

"BE SOMEBODY IN 1979!!"

REV. M. A. BROWN FAMILY TO BE HONORED IN SLATON SUNDAY

The members of the Triumph Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas invite their many friends to join them in the eighteenth Anniversary Celebration of their pastor and family, Rev. Mitchell A. Brown, April 29, May 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

Theme for this year's celebration is "We Come This Far By Faith." Rev. C. Collier is conductor of this week long celebration.

The pre-opening will be held Sunday afternoon, April 29, at 3 p.m. with Mission Number II as sponsor. Sister Mozell Evans will preside over the program. Guest churches will include Jerusalem Temple Church of God in Christ, Gospel African Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Mark Baptist Church, and churches from Lorenzo and Shallowater.



Rev. Mitchell A. Brown and Family

The celebration will climax on Sunday afternoon, May 6, at 3 p.m. During this anniversary hour, the Deacons will be in charge of the program devotional hour. This program will be under the direction of the Pastor's Aid, with

assistance of Sisters Franklin, Slay, and Norris.

Guest churches will be the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church, Saint John Baptist Church, both of Lubbock; and churches from Snyder and Post, Texas.

"My family thanks each and everyone for their support, and the very fine spirit. The way you have backed every moment of this church is great. To make this a good anniversary, no minister could ask for anymore," says Rev. Brown.

LOCAL STUDENTS COMPETE IN STATE MEET NEXT WEEK

At the District 1-AAA Speech Tournament in Canyon, Texas on April 13, Charles Contee of Estacado High School

placed first, and Shelia Renee Patterson of Dunbar-Struggs High School placed third. Both advanced to regional competition.

At the Regional Speech Tournament in Odessa, Texas on April 21, Contee placed first, and Patterson again placed



Charles Contee



Shelia Renee Patterson

third. Both students advance to the State Speech Tournament in Austin, Texas on May 4 and 5.

Contee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dean Contee, Sr. of 1901 East Parkway Drive. Patterson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Patten, Sr. of 2405 Globe Avenue.

DUNBAR REUNION TALKED ON KCBT

Some of the persons who are working on the first Dunbar Reunion, involving persons who graduated or attending this high school 1950 through 1959, will be seen on "What's Goin' On?" on Saturday, May 5, at 12:30 p.m.

Persons appearing on the show will be Joan Crawford, Vernita Holmes, Frances Bell, Len Chew, Arthur "Gut" Jones, and Coach Damon Hill.

east Lubbock, think positive," says David Sowell, president.

"We hope the entire Black community will get involved in this kind of positive effort," says Sowell. "Something has to be done now," he concluded.

ELIC MEETS HERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The East Lubbock Investment Company will be in session at the Mae Simmons Community Center at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening,

May 2. Everyone who is interested are invited to attend this positive action program meeting. "This is what we all need to in

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"Concerned about crude oil price decontrol policy"

BLACK CAUCUS CRITIZES CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION

After review and discussion of the Administration's new energy policy proposals, the Congressional Black Caucus today criticized the President's planned decontrol of crude oil prices as "inflationary, inequitable and ineffective." The Caucus proposed linking any oil price decontrol with passage of a windfall profits tax, guaranteeing that lower-income persons are fully protected financially against higher energy costs, and called for aggressive development and funding for solar power.

Leading the Caucus efforts in the energy area are Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.), who served on the Ad Hoc Energy Subcommittee in the 95th Congress, Congressman Julian Dixon (D-Calif.), who serves on the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and

Congressman Mickey Leland (D-Tex.), who serves on the Energy and Power Subcommittee of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. The Caucus previously made major statements on energy issues in August 1977, and February 1978.

Congressman Rangel said that "The President's proposal for decontrolling the price of crude oil is in stark contrast to the Administration's stated priority of combatting inflation. The American public can now see vividly that prices rise because

the Administration pursues policies which encourage them to rise, not because people are put back to work. We are told that reducing unemployment from present astronomical levels is inflationary, but, the President's policy further points up the fact that inflation primarily results from price increases for energy, food, health, and

housing."

Congresswoman Carriann Collins (D-Ill.), Chairwoman of the Caucus, said that "The American public also is shocked that the oil companies are likely to receive billions of dollars in windfall profits because the President rejected the option of requiring passage of the profits tax before decontrolling oil prices when all signs are that the Congress will reject the tax proposed by the President. "Congresswoman Collins called on the President to guarantee, whether through a windfall profits tax or from other revenues, that lower-income persons will receive financial assistance equal to the amount of increased energy costs. She pointed out that the proposed windfall profits tax provides a rebate of only \$100 for families with incomes of less than \$7500/year, which is less than a third of the estimated \$326 annual

increase in energy costs for a family of four which will result from the new energy policy.

Congressman Dixon called upon the President to make a greater commitment to solar energy and other renewable sources. "If we aggressively develop solar power, we could produce 25 percent of our nation's energy from these sources by the year 2000.

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"Union President says they will strike until they get what they want"

LOCAL LABOR UNION WANTS 'TRUTH' TOLD ABOUT STRIKE

They've been misrepresented by the local media, misunderstood by the contractors and mis-understood by the general public.

"All we want is a chance to let the public know the truth," said president of the National American Central Labor Union Local 1253 Irvin English.

The union is in a labor dispute with the approximately 10 main contrac-

tors in Lubbock.

According to English, the labor union was founded in 1967. Over the past years, the union has been successful working with all contractors.

"But this year, the contractors are refusing to negotiate with us," English told the Lubbock Digest this week. "What is the difference this year?"

According to English, the contract is the same

contract that has been used for several years. The contract includes a retirement plan, which men such as Curly Wilson and Juan DeLeon are under, a hospitalization plan and a pension plan. The only difference is a 45 cent increase in the \$5.25 and one half pay rate. English said the seven percent increase complies with what President Jimmy Carter allows.

