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Behind the 8-Ball

Lincoln and Kennedy DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

1. Both Presidents were concerned with Civil Rights.
2. Lincoln was elected in 1860, Kennedy in 1960.
3. Both were slain on Friday and in the presence of their wives.
4. Their successors both named Johnson, were southern Democrats, and had served in the U. S. Army.
5. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.
6. John Wilkes Booth the assassin of Lincoln was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939.
7. Both Booth and Oswald were southerners favoring unpopular causes.
8. Both slayers of Booth and Oswald (Boston Corbett and Jack Ruby) murdered the two assassins before their trials.
9. Both president's wives lost children through death while in the White House.
10. Both were shot in the head.
11. Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln. Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.

It's vacation time around the News-Record shop. We are getting out the paper a day early and plan to be gone several days. The shop will be closed and no printing done for about five or six days. We will be back and open the middle of next week. Next week's paper may be absorbed in the following week's issue—as is done by many weekly papers.

8-BALL
The hot dry weaver seems to have no end. It just gets hotter and dryer each day, each week, each month.

8-BALL
Where's that Great American Desert?

8-BALL
The Hubert Traveses are home from a trip that took them to Canada. Bro. Travis preached a reunion sermon at a church in Canada attended by his late father and mother.

8-BALL
The Roland Lowes are in Ruidosa, New Mexico for the week.

8-BALL
The Dayton Barretts visited friends in Rocksprings last weekend.

8-BALL
Earl Seago "banged" up his ring finger Tuesday doing some pipe unloading. He spent the night in the hospital.

500 Attend Church Fete

(from The London Free Press) Tillsonburg, Canada, June 15, 1964 — About 500 persons took part on June 15 in the 100th anniversary of Guysboro United Church.

The church was filled to capacity with the overflow crowd seated in a large marquee tent at the rear of the building, where they listened to the sermon over a public address system.

At noon the affair took the form of a giant picnic under the canvas as bushels of sandwiches and cake prepared by the United Church Women soon disappeared.

The speaker was Rev. Hubert C. Travis, of Sterling City, Texas. Mr. Travis' forebearers were raised at Guysboro.

Those attending came from the United States, Toronto and Western Ontario.

Also participating in the centennial service were Rev. John Hillborn, Harry Ostrander, Mrs. Lee Garnham and the choir of Stratfordville United Church.

The United Church of Canada consists of three former churches, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian which united in 1925.

Asbill-Roger Wedding July 3

The wedding of Miss Mary Ruth Asbill and Tommy Herman Roger was solemnized Friday, July 3, in the First Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. James P. Boswell, Abilene, officiating for the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edgar Asbill, Sterling City, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herman Roger, Big Spring.

The altar was flanked by candelabra entwined with greenery and baskets of shasta daisies and gladiolas. Miss Rebecca Lynn Roger, sister of the bridegroom, sang "Wedding Prayer" as the couple knelt on a white satin covered prayer bench. Also, she sang "Always" accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Billy N. Scott, sister of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length dress of imported organza with hand-embroidered embossed white suede flowers. The bodice was enhanced with a Sabrina neckline and elbow-length sleeves. An overskirt of bridal satin flowed into a chapel train. Her finger-tips were of matching material edged with lace and finished with tiny pearl buttons.

The bride's veil of silk nylon cascaded from a tiara of pearls. She wore an 85-year-old diamond necklace which belonged to her great-grandmother and other traditional bride's items. She carried a cascade arrangement of feathered carnations and a white orchid atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Harry L. Calverley, serving as matron of honor, wore a dress of pale green imported cotton with a hand-embroidered beart design. A semi-bell shaped skirt accentuated the dress. Her circular headpiece of white organza held a short veil, and white shoes and gloves completed the ensemble.

Mrs. Don Ellerbee, bridesmatron, and Diane Harris, junior bridesmaid, were dressed in identical costumes of pale green. Each of the attendants carried a nosegay of white daisies nestled in a ruffle of silk nylon with satin ribbon streamers.

Donna Lynn Brashears, niece of the bridegroom, served as flower girl dressed in a frock similar to the attendants. She carried a basket of rose petals.

William Henry Roger served his brother as best man and Donald L. Brashear, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were Thelbert Clovis Asbill, brother of the bride, Muleshoe; Billy N. Scott, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; and Darrell V. Murphree.

Robert F. Roger, brother of the bridegroom, served as ringbearer and Milton Thomas Asbill and Vernon David Asbill, brothers of the bride, lighted the tapers.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. Receiving guests were the bride's parents the bride couple and attendants.

