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The History of Sterling County

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(Continued from Last Week)

The pioneer's had their sorrows, struggles, hardships, and privations; but they also had their pastimes and amusements. They had picnics, barbecues, and fish fries. They didn't have rodeos then, for the cowboys got all the riding and roping they wanted every day on the open range. Occasionally, after 1900, roping contests would be held, but such a thing as a commercial rodeo was to come a long time later. Sometimes the young folks met (as they still do in some parts of the country) at a neighbor's house and played what is known as "ring games". Some of these games were "Old Joe Clark" and "Shoot the Buffalo". On Sundays, people would gather at neighbor's homes and have "singing". Perhaps the favorite amusement for old and young, rich and poor, was dancing. Dances, always given at ranch homes, lasted all night. People would come for miles around in wagons, buggies, and on horseback. The whole family came. The smaller children would be put to bed on quilts spread on the floor. The older ones danced or looked on until sleep drove them to a pallet. Many young men escorted the girls on horseback. The girls all rode side-saddles then and every girl had a saddle horse. The guests enjoyed a midnight supper, after which dancing was resumed. Sometimes the food was placed on the table before the dance began and everyone could at any time he chose, eat, and as often as he chose, all night long. The musical instruments used were fiddle, guitar, and mandolin or banjo. Often an organ was added to the orchestra. They danced the "Four Section" Virginia Reel, the Waltz, the Schottische, the Heel and Toe Polka, and the square dance. One of the square dances, as called by Tom Blair, went like this:

Honor your partner and the lady on the left.
Eight hands up and circle to the left.
Break and walk back.
Swing on a corner.
Now your partners and promenade eight.

First couple out.
Right hands cross and how do you do.
Left hand back and how are you.
Swing'em right and wrong.
All night long is the same old song.

Now your partner and half promenade.
Balance to your partner.
Corner your left; partner your right.
Round right and wrong.
All night long is the same old song.

When you meet your partner swing'em once and a half.
Double the dose, kill or cure.
When you meet your partner, swing and promenade.
Swing ladies to the center; gents on the march.
Round and Round the little wheel goes; where we stop nobody knows.

Skip your partner; swing and pass'em by.
Swing and promenade.
Balance to your partner.
Corner with your left; partner with your right.
Round right and wrong.
Double the dose, kill or cure.
Swing and promenade.

Second couple out.
Right hand, etc. _____
Third couple, etc. _____
Fourth couple, etc. _____

Ladies to their seats; gents outdoors.

Pioneer wedding ceremony

ies did not differ from those of today. It is not known whose was the first marriage within the present bounds of Sterling County while it was still a part of Tom Green County. However, after the county was organized, the first recorded marriage was that of Mr. J. P. Daily and Mrs. S. C. Mayshaw. The ceremony was performed by County Judge P. D. Coulson and took place in Connally and McFarland's Grocery Store. The wedding was reported as follows by the **Sterling Courier**: (48)

Immediately after the ceremony was performed and before the couple left the floor, they indulged in a loving embrace greatly to the amusement of the crowd, who responded with enthusiastic cheers. A new broom from Mrs. Connally and a can of peaches from Mr. Connally made up the list of presents. The broom was presented with the following ceremony:

'In sunshine use the brushy part.

In storms, the other end.'

Such was the life of the life of the Sterling County pioneers in the period of early settlement from 1880 to 1890. This decade saw the county change from one controlled by a few cattle kings, who carried on ranching on a big scale, to a county pretty well filled with settlers who carried on cattle raising on a smaller scale. As soon as the great cattlemen saw that any effort to stem the tide of immigration would be futile, they became more amicable with the settlers, and soon the two were conducting their cattle businesses with a more genial attitude toward each other. After a short period in which the big cattlemen and settler operated side by side, most of the huge ranches were finally absorbed by the settlers. As settlers bought up the free range, the cattle kings had to diminish their operations. Under the land laws it was very hard for a big rancher to acquire vast holdings of land. The tax rolls of 1891 show that the E. C. Kellogg estate rendered for taxation only twelve sections of land but six thousand head of cattle. (49) Twelve sections of land will ordinarily graze from three hundred and fifty to four hundred head of cattle. This information from the tax rolls shows that the big cattle companies did not own all of the land on which they ranged their cattle. When this free range was bought by settlers, the big cattlemen had to get rid of their giant herds, or else buy more land for themselves. Some of them became bankrupt. Only one of the four principal great ranges of early Sterling County remains. This is the U Range on the upper North Concho and it is greatly diminished in size from its original extent in the free range days.