So, the labor union has taken to the streets to strike - in a peaceful, non-violent manner, English said. And the men (280 represented by the union, with 100 of these active) have been off the jobs, as construction workers and as custodians at Reese Air Force Base, since the first of April.

"Whenever a strike hits, it affects everybody

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PATSY LOCKHART WINS SCHOLARSHIP FOR WORK

Patsy June Lockhart, senior student at Dunbar-Struggs High School, has been selected by the

Lubbock Educational Secretaries Association for this year's scholarship award.

This award is offered to

a senior who is planning to major in business education.

Patsy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lockhart of 3502 Varda Avenue, has worked as library aide for three years at

Dunbar-Struggs High School, library aide for the summer of 1978 at Texas Tech University, and is currently office aide at Iles Elementary School.



Patsy Lockhart

BIRTH OF BLACK CHURCH IN LUBBOCK

There was hardly a distinguishable Black section of Lubbock when the first church was begun. With a population of less than twenty Black, Ida Stafford organized a Sunday School in her one room house on October 2, 1917. That was the beginning of Mount Gilead Baptist Church. It was three years before another church was organized. The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church got its start in the spring of 1920 also in the house of one of its members.

In April, 1921, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was begun in a member's house, and other churches followed - the Presbyterian Church and Mount Vernon or Mosley Chapel (Methodist Episcopal) in 1925; the Holiness Church and New Hope or Mount Calvary Baptist Church in 1927.

None of the early churches could afford to pay a preacher on a full time basis. Often times, they either did without a minister or had the services of a traveling preacher on a monthly basis.

The Recognition Teams of the Roots Historical Arts Council visited two east Lubbock churches last Sunday to give honors to the

churches and its outstanding members. Ronnie Sneed, board chairman, indicated that the churches are the

cornerstone of the Black community.

Leon Bunton added: "Where would the Black community be without

the churches?" Donald Brooks indicated that furthermore Blacks have always gone to church. "In slavery

days, it was the only legal means of Black socialization. Everybody should have something they really believe in."



The Roots Historical Arts Council took time last Sunday to honor the Black Churches of Lubbock. Two of the Black Churches in East Lubbock were recognized by this organization, during their morning services. The organization told the congregations that the Black churches are the backbone of the Black community.

Pictured above are members of the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church who were present at this church's honor. Other photos are seen on Page Two of this issue. Photos are by Charles E. Brown, Jr., a member of the organization.

RUBY JAY'S CORNER



WHAT'S GOING ON

If you would like for this column to let the people know about some of the things you are doing, just let me hear from you. Write me: Ruby's Column, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas, 79408. Here is a story received this week:

It is always good to receive stories about people of the community.

Easter was a special occasion for Ms. Mae Jessie Cage because she had the pleasure of being with her entire family.

Her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Woods Rhodes and grandsons, Jerome and Tony, were here from Dallas. Her son Curtis Williams, daughter Jill Williams, and grandson DeTwill, were visiting from Houston. Also three of her children who lives in "Hub City", Gary Williams, Faye Williams, and Terry Williams, and grand-children, Terry Jr., Marcus, and Torshiba. All of them spent the entire day with her.

It was reported that all had a lovely Easter time together. This, of course, included the Easter feast at the home of a cousin, Ms. Doshia King. At the request of Mrs. Rhodes, the menu consisted of the following: chicken and dumplings, cream peas, okra, corn casserole, toss salad, congeal fruit salad, cornbread, cherry icebox pie, chocolate fudge cake, and fruit punch. It was great.

Others attending the festivities were Mrs. Terry (Beulah) Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Gaston of Stanton, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thomas and children of here, who are cousins of Ms. Cage.



Everyone enjoyed a lovely time, as you can see from the picture of little Christopher Thomas at the Easter egg hunt in the backyard of Ms. King.

Elder Leroy Cleaver of Wichita Falls, Texas, spent the week in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Hannah Lee Patterson. Mrs. Patterson returned with him to visit relatives and friends in Wichita Falls.

Ernest Kelly, a graduate of Dunbar High School and now a businessman in the City of Houston, was here attending the Stokes-Parker Debutante Ball last Saturday evening at the South Park Inn. He was rather encouraged about the upcoming Dunbar Reunion.

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Derrough and niece motored to Fort Worth, Texas, last Sunday to visit relatives. They were accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. G.H. Davis. They returned home Wednesday and reported a wonderful trip.

Mrs. R.B. Thompson, Mrs. Arene Flemings, and Miss Willie Mae Nelson motored to Silverton, Texas, last Sunday to witness the installation service of their brother, Reverend J. Nelson.

The Running Rose Court No. 448, will meet Monday, April 30, 1979, at 4 p.m., in the home Mrs. Amice Mae Taylor, 3509 East 15th Street, all members please come. Thank you.

Those of you in the community who will not

OUTREACH BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Members of the Outreach Breakfast Club met at 9 a.m. last Saturday morning in the fellowship hall of Community Baptist Church.

Devotion was led by Mrs. Vivian Peoples. Scripture was taken from 1 Kings 13:21, Romans 12:2, 13:13, 15:1. "Then Elijah talked to them 'How long are you going to waver between two opinions, he asked the people: 'If the Lord is God, follow Him! But if baal is God, then follow him.'"

Thought for the Morning: "Limping Christians" Why limp when you could walk tall."

This was a beautiful devotional.

Breakfast was served with a third hostess in charge, Mrs. Francis Green, a gracious one indeed.

Guest list for the morning included Rev. and Mrs. Tony Williams, Rev. C. C. Peoples, Rev. J. B. Harris, Rev. K. C. King, Mrs. Mary Hill, Mrs. Francis Green, and Mrs. Willie Knighten.

You are very special people and you light up our lives with your presence. Come again!

Our sick list include Mrs. Savannah Goodie. To Mrs. Ruth Bonner who lost her brother, Mr. Ernest Wilson of California, and other bereaved families, please remember God still stands by. He never makes a mistake.

