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## The History of Sterling County

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(Continued From Last Week)

Along with the church and school the newspaper has occupied a prominent place in the settlement and development of Sterling County. The first newspaper to be established in the county was the **North Concho News** on May 7, 1891, by W. L. Thurman at Cummins. About a month later on June 3, 1891, S. R. and Frank Ezzell established the **Sterling Courier** at Sterling City. In August, 1891, Thurman sold his patronage to Ezzell. Sometime between September 15, 1893, and May 18, 1894, Tom Kellis bought the **Courier** and ran it for a time. In May 1894, Kellis sold out to R. M. Fannin and T. P. Cooper. Fannin died on September 11, and Cooper bought his interest in the **Courier**. T. P. and B. L. Cooper then became partners and the name of the **Sterling Courier** was changed to the **Concho Valley News** in June 1895. The paper was known by that name until November 1, 1895, when it was changed to the **Sterling City News**. T. P. Cooper sold the **News** to Homer W. Schofield in June 1896. For a few months Schofield had been running a paper called the **Sterling City Progress**, but he called his consolidated paper the **Sterling City News**. In October, 1899, W. F. Kellis and a Mr. Cooper established the **Sterling County Record**. In 1902, Kellis bought out the **News**, and the new paper was called the **Sterling City News-Record**. This has been Sterling County's newspaper ever since.

As the organization period of Sterling County saw development of community, church and school, it likewise witnessed a turning point in the ranching industry. The coming of the wire fence marks this significant change in ranching. The first wire fence in the county was a drift fence put up by the big ranchers of this section and further north. This fence was about one hundred miles long. It originated near San Angelo, crossed Sterling County about the latitude of Mulberry creek and ran on to the foot of the Staked Plains. (34) It was built in the middle 80's, and its purpose was to catch cattle as they drifted southward during the winter. It eliminated a great deal of line riding. Soon after this fence was built, smaller ranchers began to fence their pastures. Most stockmen began by fencing a small pasture for their saddle horses. One of the first ranches to be fenced was that of Henry Wade. The fence was of smooth wire and threaded through holes bored in the posts. (35) While there was some fence cutting, there was never any serious trouble in Sterling County. The big ranchers, as soon as they acquired all the land they could, began to fence their ranges. They fenced before the smaller rancher. The result was that the latter found himself being fenced off from valuable range that had been formerly free grazing and often the only source of water for his cattle. In desperation, then, the little rancher engaged in fence cutting. (36)

The M S Range had been fenced in 1891. In that year a proclamation by Governor Jim Hogg was run in a Sterling County newspaper regarding the matter of fence cutting. The proclamation stated that on June 3, 1891 and at other times in 1891 unknown persons did cut the wire fence enclosing the pasture lands of M. Z. Smissen, and that a \$150 reward was offered for the arrest and delivery of each of the said unknown persons. (37) In the December 10, 1891 issue of the **STERLING COURIER**, Sheriff W. N. Hiler ran a notice offering a \$100 reward for information lead-

ing to the capture and arrest of the person who cut Thomas Brennan's fence about November 23, 1891. As late as 1896 some ranchers were still running their stock at large for in the **Sterling City News** April 3, 1896, W. H. Collins of the D O K Ranch inserted this notice:

"All persons having stock running at large in what is known as the Kennedy pasture and not owning or controlling land therein will please remove same forthwith or make arrangements for pasturage for same or else I will be obliged to fence the water there in to protect myself."

A great deal of fencing was done in 1897, for in that year a correspondent from a rural community reported:

"Wire fencing has become an epidemic over here; all the stockmen are stricken."

Wire fencing must have been fairly well completed by 1903, for in that year a great many notices were run in the **Sterling City News-Record** by land-owners warning trespassers to stay out.