The refreshment table, covered with green linen and topped with white nylon net, was centered with a circular mirror that held the bridal bouquet and flanked with tall white tapers.

A traditional three-tier white wedding cake topped with a heart-shaped ornament with wedding bells nestled in silk nylon completed the decorations.

House party members were Mrs. Donald Brashears, Mrs. William M. Roger, Mrs. G. C. Weatherford, and Mrs. T. E. Gilbert. Miss Mary Ann Irish registered the guests. During the reception music was played by Miss Sarah Ragle, Abilene.

For a wedding trip to Columbus, Ga., the bride wore a sandbark silk shantung dress with matching jacket and accessories of antelope frosted calf. Her corsage was from the

Livestock Spot Checks

If you're hauling livestock down the road and an officer flags you to a stop, don't worry about it — provided they are your livestock.

Law officers and livestock association inspectors are making a series of spot checks of livestock being moved down roads and highways in many livestock-raising counties. Their purpose is to curb possible livestock thefts.

The roadblocks are being manned by sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, Texas Rangers, highway patrolmen, game wardens and field inspectors for the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

Spot checks so far have been made in six different counties. In coming weeks the checks will continue in widely-scattered parts of Texas.

ROUGH FISH DEVoured BY WESTEX REDS

Baby saltwater redfish released last April in Imperial Reservoir on the Pecos River tripled in length in only 65 days, according to Fishery Biologist James Wilcox.

Fishery personnel stocked an additional 100 redfish fingerlings in Imperial two months ago and recaptured a healthy specimen for examination. The redfish had increased in weight from 10 grams to 72 grams (three oz.) and grown from two to seven and one-half inches in length.

Although this particular redfish was still very small, his appetite was quite large. When the fish was examined, 12 freshwater minnows were in its stomach.

Biologists now have further evidence that saltwater species introduced into saline inland lakes will feed on freshwater fish, most of which they hope will be undesirable species. These saltwater transplants are also expected to provide considerable fishing sport for anglers.

1964 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Sept. 11 — Gail - Here
- Sept. 18 — Flower Grove - There
- Sept. 25 — Klondike - Here
- Oct. 2 — Miles - Here
- Oct. 9 — Imperial - There (11 man game)
- Oct. 16 — Grandfalls-There (11 man game)
- Oct. 24 — Stanton B - There (Saturday) (11 man game)
- Oct. 30 — Open
- *Nov. 6 — Imperial - Here
- *Nov. 13 — Forsan — Here (Homecoming)
- *Nov. 20 — Garden City - There

* Conference games — 7:30 and all others at 8:00 p.m.

SHOT 'N SMOKE The Wildcat Mt. Gun Club

Anyone interested in shooting trap and competing with a group from the San Angelo Gun Club please contact Mims Reed. Arrangements have been made with the San Angelo club for a 100 bird shoot, July 19, 1:30 p.m., at the San Angelo Gun Club located on Lake Nasworthy Road. Mims Reed and Charles Allen attended the regular monthly meeting of the San Angelo club this past Monday night as guests of B. E. Brooks, secretary of the San Angelo Gun Club. The meeting was held in the John I. Moore apartment located on the top floor of the new River Terrace Apartments. After the business session Mr. Moore showed a movie that he and Winkie Wardlaw took last year on a hunting and fishing trip to Guds Lake and the Hudson Bay area. This was a color film and showed much water and green grass just going to waste.

Sunday, July 26, the Wildcat Mt. Gun Club will hold a trap

Amistad Dam Will Create Good Fishin'

The biggest fishing hole of them all, and possibly the best, is bidding for attention at Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters.

It's the enormous Amistad Reservoir now being fashioned from the Rio Grande, Pecos and Devils Rivers just up river from Del Rio on the Mexican border.

This reservoir, one of the largest water impoundments in the world, will create freshwater habitat supreme, according to Larry Campbell, department aquatic biologist, stationed at San Angelo.

Certainly there will be room for many fishes in an area already famed for its catfish. The reservoir will extend 120 miles upstream on the Rio Grande twenty and seventeen miles respectively up the tributary Devils and Pecos Rivers. Overall capacity will approximate 6,000,000 acre feet. By comparison, mighty Lake Texoma has only 1,730,000 acre feet.

Departmental scientists, already shrinking the \$100,000,000 project to terms of providing a mess of fish for the folks come completion date in 1968, envision a natural reproduction area capable of meeting the expected tremendous angling pressure.

Biologist Campbell emphasized that both the Devils and Pecos Rivers are permanent flowing, spring-fed streams; unsurpassed as blue catfish areas and will have vastly expended water space.