There are no joining fees for this club. You

come to prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings, please whisper a prayer at home. Prayer is very much needed.

GARAGE SALE

Ballenger School Saturday, May 5, 1979 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1110 40th Street Lubbock, Texas Donated items are needed. Items will be accepted at school April 27 through May 4, during school hours. Proceeds will go to the Ballenger School P.T.A.

don't have to be invited. Feel hungry, then come by. We love you. We really do.

Mrs. J. Savage is the chairman of the Calling Committee. As you know, she does a job well. Next meeting will be held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Rev. A. W. Wilson, pastor. The hostess will be Mrs. Clara Cage.

For more information, call 763-2966.

Presiding is Mrs. C. E. Fair, vice president. President is Mrs. Mary Ward. Reporter is Mrs. Dorothy Hood.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Due to the high incidence of disasters that have occurred in the past week, which include the tornados of North Texas and Oklahoma, the flooding on the Mississippi and the tornados in the Southeast, the American National Red Cross has launched a special disaster fund appeal. The Lubbock County Chapter's share of the needed \$1.5 million dollars is \$7,500.00. Please help us reach this goal by bringing your contribution to the Lubbock County Chapter, American Red Cross, located at 1313 Avenue L in Lubbock, or by mailing it to P.O. Box 2912, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Make your contribution payable to the American Red Cross for the North Texas Tornado Relief Fund.

SUPPORT NAACP

THANK YOU

The Joe L. Russell Family would like to thank you for your kind words or sympathy. It is so nice to have friends like you.

Thank you Thelma Evans

PASTORS RECEIVE HONOR HERE



Rev. A.W. Wilson, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, receives the Roots Appreciation honor as members Tim Sneed, Leon Bunton, and Ronnie Sneed honored the church and its membership. Mrs. Mable Carter received an award for outstanding work in the East Lubbock community.



Members Eric Strong, Donald Brooks, and Shakir Muhyee gave the Roots Appreciation to the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church for its service to the community. It also gave special awards to Rev. A.L. Davis, pastor, and another in memory of Uncle Chess, known as Mr. Chester Henderson, a great community worker.

IDALOUS BAND BOOSTER CLUB WILL SPONSOR MEET

Idalou Band Boosters will sponsor a Junior Track Meet on Saturday, May 5, at Reddell Field, west of the high school. The meet is open to boys and girls, ages 3-12. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with field events beginning at 10 a.m. The registration fee is \$1.00 per participant and there is no limit on the number of events entered. Ribbons will be awarded in each event. A concession stand featuring sandwiches, candy, and soft drinks will be provided by parents of band members. Funds raised from this project will be used to support activities of the Idalou Wildcat Band.

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Swami Prabudhananda, Swami-in-Charge at the Vedanta Society of Northern California, will be in Lubbock for three days, April 24-27. On Thursday evening, April 26, he will lecture at the Unitarian-Universalist Church at 8 p.m., door open at 7:30 p.m., 2102 35th Street. "Vedanta teaches that the real nature of human persons is divine and that the aim of human life is to manifest that divinity through selfless work, unflinching devotion to God, control of the inner forces, and discrimination between the real and the unreal. Vedanta recognizes that truth is one, and therefore, it accepts all religions, properly understood, as valid means of realizing the truth." Swami Prabudhananda's topic will be "Freedom: Secular and Spiritual." Contributions to help in the expense of bringing the Swami here, will be accepted and appreciated at an appropriate time that evening. No admission will be required.

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POLICE HAPPENINGS AROUND LUBBOCK

BURGLARY OF VEHICLE

MELVINA BERRY, 2618 Weber Drive, Apartment B, reported to Lubbock police that she had a problem one day last week.

The young lady told police that she was attending a funeral service at the City of Lubbock Cemetery when she put her purse in a parked car. She tells police that the car was unlocked, unknown to her, but she knows that it was owned by Mr. Walker of Denver, Colorado.

While at the grave site, according to the police report, an unknown person took her purse which contained \$65 worth of food stamps. Total amount of items taken was \$99.

She told police that she

had no idea would take advantage of someone attending a funeral.

BURGLARY OF HABITATION

MARVIN RUTHUS JACKSON, 3621 East 14th Street, reported to Lubbock police that his residence was broken into one day last week. According to the police report, this was the third time someone unknown had broken into it.

Taken from the house was a \$6 necklace. Entry is believed to have been gained by the back door which was only latched.

ATTEMPTED OVERDOSE

A twenty year old Black sister reported to



"Nothing I attempted had gone right," she said.

BURGLARY OF HABITATION

GERALD WALKER, 1722 East 2nd Street, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown did break into his residence one day last week. Entry was appar-

ently gained by the rear bedroom window. It is believed that a brick was used to break the window.

Taken from the house were a color television set and a stereo AM/FM radio with two speakers. These items were valued at \$550.

BURGLARY OF HABITATION

PERCY HINES, JR., 2014 Birch Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown did pry open the front door to his residence. The wood was pried away from the door, according to the police report.

After investigating the

VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY

Volunteers are needed at Community Hospital of Lubbock to help brighten days for patients and their families. Men

situation, it was believed that nothing was missing from the house.

Damage to the front door of the house is unknown at this report.

and women are needed to work in patient care or in the newly opened gift shop. You will be trained in the area you choose to work. Contact Director of Volunteers, Louise Stokes, at 795-9301. The Hospital is located at 5301 University Avenue.

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TELL IT LIKE IT IS

by
T. J. Patterson

"DEATH SHOULD BE LESSON"

The recent killing of a young Black man in east Lubbock should serve as a warning to young Black brothers and sisters who are involved in activities which will take their lives at times. This young man, Curtis Lee Pegues, was the son of someone. He also was the father of three kids. Now he is gone, and will not be around to help rear them.

Anyway, regardless of what kind of activity this young man was apparently involved in at the time of his death, it doesn't mean that his life should have been taken. It shouldn't be that a person's life is snuffed out, because of an activity which he was apparently accused of being involved in.

