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Lithia Springs Community Action Organization Meeting Held

The Lithia Springs Community Action Organization met at Causey Chapel Baptist Church in Austell on September 24, 1975. Business discussed included the proposed annexation of Causey Road with the city of Austell. Bob Causey, city Manager of Austell was the guest speaker.

Causey explained the benefits of annexation which include better police and fire protection, city garbage pick-up, better maintenance of streets, gas and water furnished by the city, and the ability to vote in the elections held in the city of Austell. This annexation would mean a drop in the insurance rate for the residents of Causey Road.

November 8, 1975, has been set as the date for the local Health Fair. People from the National Cancer Society, Sickle Cell Anemia and the Diabetes Association will set up booths at the National Guard Armory along with other health care organizations. Citizens of Cobb and Douglas Counties are urged to attend.

THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR THE LITHIA SPRINGS COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION WILL BE HELD AT CAUSEY CHAPEL CHURCH ON OCTOBER 8, 1975. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS ELECTION.



Black Officer Fired

Cobb County's only black police officer, Albert J. Thornton, was fired Monday by Cobb Public Safety Director Robert Hoghtower. He was hired Feb. 22, 1974. It was only about two weeks ago that the Marietta Police Department's only black was dismissed. Thornton was fired for "unbecoming conduct and insubordination" and Summerlin was forced to "resign".

"Miss Black Cobb County"



Renata Hardin

(Story P. 3 Deane Bonner)

Patty Hearst Revisited

Patty Hearst, past darling of the very rich, one-time revolutionary-criminal, is now in the hands of the very system that created her in the first place - and it will be quite interesting to witness the results of the proceedings.

But, for whatever is the final decree on Patty Hearst the person now in "protective custody", the Patty Hearst case is classic and of extraordinary social and political importance to those who are sensitive to what the American social system should be all about.

One cannot accept with any relish the abduction of a young woman in her night clothing against her will on the part of any group. And this analysis will not in any manner support such a perverted invasion of one's privacy on the part of social pirates - who call themselves revolutionaries. But the Patty Hearst case is a little more than being abducted (should we take that act as a fact). The case is a commentary on the very real and

dangerous predicament in which the American society finds itself, a condition from which its very soul cannot apparently be extrapolated.

Patty Hearst, if nothing else, points out the fact that all the money in the world will not save humanity; that owning all the chains in the universe comes to nothing when the principles of justice, honesty, equality and truth have been put on the scaffold and wrong is on the throne. Wealth was not able to bring Patty Hearst back and it was not able to prevent her abduction. It is not able to keep the hundreds of thousands of white children from running away from home and it cannot make them return. For with the lost of one value system and the assumption of another things get turned around: good for some and not so good for others.

Money represents all that we as a society have come to stand for. One can get the president and all his associates killed for money. Enough money and one will have p.-3

THE SPIRIT OF A FREE PRESS



Isaac Richmond
Editor

White Power Black Powerlessness

The series of meetings blacks have held with the city of Marietta in an effort to address obvious and unquestionable grievances is but another episode in a long train of powerlessness facing white racism and indifference: blacks are unorganized, and, therefore, powerless, the city of Marietta being organized, and powerful (when it comes to disunified groups like the leadership in Marietta's black community), can afford the luxury of total indifference.

The forces at work in such confrontations are identifiable if blacks are sensitive to power and influence in the community of the body politic.

The first reality of social organization is that power only resides in groups - not in individuals. No individual can be a power force unto himself/herself, regardless of how well meaning, right, honest or just one happens to be. Real and meaningful power accrues to those who have unified their goals and objectives, agreed on methodology, selected a direction, chosen a spokesperson, informed a constituency and recognize both the short and long range consequences of a given action or posture. Scattered and loosely related individuals will never be able to accomplish anything. Not because what is desired is not good, but rather because the road to accomplish what is desired is not chosen. One's decisions will finally determine one's destiny. Those who choose the transient and immediate glare of the limelight for the temporary satisfaction of their own selfish egos will find that the ego is in constant need of being satisfied and there is just not enough limelight to make the ultimate satisfaction.

