, and T Taylor with 22, Monday, December 11, they defeated Carl Sanders Building Team 108 to 72.

Texas Bank is on its way to a repeat of last years performance when they took second place in the state finals in El Paso. However, ask anyone on the team and they will say, "It's all the way this year!" For some serious roundball be at Thompson Jr. High Monday, Jan. 8th, when Texas Bank takes on Oakwood Methodist.

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

CRUSADERS SHIELD PRESENTED TO ILES



Louis Hubbard

Tuesday December 19 Iles Elementary School, 2402 East Date, was presented a new Crusaders shield. The shield was presented and carved by Louis Hubbard. The wooden shield measures 25"x25" in an octagonal shape with the

school colors of blue and silver. Louis is also a teacher at Iles with the Argonauts in the Intermediate level. He is a native of Longview, Texas and attended Jarvis Christian College where he received his B.S. degree in

Prayer Poem

Annie Sherwood Hawks wrote "I need thee every hour" as an indication that we cannot become what we should be unless we have the help of God. The hymn was first sung in November 1872 in Cincinnati, Ohio at a meeting of the National Baptist Sunday School Association.

I need thee every hour,
Slay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour,

In joy or pain,
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need thee every hour,
Teach me thy will
And thy rich promises
In me fulfill.

We grow into our true selves as we learn of God week by week in the company of his saints.

Worship. Tithe. Work. Pray. Ask a special blessing upon your pastor who does need to teach the will of God.

DEVELOPE SELF PRIDE EVERY BODY IS SOME BODY

Elementary Education with a specialization in art. A resident of Lubbock since 1974, he has worked with the Lubbock Independent School District. Louis has also designed the emblem for the new Iles tee-shirts.

Notice Of Finding Of No Significant Effect On The Environment

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457, Tel. 762-6411 proposes to request the Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL-93-383) to be used for the following projects:

1. intensified Code Enforcement - \$81,860.00
2. Ahead of Paving Utilities Installation - \$46,791.00
3. Water Main Improvements at MacKenzie State Park - \$7,356.00
4. Improvements at the Lubbock Lake Site - \$5,200.00
5. Traffic Signal at 34th and Chicago - \$25,000.00
6. Softball Complex - North Lubbock - \$218,525.00

It has been determined that the request for release of funds will not constitute an action significant affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the City of Lubbock has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare a Statement are as follows: (a) overall effects of the projects are beneficial; (b) beneficial effects are long-term and the adverse effects are short term and environmentally insignificant, being related primarily to activities necessary to construct the projects; (c) since the projects will occur at the neighborhood level, the short-term adverse effects will be confined to limited numbers of people; (d) historic and environmentally critical areas will not be affected; (e) no viable alternatives to the projects, including the no-action alternative, exist.

An Environmental Review Record for the projects has been made by the City which documents the environmental review of the projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why the Statement is not required. This Record is on file at the Municipal Building, 916 Texas Avenue, and is available for the public examination and copying, upon request, in Room 207 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

All interested parties disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the Community Development Coordinator, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457, by 5:00 p.m., January 8, 1979. All comments will be considered and the City will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date in the preceding sentence.

Dirk West, Mayor
P.O. Box 2000
Lubbock, Texas 79457

Editorials

Why Not?

By Eddie P. Richardson

We have seen Christmas come on again—the time of giving, good cheer, peace on earth, good will toward all men. As well as the celebration of the Christ Child's birth 1978 years ago. Our hearts should be light and full of good deeds toward our fellow persons.

Since Christmas is the season for giving, one wonders how much of ourselves are we giving toward mankind and all of society to make this season especially what it was meant to be. And in addition, what are we contributing to make the world as a whole what the Christ Child came to this earth in the flesh and was crucified for? Just how much are we giving? Looking back to my childhood, it is easy to see the change in the meaning of Christmas to most people. It was then, a time of giving and sharing and helping the less fortunate. Now, today, it is a time of commercialism, blood sucking, draining and, in general, only receiving something from someone else. We find people today being insulted if the gifts are not expensive. Whereas when I was a child in the community I grew up with, everything was homemade and, in most cases, inexpensive, but from the heart.

Now to move away from Christmas perry to our daily lives, in general, to receive from life, one must give freely, and unselfishly of ourselves and our total being. To be total people and receive the fullest form life, we must give all we have to life, humanity, and all mankind. By doing this, we can expect to receive all that life has to offer. We just have to put all we have into life unselfishly to receive all the blessings life has in store.

In short, a realistic statement is you get out of life what you put into it. If you give peace of mind and happiness, you will receive the same in return. If you give gloom and misery, this is what you will receive.

We must remember this about the Christ Child who was born around the 25th of December, 1978 years ago. He loves us all and died for all of us. When we go around and plan evil for others or do wrong to others for some reason, it by passes the ones we plan it for and comes back to us. While we are in the spirit of Christmas, let's resolve to truly live by the Creed of Christmas and be and do by others as we would like to be done and treated by them.

"The Lubbock Digest", T.J. and I, still stand by our Creed. If you do right, we will let our readers know about it. On the other hand, if you do wrong, we have no other choice but to report it to our readers—also. We have no choice.

Happy New Years!!! Love others in 1979. As you love yourself, we will have a better world and life. Why Not??

PARREN MITCHELL'S LEADERSHIP.....

One of the most significant recent moves by the black membership in the United States Congress has been the creation of a formal organization by means of which the black congressional leaders could work together more effectively.

The organization has commanded national attention and respect as the Congressional Black Caucus.