With the fencing of the range there came efforts to rid West Texas of the cattle tick. Also there began experiments in vaccinating cattle for blackleg, the practice of feeding cattle through the winter, and a rapid improvement in the quality of cattle. There was at the same time an increase in sheep raising. Calves were being vaccinated for blackleg by 1897. The practice of dehorning cattle was perhaps not begun until after 1896 for in that year the **Farm and Ranch Magazine** advocated it and gave its advantages. Today no one questions the wisdom of dehorning cattle. Most ranchers in beginning the practice of feeding their cattle through the winter fed plain cotton seed. An abundance of this feed could be obtained at low cost from the gins at Robert Lee and San Angelo. Other ranchers, who did not feed their cattle, brought them through the winter on what is known as the "winter pasture" During the summer and fall, all stock would be kept out of the winter pasture; then when cold weather set in the grass would be plentiful and the herds could be turned in to "winter" Feeding cattle through the winter months was begun as a general practice soon after wire fencing prevented cattle from drifting south during that season. Cottonseed meal and cottonseed hulls were advertised as early as January, 1892 and the practice of feeding cattle must have begun within a few years of that date.

34. San Angelo Standard.  
35. C. L. Coulson, Interview, Sterling City, July, 1938.  
36. W. L. Foster, Loc. Cit. North Concho News, June 25, 1891.  
(Continued Next Week)

**To High School Principal's Meeting**  
High school principal Earl B. Seago will attend the State High School Principals meeting in Dallas the first part of next week. He expects to return home Tuesday.

**To Mitchell County as Deputy Sheriff**  
Forrest Smith moved to Colorado City last week to serve as deputy sheriff there under sheriff Lewis Claxton. Forrest, who had been operating the Sinclair station in Sterling City, began work there the first of October.

Mrs. Smith and Wayne are to stay on in Sterling City through the school year because Wayne wants to finish his senior year here.

## P.T.A. Meeting Held Monday

The first meeting of the local P.T.A. was held Monday evening at the school auditorium. Mrs. Dan Glass, president of the organization, welcomed the group and presided.

Mr. Marion Hays gave the devotional. Principals Earl B. Seago and J. R. Dillard introduced the faculty members. Superintendent O. T. Jones gave an extensive review of the financial structure of the school.

Two were elected delegates to the state P.T.A. Convention that will be held in Dallas in November. They were Mrs. Dan Glass and Mrs. Billy R. Bynum. Mrs. Leslie Payne was named alternate.

The organization voted to sponsor and hold a P.T.A. Halloween Carnival at the school on the night of October 30.

The next meeting will be at the school on the evening of November 23 at 7:30.

## Horwood Named To School Board

Stan Horwood, local rancher, was named to the Sterling School board of trustees Monday night, replacing David Glass, who resigned. Stan will serve out Glass's term.

Other members of the board are Chesley McDonald, president, Reynolds Foster, vice-president, Finis Westbrook, secretary, Roy Morgan, John Copeland and Billy Humble.

## Poll Tax or No Poll Tax

There has been widespread confusion about the eligibility of voters who wish to vote for the Federal Offices in the November 1964 General Election ever since the ratification of the 24th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Stated quite simply, unless you paid a poll tax prior to January 31, 1964, or obtained the required registration receipt without the payment of a tax, to vote for Federal Offices, prior to March 6, 1964 you are not entitled to vote in the November election.

Persons who were exempt from the payment of poll tax for reason of overage were not affected in any way by this law so long as they were otherwise qualified to vote. The registration law applies only to those civilian and military personnel who were between the ages of 21 and 60 years of age on January 31, 1964; so far as the 1964 General Election is concerned.

## Open House at State Highway Department Today

Both the engineering and maintenance departments of the State Highway Department are having open house today from one till five o'clock. Free coffee and donuts or cookies will be served it was said.

Engineer H. L. Bailey and H. E. Barton, both extend a cordial invitation to all persons to come out for the open house.

## SCS Supervisor Elected

### AUGUST FRYSAK NAMED ON SOIL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August Frysak of St. Lawrence community was reelected to the board of supervisors of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District at an election Tuesday night.