The second reality that the black community must come to grips with in Marietta is that the city of Marietta, Mayor, city attorney, city manager and the city Council could care less about racist remarks being made about black people. They, by their actions, indicate that they in fact share the city attorney's point of view. Which should at this point in our history in American society be no surprise. The city attorney, like too many of his associates, neighbors

point in our history, in American society, come as no surprise. The city attorney, like too many of his friends, associates, neighbors, relatives, ancestors and political cronies, refuse to see the long and dirty history that now has this society torn to shreds. He will not see that it was whites who made the unlawful entry into Africa and stole the bodies of our people through a false religion and a hypocritical system of ethics that led them to feel a masquerading comfort in the misguided assumption that they were to be the saviors of the black race. He will not open his books to the fact that his fathers and grandfathers were the criminals who spread their sperm and violence over three continents and are now being called to judgment. His reading habits cease when he turns the page to where black men, women and children were made to pick and chop cotton, pull corn, plough from sun up until sundown, wash and scrub floors, clean white babies and nurse them into healthy lives while black babies died from malnutrition; to where sons, husbands and fathers had to watch mothers, wives and daughters raped and ravished with no recourse but silence- or the hangman's noose, or castration; to where blacks were not allowed to read and learn, to study and to think, to become fully human. He is dumb, as most whites claim to be when they are made to understand that we now know exactly where all the skeletons are hidden and the temporary efforts on the part of insignificant people like a city attorney who would publicly display his racism and reflect on his profession in a futile effort to impede the progress of the black community is to be more a case for genuine pity than anger. He does not know, unfortunately, that what Mr. James Baldwin says is true: "this world is white no longer and will never be white again".

Marietta city attorney Lynn Downey, Felmer Cummins, Mayor Dana Eastham and the rest of the so-called pack that pretends to be a friend of the black community are only seeking to

save themselves, politically, at the expense of black people. The city of Marietta has not proposed one single program for the development of one single black community in the Marietta area. And the city of Marietta has every conceivable problem: crime, drugs, dope, juvenile delinquency, housing, health care, welfare, malnutrition and education. But they have for years been able to "speak nicely to the little black children" and get credit for being "with the black folk". The evidence of the black community is evidence enough: nothing is being done.

The asinine remarks by one holding a position where a group of people reside under his political jurisdiction and juridical posture cannot be forgiven by a simple and meaningless apology. The city attorney who takes such a position about a group of people needs to be fired as city attorney and disbarred from the practice of law.

By being in a position to represent all situations on an equitable and objective basis and to insure the equal protection of the law, the city attorney has made it clear that he is prejudiced against a group of people based on the color of their skin. Which in fact means that that group will not receive equal protection under his legal posture, which means in fact that with blacks under the present Marietta city attorney the question of equal protection under the law does not exist.

The "liberal" councilman Felmer Cumins conceded that the black community is "owed" an apology, the Mayor does not feel that the city attorney meant did not really mean all "blacks as a whole. What the Mayor did not say is that... "they", "their", and "they were born with black skin", in the english language indicate not singular but plural references. And while it would not be the better part of wisdom to concede that the city attorney is too intelligent, we are not prepared to believe that he was really talking about one or two

blacks in particular or he could have named them in his brief and they could have defended themselves. NO, a thousand times NO, the city attorney spoke his racist mind and he must be made to understand that he too comes under the judgment of the law, and professional scrutiny.

The Marietta city Council may go along as if it is in the Dark Ages, because its collective intelligence level is commensurate with the Stone Age, but it in point of fact exists in the 20th century in a democratic society, where the court of last resort is the will of the people.

ONLY THE TRUTH SHALL SET US FREE

Fashion Focus



Deane Bonner

Mrs. Deane Bonner will begin her regular column "Fashion Focus" next week. She is a professional model and community activist.