During the first few years the Caucus functioned primarily as a means of keeping open the channels of communication between the Congressional Black Caucus members. Then, a highly effective staff was added. Leadership of the Caucus meanwhile rotated among the Caucus members who were seen as normally serving a two-year term. The term of the Caucus chairman ran concurrently with each two year session of the U.S. Congress, thereby assuring a continuity of leadership during the period in which current legislation was pending.

This arrangement represented a giant step forward for the Caucus, as it sought to work as efficiently as possible "on the behalf of all black Americans."

WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!



THIS WEEK WE EXAMINE

The Scapgoats: The Simple Crime of Being Black

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

The decade of the 1790's was a deeply important era in our nation's early or formative life. A new—and rather unique—"nation" had just been founded. Although a federal Constitution bound the cluster of formerly British colonies together, it was customary to refer to the country as "these United States" rather than as "the United States."

Voluntary cooperation was the most which could be expected, and it was often hard to come by. There were persistent dangers from the Original Americans (or Indians) who had neither understood nor quite acquiesced in the notion of either private or permanent ownership of the Creator's land or of their being displaced and demeaned by white Europeans. Again, there was the ever-present danger of attacks from the British, eventually coming true in the War of 1812. But the constant fear remained.

Fear, since the Biblical times, has always tended to develop its own scapegoat, or excuses for being. During the 1790's an awesomely fearful black scapegoat was pro-

vided for the newly independent and recently "confederated" United States of America in the successfully planned and executed Haitian Revolution.

Haiti, like "these United States," was a white dominated nation in which the overwhelming majority of blacks were held in human enslavement or bondage. In 1791, under the leadership of one black patriot and martyr, Francois Dominique Toussaint L'Ouverture (c. 1744-1803), some 100,000 enslaved blacks coalesced and eliminated their masters in a three week campaign, demonstrating absolute control. They won their freedom to live with whites in an equitable condition of liberty.

Such "revolution" sent a shock wave of fear throughout the American former colonies. Northerners—many for the first time—embraced the racist beliefs of southerners. In New England, blacks were forbidden to attend Fourth of July celebrations on the Boston Common, and it became a semi-legal sport or a presumably patriotic duty to openly attack and beat blacks who appeared on the streets of many northern communities upon any public holiday.

The "crime" of blacks, thus, was a two fold one. First, there was the basic or underlying crime of simply being black. Secondly, there was the implicit threat (involved in being black) of committing seditious acts which would undermine the "domestic peace and tranquility" of an already insecure, internally suspicious and legally fragile confederation of former colonies seeking the firm condition of a unified nationhood.

As a further result of the successful Haitian Revolution, many anti-black social

customs were embodied into law. The nation's insecurities as a whole were laid at the feet of black people. Even as the ancient Israelites or Hebrews offered a sacrificial lamb or "scapegoat" to carry the weight of all of their shortcomings or incapacities, so at this early stage in our nation's life blacks became the official (or the unofficial but nonetheless unquestionable "cause" of our nation's almost every ill.

If only the black man could be removed, it was reasoned, all would be well for the American people as a whole. The plague which afflicted us (in a thousand and one conceivable ways) would thereby be removed.

The result, for the moment, was the proliferation of colonization societies to remove blacks "back to Africa" and from the nation's body politic. The long-range impact—in terms of the relation of black Americans to crime—was the acceleration of the belief that simply being black was criminal in and of itself, and that "black Americans" were antithetical, or a general hindrance to the good and welfare of the white confederation called "America," as a whole. Vestiges of these beliefs are with us still, as we shall see.

(Next week: The Role of Andrew Young as a "Set-Up")

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

Black Poetry

A POEM FOR MYSELF

Society allows for a child to become an adult; Society feels that life makes sure of it. I wonder if there are any adults at all To me everyone of us, no matter what age is still a babe.

A baby needs; so do we. A baby wants; as we all do.

A baby crawls and walks and so we must Crawl before walking as we climb the ladder of life. A baby must be fed with not only what is good for the mind but for the mind and soul as well.

A baby must be loved in order to feel secure and valuable.

We're no more than babies but no less than sheep. —Letha Joyce Perkins

(Here, a thoughtful black poetess speaks autobiographically as all expressions of thought do, whether we recognize it or not. We are always children to some extent, so Letha Joyce Perkins would happily remind us.)

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

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Over the past several years, however, something remarkable has happened to the Congressional Black Caucus under the diligent and brilliant chairmanship of Baltimore's Congressman Parren Mitchell.

Parren Mitchell has brought to the Congress a much-needed sense of structure. He has formalized relationships with local, state and regional constituencies through the creation of the Caucus Brain Trusts. Through the Brain Trusts, highly knowledgeable blacks from every sector of our nation's life have been able to advise the Caucus members on needed legislation and to help the Congressional Black Caucus in developing new ways to meet more nearly all of the needs of black Americans.

Mr. Mitchell has brought a fresh sense of solidity, strength and permanence to the Caucus. Through his providing priority attention to the affairs of the Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus today has an unparalleled place of esteem, loyalty and respect as a major or ranking institution in black American life.

It was due, in no small part, to Parren Mitchell's diligent attention to the work of the Congressional Black Caucus that perhaps the most significant single bill before the Congress in this century on behalf of black Americans was passed. That bill has come to be known as the "District of Columbia Amendment" legislation which would virtually assure permanent places for two black Americans in the United States Senate.

If power—where power counts most—is what black Americans want and need most urgently, then the ratification by the states of the "District of Columbia Amendment" may be seen as the first priority of all black Americans over the next seven years.

In the minds of some, Parren Mitchell's leadership—which has brought solidity and a new thrust toward far more proportionate power for black Americans—ought to be extended for the next two years. Two such years would, in this view, help to carry forward the new thrusts and give greater strength to the new structures created or emphasized during Parren Mitchell's leadership.