This writer hopes this young man's death will serve as a warning of what can happen when you deal on the streets of Lubbock or any other city. This writer hopes this young man's death will serve as a catalyst for other Black brothers and sisters to what to do something with their lives.

Of this course, this writer, who, too, is a father of three Black children, can't pass judgement on what has happened. But, this writer can hope our young people will stay from the fast things in life and take a long hard look at the realities of life. Nothing comes easy! One must be willing to work hard for some of the good things in life.

When ever the opportunity presents itself for this writer to stop and talk to some young people, it is done without hesitation. Our young people need our help and support now! As parents and adults, we just can't continue to sit back and let all kinds of activities continue in the Black community.

There are many young Black brothers and sisters who rely on narcotics to carry them through the day. In many instances when they are low in money to purchase their supply for the hour, day or week, crime is the answer to getting enough cash to carry them through.

Anyway, this brother is gone. No matter what is said here will bring him back. He was a young Black brother who didn't get through the tunnel of life. Although it may have appeared to have been dark from time to time, this brother needed a firm helping hand to get him through.

Beware Brothers and Sisters who rely on the streets to get by. There is another way. Think about it.

It appears as though other communities have real good success in electing a Black to a political office. Many of us are familiar with Slaton, Texas who has had several Blacks elected to the city council. How many of you know that the Sheriff of Breckenridge, Texas is a Black man?

Yes, that's correct! A Black brother beat our several other whites for the position of sheriff in that county.

It's about time for a Black to be elected so to something in the City of Lubbock next election year. Think about it, a Black sheriff in Breckenridge, Texas.

It has come to this writer's attention that the Texas Highway Department has proclaimed the train intersection at East 34th Street and Railroad Avenue as a bad situation. They have made it know to the City of Lubbock that something must be done about this traffic situation immediately. This department is willing to spend at least \$65,000 (according to Jim Bertram, City Planner) to put a signal light as well as a cross bar to be utilized when there is a train crossing the area.

Spending this amount of money to fight a symptom does not make any sense in this writer's opinion. The leaders of east Lubbock need to sit down with the Santa Fe Railroad, Texas Highway Department, and the City of Lubbock and work this situation out immediately.

It is believed that some type of action will be taken today in the regular City Council meeting to adhere to the wishes of the Texas Highway Department. This is not the answer for such a bad situation which involves the lives of thousands daily. The people of east Lubbock are more important than a herd of cattle waiting for the lights and crossing bar to fall so they can continue their journey to and from work. Anyway, there are many who cross this area enroute to Dunbar High School.

It is time to sit down and talk about some type of an overpass to fight this bottle neck of a problem. By the way, this was the input from the East Lubbock Committee to the General Committee of Lubbock Committee to the General Committee of Lubbock (former mayor Roy Bass served as chairperson) to be forwarded to the City Council. Although, it has been several years, our city fathers should not forget.

The best thing to happen now is for the City Council to table this important matter until leaders or organizations from east Lubbock can sit down and work it out without fighting a symptom.

After waiting twenty or more years, this writer is sure Black people have the patience to sit down and work this thing out. Putting up the light and crossing bar, is a waste of time and taxpayers money.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT
HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT (Part I of Four Parts)



The Congressional Black Caucus has endorsed Presidential efforts at health care cost containment. Below is one portion of the White House position in this regard.

As we all know, those who own and operate many of our hospitals are the very ones who decide whether a patient should be admitted or not, who decide how long they stay, who decide what treatment they shall get, who decide how much to charge for that treatment. Because of this extraordinary monopoly over a certain aspect that is crucial to every American's life, the cost of hospital care is increasing at twice the rate of inflation in our country. Something must be done."

—President Carter. Speech 9/20/78

On April 25, 1977, President Carter submitted his Hospital Cost Containment proposal to Congress.

President Carter believes that Members of Congress, by casting a single vote, would help reduce inflation as well as lower federal income taxes and payroll taxes.

The principal objective of the proposal is to limit the growth of the major cause of health cost increases—rising hospital expenditures. The legislation is designed to restrain increases in reimbursements which hospitals receive from all sources—

Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross, commercial insurers and individuals.

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

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BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
Human Rights Activist

BLACK DISSENTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE

In his inflation-fighting campaign, President Carter has repeatedly struck the raw nerves of his black supporters, particularly in the projected White House cutbacks on social programs for the black and other poor.

In a well publicized series of meetings with black leaders, Mr. Carter at first met with the almost uniform ire of his black leadership audience. Next Mr. Carter had a follow-up meeting with a select group of leaders in which he put forth the notion that his administration had, indeed, a warm heart and a social conscience. He stated that the social programs would not suffer since the government's savings from a crack-down on waste and inefficiency would be applied "largely—presumably by some internal transfer—to needed social problems.

The leaders came away from this second meeting with a much more positive feeling. But this maneuver began to boomerang almost immediately when leaders not invited to this second round, along with other blacks, began to raise questions about just who was making decisions at the White House.

The President had never been really off the hook with his black constituents who take claim for putting him into office and who hold that Mr. Carter had never reciprocated in terms of fulfilling his obligation to meet the

most urgent needs of the nation's black community.

A central part of Mr. Carter's response has been to appoint "more blacks" to highly visible positions in his administration. But it has turned out, and most clearly in the ongoing inflation war's budget-cutting process, that blacks in the Carter Administration are excluded completely from the White House "inner circle" of decision-makers. It is this latter fact that black leaders have now fastened upon in their ongoing assault upon Mr. Carter's ostensible lack of sensitivity and reciprocity.

Specifically, it has been noted that no black persons at the White House are in the "inner circle" of advisors closest to the Oval Office. Mr. Louis Martin, the veteran black newsmen at the White House, it was noted, has as his principal job and portfolio the responsibility for interpreting the lily-white "inner circle" decisions in the most favorable possible light.