Ladies in this column I do hope to bring to you beauty tips, social jottings and interesting fashion news.

The past week end I attended the "Miss Cobb County Pageant" sponsored by the Marietta Jaycees and held at Marietta High. It was an evening of fifteen young ladies in swim suit, long dresses and talent competition; they were all sponsored by your local merchants. Prizes ranged from \$100.00 worth of cosmetics from Avon to \$700.00 cash scholarships from our local banks. Judges were of the finest quality and in the audience there were seven representatives from the National Miss America Pageant from New York. I sat through almost three hours of this only to make this report to all our readers.

There was not one black participant! DID WE KNOW ABOUT THE PAGEANT? Also, if we attempt a pageant of this kind could we get over \$1,000.00 cash from our banks? I think we ought to. And with this I would like to give you some information on our Miss Black Cobb County who was crowned this summer at the Lawrence Street Recreation Center. There were 13 young ladies who competed for the crown. Ms. Renata Hardin came out the winner. Ms. Hardin is a 16 year old Junior at Sprayberry. A lovely shy young lady who says that she gained a lot from the Pageant; how to meet and greet new and interesting people.

Her ambition is to be an architect; her hobbies are sewing, swimming, riding and skating. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hardin, she has one brother and a sister.

Ms. Hardin is a native of Marietta, a member of Pleasant Grove Church and a member of the choir. She is on the drill team

at Sprayberry and also a member of the student Relation Board. Ms. Hardin will be doing modeling with me and the group called "SLICK". Other things coming up that you should be looking forward to are:

--October 3rd a Talent Show at the Lawrence Street Recreation Center.

--October 4th the Voter Registration and NAACP membership Drive on the Square in Marietta's park from 11:00AM until.

--October 5th on Morehouse campus the group "SLICK" will appear in a Fashion Show at 5:30PM. A cheese and wine sip followed by a 6:00PM show.

(Any fashion news and news of social events that will take place in the near future, please send to COBB COMMUNITY NEWS c/o Mrs. Deane Bonner P. O. Box 1348, Marietta, Ga. 30060)

SOME FALL FASHION FORECAST--

Scarves are hot, squares, oblong, triangle, every kind you dare wear. They are being made at home by seamstresses to coordinate outfits worn over dresses as wraps. They are hot and they look good.

Everyone seems to have accepted the fact of longer length in dresses and skirts; jumpers are in again, big full tints fashion wrap-skirts, all of these are just a few of the things to make you a very fashionable woman today.

Pants and pants suits still hang on but slacks have lost their cuffs and are just hanging on very straight.

Shoes are taking on a softer look but still wedges and crepe soles.

Wedding

PRISCILLA MILLER TO WED AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Miller, of Marietta, announce the engagement of their daughter, Priscilla Elizabeth, to Floyd Redding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Redding, Sr., of Kennesaw.

The bride-elect, granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Stidwell and the late Mr. Stidwell, and Lowell Heath and the late Mrs. Heath, graduated from Sprayberry High School. She is employed by Sears Roebuck & Co.

Her fiance, grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Jackson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Redding, graduated from Sprayberry High School. He is employed by Charles Contractor, Co.

The wedding is October 4, 1975, at the bride's home.

PATTY HEARST FROM PAGE 1.

one's mother shot. Enough money will get all the "good leaders out of the way. Enough money will make it possible for "us" to reign forever. Enough money will change governments, secure contracts, make friends, eradicate enemies, win political office and buy position and prestige.

But very soon - in fact too soon - money becomes the way of life of those who are made to watch the examples. Soon after that a society has inculcated the money syndrome into the very soul of its young, who then begin to understand that it must be had at all cost. At the cost of my tape recorder, my stereo, my furniture, jewelry, my wallet - and my life. The value of money then has assumed the position of the terminal cancer in a society for which there is no real cure. It is only a wait, often not so long, before the body is totally consumed.