Probing possibilities for the future, Campbell noted in his latest report to headquarters: "The preliminary (management program) plans being considered are to establish a high population of desirable size large mouth bass in this clear water area (of Lake Walk and Devils Lake) which would serve as a brood stock for the huge new impoundment and also improve fishing prior to inundation, while the more turbid Rio Grande and Pecos stream areas would stock Amistad with flathead, blue and channel catfish."

Campbell is hoping that the joint management program to be eventually worked out with the Mexican government will be judged strictly from the recreational dollar viewpoint. Spelling it out, he said: "We hope to proceed on the basis that catfish now being commercially harvested and sold for twenty cents a pound will be worth \$1 a pound in terms of recreation.

Distances are Texas-size all the way. The dam will be six and one-half miles long and the widest stretch of water approximately five miles. And if you drop your fishing rig, false teeth or what have you overboard, just skip it because water depths will run up to 200 feet.



Some people are having quite a bit of trouble with honeydew on their pecan trees the last week or so. Honeydew is caused by aphids, small, soft-bodied insects about the size of a pinhead. They can usually be found on the under side of the leaf where they suck the sap from the leaves. This is what causes the honeydew problem, the sticky sap from the leaves falling on walks, walls, cars, or anything else under the trees. Actually, the aphids will seldom hurt a tree. The mess created is the biggest problem and the ants that usually follow in the wake of the aphids and live on the sap or honeydew.

One of the simplest controls is the use of malathion. Use it at the rate of three pounds of twenty-five percent wettable powder in one hundred gallons of water. Spray the foliage of the trees thoroughly. It may take several sprayings during the summer to control the aphids and honeydew. Other insecticides which will do a good job are BHC and nicotine sulfate. Use the BHC at the rate of one pound of twelve percent powder. Nicotine sulfate should be used at the rate of one pint of forty percent strength three pounds of soap, and one hundred gallons of water.

Two cases of screwworms were confirmed in Pecos county about twenty miles south of Fort Stockton on Monday, June 29th; one case was confirmed in Crockett County on Tuesday the 30th. The only other case in the Trans Pecos region for this year was a case in May at Presidio in a horse. All areas received the sterile fly drop treatment.

Sterlings County's ninth sample was sent to the laboratory on June 27th by F. S. Price from his ranch. The sample was taken by Cliff Gaston from a ram. This was the ninth sample identified as non-screwworm for the county this year by the laboratory. Thus far in 1964, the batting percentage has been 100% against the screwworms, or, if you prefer .000 for the worms.

Sometime last week the ten billionth sterile fly was dropped some place in Texas or Mexico. Since the laboratory began operation in February of 1962 at Kerrville, they have produced ten billion flies. That is just a few flies.

Presently, nearly two-thirds of the total production of flies is being dropped in Mexico in an effort to contain the worms below the overwintering areas in Texas. This has pleased livestock producers in Mexico. A local cattlemen's association is Nuevo Laredo is contributing sixty dollars a month to the fight. A state association in the state of Neuvo Leon is collecting ten dollars a month from each of its members to finance ground survey and inspection activities in their area in conjunction with the program. Every dollar helps in the fight. In addition, Mexico-employed inspectors are co-operating in conducting educational and survey work in northern Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gober and daughter, Lynda, of Lubbock visited Mrs. Gober's mother, Mrs. James McEntire last weekend.

Pam McEntire, daughter of the Ewing McEntires, has been awarded the senior medal for twirling at the Heart O' the Hills Camp near Hunt, Texas.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Wednesday morning of this week included—

- Neal Brewer
 - Mrs. Juan Salazar
 - Mrs. A. G. Daves
 - Earl Seago
- Dismissals since Thursday of last week include:
- Antonio Munoz
 - Templeton Foster
 - Gregory Pena
 - Mrs. Curtis Wilson
 - Sam Nance, Jr.

Lions Club Barbecue Set For July 17

The Lions Club is having a barbecue at the city Park Friday Night, July 17 at 7 o'clock. Barbecued goat and the usual plate of salads, cake, etc. will be on the menu. Cost is 50c for children 12 or under and \$1.25 for others. Everyone is invited.

