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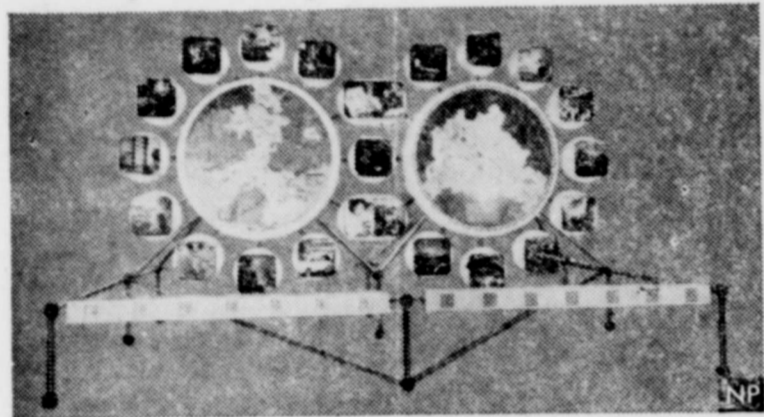
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**Berlin, Germany at HemisFair, Texas**



One way to see West Berlin and the rest of the free part of Germany this summer is to visit the Germany-Berlin-Alemania Pavilion at HemisFair '68 in San Antonio, Texas, Apr. 6-Oct. 6, 1968. Once there, you will be eligible to enter on-the-spot contests that may win you a fine German camera or even a real 7-day expenses-paid trip to Berlin for two.

One of the many eye-catching exhibits in the German Pavilion is the "Informator" shown above. The two large maps of the Federal Republic of Germany and of the access routes to Berlin are encircled by viewers that show historic as well as current aspects of life and activities. The electronically controlled 4-minute program includes a commentary in English and Spanish, heard through loudspeakers in the base.

In line with HemisFair's theme of "The Confluence of Civilizations in the Americas," the two-story pavilion also contains examples of the cultural and technological contribution by Germans to the present knowledge and skills on this continent.

Other ties that link Germany and the Americas include the first use of the name "America" on a map by the German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller in 1507; the arrival in Philadelphia in 1683 of the Concord, the German Mayflower, with 13 families from the Rhineland; and General von Steuben (1730-1794), an organizer of the Continental Army in the American Revolution.

Also portrayed are John Meusebach, who negotiated the peace treaty with the Comanches in 1847, and Carl Schurz, the Senator from Missouri who later became U.S. Secretary of the Interior (1877-1881); and so on, to Dr. Wernher von Braun, "father" of the Saturn V., and Prof. Hubertus Strughold, scientific head of the School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio since its founding in 1949.

**THIS IS THE MAN**



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- Dolph Briscoe was the Prime Mover in eradication of screwworm from Texas livestock... and in soil and water conservation.
- Dolph Briscoe will continue to work for ALL Texans when he is Governor... just as he has in the past.

VOTE SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

**Dolph BRISCOE for GOVERNOR**

Paid for by Briscoe for Governor Committee—Judge Ross E. Doughty, Chairman.

**Crude Oil Figures For Texas**

Texas crude oil production, recorded for the past 73 years, surpassed the 30-billion-barrel mark in 1967, according to projections based on a study by Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

The state's crude total to January 1, 1967, was 29.46 billion barrels, and the state annual production in recent years has averaged a billion barrels or better.

With 199 of Texas' 254 counties producing crude oil, income averaging about \$3.4 billion a year is distributed widely over the state, making oil production an important part of the commercial scene.

Sterling County, which has had recorded production since 1947, has had a total crude oil output of 14,129,833 barrels up to the beginning of 1967. Sterling County production in 1966 was 2,736,233 barrels at the rate of 7,497 barrels a day.

The state has 36 counties which produced at the rate of 25,000 barrels or more per day. The three largest are: Andrews, 215,000 barrels per day; Ector, 175,304 barrels per day; and Crane, 130,000 barrels per day. Gregg County, which still produces 75,000 barrels per day, is the only county to have produced more than two billion barrels of oil.

**Social Security**

**NEW SOCIAL SECURITY MILITARY FAMILIES**

Of special interest to military men and women and their dependents is a provision in the new social security law which promises greater protection for them and their families.

Under the old law only a person's military base pay was counted toward social security benefits. Starting with January 1968, an additional \$100 will be counted for each month in which the person in military service is receiving active duty pay.

Since social security benefits are based on average earnings over a working career, you and your family may be able to receive higher benefits later because of the additional credits.