But, then, one raises the question: do the Patty Hearst's really want money? The answer to that is no. But the Patty Hearst's are reacting to money, which has to be empty and meaningless by the simple understanding that it is in fact only paper. Another question comes up: why are "they" (meaning all the lesser Patty Hearsts that are doing things these days, report or not. And we know that most of the minor Pattys are not reported) resorting to violence? The armchair psychologists go to work to provide either a Freudian or an Adlerian explanation for it all. When in fact they, by social conditioning are not in a position to see the real dilemma.

Embarrassed and baffled by the rejection of its "best", the system has to offer explanations that indict the individual rather

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Cobb Church News

**Cobb County
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Dodd's Corner

Rev. J.C. Dodd

I saw a sign in one of our schools which read: "IN CASE OF TORNADO THE SUPREME COURT RULING PROHIBITING PRAYER IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED".

Which reminded me of the story about the four students who were down on their knees in the corner of a school room. "What do you think you're doing", their teacher asked with alarm. "We're shooting dice", one of them confessed. "Oh, that's alright replied the teacher, " I thought you were praying".

The Pilgrim Baptist Church will begin a Youth Revival on Sunday the 28th of September, 1975, at 6:00 PM with the Rev. Hunt, continuing through Friday on Sunday October 5th The Rev. Patrick, from Canton, will preach beginning at 6:00 PM. There will be choir singing. Rev. Dodd, Minister

The Noonday Baptist Church R.F.D. 11 White Circle, Marietta, Ga., Rev. J. F. Ham, Pastor, celebrates its 87th Anniversary Sunday October 5th, 1975. Sunday School is at 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM Devotion is led by the Deacons. Choir Number I will render Music for the morning service. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Ham. Dinner will be served following the morning service. Fellowship will continue around the dinner table.

The Liberty Hill Baptist Church will celebrate the 36th Anniversary of the Rev. & Mrs. R. R. Freeman as pastor, on Sunday September 28, 1975, at 3:00PM. The Rev. A. A. W. Motley will deliver the Anniversary sermon. The ordination service will also be held at this time. Lunch will be served at 2:00PM.

At 3:00PM our guest for the evening will be the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga. Rev. E. Hall will deliver the Anniversary sermon. Music by the Mt. Gilead Choirs. We extend a welcome to all to attend these services. We also extend an invitation to all to worship with us each first and third Sunday.

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Gloria Weems



It is a fact that black women have through the years become so involved with white beauty according to white cultural standards until we cannot recognize and appreciate our own black standards of beauty. In the years between 1961 to the present grave attempts have been made to truly identify black beauty and the characteristics of black beauty standards.

Black women are guilty of submitting their minds to the teachings and training of cultural classic whites and brainwashed Negro's who emphasize fair skin, straight hair

hair and European characteristics. Never in our bicentennial years until recently has dark skins, nappy natural hair and African characteristics been considered beautiful in the eyes of American beholders, black or white. Our true and natural characteristics were considered liabilities to dehumanize and oppress with "justification". Such negative connotations have become implicit and explicit in the society and after several generations of cultural conditioning razored their way into our subconscious to such an extent that black mothers, in

spite of themselves, reject their own children, especially when the children are very dark and nappy headed.

When we understand conditioning of the past we can truly grow to respect and love ourselves and our brothers and sisters. We as black people must become frontrunner for a united victory for ourselves. Together, respecting, recognizing and loving one another. We can define beauty along the way.

Beauty standards, however, is but one puzzling subject for our community - especially for the black woman. Love is another. Increasingly more black women are becoming heads of households in urban and rural areas. Most of these women raise their children through much pain and sacrifice.

Many black women who find themselves in these circumstances occupy a dominant position, until at such time as she "falls in love" with a man who will never take any responsibility or obligate himself in any way to her or her family. Such women then become very subordinate in order to have a "lover's masculine authority".