Again, in the Office of Management and Budget, where the budget making and budget cutting takes place, blacks' influence are not to be found either. To add to the picture, HUD Secretary Patricia Harris has had an almost continuous battle with the White House and the Office of Management and Budget over arbitrary cuts in her

department without even consultation with her. In a revealing and cavalier fashion, the White House's lily-white "inner circle" of advisors began to make noises to the effect that it was Mrs. Harris' job to support whatever positions the "inner circle" of (white) advisors made and not to express any views contrary to those which they espouse.

The picture which has surfaced in all of this recent confrontation is that of a highly benevolent of patronizing white President who wants to do "more" for blacks, just so long as "more" does not include sharing with them the reins of power.

It is now the facing of the issue of power that increasing numbers of blacks feel is the major new approach required on the part of black Americans.

This endeavor has two parts. One is toward an assault on the unspoken policy which has effectively excluded blacks from all but highly sophisticated window dressing positions. Policy is made at the Oval Office. It should have been evident long ago that President's Chief Domestic Advisor ought to have been a black person and that his councils of "inner circle" administrators and policy statement preparers should have some considerable number of black voices on them. Short of this,

blacks remain effectively powerless in the Carter White House; and Mr. Carter's administration may be characterized continually as being no more than paternalistic at the very best.

Again, Mr. Carter needs to get the message, so it has been strongly felt, that "more blacks" is not "enough blacks." To have sufficient numbers of blacks means to bring black numbers—at all levels of government and in every branch—up to a level proportionate to blacks within the population. If that should be the goal of blacks and of the White House, then Mr. Carter's laughing onto simply "more blacks" completely and disastrously misses that reasonable mark.

BLACK POETRY

"POEM"

I know not what others may want.
But as for me,
Give me a big mouth, sweet
African lady,
With bright cherry-red
lipstick on.

by Robert Louis Jimerson

(Knowing what one wants is a virtue. This poem speaks in this sense, of virtue.)

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MRS. JEWEL LEE WESTLEY JACKSON



Final rites were read last week at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church for Mrs. Jewel Lee Westley Jackson with Rev. James Thomas officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the directions of South Plains Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jackson was born April 26, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Westley in Falls County, Texas. She later moved to Lubbock, Texas.

She united in wedlock to Howard Jackson, and to this union six children were born.

Mrs. Jackson united with the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church in 1958, and did unite with the St. Mark Baptist Church in 1966 where she served in the choir until she departed this life, April 14, 1979.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Mr. Howard Jackson, Sr.; six children: Howard

Jackson, Jr., Mary Helen Jackson, Curtis Charles Jackson, Hattie Louise Jackson, Harold Jackson, and Lee Willie Jackson, all of Lubbock; eleven grandchildren, three sisters: Bessie Haley of Hamlin, Texas, Mary Ann Jackson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Alice Suttice of California; and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Burnett Smith, Nathaniel Robinson, Michael Phillips, Larry Bond, Emmitt Earl Gibbs, and Gary Howard.

Honorary pallbearers were the Deacons and Brotherhood of St. Mark Baptist Church.

RUSH DAVIS

Final rites were read Monday afternoon at the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church for Mr. Rush Davis, with the pastor, Rev. A.L. Davis, officiating.

Interment was held in

the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of South Plains Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis was dead at 5:02 Thursday Morning upon arrival at Methodist Hospital, following an apparent heart attack. Justice of the Peace L.J. Blalock ruled the death of natural causes.

Mr. Davis, who retired from Pioneer Natural Gas Company, lived in Lubbock for 42 years. He moved here from Marlin, Texas.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Mrs. Helen Davis of the home; three sons: Ronald of Lubbock, J.B. of Fort Worth, Texas, and J.D. of Houston, Texas; and daughter, Ms. Brenda Davis of Lubbock; a sister, Mrs. Katie Lee Walker of Denver, Colorado; four grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

CURTIS LEE PEGUES

Funeral services were held for Curtis Lee Pegues at the St. Matthews Baptist Church last week with Rev. U.H. Jackson, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens under the directions of Jamison and Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Pegues was born September 8, 1955 in Kilgore, Texas; Gregg County, to Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Pegues. Mr. Pegues attended and graduated from the Lubbock Public Schools.

He leaves to mourn his death, his mother, Mrs. Juanita Richards; his father, Mr. R.D. Pegues; three sisters, Mary Pegues, Annie Johnson, and Ruby Parsons, all of Kilgore, Texas; three brothers: Rickey, Ronnie, and Bobby all of Lubbock; three children, Patrick, Kevin, and Brian; five aunts, Marie Smith, Clara Mathis, Curlee

Owens, Burt Pegues, and Cora Pegues; four uncles: Earnest Sanders, Jim, Will, and Obie Pegues; and a host of relatives and friends.

Active pallbearers were Larry Alexander, Charles Hobdy, Donnell Bailey, Terry Guyton, Curtis Hill, Kenneth Williams, Don Whatley, and LaCarl Richardson. Honorary pallbearers were Melvin Garner and Michael Matthews.

DON EDWARD CAMERON



Final rites were read for Don Edward Cameron at the Rising Star Baptist Church, Taft, Texas, on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, 1979.

Arrangements were made by the Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Cameron was born January 26, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cameron, Sr., at Pecos, Texas. He attended public schools in Pecos and Taft, Texas. Later, he attended Ranger Junior College.

He married the former Janet Reynolds on December 26, 1974, and to this union two children were born, Theresa and Don Edward, Jr.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Mrs. Janet Cameron, Sr., two

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As far as military retirees are concerned, finding it out is what it's about at the office of retired Lt. Col. Carl T. Fioto, Jr.

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children: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cameron, Sr.; five brothers: Charles Cameron, Lloyd Cameron, Hiawatha Cameron of Corpus Christi, Texas, Eddie Cameron of Pecos, Texas, and John T. Cameron of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters: Mary and Linda Cameron, both of Wichita Falls, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.