Thus we see that the big cattlemen was finally, simply "choked" out by the settlement of the county. It did not all happen in the decade from 1880 to 1890. That period saw only the beginning of the cattle king's exit. It was perhaps 1900 before the county could be called a country of small ranchers. This decade of the '80's also saw the introduction of the windmill to Sterling County. Coming in during the same period were the wire fence and pure bred Hereford cattle. These things were soon to produce drastic changes in the cattle industry of Sterling County. This period saw the county change from a virtual wilderness of the '76's to a region well enough populated for organization as a county by 1890.

(48) THE STERLING COURIER. Dec. 3, 1891.

Destroy Mosquito Breeding Places on Labor Day Weekend

Rev. C.B. Stovall III

The Rev. C.B. Stovall former Baptist Pastor here, is seriously ill in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He has suffered two strokes recently which paralyzed his right side, it was said

Billy Blair, son of the John I. Blairs, will resume his studies at Texas Tech this month. He will be a sophomore.

Vernon Asbill, son of the Tom Asbills, will reenter McMurry College, Abilene, this month for his second year.

Reynolds Lee Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Foster, will be a junior at Texas Tech this fall.

Mrs. Levi Garrett will join her husband in Brackettville this week end for a week's vacation. Levi will be winding up his horse acts at the Alamo Village near Brackettville for the season. The Labor Day weekend will see some old time cowboy horse races at Alamo Village.

Johnny Augustine will reenter Abilene Christian College this fall.

O. C. Estes will be a sophomore at San Angelo State College this fall.

Betty Jean Barton, daughter of the H. E. Bartons, will enroll as a freshman at San Angelo State College this fall.

COKE PARTY HONORS BONNIE GARTMAN

A Coke Party Thursday morning honored Miss Bonnie Gartman, who will be married to Joe Emery here on September 13.

The affair was held in the home of Mrs. Lester Foster. She and Mrs. William Foster and Mrs. Tommy Foster were hostesses.

Bingo was played by the fifteen guests. All prizes were given to the honoree.

Cokes and snacks of all kinds were served by the hostesses.

(49) STERLING COUNTY TAX ROLLS, 1891.

(Continued Next Week)

Lions Need Help in Nail Pulling

Capt. Hal Knight, Jr. and Billy Bauer were guests at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday noon.

It was announced that help was needed to pull nails from the flooring the the club has purchased—in preparation for reflooring the community center floor. The club bought the old flooring from the contractor

Marion Hays was appointed club chairman for the Crippled Children's Camp.

Dr. Wm. J. Swann suggested a cleanup of mosquito breeding places. Also he thought it would be wise for the community to spray, killing out the grown mosquitos. Labor Day weekend was designated as Mosquito Eradication week end. Everyone in the city and county is asked to do something toward mosquito eradication this weekend. Swann suggested oil on water pools, spray for grown mosquitos, and elimination of breeding places. Such measures are needed to prevent an outbreak of encephalitis, as is now raging in Plainview and Houston.

Lion Wayne Loury appointed Stan Horwood, Kirk Hopkins, and Henry Bauer and Dr. Swann to the committee on mosquito eradication

WILL RESUME DENTISTRY STUDIES

John William Balaban, a student of Morgantown West Virginia University's Medical Center, will resume studies this fall, majoring in dentistry. His sister, Judith Ann, (Mrs. Louis Korpics III) majored in pharmacy, received the Bachelor of Science degree in June. She has completed her internship and is now pharmacist at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburg, Penn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balaban also have two sons, Frank and Paul, that are students in Sterling City High School.