The Congress recognized that under the old law, the social security protection of a worker might be impaired during a period when he is in military service, because of the relatively low earnings covered under social security. This new provision seeks to take into account the value of payment in kind—such fringe benefits as food, housing, and clothing, medical services, which are in effect part of the serviceman's earnings.

These earnings credits will automatically be credited to your social security account, and you don't have to make any kind of application to receive them. They will not mean additional social security contributions from your paycheck, but will be attributed to the general funds of the Treasury.

**Higher Earnings Possible Without Benefit Deductions**

For older people and other beneficiaries who continue to work the recent changes in social security will enable them to make more money and still draw some or all of their social security benefits.

The amount of money a person can earn in a year and still draw all his social security benefits has been raised. Beginning with 1968, a person who makes as much as \$1,680 can still collect all of his social security benefits. Even if he earns considerably more than that, he may still draw some benefits. The old law had set that limit at \$1,500, through 1967.

Here's how it now works. If you are working regularly and do not earn more than \$1,680 a year in wages, you will receive all of your social security benefits each month. If you are working regularly and make

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We want to express our thanks and appreciation to all who were so kind and thoughtful during the illness and at the death of our loved one. We appreciate the flowers, cards, memorials and all acts of kindness.

May God bless you.  
The family of Larry Gardenhire

**CARD OF THANKS**

I want to express my deep thanks and appreciation to the Sterling Fire Department for their efforts and help at the fire in my duplex last week. Everything was appreciated.

MRS. RAY LANE

**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 devisions 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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more than \$1,680 a year, \$1 will be withheld from your benefits for each \$2 you make over \$1,680 and up to 2,880. If you make more than 2,880, \$1 will be deducted from your benefits for each \$1 you make above that amount.

However regardless of your total earnings for the year you will receive your social security check for any month in which you do not earn more than \$140 in wages and are not active in self-employment. This means that you could make any amount over \$1,680 a year, and still receive your checks for any month that you do not work, but with deductions against the months you do work. Remember, these new provisions apply to earnings in 1968. The old law applies to earnings and benefits in 1967.

As in the old law, there are no deductions taken from your social security benefits for any month after you reach 72, regardless of how much you earn in the year.

The provisions of the retirement test apply also to dependents of people who are receiving disability benefits, but not to the disabled worker himself. Special rules, including medical considerations, apply to people who are receiving benefits because of disability. About 760,000 people across the country are expected to receive some \$175 million in additional benefits during 1968, as a result of this change.



**ELECT Ben Barnes Lt. Governor**

(Pol. Adv.—Paid for by The Committee To Elect Ben Barnes Lt. Gov., Ralph Wayne, Chrm.)

**Charter No. 9813 Reserve District No. 11 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Sterling City, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on April 18, 1968. Published in Response to Call Made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.**

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash	541,094.52
Items in process of collection	851,330.00
United States Government obligations	915,642.32
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	199,937.50
Securities of Federal agencies and corporations	12,000.00
Other securities	1,867,369.45
Loans and discounts	79,977.89
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	1,516.33
Other assets, including none direct leasing	4,468,868.01
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,468,868.01</b>
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,770,771.53
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,721,586.90
Deposits of United States Government	11,149.39
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	428,271.87
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>3,929,779.69</b>
(a) Total demand deposits	\$2,080,978.91
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$1,848,800.78
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,929,779.69</b>
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Common stock—total par value	200,000.00
No. shares authorized 2,000	
No. shares outstanding 2,000	
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided profits	123,106.97
Reserves	15,981.35
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>539,088.32</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts</b>	<b>4,468,868.01</b>

I, D. Kirk Hopkins, Executive Vice-President and Cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. KIRK HOPKINS

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

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 Sunday Mass — 8:00 a.m.  
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Andy Daniels, Pastor  
 Sunday school — 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Training Union — 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening Worship — 7:30 p.m.  
 Teachers Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting — 7:30 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Marion H. Hays, Minister  
 Bible school — 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Classes — 6:00 p.m.  
 Night Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Mid-Week Service — 7:30 p.m.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Sunday school — 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
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**A Question of Investing**

What did the market do today? Few other questions raise as many anxieties, affect as many people or involve as much money as that one.

The people in question are shareholders, more than 20 million in number...the money is theirs, an astronomical \$600 billion worth of listed securities; the anxieties are understandable, as constantly shifting market conditions can puff or depress values by turns.

Time was when the stock market was largely the province of men of wealth. But the picture is vastly changed from what it was 40 or 50 years ago.

Until mutual funds were established in the early 1920's, the small investor was without a vehicle that could provide, in one convenient and practical package, the kind of professional management and diversification that once only wealthy individuals could afford.