We are deeply mindful of human imperfections and also of the need for all black Americans to support the leadership which the members of the Congressional Black Caucus—in their studied and closer range wisdom—may choose. We would, nonetheless, hold before both the Caucus and our readership what may be a reasonable immediate alternative to patterns inherited from the past.

Our belief is that the continuation of Parren Mitchell's unique leadership should at the very least be given the most serious consideration. As black Americans awaken their concern for the "D.C. Amendment" and as they seek to build major new political sights and loyalties in earnest, it is important that the Caucus serves in the most efficient and imaginative ways possible "on behalf of all black Americans."

In this light, we ask our readers to share their opinions right away on the issue of Caucus leadership with the members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Media Reviews:

(For thoughtful teen-agers and others who love children)

BLACK INDIANS

A review of *Arilla Sun Down*, a novel by Virginia Hamilton, Greenwillow Books, William Morrow, Publishers, N.Y. 1976, 248 pages, Hardcover, \$7.95.

Virginia Hamilton is a remarkably talented black writer from an unusual part of the country. She hails from Yellow Springs, Ohio, which figured strongly as an Underground Railroad connection and is one of a reputed 50 or more "black communities" in Southern Ohio which historically were havens of Original Americans who claimed to be black in order to escape the "be white or die!" terror which had long plagued American Indians (Original Americans).

Yet her story needs to be told, both for a larger audience and for the sheer humanity of a beautiful young girl who faces human problems in a beautifully human way. The book tells more of Ms. Hamilton than her Yellow Springs background. She is a gifted and sensitive writer who has won many awards, and who makes *Arilla Sun Down* a rich reward for its readers.

WORDS OF LIFE

Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation."

1. We are called to live "in Christ." One of the most remarkable, but far too little publicized, breakthroughs in the religious experience of our times has been the discovery that at practically every place in the New Testament where the term "with God" (or "with Christ") is used, it is more accurately translated "in God" or "in Christ."

For God to be "with us" is great. For us to literally live "in God" is, in every respect, divine!

2. Being "in Christ" makes us new. To know that we are no less than divine is an awesome experience. It gives us a "new image"; (shall we dare say it?) gives

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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY

December 27—January 2, 1979

FOR THE WHOLE SOUL NATION

With the planet Saturn retrograde from December 24, 1978 until May 9, 1979, winter may last through Spring. Be well prepared to live in the cold, to pay more for heat and utilities, to have less fresh produce available in the markets, and to be urged by governments' biggest spenders—the politicians—to tighten your belt for the good of the nation. However, middle-to-low income per-

sons in the good ol' USA think that they've made enough sacrifices—i.e.—no hospitals, no police, inferior education for their children, individual hypertension caused by fear of crime in the street, etc., so they think government better come up with another solution—like lowering politicians' salaries; taxation of the super-rich corporation; forced sharing of the wealth. So far, to deal with the economic problems, we've only witnessed the cutting of Medicaid and the food stamp program.

However, Malnutrition in the urban poor causes deranged states of consciousness. Poverty and hunger so destroy the human consciousness, that violence is carried out without the least feeling of guilt or remorse. Selfishness of the parent generation has bred this attitude in the present day society. No one wants to deal with the monsters that have been created. An "it's hard work disciplining children; but it will be even harder defending oneself against their propensity for violence on the mass level. One solution is to give them what they want: experiences like they see on TV; money like they see on TV; clothes like they see on TV; food like they see on TV—etc. on down the line. And since this is not real or practical for most of us, the alter-

native solution is to sit down with them and discuss why they can't be what they see on TV, and for the parent to realize the children as lovely people; and to be more aware of why they need; and how come it is the parents' duty to give, provide and guide.

ARIES — March 21-April 20 Constantly changing conditions and atmospheres won't upset you if you've done all your necessary groundwork. If you intend on skipping any ring, while moving up the ladder of success—don't forget to say: "May 17" to the powers that be. Bold new ideas may float across your mind-screen, but you can only be the real and practical. **TAURUS — April 21-May 21** Perhaps you feel prepared to

go in until winter has passed, and this is ok, providing you don't cut yourself off as a resource from those who need you. On the other hand, if a crazy love-affair begins to be a burden, you may find your tolerance stretched to the breaking point. Don't count on an old stand-by to pick up the pieces. **GEMINI — May 22-June 21** Half of you wants to think, the other half wants to feel. You may have met the human embodiment of all that is not right for you, and you find yourself fascinated by your desire to pursue an affair rather than Love. Find reality somewhere in this miasma of thought and feeling and hold to what's true. **CANCER — June 22-July 23** You rarely allow anyone to criticize you, so sometimes you miss seeing your own cruel and disdainful habits. Even though people of this sign feel the most, this is no reason to disrespect "feeling" or "lack of feeling" in others. Be reasonable when dispensing spiritual and material gifts. **LEO — July 24-August 23** Everything happening to you now seems to depend upon

your point of view, and your ability to see good in negative events. And if you don't believe that Time brings about a change—wait and see! What comes to you, is definitely for you. **VIRGO — August 24-September 23** If you can't think straight, and if a multitude of needlessness keeps getting on your nerves—go to sleep. If you can't sleep, watch TV and munch on carrot sticks—or sit down on the floor and play with the children. Children are good at intuitively restoring perspective. **LIBRA — September 24-October 23** Things may seem the same, but life is eternally changing. If you're trying to balance "what you see" with "what you know," you may experience realization. However, what you come to know through realization may not make you happier—only wiser. Everyday is a season for matehood. **SCORPIO — October 24-November 23** You have energy, insight, and conception at your beck and call. So now... what will you do—die or be reborn? Whatever you decide, don't put off making a choice by clinging to distractions that play against the cyclical time frame. If you don't do now, tomorrow may never happen. **SAGITTARIUS — November 23-December 21**