The Johnny Shields' have moved to Georgetown, Idaho, and their address is Box 107, there. Mrs. Shields is the former Temple Ann Foster.

Mrs. Claude Collins and son, Corwin, returned last week from Columbia, Mo. where they visited the Tom Crosslers. Mrs. Crossler is the former Claudia Collins, daughter of Mrs. Collins. She intends to enroll in the University of Missouri at the second semester.

School Opens With 251 Enrolled

HOSPITAL NOTES

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

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Onstott Dismissals since Thursday of last week include: Mrs. H. L. Bailey Carl Igo Manuel Estrada Helen Hays

SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENUS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Meat and Spaghetti
Buttered Corn
Buttered Spinach
Combination Salad
Rolls
Applesauce Cake

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

Hamburgers
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles,
Onions
Potato Salad
Peaches
Sweet Rolls

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

Chicken Salad
Buttered Peas
Baked Potatoes
Celery, Carrot, Raisin Salad
Rolls
Chocolate Brownies

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Salmon Corquettes
Buttered Potatoes
String Beans
Cabbage & Tomato Salad
Rolls
Pineapple Cake

RAIN LAST WEEKEND

Showers hit Sterling City and the county to the north and east last Saturday and Sunday. The rains hit here intown just as the big football barbecue and rally was about to get underway at the City Park. The affair moved into the community Center.

No rains fell to the west and southwest but was fairly heavy to the east and north. Up to one inch fell here in town.



MARION H. HAYS HAYS BEGINS NINTH YEAR SUNDAY At Church of Christ

Marion H. Hays, minister of the Sterling City church of Christ will begin his ninth year of work Sunday, September 6, with the local congregation.

Glynn Peters, music major from Abilene Christian College will resume his work this Sunday as song director and instructor in vocal music. He recently returned from the World's Fair tour with the A.C.C. A Cappella Chorus. He will conduct a music class each Sunday afternoon for young people and interested adults.

Fall schedule of classes will begin Sunday at the church of Christ. The evening classes will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the evening hour worship at 7:00. A Fall Lectureship is being planned for October.

Twenty More Than Last Year at Opening

The Sterling school opened here Tuesday, September 1, with regular classes. Superintendent of schools O.T. Jones said three new teachers were on the faculty. They are Mrs. Lynn Glass, 7th grade teacher; Mrs. H. E. Barton, homemaking; and Mrs. Charles Allen, social sciences.

The other teachers are Earl Seago, high school principal—math and physics; Fred W. McDonald, high school English; Mrs. Frank Milligan, librarian and Latin; Fred Igo, vocational agriculture; and George White, biology and science;

J. R. Dillard, grade school principal and 8th grade, Mrs. Hubert Travis, 6th; Mrs. Jack Douthit, 5th; Mrs. Arthur Barlemann, 4th; Mrs. Thomas Asbill, 3rd; Mrs. Dayton Barrett, 2nd; Mrs. Betty Jones, 2nd; Mrs. C. L. King, 1st and Mrs. Ray Lane, 1st

251 Enrolled First Day

There were 251 students enrolled the first day, said the superintendent. 71 were in high school and 180 in grade school. This compares with 231 enrolled the first day of last year.

In high school there are 17 freshmen, 16 sophomores, 17 juniors and 21 seniors, said high school principal Seago.

Monday Is Holiday

Monday, September 7, Labor Day, is a school holiday. Classes will be resumed on Tuesday morning.

Students are being given the chance of two different school accident policies. For minimum coverage the cost is \$3 per year and for maximum coverage the policy costs \$5 a year, said Jones. Parents will be asked to look over the policies his week and decide the pupils will bring the slips home concerning the insurance.

First Football Game Sept. 11

The first scheduled football game will be here on the night of September 11 with Gail. The Eagles will go to Robert Lee this Saturday night for a scrimmage session. Everyone is invited to go over for the scrimmage.