The election was held in St. Lawrence Tuesday evening and there were 69 eligible voters. Frysak got all 69 votes by acclamation.

A barbecue was served and there were 25 persons present, said Charles Probandt of the Board of Supervisors. He said the board appreciated the donations of goats by local ranchers for the supper.

## Mrs. J. I. Cope Is Noratadata Hostess

Mrs. J. I. Cope entertained members of the Noratadata Club in her home on September 29. She served a salad plate.

The program was based on "What Can I Do as a Club Member for Our Community Service?"

Mrs. Worth Durham gave a paper on "Our Community Needs, and a discussion followed. Mrs. Martin C. Reed, federation counselor, read an item of interest from The Clubwoman.

Members present were Mrs. Dayton Barrett Mrs. Leroy Butler, Mrs. Bill J. Cole, Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mrs. Nan Davis, Mrs. Billy R. Bynum, Mrs. Ross Foster, Mrs. Robert Foster, Mrs. Winn McClure, Mrs. Finis Westbrook, Mrs. Worth Durham, Mrs. Foster S. Price, Mrs. Stan Horwood, Mrs. M. C. Reed, Mrs. Joe Emery, Mrs. D. Kirk Hopkins, Mrs. Forrest Foster, Mrs. Reynolds Foster, Mrs. Hubert Williams and one guest, Mrs. Rufus Foster.

Bridge was played and high score was made by Mrs. Bill J. Cole, low by Mrs. Leroy Butler, and Mrs. Dayton Barrett binged.

## Eagles Trim Miles 18 to 7 Friday

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15  
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Rolls  
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16  
Fried Chicken & Gravy  
Buttered Potatoes  
English Peas  
Stuffed Celery  
Rolls  
Oatmeal Cookies

**Next Week Is National School Lunch Week**  
Next week has been proclaimed as National School Lunch Week by President L. B. Johnson. More than 17 million children eat in school lunchrooms each day in 68,000 school lunchrooms.

Mrs. T. E. Carr, local lunchroom operator, invites all the parents or patrons that would like to, to eat in the Sterling School lunchroom next week, during National School Lunch Week.

## Teen Club To Organize

A Teen Club organization meeting will be held at the school next Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m., it has been announced. Teenagers who are interested in forming such a club are invited to be present and help organize the group.

Officers will be elected and rules and regulations, dues, etc. will be settled, said Earl B. Seago, high school principal.

The first club meeting has been set for Saturday night, October 17. The American Legion here has voted to let the teenagers use the Legion Hall for a club house.

## Legion Sets Barbecue for October 17

The local post of the American Legion met Tuesday evening of this week. A business meeting took most of the evening, said commander Earl B. Seago.

**Barbecue Date Set**  
The Legion voted to have a barbecue Saturday night, October 17 at the Jeff Davis River place. Plates will cost \$1.00 a plate and the barbecue will start at 5:30, said Seago—and end at midnight. All men of the community are invited.

Beef (calf) will be served and plates will be sold to go. In a business meeting, the members voted to reject the bids on the pool tables.

**Teen Use OKayed**  
Members voted to let the Legion Hall be used by the teenagers as a club or meeting place. Seago said the teenagers of the community were to meet soon and work out rules and regulations for the teen club.

Home from A.C.C. last week end were Cecilia McDonald and Lois Ethel Price.

## To Imperial Tonight for 11-Man Game

The Sterling City Eagles continued their winning ways here last Friday night by trimming the Miles Bulldogs 18-7 in a non-conference tilt. The Bulldogs were rated tops in their 6-Man district to the east of here. Eight-Man ball was played.

The Sterling City boys made touchdowns in each of the first three quarters and Miles scored their loner in the fourth. In the first quarter, sophomore back Wayland Foster scooted 22 yards for the first counter for Coach Dillard's Eagles. In the second quarter, Mike Arp, halfback, took the pigskin over the Miles goal line for another T. D.

Again in the third quarter Wayland ran 15 yards for the third Eagle T.D. No points were picked up after any Eagle touchdown.