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than itself. But the conditioning of a people in organized society is social. Certain reactions can be predicted based on social forces that play on a group of individuals.

When the children of the "Peace Movement" went into the streets of America to march for an end to war, violence and the overt corruption in the CIA, FBI, corporations and big business - and the White House, they were jailed, called "long hairs" and Hippies and Black Militants and radicals - in an effort to denounce them as things without meaning, and therefore to be arrested, jailed, shot and in other ways abused without conscience. The students at Kent State were shot for protesting against violence; the students at Jackson State were shot protesting injustices; the students at Orangeburg were murdered in the backs for wanting the right to bowl; and young and idealistic students were forcibly disillusioned and made to believe that principles of nonviolence and passive resistance were dysfunctional methodologies in American society, and that anyone trying to use them would be shot down, a report would be made afterwards and it would be found to be justified. The young, and in this group it seems that the rich, affluent and the urbane take the lead, began to "understand" what the system stood for: violence, lies, distortions, crime, criminals, crooked deals, lying presidents, crooked FBI men, perverted snoopers, foreign agents stuffing their own pockets at the expense of the people, Justice Departments and Attorneys Generals who would cover their wrongdoings in the name of "law and order".

What the Patty Hearsts are made to realize is that they are faced with lashing out - and that oftentimes, violently - or living a cold-blooded lie the rest of their lives. When one is young a lie is the personification of contradiction. It is why little children are honest. They cannot perceive that something really exists and that it can be said not to exist. Thus when mother tells them to tell the bill collector that "I am not home", the child invariably says at the moment of truth: "mother told me to tell you that she is not at home today". Lying is learned behavior. It is not something that one is born with. For a distortion of reality to be accepted one has to be trained in "doublethinking", a form of brainwashing where one sees and knows one thing to be a fact but acknowledges something else altogether.



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 eating the filth
 socializing with the rats
 fighting with the roaches for
 a place to sleep
 shooing the flies for a place
 to sit
 fighting the niggers for space
 to breathe.

TO SMELL LIKE THE GHETTO
 is to be a part of a birth of
 a nation;
 a nation that cannot smell
 filth
 cannot see hate
 cannot understand hunger
 cannot understand destruction
 cannot believe in racism
 cannot appreciate blackness.

TO SMELL LIKE THE GHETTO
 is to be about getting out of
 the ghetto
 escaping rats
 escaping roaches
 escaping filth
 escaping racism

TO SMELL LIKE THE GHETTO
 is to be into revolution
 to be into change
 to be into believing about a
 "BETTER DAY"

TO SMELL LIKE THE GHETTO
 is a part of living
 growing up
 and dying.....

A Mother's Prayer

A MOTHERS PRAYER

WHEN I HAVE CHILDREN
 they won't watch the Flint-
 stones

Scoobie Doo
 Or Archie;

MY CHILDREN WON'T READ SLEEPING
 BEAUTY

Snow White
 Or Peter Pan;

I WON'T TAKE THEM TO SEE
 Punch and Judy's shows
 Charlie Brown

Or the Wizard of Oz;

THEY WON'T READ NURSERY RHYMES
 ABOUT JACK AND JILL

Humpty Dumpty
 Or Little Miss Muffet;

MY CHILDREN WON'T GO TRICK OR TREAT-
 IN write Santa Claus

Or visit the Easter Bunny;

MY CHILDREN WILL BE MIND
 to Mold into strong, Realistic,
 and Aware

Black Men and Women

Douglas County Citizens Action Organization Elections

The Community Organization in Douglas County is very successful. It is serving as a vehicle to ensure that each person living in a low or

citizens are able to air opinions, and develop plans and strategies that may address problems, and issues or goals that may affect them or their neighborhood.