If you have concentrated very hard on attainments relate Mo love and love's expressions—now may be the time for you to receive your reward. You may be the old lover in a young person's life; you may just give up the search for love and realize you had it the whole time already in you. Behold the Light! **CAPRICORN — December 22-January 20** You may feel like the happiest reaper in the world if your plans are moving in accord with your ultimate dream. Repress the ego; open the heart and let it feel the fire of Truth radiating in the cosmos. The top of any mountain is quite a place to be—so extend yourself to climbers, boost the weary traveller. Generosity is needed. **AQUARIUS — January 21-February 19** Whatever you're inventing—ideal or practical—keep working at it while cosmic energy feeds you bright ideas. Also realize that the more you know, the more knowledge you have to share. Be tolerant and understand that mass ignorance is a disease of technological, computerized society—and not the Will or Desire of the people. **PISCES — February 20-March 20** By now you must know your strengths and your weaknesses. You must also realize that you are sometimes fortified and strengthened by unseen forces who care about your well-being and success. If any of these forces appear like humans, graciously say thank you and strive for Selfhood. Be a Bright Focus!

ACROSS THE NATION

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shall not be taught in the same school." In Kentucky it's "separate schools for white and colored children" and Oklahoma permits "the establishment and maintenance of separate schools for white and colored children."

Two years after the 1954 school desegregation decision, Arkansas amended its constitution to direct its government to oppose in every legal manner the desegregation decision. In Mississippi, the Constitution requires racial separation in prisons as well as schools and bans interracial marriage.

Alabama also still bans interracial marriage between a Negro and any white person. While laws such as these remain on the books, it is heartening that the Supreme Court has outlawed them and it is a challenge to the black makers in these various states to get them dropped.

Perhaps you missed this wonderful story, as it was buried under other news earlier this year. But it is a not-to-be-forgotten event. The Dayton, Ohio *Jet Stone News* reported the greatly belated recognition by the U.S. Army of the black 761st Tank Battalion. It is happy news. But it is sad also that it took 33 years for this honor to pass by our country simply because of past and some still-lingering racism. The *Jet Stone News* reports:

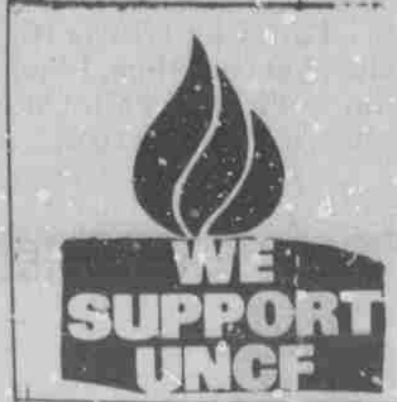
After 33 years, the 761st Tank Battalion, an all black unit, received their proper recognition for fighting in some of the longest and most bitter battles in the European Theatre during 1944 to 1945. Attending a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. in their honor were three Daytonians, Rev. Clarence

Copeland, Buddie Branch and Odell Williams. "Buddie, Odell, Bernie Frazier, and myself all went into the service together," Rev. Clarence Copeland said. "This was back in August of 1943."

After taking basic training together, they were shipped to the same unit of the 761st Tank Battalion, Company B at Fort Hood, Texas. "Javan Council and Russell, also from Dayton were already in Company B," continued Rev. Copeland. "Another young man by the name of Henry Middlebrook joined the same time we did, and he was sent to the 748th Tank Battalion, but he was killed in Holland." Henry Middlebrook's family still resides in the Dayton area.

"Another interesting fact was that Jackie Robinson (now of baseball fame) our platoon leader for Company B," continued Copeland.

The 761st Tank Battalion has always kept in touch with one another, reunions being held every year. This year it is planned for Kansas City in September. "We have an average of 100 men attending these reunions every year," said Rev. Copeland. "I have missed one, and that was last year."



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"Caprock Invitational Holiday Tournament Here"

The 20th Annual Caprock Invitational Holiday Basketball Tournament got underway Wednesday morning at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, matching in Division II, Christ The King and Slaton, followed by Lubbock Christian High and Floydada playing in the morning. During the afternoon, Tahoka took on last year's Division II Tournament winner, Tulia, Crosbyton challenged last year's runner up champion, Idalou.

Division I competition commenced at noon yesterday when 1977 Tournament winner, Dunbar, was challenged by Lubbock High. During evening, Wichita Falls took on Estacado. Last year's Division I runner-up, Dimmitt, also took on Coronado. Finishing out the first day's Tournament was Morton playing Monterey. The Tournament will run three days, December 27, 28, and 29.

From the "All Tournament Team" selected last year in Division I, Wayne Williams, a 5'8" senior from Dunbar and Mark Summer, a 6'5" senior from Dimmitt are returning to compete in the Tournament this year.

Returning members of the 1977 Division II "All Tournament Team" are Russell Webb, 6'7" senior from Tulia; Ricky Hobbs, 6'3" senior from Idalou; Tim Perrin, a 6'2" junior from LCHS and Jerome Whaley, of Slaton, a 6'4" senior.

Tournament winners will be decided at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 29, for Division II and at 9:00 p.m. for Division I.

The Holiday Tournament is sponsored by the Caprock Chapter of the American Business Clubs. The net proceeds from the Tournament will be donated to charity.