In the fourth period, Miles' outstanding back, Sidney McCown, ran 19 yards for the Bulldogs counter and the extra point was kicked over the goal for one point.

Miles did a lot of passing. The Eagles defense was good against the air route. On defense the Eagles were outstanding—especially Mike Arp's cutting down two or 3 runners who seemed 'long-gone' for Miles touchdowns.

The Eagles made 15 first downs to 12 for Miles. The locals gained 140 yards rushing to 100 for the Bulldogs.

The Eagles made 40 yards passing to 35 for Miles and our boys completed 4 out of 6 passes tried to Miles 3 out of 11. The Eagles punted six times for an average of 42 yards and Miles punted 6 times for an average of 41 yards.

### To Imperial Tonight

The Eagles go to Imperial tonight for an 11-man non-conference tilt. The Imperial Longhorns plan to move up to 11 man ball in the future—and wanted to play several 11-man games this year. Game time is 8 o'clock.

### B Boys Beat Garden City

The Sterling B Team went to Garden City last Saturday night and won over their B team. Twelve local boys participated. Jimmy Cole, sophomore back, scored two Eagle T.D.s, one on a 60 yard run. James Morgan picked up six points on a run, and Carl Crowder took a pass from Frank Alejandro and went 30 yards for the final Eagle score.

Jimmy Cole cracked a back vertebra in the game and was taken to the Malone-Hogan hospital in Big Spring for a two-day stay. He was back in school Tuesday.

**Junior High Beats Garden City Last Week**  
Coach George Whites Juniors went to Garden City on Thursday of last week and took the little Bearkittens to a 30-12 win. Twenty-four boys went for the Eaglets.

Esau Vargas scored 24 points for the locals: Frank Price 6 and Ruben Rodriguez 4.

## LIONS CLUB

Kenneth Jeffries of Abilene and Mike Kisco of San Angelo were guests at the Lions Club luncheon meeting Wednesday in the community center. The prize went to Nelwyn King, club sweetheart.

Lion H. E. Barton told the club members that the State Highway Departments were having open house Friday afternoon from one till five o'clock. All were welcome. President Wayne Loury announced that there would be another work night on Thursday to move the flooring out of the fire house into the community center.

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 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  
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 \*Nov. 20 — Garden City - There

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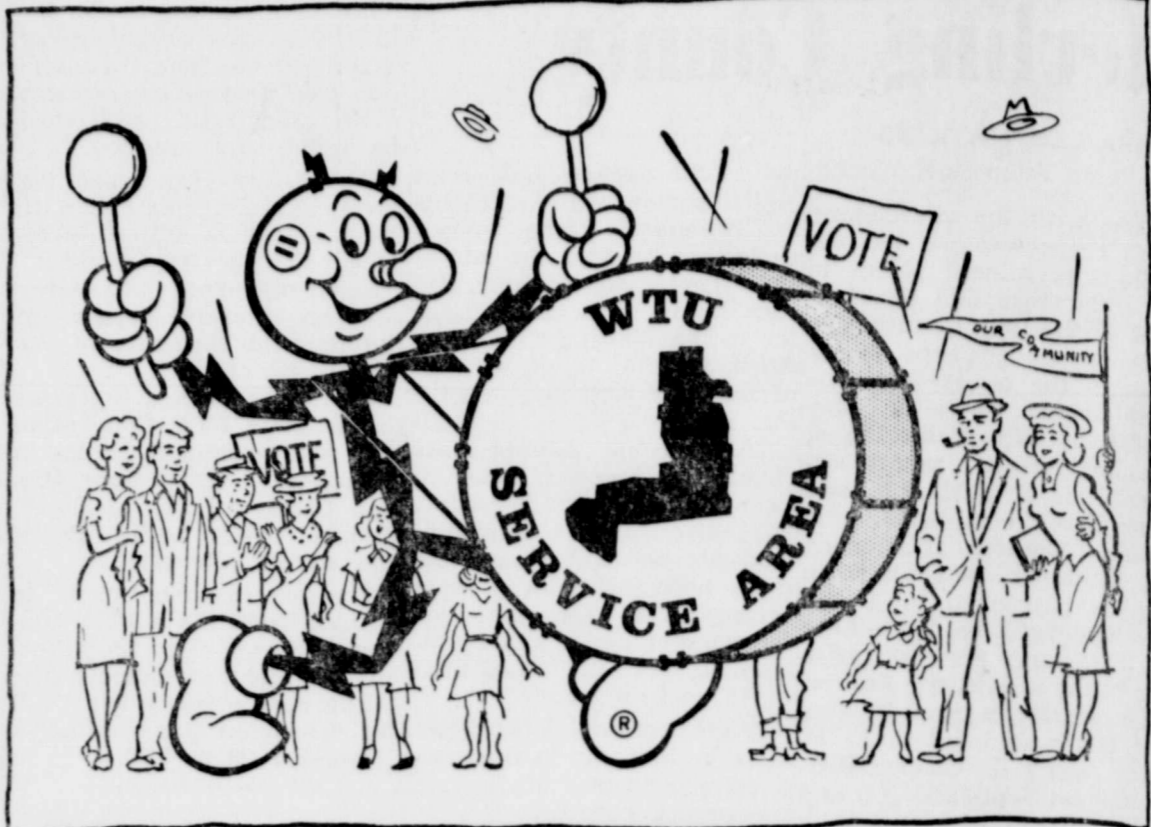
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 Wednesday Mid-Week Service — 8:00 p.m.