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Lithia Springs Candidates

Chairman: Morris J. Bostic; Joe N. Wortham, Roudel Wilson. Vice-Chairman: Willie Robinson, Eddie Reid, Ernest Thomas. Secretary: Betty Robinson, William Ellison, Lois Thomas, Bernice Watts, Mary Wilson. Assistant Secretary: Christine Bostic, Sarah Ellison, Thelma Pratt, Christine Bigby

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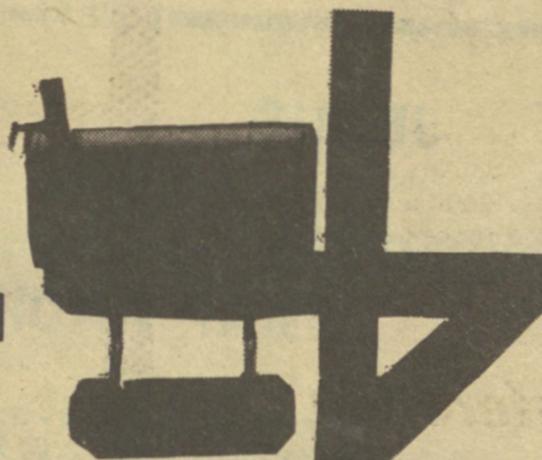
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Smyrna Church News

First Mt. Zion Baptist Church Youth Choir celebrated its 17th Anniversary last Sunday. Guest were Youth Choirs from the following Churches: Wright St.; Second Saint John; Greater Zion; the Sunbeam Choir; the L. C. Young Singers; the H. D. Gospel Chorus; the Adult Choir and their special was the Zion Youth Choir from Marietta. Thanks to all who helped to make this program a success. Mrs. Emma Walton is the Director.

Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Malone wish to thank all for remembering them on their appreciation program recently. Our sick are: Mrs Mary Patman and Miss Ruth Johnson.

Spiritual Aires

On next Sunday at 3:00PM the Spiritual Aires will sponsor a Benefit Program for Roy Hardin who is paralyzed. All are invited to attend this program.

Conference

Conference will be Thursday night at 7:30 all members are urged to attend. The Sunbeam Choir will have a plate dinner the First Saturday in the Church basement to help pay for their capes. Please help them out. \$2.00 per plate.

Mrs. Echison, reporter
Rev. L. C. Malone,

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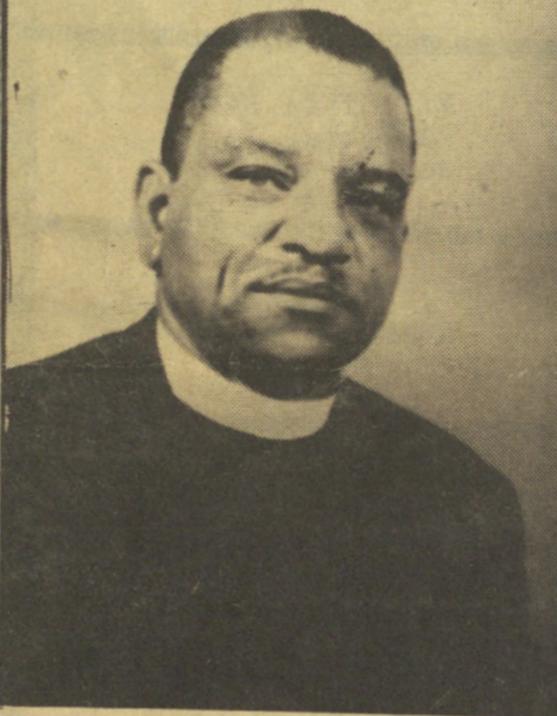
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Rifle Study In King Case

MEMPHIS (UPI) — CBS, Inc., has requested access to ballistics evidence in the 1968 sniper slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a hearing has been scheduled Friday on the petition.

"Certain questions have been raised about the ballistics or firearms evidence gathered in the investigation that followed the murder of Dr. King," the petition said.

There is a question whether the bullet which killed Dr. King can be demonstrated to have come from the rifle found at the scene of the crime



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