Teams in the Tournament are: Christ The King, Slaton, Lubbock Christian High School, Floydada, Dunbar, Lubbock High, Tahoka, Tulia, Crosbyton, Idalou, Wichita Falls, Estacado, Dimmitt, Coronado, Morton, and Monterey.

CELEBRATES SEVENTH BIRTHDAY HERE



Andrante C. Morgan celebrated her seventh birthday with a party held at the home of Rhonda Robinson. Andrante is the daughter of Harold Morgan and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Morgan.

MOSELEY REASSIGNED DUTIES AT CHAMBER

It was announced today by John Logan, general manager of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, that Richard W. Moseley, assistant general manager of the Chamber, would, for health reasons, give up the duties of that office

were numerous friends and relatives.

Moseley is in his 17th year with the Chamber in Lubbock. He became affiliated with the organization as director of the Convention Department in 1961. He moved from that responsibility to that of his current position in 1962 and has served in that capacity since.

and would be reassigned other duties of a less demanding nature, effective Dec. 31.

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NATIONAL Black Monitor

Credo For Justice And Equity

Whereas, the federal government of the United States of America recognizes that our nation is comprised, on the one hand, of a large majority "melting pot" of ethnic groups, who can identify as white, and, on the other hand, of "affected class" minorities (Crosby Black), who, by virtue of past discrimination, continue to suffer the present effects of that discrimination in a manner that "as not allowed these "affected class" persons to identify with White America... And,

Whereas, black people in America and elsewhere are beginning to recognize more and more that the long standing oppression which they have been subject for so many centuries has been based solely on skin color... with little or no distinctions made to the educational attainments, economic status or other merits of the individual... And,

Whereas, black people everywhere recognize that since this discrimination and denial have been applied to them as a group, they must unite as a group in many ways to help overcome these conditions... And,

Whereas, our federal government and others are beginning to recognize it is obvious that this use of race as a weapon, both deliberately and systematically, to exclude blacks and certain other minorities from the economic mainstream of American life, has resulted in an economic, psychological and political arrangement that is demeaning and unjust... And,

Whereas, this denial has been long-standing and so broadly pervasive that many persons with limited inner security have felt a need to engage in counter-moves to this frustrating inhumanity... And,

Whereas, to overcome these historic and tragic injustices... and to build equity for all, major corporations and others in economic control have begun to realize that compensatory or "make-up" adjustments have to be made by every institution in America, if any of us hope to live together harmoniously and without fear... And,

Whereas, as other previously-oppressed minorities have had to get themselves together to take leadership in—and give guidance and moral support to—changes toward building equity... And,

Whereas, our experiences with long-suffering make us more acutely concerned about all citizens (white or black) being treated fairly and that oppressed peoples get long overdue consideration in educational, job and other economic opportunities through both confrontation and support... And,




Whereas, business persons, firemen, policemen, teachers and others who do not live within our communities almost consistently have shown lack of regard for the reasonable and deserved needs of our communities... And,

Whereas, we recognize that all of us (black and white) are linked together in survival and all of us will suffer from the great economic and needless inhumane costs unless we all strive together for equitable changes... And,

Therefore, as citizens who understand that we can never realize the full promise of America until all blacks and other oppressed minorities are empowered to stand in a peer relationship with others via 1) genuine self-awareness, 2) keener insights into the realities of our society and 3) vastly improved economic opportunities, we pledge the following as a means of helping to make our society more just and equitable for every American:

1. that, for a more rapid shift toward psychological and economic freedom for our community, and except where comparable values are not available with reasonable convenience, all of our needs for goods and services will be from within our "affected class" communities...
2. that, to insure the best possible education for our youth and to insure the best police and fire protection, we will insist that only those who, along with their families, live within our communities, be able to serve as teachers, policepersons or fire fighters for our communities...
3. that, on the basis of the simple equity needed to achieve peaceful and harmonious relationships among all in this nation, we will make every effort possible to encourage our employers to employ more minorities and engage more minority contractors on an equitable basis...
4. that, since the media of every community are a major voice for that community and therefore should come from within that community (not be outsiders), we will do all in our power to support those who support our true leadership voices... and will actively discourage support for any media purporting to represent us but which are not owned from within our community and accountable to the black community...
5. that, for redemptive and equity-building purposes, we will encourage group unity, promote community control and work in non-violent but aggressive ways for survival and growth of our people on all fronts and in our nation... particularly with programs oriented for our youth...
6. that, if any company should engage in any new venture which is ethnic related, we will do our best to help them see the wisdom of joining with blacks and other "affected class" minorities in this one area remaining open to them for quickly and easily establishing economic equity...
7. that, in order to keep blacks from continuing to be forced out of business, prevent deception, and help regain control of our own economic community, we will do all in our power to encourage non-minority owned ventures from... needlessly exploiting black (or other "affected class" minority) pride, and giving the impression that they may be minority owned by using "soul" names unless our brethren actually own majority control of these enterprises...
8. that, for our own continued economic survival, we will support these needed efforts for creative change to which all thinking people must be committed by encouraging all of our friends—including black business people and professionals who stand to gain most immediately—to support in every possible way those institutions committed to work for the principles of this pledge...
9. that, for simple self-respect, and for the development of group strength (as all other ethnic groups have had to do), we will work to strengthen our educational system, develop our own community organizations like SCLC, Operation Breadbasket, Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), People United to Save Humanity (PUSH), local NAACP Chapters, etc., in every way possible and help by making the alternatives more clear to those black brothers and sisters who continue to unwittingly or otherwise work against our self-development. And finally...
10. that, because the black church (along with the black-owned press) has been in the forefront of the struggle for freedom and dignity for all men in this nation, and because we all need the moral strength which it imparts, we will do all we can to support it financially and otherwise even if we live in other communities and cannot regularly attend... for, this is chief among our precious institutions.