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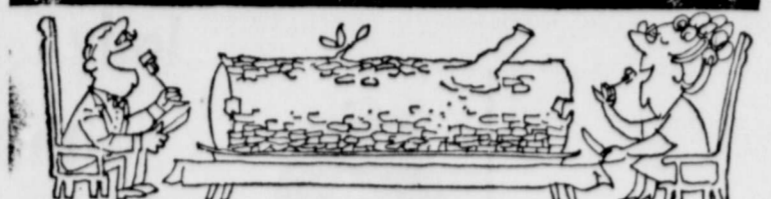
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 Thurs., Oct. 15. Dallas Symphony Spectacular. Cotton Bowl, 7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 16. Military Tattoo. Cotton Bowl, 8 p.m.  
 Tues., Oct. 20. East Texas on Parade. Cotton Bowl, 8 p.m.  
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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 withholding 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-retirement 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 business. 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 because they think a social security claim will be a lot of trouble. It isn't an automatic thing, but highly trained people 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 Angelo office is located at 3000 W. Harris, phone 949-4608.

### 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 decisions concerning the payment of such reward and the conditions of payment will be made by the Board of Directors of the Association.  
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ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

Screwworm eradication officials are still at a loss as to an explanation for the case of screwworms found in Briscoe County near Silverton some time ago. The nearest case of worms for two months to it had been in New Mexico over 500 miles to the west. Evidently the fly or flies responsible were transported to the area on the Caprock in some manner.

Since the discovery of that case, there have been other cases in the state. Cases last week were found in Sutton and Presidio County.

Sterling County has not yet had a case this year. Last week three samples were sent in but all were identified as not screwworms. The samples were sent in from R. T. Foster, Jr. Bill J. Cole and Ewing F. McEntire. All were found after the rain.

Livestockmen over the state are being urged to keep a close watch on their herds. A case missed now could result in outbreaks before the cold weather of winter sets in and immobilizes the flies.

Samples of all suspected cases should be taken and sent in to the laboratory. The samples should include worms taken from deep in the wound. The case at Silverton illustrates why this is necessary. All the worms in this sample except one were identified as non-screwworms. Had the person taking the sample not secured the worm from deep in the wound, it would have gone as non-screwworms and could have resulted in outbreaks in the area before anyone knew what had happened. Often, maggots will live in the dead flesh on the outside of a wound while the screwworms are working deep in the wound.