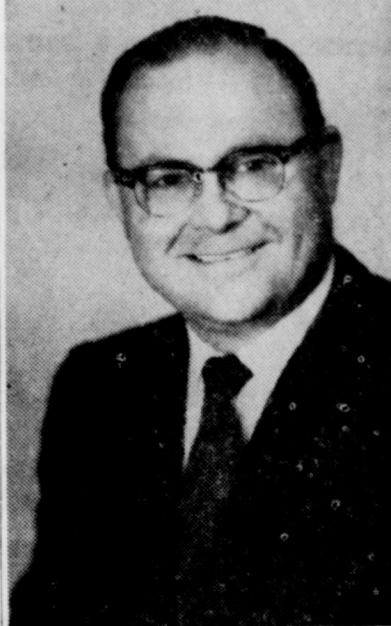
A Little League ball game with Sterling City and Coahoma follows and the crowd is expected to want to see the game.

Each member was told what to bring or furnish at the barbecue by Stan Horwod, who is in charge.

The club voted to sell brooms, mops, etc. made by the Lighthouse for the Blind here soon. The date will be announced later.

B. R. Turner of Brady was a guest. The prize went to George Turner.

Lynda Allen, Miss Wool of Texas, will be presented at the Coleman Rodeo this weekend.



REV. JOE P. SELF, JR. Baptist Revival to Start Next Sunday

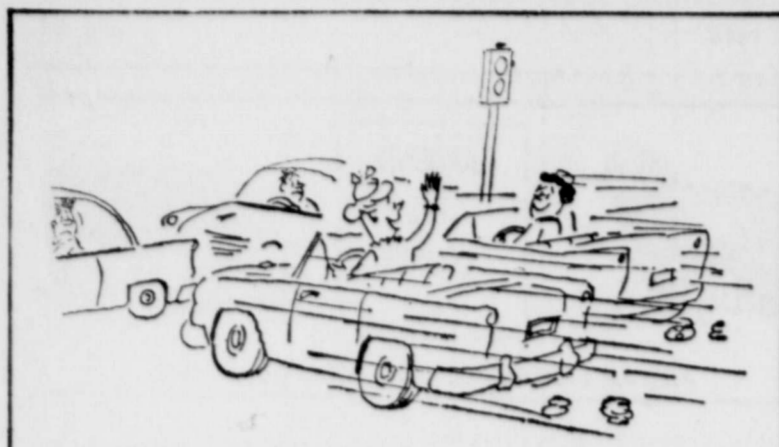
A week's revival will start next Sunday here at the First Baptist Church, announced pastor Sherman Conner. Services will be held at the usual times on Sundays and at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. during the week, Conner said.

The Rev. Joe P. Self, Jr., pastor of the Belmore Baptist Church in San Angelo will be the guest speaker. He is a Chaplain (Lt. Col.) in the United States Army Ready Reserves. He has served in the Army many times, four years in World War II, served at Ft. Sill Okla. in 1950 was called to active duty by President Kennedy during the Berlin Crisis, when his duty consisted of detail research on religion of the world — to advise U. S. Ambassador wherever U. S. troops might be stationed.

Owen Ayler of San Angelo will lead the singing. He is a very young man, and has received all-state recognition for his San Angelo Central High School choir work last year.

The Rev. Conner extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the services.

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An examination is now open for positions as Medical Officer in the Panama Canal Zone, the Central Employment Office of the Canal Zone Civilian Personnel Policy Coordinating Board, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, announced today. Positions are under the Canal Zone Merit System, and employment is in Federal hospitals on both the Atlantic and Pacific sides of the Zone.

Positions are for Medical Officers in practically all fields of medicine. Entrance salaries range from \$12,612.50 to \$19,831.25 a year. In addition, those selected, who are U.S. citizens recruited from the continental United States, will be transported at government expense to their place of employment.

No written test is required, but applicants must be graduates of medical schools of recognized standing with a degree of Doctor of Medicine, have completed their internship and, in most instances, be licensed to practice medicine and surgery in a state or territory of the United States.

Complete details concerning the requirements to be met and instructions for filing applications are given in Announcement No. CEO-2'2. For further information, write to the Central Employment Office, Drawer 2003, Balboa Heights Post Office, Canal Zone.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The U. S. Civil Service Commission today announced a new examination for filling research and non-research positions in all branches of engineering in the Washington, D. C. area. In addition, positions in certain branches of engineering will be filled throughout the United States. The salaries for these positions range from \$5,650 to \$15,665.

This new examination incorporates revised qualifications standards and replaces previous examinations. Persons who have not yet been appointed from earlier examinations must pass this new one if they are still interested in being considered for these positions.

To qualify for non-research positions, applicants must have an engineering degree or an equivalent combination of appropriate college work and professional experience. For positions involving highly technical research, development, or similar functions a bachelor's degree in engineering is a requirement. Additional professional experience and/or education are required for the higher grade levels.