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HEALTH FOR ALL

"Resolutions for Smokers"

The American Lung Association offers these suggestions for smokers to start any day -- or every day -- of the new year.

RESOLVED that I decide here and now to make a commitment to my own body and health and to give myself the respect I deserve.

RESOLVED that I know I can take steps to adopt more positive lifestyles to celebrate life and promote my well-being. I recognize that becoming a nonsmoker is one of those lifestyles.

RESOLVED that I will consider the adverse effects of my smoking on all those around me -- at home, at work, in public places, with friends -- and I will make a greater effort to avoid polluting the air they must breathe.

RESOLVED that I will take seriously the future effects of my continued smoking, that I will ponder the impact on my life of the possibility of developing severe lung disease or heart distress. I will allow myself to imagine the effects of such a disability -- or my early death -- on all those who love me.

RESOLVED that I will find out for myself just how easy or how hard it is for me to quit smoking. I can select bits and parts of a whole variety of techniques and choose how to become a nonsmoker -- in my own way.

RESOLVED that I know deep down I can change my behavior and smoking patterns -- if I want to enough. I am convinced quitting smoking is one of the best things I can do for myself and those I love.

RESOLVED that I realize I can reach out for all the help and encouragement I need. I don't have to go it alone, although I can if I want. I can also join a group with others who want to stop smoking. I can ask for all the help I want -- from my family, my friends, my co-workers, and my local Lung Association.

A STREET AND A MAN TO REMEMBER

The past decade has produced an increasing number of blacks who think and who write their thoughts with both power and saleability for the reading public to read and to inwardly digest.

Young David Bradley, a black writer in his mid-twenties, is representative of this generation of writers at their very best. In *South Street*, he has taken both his literary powers and his racial rage and formed an amalgam that is persuasive, passionate and possessed of the promise of becoming the foundation of one of the best literary legacies of our times.

Bradley's word descriptions of that sordid yet all-too-realistic segment of black ghetto which he calls *South Street* becomes almost frighteningly alive, so brilliant are Bradley's writing style and his imaginative and recreative powers.

While the book deals with the violence which explodes in any aggressively psychotic setting and the raw sexuality of those who find this as their most convenient or ready release, the book is neither a book of violence nor of sex. It is a deeply human saga of the pain and the perversion of values in a life setting where pain makes its only profits and where positive values seem to find no welcome or worthy place.

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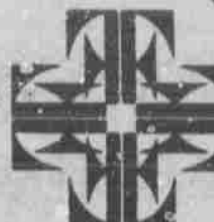
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SAINT JOHN BAPTIST

Our pastor, Rev. J.E. Moore, delivered a wonderful message last Sunday morning.

The Missionary Society will present a drama on the fifth Sunday, December 31, at 3 p.m.

The theme of this drama is "Love in Action."

Music will be presented by the choir for this upcoming event. All members and friends are invited to attend.

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The Senior Mission is asking all women and members to please participate in this program. After the meeting, a delicious soul food banquet will be held. There will be spiritual nourishment for the soul, and delicious food for the physical body.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church and community.

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Brother T.E. Ray is still on the sick list. Also reported this past week were Sister Margie Adams and Sister Archie Brown. Let's pray for their speedy recovery and do what we can for them.

Brother and Sister Andrew Davis were out of the city last week. They were visiting relatives in

Atlanta, Georgia. Due to the holiday season, many are reported to be out of the city during the holiday season. Among them are the Joe Browns, the J.W. Carrolls, and others.

The Lee Street Church of Christ of Midland, Texas is sponsoring a fellowship Sunday. The exact time of this fellowship is not known at the time of this writing. Sister Velma Lethridge should be consulted if you have any questions concerning this event.

It's a Strange World We Live In....People are much the same wherever you go. You've probably felt the same emotions when you went on a trip. Perhaps you wanted to get alone to think. What a strange world to face up to.... so many conflicting ideas.... so many incomprehensible things. Actually, it's the same kind of world the baby Jesus entered. Why not pick up your Bible, read the Book of Matthew and find out how Jesus introduced a totally new perspective, a jolting set of different ideas and dynamics which many flatly rejected and others allowed to change their lives.

GREATER SAINT LUKE BAPTIST

Thank you members for thinking of each other. The church received many Christmas cards from the membership. This gesture lets us know we love and think of each other.

The Young Adult Choir robes are here and very beautiful. The Young Adult Choir will have their robe dedication on the first Sunday in January.

We had a wonderful time in Christmas services on Monday morning. Members of the Dorcas Circle met in the home of Sister Clara Scott, 2714 Teak Avenue, this week. They reported a splendid meeting.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Pray to be perfect, through material leaven. Forbid the spirit so on earth to be: But if for any wish thou darrest not pray. Then pray to

God to cast that wish away.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church. Those on the sick list include Brother Lovings, the husband of Sister Odie Lovings, who is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital. Also Sisters Roxie Reed, Mary Lee, Ellen Tillman, and Dolly Howard are shut in.

"From The Pastor's Desk".....Christmas is more than a dream. It's reality. Christmas is sight for our blind eyes. It's hearing for our deaf ears. It's wholeness for our broken lives. It's purity for our sin-scarred minds and bodies. Christmas is Jesus turning your dreams into reality.

MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST

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

The W.M.S. will present its final fifth Sunday program for the year on Sunday, December 31. Their theme for the entire day's activities is Joy to The World. Let us look forward to this event.

Ushers meet at the church each Monday evening at 7 p.m.