Barbecue Supper Following Scrimmage at Robert Lee

Following the scrimmage session at Robert Lee Saturday night, the local football boys will be served supper free. Every fan or person from Sterling is invited to eat the supper that night for \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students. So said Ronnie Baker, secretary of the Robert Lee Quarterback Club, who is sponsoring the barbecue.

Football Barbecue and Rally Held

The annual football barbecue and rally was held last Saturday night in the community center. The rains of the evening drove the meeting to the community center building from the City Park.

About 250 persons were present. Coach J. R. Dillard introduced the football boys and the cheer leaders led the group in some yells.

Superintendent of schools O. T. Jones introduced the new teachers in the school and announced the opening of the school on Tuesday, September 1st.

Barbecued goat, beans, salads, cake and iced tea made up the menu.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September, 7, will be a holiday here in Sterling as one of the days observed by the merchants and offices. The school will be closed, along with the offices, post office and bank.

Town Topics.....by Thompson

IF ALL THE DOLLAR BILLS EARNED IN ONE YEAR BY AMERICANS WHO LIVE IN SMALL TOWNS OF UNDER 25,000 POPULATION WERE STACKED IN PILES, THE \$157 BILLION WOULD FORM A SOLID SKYSCRAPER 100 FT. LONG, 50 FT. WIDE AND 1,363 FT. HIGH—TALLER THAN THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING!

LOTS OF PEOPLE LIVE IN SMALL TOWNS FOR REASONS BIG CITY FOLK MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY LIKE SEEING FEW STRANGERS, MANY FRIENDS, WHEN THEY WALK DOWN THE STREET.

SOME OF THE REASONS PEOPLE LIKE SMALL TOWN LIFE WILL BE DRAMATIZED ON A TV SHOW, "SMALLTOWN", TO BE SEEN ON NBC-TV SEPT. 13 IN BOTH COLOR AND BLACK AND WHITE. NARRATED BY THE FAMOUS ACTOR, FREDRIC MARCH, IT WILL TELL THE FASCINATING STORY OF HOW AND WHY SOME SMALL TOWNS GROW, WHILE OTHERS FALL BY THE WAYSIDE.



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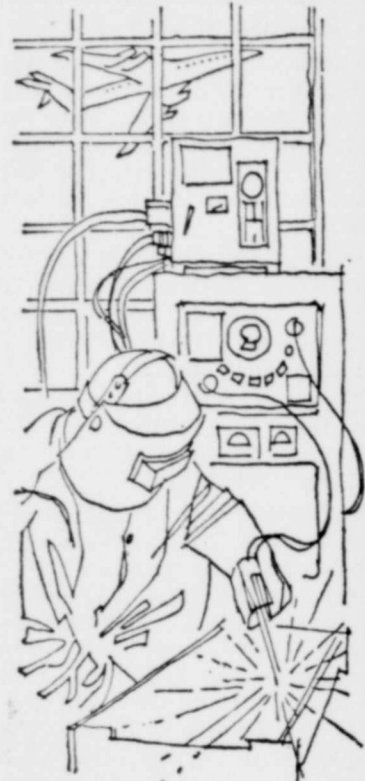
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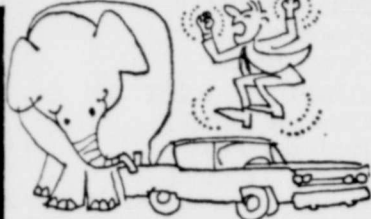
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SCIENCE SKETCHES



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GLOBAL TV could be the greatest force yet discovered to break down language barriers, says Dr. Arthur C. Clarke, British physicist. Seven languages take care of half mankind, he says—Mandarin Chinese, English, Hindustani, Spanish, Russian, German and Japanese. Unless a new universal language is concocted, the eventual choice will probably be between English, Mandarin or Russian, the professor says.

STERLING CITY EAGLES 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.