Full details concerning the requirements to be met as well as instructions on how to apply are given in Announcement No. 332-B.

Announcements and appropriate application forms may be obtained from many post offices throughout the country or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. 20415.

REWARD NOTICE

A reward of \$500.00 will be paid by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association to any person (other than law enforcement officers) giving information causing the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons found butchering or stealing any sheep or lambs or goats belonging to any Association member in good standing. When two or more persons give information, the above sum will be divided at the discretion of the Board of the Association. When two or more defendants are involved in a single crime, the total reward is limited to \$500.00, but the conviction of one defendant, even though the other defendants are acquitted, will entitle the claimant or claimants to said sum of \$500.00. All claims must be submitted within ninety (90) days following conviction. If, upon conviction, a defendant confesses other thefts, no additional reward will be paid. All deviations concerning the payment of such reward and the conditions of payment will be made by the Board of Directors of the Association. TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS ASSOCIATION

State Bar Column

YOU CAN'T ENFORCE A BET

Is a bet with a friend, with witnesses present, a valid contract upon which you can collect in court? Can you force a person to pay off a bet that he made with you?

Jim was the town's most loyal supporter of the Marysville baseball team, even though the team was having a disappointing season. Tom, a supporter of Johnstown, a rival team, offered to bet Jim a sizable sum of money that Johnstown would beat Marysville.

Jim was quick to accept and asked several bystanders if they would be witnesses to the bet.

That weekend Marysville won, but Tom refused to pay. Jim claimed that the bet amounted to a valid and binding contract. He wanted to bring a lawsuit against Tom to collect the money that he felt Tom legally owed him. However, he was advised that he did not have a case.

The bet that they made was a gambling contract, and as such was illegal. Where both parties assert rights founded on a contract which is illegal and void, the court will refuse to enforce it, leaving the parties just where they placed themselves, and as they were before coming into court. The court has said that they owe it to public justice and to their own integrity to refuse to enforce contracts essentially violating morality or public policy. It is judicial duty always to turn a claimant upon such a contract out of court regardless of how the character of the contract is made to appear.

In this case, even though Jim could prove that he had made a contract with Tom, and regardless of the number of witnesses Jim could call into court to swear to the terms of the contract, the contract itself was an illegal one, made for an illegal purpose, gambling and as such the courts will refuse to enforce it.

The courts will allow great freedom to people in the making of agreements between themselves but they draw the line when the agreement made is illegal. The courts will not aid people in breaking the law.

(This newsfeature, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

Social Security

Floyd B. Ellington, district manager of social security in San Angelo, issued a reminder today to all persons who are receiving social security benefits that they must notify the Social Security Administration whenever something happens that might affect the payment of their benefits. Some of the events which must be reported are:

1. Earnings from all types of work if the beneficiary is under age 72 and expects to earn more than \$1200 during the year.
2. Death of a beneficiary.
3. Change in marital status—unless the beneficiary is receiving payments as a retired worker.
4. Change of custody of a child or other person for whom you are receiving benefits.
5. Change in address.

"Social security beneficiaries received a list of these and other events that must be reported with this check earlier this year," Ellington said. "If they do not have this list, they may pick up another at the social security office."

"In fact, anyone who has a question about social security should get in touch with us to get correct information."

The address of the social security office is 204 Continental Building, San Angelo, Texas. Telephone is 653-6861.

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What's Doing in the Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Leo Ross, Pastor
Church school — 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship — 11:00 a.m.
Evening worship — 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hubert C. Travis, Minister
Sunday school — 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship — 11:00 a.m.
Evening worship — 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Marion H. Hays, Minister
Bible school — 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship — 11:00 a.m.
Night Worship — 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Service — 8:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sherman Conner, Pastor
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Evening worship — 7:30 p.m.
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The History of Sterling County

BY IRA LEE WATKINS
(Continued From Last Week)

**CHAPTER II
The Open Range and Early Settlers**

The first period of the history of Sterling County, the period of Spanish-Indian occupation, exploring expeditions, Texas Ranger activities, buffalo hunting, army defense against the Indian and land surveys was followed by a period of ranching on the open range carried on chiefly by great cattle companies. This era of the cattle kings was short in Sterling County, lasting only approximately from 1870 to the middle 1880's. By this time the settlers were coming in to share the land with the cattlemen, to engage in agriculture to a limited degree, and to make homes for themselves and their children. The big ranchers tried hard to keep the settlers out but finally had to submit to the inevitable and either accept them or move on to the less settled regions.