Casket bearers were Thomas Goodley, Alvin Jackson, Harold Smith, Jr., Harold Greenwood, Jessie Villanueva, and Jerrell Taylor, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Eloy Rodriguez, Joe Hernandez, O'Neal Bell, Marshall Green, Robert Robinson, and Vernon Fennel.

servicemen." "With more than 600 retired military personnel in the area, there is a definite need for an organization that keeps them advised of all the services, facilities, and entitlements available to them at Reese. I would like my office to serve as a single point of contact for all ex-servicemen who need this type of information."

Colonel Fioto can be

THANK YOU

The family of Don Edward Cameron wishes to thank each and everyone for their kindness, sympathy, prayers, and words of courage.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

THE CAMERON FAMILY

Media Reviews:

CIVILIZATION'S MEASURE

(For those who would understand our prisons)

A review of *Up From the Walking Dead: The Charles McGregor Story*, by Sharon Sopher and Charles McGregor, Doubleday, New York, 1978, 490 pages, Hardcover, \$10.95.

It was Dostoevsky who once wrote: "The degree of civilization in a society can be judged by entering its pris-

ons." In reading the lucid and penetrating account of a human life behind America's prison bars over a period of twenty years, one may be tempted to make a somewhat radical or extensive re-assessment of what we, as American people, are.

You may have first known and admired Charles McGregor as Fat-Freddie in the film *Superfly*. But it was the long-hoped-for end of a seemingly never-to-end road of recurrent frustration and self-degradation, compounded by the mindless enormities of our society itself, for Charles McGregor.

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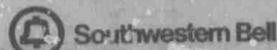
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The Mass Mission met on Monday evening at the church. It was reported that there was a great meeting.

The Mission Society will sponsor their annual Mission Day on Sunday, April 29, at 10:30 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. President Jones is asking each lady to come out to both affairs.

The Young Matrons will have their second membership drive dinner on Monday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to become a Young Matron, contact any Young Matron or come to our meeting held at the church on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.

God answers all prayers. Let's pray for the sick as well as the shut-in members of the church and community.

MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, delivering a splendid message.

Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. Bring someone with you and both will be blessed.

Bible Study is every Wednesday night, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Prayer meeting and choir rehearsal will follow. All members are asked to attend.

Let us pray for all of our sick and shut-in, those who are bereaved, and those who are less fortunate that we are today and everyday.

GREATER SAINT LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Pastor's Desk: Let Members, let us attend our anniversary services. This is our anniversary and we should attend if no one else does. Let us come pray for a good church anniversary. Each member is asked to help us reach our goal.

Members of the Eunice Circle will meet in the home of Sister Verdell Edwards, 3609 Cherry Avenue, on Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Members of the Sarah Circle met in home of Sister H.J. Jenkins, 1508 East 25th Street, on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in members, Thelma Robinson, Dolly Howard, Mary Lee, Ellen Tillman, Roxie Reed, and Arlene Daniels are reported on the sick list this week.

Brother Rush Davis expired here last Thursday morning. Funeral services were held at the church Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. Let us remember our members.

At the Anniversary Day on Sunday, April 29, 1979, the Deacons and Deaconess Boards will be the sponsors of the program. Music will be by the Senior Choir and Go Gospel Chorus. "The Church, The Essence of Life" is the topic for the afternoon. Sister Brenda Davis and Brother Tull Thornton will share the topic: "The History."

Guest churches will include United Baptist Church, Rev. W. Griffin, of Plainview, Texas, and the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Tahoka, Texas; Rev. M. Brown.

Eat an old time lunch with us on the fifth Sunday, our Anniversary Day.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with members of the Stokes-Parker District in attendance as they were attending the 29th Annual Meeting. Our assistant pastor, Rev. Jack Robinson, delivered a dynamic message. His subject was "God Will Take Care of His Own."

Senior Choir Number Two, under the direction of Mrs. Bobbie Patterson and the piano and Gary Williams at the organ, was responsible for the music of the hour.

On Sunday afternoon, April 29, at 3 p.m., the Ma Jones Missionary Society will sponsor a program at 3 p.m. Rev. J. Johnson, pastor of Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, and members will be with us. He will deliver the afternoon message. The public is invited to attend.

The second Sunday in June has been set aside as Men's Rally Day. All members are asked to do their part.

The third Sunday in June, Senior Choir Number Two will have a special program.

We were glad to hear the fine comments from Dr. Ruby Morris, president of the Stokes-Parker District, and the founder, Mrs. N. W. Stokes, did a splendid job.

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

Our young people are making plans to attend a camp at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Park next week. Several of our young people will be attending with several hundred members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Texas. Mrs. John Hurst Adams, wife of Bishop Adams, will coordinate this special program.

to a have been admitted to West Texas Hospital. Sister Sarah Johnson is still recuperating at home.

Our Ladies Day is almost upon us and the building clean-up time is here. This week - April 23 through 27 - is designated as "Clean Up Week." Different tasks will be performed on different days to include everyone. Information on what days different tasks will be performed is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. All ladies are asked to cooperate.

The congregation here is invited to the 20th Anniversary and Homecoming of the Smithlawn Church of Christ on Sunday afternoon, April 29. The fellowship meal will be held at 12 noon. A slide presentation will be given at 1:30 p.m., and the Lubbock Christian College A Capella Chorus will sing at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jack Bates.

A special "thank you" message intended to express warm appreciation for all your thoughtfulness! The plant is very lovely. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Daughters
Sister Rosa Jones

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

We are to serve in the church anniversary this week for the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church.

The fifth Sunday, April 29, will be under the a directions of the women of the church. President Ruby Day is asking all women to get involved.

Let us not forget that the Pentecostal Holiness Church will use our facilities this week. Let us be gracious host to our guest.

General Mission will be held on Monday evening, April 30, at 7 p.m. All women of the church are asked to attend.

We are to serve with Triumph Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas, in the anniversary of Rev. M.A. Brown on May 3, at 8 p.m. Pastor Dunn is asking choirs, ushers, and members to join him there.