Health & Safety Tips FROM THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Hay Fever

The pollens that trigger hay fever are in the air again. From now until first frost the nine million American sufferers face their annual season of sneezing, stuffed-up runny nose, itching and swollen eyes. Many people suffer from hay fever needlessly. Enough is known by the allergy specialists to make the average sufferer fairly comfortable and able to carry on a normal existence, says Today's Health, the magazine of the American Medical Association.

Consult with your physician or allergist if you have any of the above symptoms. Hay fever is a serious and sometimes incapacitating illness that requires the attention of a physician.

Desensitizing injections are the most effective and practical means of managing hay fever. Treatment may be given just prior to the season or all year around. Your physician will decide which will be most effective.

Seasonal hay fever is primarily caused by inhalation of pollens, the male fertilizing element of flowering plants, trees or grasses. Allergens, such as dust of all kinds, molds, and animal fur, aggravate symptoms during hay fever season.

Some people move to another part of the country, where the pollen count is at a minimum. Your physician can obtain from the American Academy of Allergy listings and maps which give the pollen count indexes for different parts of the country.

Any location with an index of 10 or above is not recommended for those allergic to ragweed. In most of Alaska the count is 0. Lowest in the continental United States is Cape Coral, Fla., with .19. Lexington Ky., on the other hand, has an index of 156.

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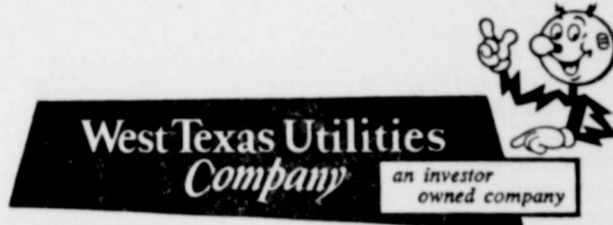


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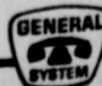
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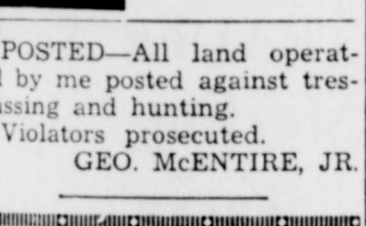
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 claims her payments when
 she's 62, will they increase
 when she reaches 65? These
 are some of the question you
 might like to have answered
 before you retire. Floyd B.
 Ellington, District Manager of
 the office in San Angelo said
 it's a good idea to visit their
 office about three months be-
 fore that date. There is an
 advantage of your applying
 well ahead of time. Most ap-
 plications go through without
 any trouble, but every once in
 a while someone has trouble
 proving his age or providing
 some other form of needed
 evidence. When that happens
 everything grinds to a stop
 until a satisfactory age or
 birth record or othe proof is
 supplied. If you wait until
 you retire to make your claim,
 and you don't have the re-
 cords you need, your first
 check may be delayed. If you
 don't need your social security
 right away, it won't matter,
 but most folks count on that
 first check as part of their
 post-retirement budget.

When you visit the social
 security office three months
 before retirement, there are
 some records you'll need to
 take. The best way to find
 out what you should take is
 to phone ahead. In addition to
 a record of your age, you may
 need to taken your last with-
 holding tax statement. If your
 wife is 62 and wants to apply
 for benefits also, she'll need
 a record of her age. If you
 call the social security office
 before you pay the pre-retire-
 ment visit, they can tell you
 exactly what you'll need. If
 there's some record you don't
 have, they can usually help
 you get it. Helping people with
 retirement claims is their bus-
 iness. For example, they know
 the best, and quickest way to
 get a record of your age.

Some people delay a trip to
 the social security office be-
 cause they think a social se-
 curity claim will be a lot of
 trouble. It isn't an automatic
 thing, but highly trained peo-
 ple will do everything to help
 you. There are three things to
 remember. First, plan ahead
 for your retirement. Second,
 call the social security office.
 Find out what to take with
 you, and the best time to go.
 Third don't wait until after
 you retire to make your social
 security claim. The San An-
 gelo office is located at 3000
 W. Harris, phone 949-4608.