Among the first ranches to be established near Sterling County were the Chisholm Ranch in 1862 and the Tankersley Ranch in 1864. Both of these ranches lay southwest of Sterling County in what is now Tom Green County. No ranches were established in Sterling County territory until after Federal troops were stationed at Fort Concho in 1867. The establishment of the new line of forts, of which Fort Concho was a part, after the Civil War, furnished cattlemen the necessary protection from the Indian and made possible the establishment of ranches in the "wild" part of Texas.

It seems that the big ranches in Sterling County were established in the 1870's. Most of them were begun by big cattlemen and ranch companies that had been driven out of Texas counties by the settlers farther east. The story is the same all across Texas. As soon as a line of forts would be established, the cattle kings would come in to enjoy the benefits of free grass and water; after a few years, the settlers would push them farther west.

The larger ranches to be established in Sterling County in the 1870's were the Half Circle S owned by Peacock Brothers; the M S, established by Schuster, Henry and Company; and the U Ranch, established in 1876 by D. A. Earnest and W. J. Holland. The M S outfit was owned by an English cattle company and was run by an Englishman, M. Z. Smissen. Earnest and Holland sold their outfit to M. B. Stephenson, who in turn sold it to W. R. McIntyre in 1880. (1) Most of these companies drove their herds to Sterling County from East Texas Counties. Some of the cowboys who came through with these outfits later became Sterling County's most valuable citizens. When the cattlemen got their herds into the country, they located at some place on the North Concho or some of its tributaries. There they would lay claim to a certain range area extending up and down and on both sides of the stream. They always located near a stream so that they and their cattle would have access to water. Seldom did these ranch companies take the time and trouble to buy any land. The land was free to anyone who could make use of it. Some of them did not at first own an acre of the land which they claimed as their range. Others bought only a section or two of railroad land where they set up their ranch headquarters and then ranged their stock over an area for miles around. (2) The U Ranch was located on the upper North Concho. It set in about six or eight miles above the present town of Sterling City and extended northwestward to the headwaters of the river into what is now the eastern edge of Glasscock County. The Half Circle S had two range areas. One began about Sterling City and extended up

Concho and Lacy Creek back deep into Glasscock County. This range also extended for some miles north of the North Concho. This upper Half Circle S range was separated from the lower by the M S Outfit, which set in about Sterling City and extended down the river for three or four miles. It too extended north of the river up toward the Divide and southwestward up Sterling Creek to about the western boundary of the county. The lower Half Circle S was a strip of land three or four miles wide immediately below the M S. This range, as all others, extended northward and southward from the river. The Half Circle S headquarters were located in this lower range. Below the Half Circle S lay the Doak Range, only part of which lay in the present bounds of Sterling County. (3) In the southern part of the county, on the headwaters of Kiowa Creek began the huge 7D Range, a large ranch about sixty miles wide, which lay on the Middle Concho south of Sterling County. The range areas claimed by these early Sterling County cattle companies probably varied in size from eighty-five thousand to two hundred thousand acres.

In spite of the proximity of Fort Concho and Camp Elizabeth to these Sterling County ranches, the Indians proved to be a considerable source of annoyance during the 70's. In 1876, a lively fight occurred between the Comanches and a force of Rangers and cowboys about a mile west of the present U Ranch headquarters. None of the white men were hurt, but it is thought that some of the Indians were killed.

These Indians were pursued for two days and overtaken near the present town of Midland. Andy Jones and Mr. Manning acted as scouts. About the time the party was nearing the Indians, the cowboys spied a beaded moccasin in the trail. One of the number dismounted, and as he stooped to pick the moccasin up, a shot from the leader of the Indians rang out and the white man fell dead. Jones dismounted and fired on the group of Indians, who soon withdrew. The party abandoned the pursuit. The dead member was buried where he was killed and his grave was marked with rocks. (4) This incident seems to mark an end of Indian disturbances in Sterling County for settlers coming into the country in the early '80's recall no memories of the presence of Indians at that time.

The chief menace from the Indians to the big cattlemen of the '70's was the stealing of horses and cattle. This danger had not entirely disappeared by 1880, for M. B. Stephenson, in a letter to W. R. McIntyre dated March 21, 1880, mentions the possibility of Indians stealing some of his "three's" and beeves before he could get them gathered. (5) Because of the absence of fences there was nothing to hinder Indian cattle and horse theft except fear of the soldiers at Camp Elizabeth and the cowboys Winchester.

- (1) SAN ANGELO STANDARD, May 3, 1934.
- (2) W. L. Foster, Interview, August 2, 1938. (Sterling City)
- (3) J. L. Glass, Interview, Sterling City, August 2, 1938.
- (4) W. F. Kellis, LOC. CIT.
- (5) SAN ANGELO STANDARD, May 3, 1934.