Senior Choir practices on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

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

The Youth Department meets at the church meet at the church at 7 p.m.

Teachers meeting is held each Friday evening at 7 p.m.

The Deaconess meet at the church the first and third Saturday of each month.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church.

BETHEL A.M.E.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with Rev. Edwin Scott delivering the morning message. Senior Choir Number Two, under the direction of Mrs. Bobbie Patterson, was responsible for the music of the morning.

Among our visitors last Sunday morning were N.C. Cain, II of Waco, Texas, James Page of Houston, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Wright of San Antonio, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lampkins of

Abilene, Texas, Mr. Spencer Johns of Las Vegas, Nevada, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Otto and Mrs. Phyllis Otto, all of Dallas, Texas.

An inspiring Christmas program was held on Sunday evening. We appreciate what our young people are doing at the church.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church and community. Those on the sick list include Mrs. Doris Ragland, Mrs. W.H. Stevens, and the brother of Mrs. Hortense King in Denver, Colorado.

Rev. and Mrs. A.W. Wilson, pastor and wife, presented their annual Wilson's Christmas last Sunday evening after the program in Fellowship Hall. Everyone present had a great time.

Official Board meeting is held each Monday evening at 8 p.m.

Members of the Ma Jones Missionary Society meet at the church each Monday afternoon at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Choir Number One meets at the church each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We invite our members and friends to come and be with us.

Senior Choir Number One meets in the home of Mrs. L.C. Struggs each Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

Senior Choir Number Two practices at the church each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST

After a beautiful Christmas season and services, our youth and adults received gifts from the Sunday School Department. We had a wonderful time last Sunday morning.

Watch Services will start at 10:00 p.m. and conclude at midnight Sunday, December 31. All members and friends of the community are invited to attend.

To all our college students who are home for the holidays, we want you to know you are most welcome to visit with us. We hope each of you will have a good year.

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

The church will be entertained by the Educational Board on January 3 at 7 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Bible classes are being held at the church through Friday, December 29. Each class begins at 7 p.m. All members are asked to join the study.

Watch Services will be held Sunday evening, December 31, beginning at 10 p.m. Let us make plans to be in attendance.

Installation of Officers will be held Sunday afternoon, January 7, at 3 p.m. Dr. J.S. Loud will serve as installation officer. All persons

work with our young people is invited to do so. Church reporting and conference will be held Monday evening, January 8, at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

The Baptist Ministers Union services will be held at our church on Friday evening, January 12, at 7 p.m.