BUDGET NOTICE
 Year A. D., 1964
 On this 10th day of August,
 A. D. 1964, it appearing to the
 Commissioners' Court of Ster-
 ling County, Texas, in regular
 session, that House Bill 768,
 Chapter 206, Section 12 of the
 General Laws of the State of
 Texas, that the Commissioners'
 Court in each county shall,
 each year, provide for a pub-
 lic hearing on the COUNTY
 BUDGET, which hearing shall
 take place subsequent to Aug-
 ust 15th, and prior to the levy
 of taxes by the Commissioners'
 Court.

Acting by virtue of an order
 passed by the Commissioners
 Court of Sterling County, Tex-
 as made on the 10th day of
 August, A. D., 1964, NOTICE
 IS HEREBY GIVEN that a
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 the BUDGET of Sterling
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 provided for the year A. D.
 1964, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.,
 on September 14th, 1964, at
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 sioners Court Room, at which
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 ipate in such hearing.

Given under my hand and
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AROUND THE COUNTY



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The recently released report on the wool incentive payment plan for the 1962 marketing year which ended in March of 1963 shows that Sterling County ranked twenty-first in Texas in wool production. Total production of wool for 1962 on which the incentive was paid by the local ASC office was 890,905 lbs.

There were a total of 83 applications filed in the office. Growers received an average of 49.68 cents per pound before the incentive. After the incentive payment, the price was 63.58 cents per pound.

Gross sales values of the wool which included the incentive payment less the marketing cost was \$566,476.93.

Value of the wool crop in Texas was \$28,809,235.65; poundage produced in the state was 46,497,819 pounds. A total of 20,845 applications for payment were filed in the state. Only eighteen counties did not file any applications for payment.

Leading wool producing county in the state in 1962 was Val Verde with a total of 2,988,840 pounds. Crockett County was second with 2,579,454 pounds followed by Tom Green County in third place with 1,954,660 pounds.

Wool is still an important commodity in Sterling County as well as in Texas. A crop or commodity which brings in slightly over half a million dollars a year in a county must be considered important to that county's economy.

The subject of school dropouts is receiving much attention in many places these days. There are many factors which cause a boy or girl to drop out of school; most of the dropouts occur in the high school grades when many young people want to be free of authority and earn their own way in the world.

According to the Extension Service family life education specialist, sixty-four percent of the dropouts occur in grades 9 and 10; thirty-four percent occur in grades 11 and 12.

What happens to the dropouts? They find that employment for those jobs requiring less education has dropped ten percent in the last ten years. During that same ten years, employment in professional and technical jobs requiring more advanced education has increased 47 percent. The overall unemployment rate for those between 16 and 19 years of age is 24 percent compared to 16 percent for all age groups.

School has started once again for many boys and girls who have held summer jobs. Before long, many of them will get to thinking about the jobs they had during the summer and the steady income. Some will give way to the temptation and quit school to get a job. Some will realize that they can secure much better jobs and support themselves and their families much better by continuing their education. The time may never come when everyone will be a college graduate, but the cold hard fact remains—the better a person's preparation through education, the better chance they have of being employed by commerce, manufacturing, or the professional world. The education which may be costing now will pay later.

Texas completed another screwworm-free week on August 22. Other southwestern states cooperating in the eradication program enjoyed the same freedom with the exception of Arizona. Six cases were found in that state in three counties. The last case in Texas occurred on August 2 in Irion County.

Thus far, Sterling County has not had a case of screwworms. Thirteen samples have been sent in but all were identified as non-screwworm.