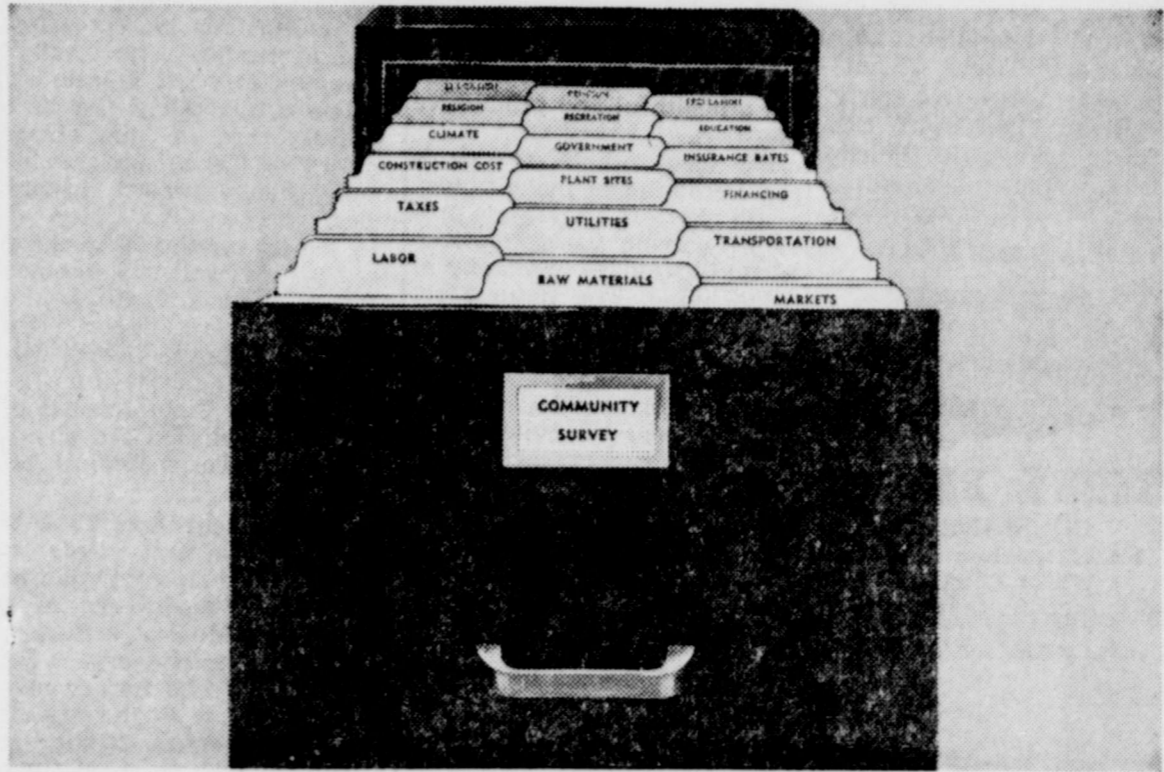
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FROM THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Recreation

Setting time aside for wholesome recreation is becoming increasingly important in leading a healthful and productive life.

For most people, the day's routine no longer includes vigorous physical activity or provides enough variety otherwise to break the monotony of daily living. The natural result of modern conveniences and increased automation is a sedentary existence.

Modern society has become what someone has called "flip-flopped." The executive now works long hours instead of the laborer. Yet, like everyone else, physicians, executives, and other professional people need the refreshment that enjoyable recreation offers.

Leisure time can be used to regain a healthy balance of suitable physical activity and relaxation. Whether through a trip to the opera or an hour or two of quiet fishing, the ability to "lose oneself" in some diversionary recreation provides personal fulfillment and relief from life's tensions.

Recreation is personal; to be satisfying, the hobbies and other activities chosen should be meaningful to the individual. What may be enjoyable to one person may be boring to another. Fortunately, a wide variety of opportunities is available and every person should be able to find some that bring satisfaction. Interesting family activities, another important but often missing part of modern life, can evolve from personal recreation interests.

Whatever a person may choose as hobbies, some physical recreation should be included daily. The health benefits from regular suitable physical activity such as weight control, relief from stress, and a sense of well-being are now well established. On the other hand, the potential ill-effects of prolonged inactivity, such as obesity, metabolic disorders, loss of movement capacity cannot be considered helpful for enjoyable living.