The mutual fund idea is a simple one. It provides a means through which people with similar investment goals may pool their money in an effort to achieve these goals. By combining their investment dollars, they are able to engage the services of professional investment managers at a cost which is divided among all shareholders.

Thus, with an investment of, let's say, \$100 in one popular mutual fund the investor has an ownership in as many as 100 or more com-



panies. Diversification as broad as this is not possible for the average person to achieve on his own.

Each investor, therefore, receives precisely the same opportunity for growth and income whether he has invested \$100 or \$1,000,000.

How popular is the fund concept in America today? According to the Investment Company Institute, mutual funds manage assets worth nearly \$45 billion for approximately four million shareholders—individuals and institutions.

**LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

The schedule as set up for this season is as follows: The team listed first denotes home team:

- MAY 7:  
 Giants—Cardinals  
 Indians—Yankees  
 Dodgers—Astros
- MAY 10:  
 Indians—Giants  
 Dodgers—Cardinals  
 Yankees—Astros
- MAY 14:  
 Giants—Dodgers  
 Astros—Indians  
 Cardinals—Yankees
- MAY 17:  
 Astros—Giants  
 Yankees—Dodgers  
 Indians—Cardinals
- May 21:  
 Giants—Yankees  
 Cardinals—Astros  
 Dodgers—Indians
- MAY 24:  
 Cardinals—Giants  
 Yankees—Indians  
 Astros—Dodgers
- MAY 28:  
 Giants—Indians  
 Cardinals—Dodgers

Astros—Yankees  
 MAY 31:  
 Dodgers—Giants  
 Indians—Astros  
 Yankees—Cardinals

JUNE 4:  
 Giants—Astros  
 Dodgers—Yankees  
 Cardinals—Indians

JUNE 7:  
 Yankees—Giants  
 Astros—Cardinals  
 Indians—Dodgers

JUNE 11:  
 Giants—Cardinals  
 Indians—Yankees  
 Dodgers—Astros

JUNE 14:  
 Indians—Giants  
 Dodgers—Cardinals  
 Yankees—Astros

JUNE 18:  
 Giants—Dodgers  
 Astros—Indians  
 Cardinals—Yankees

JUNE 21:  
 Astros—Giants  
 Yankees—Dodgers  
 Indians—Cardinals

JUNE 25:  
 Giants—Yankees  
 Cardinals—Astros  
 Dodgers—Indians

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**Democratic Announcement Column**

The following candidates announce their formal candidacy for the offices below, subject to action of the Democratic Primary May 4, 1968:

**For Sterling County Judge:**  
 J.K. MARTIN (Reelection)  
 TOM ASBILL

**For Sheriff, Tax-Assessor-Collector, Sterling County:**  
 F.J. (Jim) CANTRELL (Re-election)

**For County Commissioner, Precinct 1:**  
 HORACE DONALSON (Re-election)  
 C. W. SMITH

**For County Commissioner, Precinct 3:**  
 BILL R. BYNUM  
 JAMES R. CLARK  
 WILLIAM FOSTER

**For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1:**  
 E. R. EDWARDS

**For U.S. Representative, 17th District:**  
 OMAR BURLESON

**For Governor:**  
 PRESTON SMITH

**For State Legislature, 66th District:**  
 GEORGE BAKER of Pecos County (Democrat)  
 JIM KENT of Ward County (Republican Party)



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**SUPPORT CONNALLY FOR FAVORITE SON!**

Next January, for the first time in almost forty years, Texas will have no representation in the top leadership of our nation.

Seldom in recent history have we faced such political uncertainty. Developments just ahead will affect our state for years to come.

If you want Texas to have a strong united voice in the future affairs of our nation, join behind Governor Connally as Favorite Son candidate for the Presidency, and as leader of the delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

As a leader respected throughout the country, he will be an effective, influential voice in shaping the future leadership and policy of the party and the nation.

Be sure to attend your precinct convention, adopt the unit rule, and give your support to Governor John Connally for Favorite Son.

**IMPORTANT! YOU MUST VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TO HELP GOVERNOR CONNALLY AT THE PRECINCT CONVENTION!**



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**YOUR VOTE MAY 4— BE SURE IT COUNTS!**

Under the new election code, you must place an X or check mark on the ballot square by each name. You must mark the square even in unopposed races for your vote to count—and I do hope to get your vote counted on May 4.

I wish to thank all the voters of the 66th District for their consideration and for confidence expressed in allowing me to run unopposed in the Democratic primary. I hope to meet many more of you before the general election in November.

**GEORGE BAKER**

of Fort Stockton, Pecos County  
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