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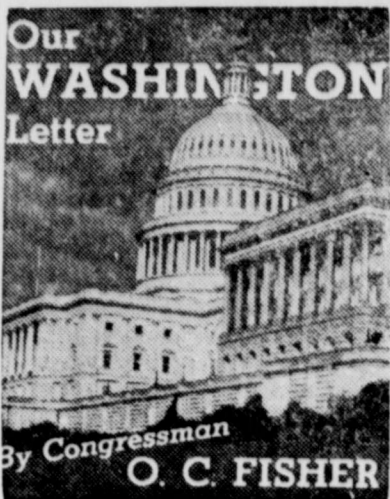
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By Congressman O. C. FISHER

A welfare anti-poverty boondoggle that has been going on for three years has been the ARA (Area Redevelopment Administration). Under it 2842 projects have been approved. Last week the government's General Accounting Office (an independent agency, answerable only to Congress) released a report of a study it had made of the ARA's doings.

On the 190 projects GAO investigated, it found ARA in sealing the program to Congress had estimated these particular projects would create 21,814 man-months of work, whereas actually only 9553 man months were worked — an overestimate by 128%. The last appropriation to finance this depression-type program amounted to \$900 million.

Now ARA is back on Capitol Hill asking for more to use in the fight against poverty. Already approved by the Senate, the bill is now pending before the House Rules Committee.

Still another pending "anti-poverty" bill has to do with 11 Eastern and Southern states, providing WPA-type projects for the mountains and foothills of the sprawling Appalachia area, costing \$1 billion the first year.

Already enacted this year is a \$400-million Food Stamp bill, an anti-poverty project for the needy, which some estimate may cost more than a billion a year when it gets going good.

Thus, we have four "anti-poverty" programs in a row — the billion-dollar "anti-poverty" package, recently approved; the ARA extension; the Food Stamp, and the Appalachia deal. Lumped together, these would cost upwards of \$3 billion the first year.

Added to the other 42 "anti-poverty" programs that have accumulated through the years, the total cost of all of them will approximate \$35 billion a year. And it is the history of such welfare programs that once begun they have a way of expanding and costing more each year thereafter.

Among recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ross, Vicki, Di Ann and Bruce of Brownwood; J. L. Poyner of San Angelo; Mrs. O. T. Jarvis and Charles Spellman, of Brownwood; and Mrs. Norman W. Johnson of Kerrville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Grigsby of Sanderson visited the David Glasses and other relatives here over the weekend.

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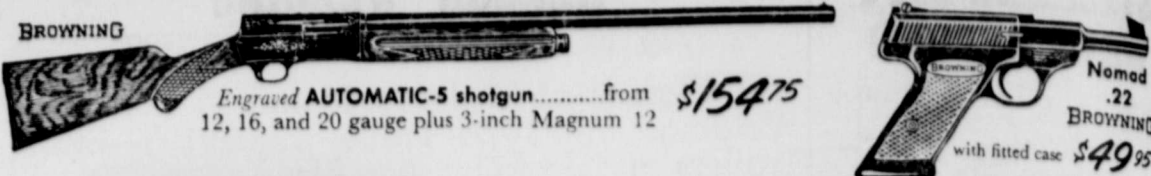
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Floyd B. Ellington, San Angelo social security district manager, described the 1939 amendments as the "most significant social security changes ever enacted." He stated that the amendments laid the groundwork for the present social security law by providing for monthly benefits (beginning January 1940) not only for retired workers, but also for the dependents of retired workers and deceased workers.

"The 1939 amendments," said Ellington "made social security a family program rather than one for retired workers alone. Since then, the program has come a long way toward realizing the goal set for it in the 1939 and subsequent amendments — that of providing basic protection against loss of earnings when the family breadwinner becomes disabled, dies, or retires in old age. Today, 9 out of ten working people are building protection for themselves and their families under the social security law.

Ellington noted that more than 100 billion dollars in benefits — about 80 billion to retired workers and their dependents and nearly 25 billion to survivors of deceased workers — have been paid in the period January 1940 through June 1964. The above figures do not include any benefits awarded under the disability program of the social security program.

According to Ellington, more than 19 million people now receive monthly social security benefits, and the total will reach 20 million early in 1965. Locally, 7,300 Tom Green County residents are receiving social security benefits each month totalling more than \$436,000.



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