The broad benefits attributed to recreation are not automatic outcomes. Every activity carries some risk, whether from the nature of the activity itself or from the demands on the participant. One national survey showed 18,000 disabling golf injuries in 1962. Most of these were persons struck by golf balls. However, heat prostration accounted for 10 per cent and over-exertion another 7 per cent of the total. These statistics should not cause a rush to the golf cart, which produced 7 per cent of the casualties. Rather, golfers should respect the safeguards the judgement and conditioning will offer.

To capitalize on recreational opportunities: (1) Learn your capabilities and limitations through periodic medical examinations, and plan your activities accordingly. (2) Practice habits of healthful living faithfully in order to have the ability to do effectively the things you must and want to do. (3) Understand the risks involved in your activities of choice, and the preventive measures to be followed.

SCHWEITZER HOSPITAL CRUDE YET STILL BEST IN NATION OF GABON

The African hospital of Dr. Albert Schweitzer has no running water, no indoor toilets, and, except for an operating lamp in surgery, no electric conveniences. Yet despite its crudeness, it offers the best medical care in the entire country of Gabon, an area of more than 100,000 square miles.

A report on the Schweitzer hospital as well as another African medical facility, the Sudan Interior Mission Eye Hospital in Kano, North Nigeria, appears in the June issue of **Texas State Journal of Medicine**, published for physicians by the Texas Medical Association.

The story entitled "Within the Dark Continent, Progress in Sight and Insight" is the account of the work of a Christian Medical Society short-term missionary, Dr. Robert Rock, the former missionary, is now in the private practice of ophthalmology in Austin. In 1962 he spent three months in Africa, working six weeks with Dr. Schweitzer in Lambarene and six weeks with Dr. Ben Kietzman in Kano.

The two African medical centers to which Dr. Rock donated his time provide a contrast in the old and new ideals in missionary activity. Dr. Schweitzer's hospital is primitive. Dr. Rock reports, and this is the way Dr. Schweitzer wishes it. "Le Grand Docteur" — novelist, physician, musician, teacher, evangelist, and humanitarian — insists that patients should be kept in their own environment. The other hospital where Dr. Rock worked is up-to-date, and its staff encourages all possible progress.

Schweitzer, now 89, no longer practices medicine. He devotes his time during the day to supervising every detail of the work of his clinic. His evenings are spent playing the piano and reading and writing political, philosophical, and theological books.

Access to Lambarene is by way of the Ogowe River. Slender dugouts carry the sick through the crocodile-and hippopotamus-infested waters to the hospital deep in the jungle. The patient's family accompanies him and sets up housekeeping outside his room. They hang their wash on clotheslines between the brown tin-roofed buildings, and their livestock wander through the grounds. Cost of feeding the patients' relatives is one of the largest items in the hospital budget.

Dr. Schweitzer looks on the natives as children and trains none above the level of nurse's aide because he believes this is the limit of their mentality, reports Dr. Rock.

The staff of the Mission Eye Hospital in Kano, however, attempts to train Africans in everything. Natives are employed as laboratory technicians, nurses, and opticians. The staff hopes to find an African physician to train as an ophthalmologist.

Dr. Ben Kietzman who is the only full-time physician at the Kano hospital alternates spending three years in Africa with one in the states. He is a combination mechanic, plumber, electrician, and physician, and his only medical help comes from short-term missionaries.

Dr. Rock says that although Africans are suspicious of white people they turn to them in time of illness. All white people are considered doctors, he reports, and every missionary home in Africa is a first aid station. He tells of one woman missionary—probably the equivalent of a practical nurse—who treats from 200 to 300 patients daily.

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Floyd B. Ellington, district manager for social security in San Angelo, states that many people do not apply for their social security benefits at the most advantageous time because they fail to obtain the proper information.

For most people, age 65 is a good time to think about applying for benefits. People no longer to work or who do not wish to continue working full time, may apply as early as age 62. Retirement benefits at age 62 are lower than they would be at age 65; but in most cases approximately 12 years would elapse before any actual financial loss would occur.

Age 65 can be the proper time for many people to apply for old-age insurance benefits. A substantial majority are no longer working full time after age 65; and since their incomes are sharply reduced, they find that the social security checks help in paying their basic living expenses.

Ellington says everyone who is 65 year old should inquire at the social security office about filing a claim, even though he is still working full time. If the claim is filed then and the applicant later retires, it is a simple matter to start the benefits because all the paperwork will have been previously completed.

Everyone 72 years old who has worked under social security and has never applied for benefits should do so at once. Social security checks may be paid to anyone 72 years of age or older who has enough work covered by the law, regardless of his current earnings.

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