Our Church Conference will be held Monday evening, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

"Spiritual Talent", sponsored by the Ushers, will be held Friday evening, May 4, at 3 p.m. New Hope choirs are asked to give several selections. The public is invited to attend and witness this spiritual gospel feast. All singers are invited to give the selection of your choice. Remember the sick

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

1 Corinthians 12:29-31; 13:1-13

1 Corinthian 12:29-31

29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful;

5 it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

6 it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends; as for prophecy, it will pass away; as for knowledge, it will pass away;

9 For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; it will pass away.

10 But when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child, when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.

13 So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

MEMORY SELECTION

Love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. 1 Corinthians 13:7-8.

and shut in as well as the bereaved in our church and community.

MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pastor's Corner We Thank Thee, Lord For each hour of each day, for each minute spent at play, for the seed you helped us sow, for the blessed things that grow.

We thank thee, Lord For the roses wild that run, for the trees that shade the sun, for the rainbows brilliant blend, for the showers that you send.

We thank thee, Lord For the men who raise the wheat, for the bread we get to eat, for the cattle that we need, for the pastures where they feed.

We thank thee, Lord For the humble, small abode, for the blessings You bestowed, for the roof that shield; the storm, for the walls that keep us warm.

We thank thee, Lord. On Sunday, April 29, at 3 p.m., the W. M. U. will

have its fifth Sunday program. The Rev. R. L. Smith will bring the message.

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

PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

Post, Texas

Services were well attended at Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. Arthur Kelly, preaching a splendid message. It was a soul stirring message. The choir sung beautifully.

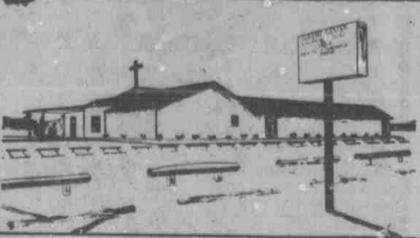
Let us pray for our sick and shut in members of the church and community.

From the Pastor's Desk: "And hereby we do know that we know Him if we keep His commandments." 1 John 2:3.

Our program for our benefit raffle is underway. Tickets are for sale. The program will be held on Sunday, May 6. We would like for everyone who can to please help us out. Tickets are only \$1.00 each.



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This club, Rooster Channel C.B. Club, was founded by Mr. Emmitt Nabors, along with others, under an old oak tree in Detroit, Michigan in 1959. After debating on a name, a lady by the handle of "Dimples" decided to name it after Mr. Nabors' handle "Red Rooster." At that time, the Rooster Channel Jumpers were born. They were born in an effort to assist needy families in Detroit by giving them food and clothing. Mass distributions of food and clothing were given to families

who were burned out of their homes, large families with unemployment, and persons seriously ill without insurance coverage. At that time, it was never considered recording those deeds for record purpose. Everything done was done from the heart and soul of each member. During the period from 1959 to 1970, most of the members were working and meeting on an individual basis. At that time, there were only two groups functioning as an organization. They were

Detroit and Cincinnati while the other members were scattered throughout the United States. In Memphis, Tennessee, August, 1973, a meeting was held to form a National Organization. Election of national officers were held. General business was discussed and the plan was set for the first national convention to be held in Chicago. Plans were also made to organize chapters in various cities, throughout the United States. Today, there are ninety-one (91) chapters throughout the United States. There are also five thousand (5000) members in this organization.

The Lubbock chapter of the Rooster Channel Jumpers was organized in August, 1976. This organization's history of helping others and non-profit organizations is one of the main purposes that we were

ROOSTER PREXY



Bertha Rainwater, president of the Lubbock Chapter of the Rooster Channel Jumper Club, and members distributed fruit baskets to patients at the Skyview Memorial Home on Easter Sunday.

organized. The local organization has given to such groups as the children homes, United Negro College Fund, NAACP, Good Fellow, Convalescing Homes, and burned out families. The organization has supported charities under the non-profit act.

Members of the Lubbock Chapter are Bertha Rainwater, John Rainwater, Callie Price, L. D. Price, Leon Mitchell, Willie Fluellen, Dorothy Mitchell, Jewel Fluellen, Marvin Williams, Ethel Williams, Maryland Jones, Earl Jones, Mildred Price, Floyd Price, Calvin Brown, Josephine Robinson, and Floyd Whitehead.

This organization is dedicated to the service of their fellow man. Members are concerned about giving of themselves so that they may be worthy of their club. They work for the betterment of their communities and fellowmen, regardless of their race, creed, or color.

PHENIX FAMILY ENJOYS LIFE

Elder and Mrs. P.B. Phenix, native of Lubbock since 1960, graduated from high school in that same year. He was a great football player for four years (first string full-back). He wanted to be a professional football player, but the Lord had a lifetime job for him. Elder Phenix started to work for Underwoods Frozen Foods, June 1960 where he was employed there until February, 1973, as assistant manager. He also worked part-time for 6 years at Oakwood Lane Bowling Alley. Next, he was employed for White Swan, March 1973 until March, 1979. He is now in the ministry, full-time.



Elder & Mrs. P.B. Phenix

Elder and Mrs. P.B. Phenix were united in Holy Matrimony in 1962 and to this union three children were born. Their third oldest daughter, Mrs. Margie McDaniel married to Mr. Sonny McDaniel. They are living in Slaton. Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel works in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel works in Slaton. They have three girls. Sister Margie McDaniel and her three children are members of the NO.1 Church of God in Christ, where her brother, Elder P.B. Phenix, is their pastor. The Lord has really blessed this family.



Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Phenix

Mrs. Rosie Mae Scott married to Mr. Maurice Scott, Jr. They also are living in Slaton and buying a nice home. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Scott, Jr., have three boys and one girl. Mr. and Mrs. Scott both are working in Slaton.