If vials or mailing tubes are needed, they are available in the county agent's office.

The State Fair of Texas opens this weekend in Dallas for its annual run. For years it has been the largest fair in the nation based on attendance figures.

One Sterling County 4-H Club member and several adults will be exhibiting in the Pan American Exposition the first portion of the fair. This includes all types of breeding animals.

Betty Jo Barrett will be showing in the Junior Rambouillet show. Judging in this division will take place this Saturday afternoon.

L. F. and Clinton Hodges will be showing in the adult division of the Rambouillet show. Judging will take place Monday afternoon.

William and J. Q. Foster have entered their string of

Suffolks in the fair. They will be judged on Tuesday afternoon.

A number of club members have fat lambs entered in the Junior Livestock show which opens on October 19. They will be listed next week.

The fall application of fertilizer to lawns should be made at least 30 days before frost if possible. Fertilizing at that time will send the grass into its winter dormant period with a food supply stored in the roots and in good healthy condition. Lawns so treated will respond better to growth next spring and there will be fewer weeds.

Fertilizer should be applied at the rate of two pounds of actual nitrogen per thousand square feet. Six pounds of ammonium nitrate will furnish the necessary nitrogen. Twelve pounds of 16-20-0 will also furnish the necessary nitrogen along with phosphorus.

The fertilizer should be applied right now. Average frost date in Sterling County is around November 10. The regularity of the northers slipping in lately though, and the fact that each is a little cooler than the one ahead of it, makes an earlier date a distinct possibility (This is not a prediction—native Texans don't predict the weather.)

Several persons have asked about fertilizing their pecan trees now. It is not recommended that fertilizer be applied at this time of the year. It should be done in March just before the tree begins growth for the year.

An application of fertilizer now would result in the trees being in a fast growth stage. A hard freeze would result in the loss of many trees because of the fact that the sap was up and the tree growing. The trees are entering their dormant season and should be allowed to do so in order to cut down on a possible loss due to hard, quick freezes.

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**OUR WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER**

By Congressman O.C. Fisher

Medicare and a few other welfare-state measures were blocked by the House last week in a last-minute show of independence before the 88th Congress came to a sputtering halt.

The Senate had okeyed the socialized medicine scheme, but the House turned thumbs down on it. The Senate had put its blessing on a \$1 billion welfare measure for Appalachia—a few states that were to be specially favored by federal handouts. But the House reneged on that one. In fact, on that bill the House leadership, after counting noses, wouldn't risk a show-down vote on it. A third welfare bonanza, to extend so-called Area Redevelopment was blocked in the House after passing the Senate.

But the House record is nothing to write home about. It approved the \$1 billion so-called anti-poverty bill, the granddaddy of all welfare measures. It went along with a \$400-million food stamp for the needy measure, and a few others. It also favored the massive Mass Transportation bill for the benefit of the big cities costing billions of dollars. And it went along with a mammoth Housing measure.

All in all, this has been essentially a Welfare State Congress. Certainly more so than any other in the past. And it has been a free spender. By voting to initiate a batch of new expensive welfare schemes this Congress upped the cost of government for years to come. Because every year these new programs get bigger and bigger.

It granted federal pay raises for the second year in a row. This session increased the public debt ceiling to \$324 billion—the highest in history, and continued the annual habit of spending several billion dollars more than was taken in.

This Congress refused to trim foreign aid, approved a so-called civil rights bill and a couple of farm measures which left much to be desired, and okeyed an expensive manpower retraining program.

A glaring failure of this session was the Senate's refusal to approve a House-passed measure to curtail the Supreme Court on reapportionment of state legislatures. Instead, the Senate in effect commended the Court for what it had done in forcing both branches of state legislatures to be apportioned on a basis of population alone.

But it could have been worse. The House did succeed in blocking new programs which would have cost several billion more. If the Congress had adjourned last July, as it should have, this country would be several billion dollars better off.

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