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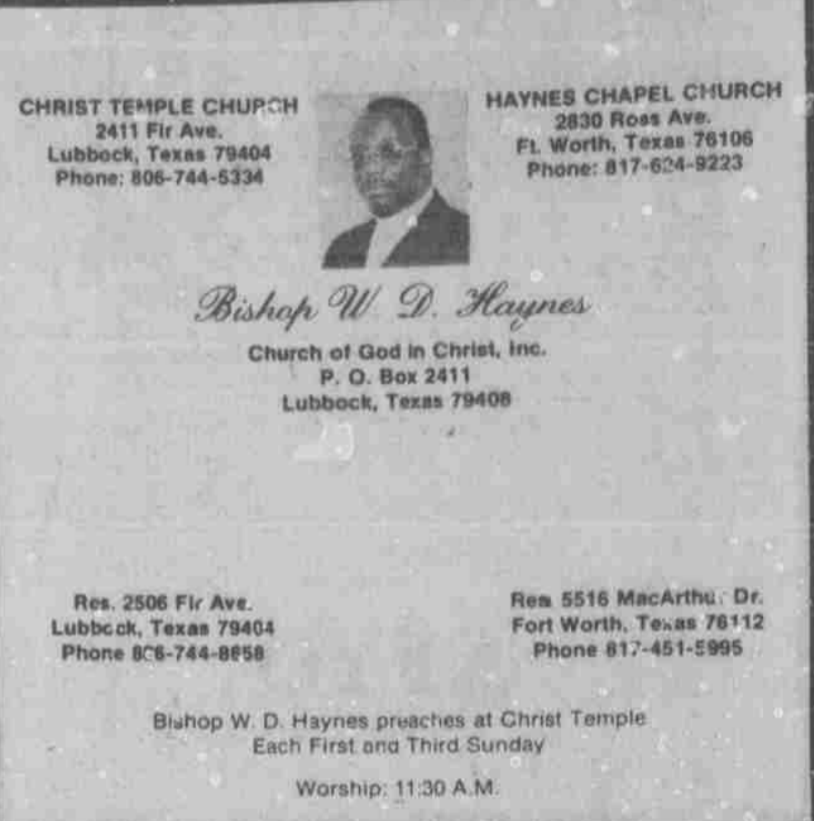
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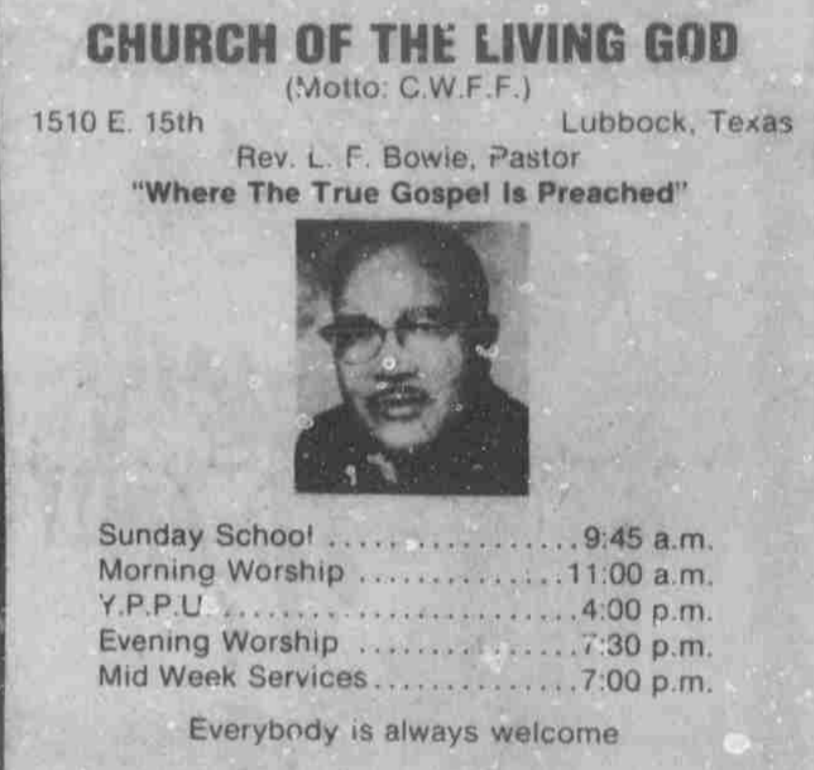
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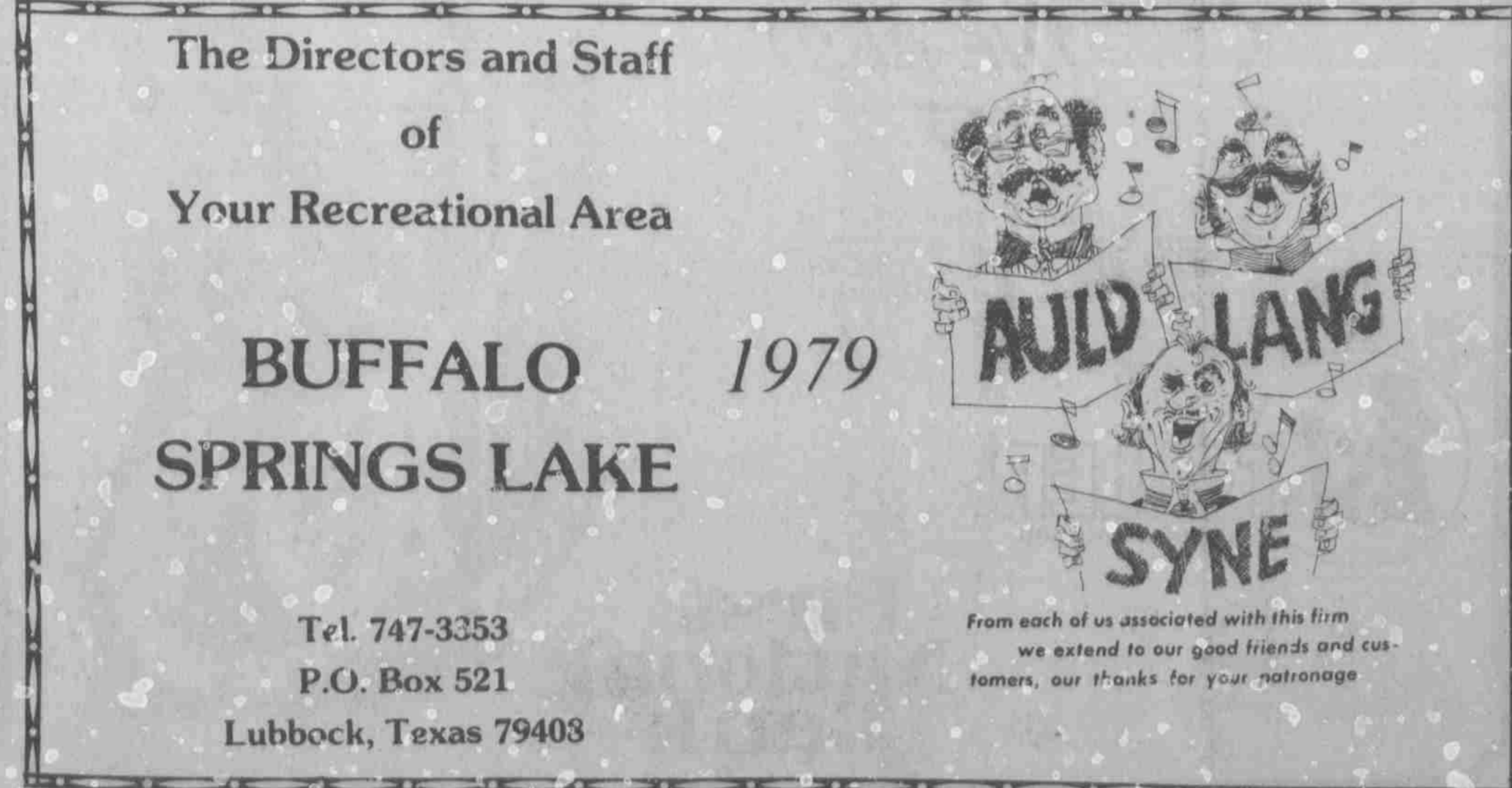
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Wednesday Worship Service 7:30 PM
Lady Crusaders, Monday 6:00 PM
G.A.'s, Monday 6:00 PM
Junior Choir, Monday 7:00 PM
Actrens, Tuesday 6:30 P.M.
Ambassadors / Pioneers, Tuesday 6:30 PM
Senior Choir, Tuesday 7:15 PM
Mission, Thursday 7:30 PM
Brotherhood, Saturday 5:00 PM
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