Mr. Burns Phenix and Friend

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most of their lives, moved to Slaton in 1960, and have lived there for 19 years. They were honored by their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns Phenix, Sr., and Family at 3308 East Bates in Lubbock, is their oldest son. He is employed by Paymaster's Cotton Oil Mill. He is working toward his 30 years of service with the company.



Mrs. Leon Phenix

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Phenix also of Lubbock works in Slaton at Mac Olds. He has been with the company for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Clemings are buying a home in Slaton. Mrs. Ellen Lavern Clemings is one of the granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Phenix. She works at Texas Instruments of Lubbock.

This was to honor Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phenix on their 50th Anniversary. But, they have been married for 51 years. The service was held in the home of Elder Phenix.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Phenix were married in the home of Mrs. Ruby Benson, 1827 East 27th Street. They were married by W.T. Brother Elder P.B. Phenix on Christmas Day, December 25, 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Ross of Pasadena, California has been visiting in the Lubbock area for two weeks. They are considering a move back to Texas. Ms. May Ella Ross is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phenix. They have four girls and nine boys. They all are married and have their own family. Ms. Mae Ella Ross is a member of the Church of God In Christ. She is a former member of Christ Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phenix, Sr. was honored by their children all the month of April on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, in the home of Elder P.B. Phenix (Elder Phenix remarried them). Mrs. Rosie Mae Scott is the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phenix.

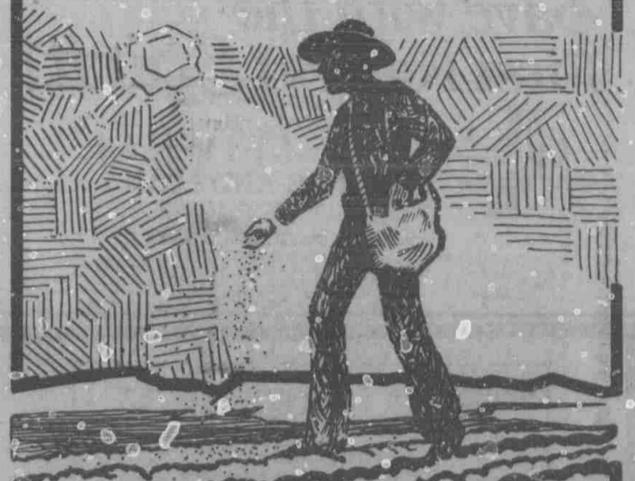
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Congressman Rangel rejected oil price decontrol as a means of controlling dependence on foreign oil. "We are told that higher prices are necessary to reduce oil consumption, but, all evidence from price rises to date and key press surveys since the President's announcement indicate that most of the public will change energy use patterns very little."

Congressman Rangel also contended that the President's argument that the oil companies need additional incentives for domestic

exploration ignores the fact that oil companies averaged 32.4 percent profits for the fourth quarter of 1978, much higher even than the 26.4 percent corporate profits which Administration economic spokesmen Alfred Kahn and Charles Schultze have denounced as "excessive."

Congressman Rangel pointed out that "There is little factual basis to support the theory that decontrol will act as a greater incentive to exploration. For the past three years, every available oil rig and bit has been in operation. Obviously present incentives are sufficient to encourage exploration."

Congressman Leland stressed that a Department of Energy Working Paper ("Low-Income Energy Assistance: A Profile of Need and Policy

Option", Fuel Oil Marketing Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Energy, March 1979), has found that the average low-income household (\$3318/year mean income) spends 33 percent of its annual income on fuels and utilities, and that a 25 percent increase in energy prices will put this figure at over 40 percent.

John O'Leary, former Administrator of the Federal Energy Agency, found in 1977 that many elderly poor were spending over 50 percent of their disposable incomes on energy in the winter months. By contrast, it was found that the average median-income (\$16,582/year) household today spends 9.6 percent of its annual budget on energy.

UNION.....

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involved in the strike or everybody surrounded by the strike, including the merchants and the entire community," English said. "Since we were established, we've worked for the people, all of the people. But now, we're accused of a lot of things that are not true."

Why won't the contractors sign the contract this year?

According to English, the contractors say the union does not represent all of the laborers. English said the contractors argue the union is run by the Spanish.

English, who is Black, argues that the make-up of the union is 30 percent Black, 35 percent Mexican-American, and 30 percent or more white.

"Over the years we've had four or five white business agents, two Spanish representatives and at least one Black business agent," English said. "We represent everybody."

In meetings with contractors, English said he had such offers as \$3.61 for construction, plus refusal of the welfare and pension plan for workman's compensation instead. English said

it looks as though the contractors are to close the union - but, he said, "if we keep our position, they can't build no buildings without the laborer."

So, the laborers continue to strike (which is totally unrelated to the teamsters strike) with the moral support of the electricians, farmers, and carpenters.

Problems in the past may have led up to the present situation. On one occasion, the union was keeping five cents of the rate to save for a building for training members of the union. English said the union had collected about \$4,000 in two or three years, but was forced to give away the money to the Boys' Club. He said the contractors didn't want the union to have money power.

English added that the union is not fighting anyone. The union only wants the contracts signed by the contractors. English, who can remember before the unions when men worked for \$1 and as many hours as they could without overtime. He said he wants only to see better working conditions for everyone.

Concerning the morale of the strikers, English said the group, especially the older members, are willing to strike until they get what they want.

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Our pastor, Rev. Wilson Baldwin, delivered another splendid sermon last Sunday morning.

Our Missionary Society presented a wonderful program on last Sunday evening. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

On Sunday afternoon, April 29, at 3 p.m., we are to worship in the anniversary services of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Lester. Let us make plans to attend.

Let us pray for all our sick and shut in members of the church and community.

The funeral services of Deacon James Holmes will be held at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Greater First Baptist Church.

Let us pray for this family.

From the Pastor's Desk: "In the memory of Deacon James Holmes, he was a honest, just, and lovely man. A Deacon of good report. Beloved, we are God's children now. It does not yet

appear that what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2."

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