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COPELAND-ANDERSON WEDDING HELD HERE JULY 19

The First United Methodist of Sterling City was the setting for the wedding of Jane Copeland and Roland Anderson on Saturday, July 19. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. W. Jablonowski of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Copeland of Sterling City. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A.R. Anderson of Fort Worth.

Miss Suanne Cunningham of Arlington was the maid of honor, and Mike Anderson of Ft. Worth was the best man. Ushers included John Copeland of Sterling City, Bill Bueck of Lubbock, Wayne Bigham of Ft. Worth, and Joe Emery and Neil Young, both of Dallas. Mrs. Reynolds Foster was the organist, and Mrs. Sam Barnett was the soloist.

The bride wore a formal gown of white pique. The gown had an Empress bodice with a square neckline and half sleeves of crocheted Venice lace. The skirt was an "A" shape controlled skirt, edged at the hem and train with Venice flowers. A coif of Venice lace held a three-layered veil of silk illusion.

The reception was held in the home of the bride. Included in the houseparty were Mrs. Rob Sedwick, Miss Betty Barrett, Miss Shirley Price, Miss Barbee Anderson, Miss Rosanne Foster, Miss Judy Copeland, Mrs. Bill Bueck Jaynell Cope, Mrs. G. B. Bailey, Mrs. Gerald Hodges, Mrs. M. C. Reed, and Mrs. William Foster.

The bride attended Texas Tech where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta and on the Dean's Honor List. She has her B. S. in Education from the University of Texas.

The groom has a B.A. from Texas Tech where he was president of the student body, a member of Phi Delta Theta, and Senior Favorite. He is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School, where he was in Phi Delta Phi legal honorary, a Moot Court finalist, and the outstanding first year student.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. C.A.R. Anderson at the River Terrace

TSGRA Auxiliary To Meet Monday

The local unit of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Auxiliary will meet next Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Will Atkinson house here in town. Mrs. Alvie Cole said the local unit had been selected as the agent for all the lamb pelt sales of the parent organization from henceforth.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT FOR MRS. RUTH REED

Whereas God has called our beloved Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Lee (Ruth) Reed, and Whereas, Wiboholabro Class feels grateful to her for well-presented lessons, and Whereas, She cheerfully bestowed her gifts, her time, and her talents to the church program;

Be it resolved that the members of her Sunday School class go on record as heartily commending her devotion for her class, her church and her community.

Further, we extend to her family our sincere sympathy in her passing, and pray that they may find comfort in knowing that Our Father in His tender mercy grants his children peace.

Signed: (by members of the class)

in San Angelo.

After a wedding trip to New Orleans, the couple will make their home in Washington, D. C. where the groom is a lawyer with the U. S. Court of Appeals.

Out of town guests at the ceremony included Miss Gail Farries of New Orleans; Mr. Bill Heap of Dallas; Miss Betty Sakwitz, Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Dorrough, Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Peebles, all of Houston; Mrs. Charlene Turney, Mrs. Blanche Copeland, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Solat all of San Angelo; Miss Nancy Lehman of Weslaco; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie B. Team and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gardner of Fort Worth; Mrs. C. J. Engdahl of Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. David Longoria of Austin; and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Graff of Arlington.

GRASS FIRES STILL PLAGUE AREA

Grass fires continue to be a threat to ranchers in this area. No relief will be had until general rains fall, it is thought.

A real small fire got started on Little George McEntire's ranch west of town on Sunday afternoon late. It was said that Leslie Cole was on the way to Big Spring when he saw it, and he stopped and held the fire to about an acre. He beat the fire with a plastic apron he had handy in his car.

Over a section was burned of on Perry Matthews' ranch west of town Monday afternoon, before being brought under control by fire-fighters—and rain. Thundershowers in the area were threatening at the time of the fire.

The Sterling Volunteer Fire Department had its trucks and men at the Matthews fire—and one was reported on the ranch of David and Larry Glass. The Glass fire burned a strip about 300 yards wide and one and one-half mile long, it was said. The lightning started the fire, it was thought by the Glasses.

Incidentally, a half inch of rain did fall on the Glass ranch about six o'clock Tuesday morning—after the fire had been put out and bedded down.

A small grass fire at noon Wednesday was quickly put out by ranch workers and the other helpers. The Sterling Volunteer Fire Department tank truck made the run to the fire, which was up highway 87 on the Jack Wilkinson ranch. The fire was contained along the right-of-way.

In the middle of the afternoon Wednesday, the grass fire on the Perry Matthews ranch broke out again. It was controlled and fire lanes cut around to keep it from spreading again.

Transferred to Guam

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Wayne Bart and sons, Stephan and Jeffrey, are here for a time. Sgt. Bart is being transferred to the U. S. Air Base in Guam next month and the family hopes to join him before long. Mrs. Bart is the former Barbara Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Clark.

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Alcoholocaust

Jerry Marcus



The Travelers Safety Service

More than 55% of the accidents resulting in death occur during the hours of darkness.

Joe Stucke Drowns; Services in Eden

Joe Henry Stucke, 65, owner of the City Barber Shop in Sterling City drowned about 9 p.m. Sunday in Lake Nasworthy, near San Angelo.

He was dead on arrival at the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo at 9:45 p.m. after driving off Ranch Road 584 about 9 p.m. into an outlet of Lake Nasworthy near the West Texas Utilities Power plant.

Justice of the Peace Ava Smith ruled accidental death by drowning Monday morning.

Officers said his car was traveling north and left the road just before reaching the inlet near the power plant and rolled into the water, sinking 20 feet.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Day-Loveless Funeral Chapel in Eden with burial in Eola Cemetery.

Mr. Stucke was born July 4, 1904 in Mason County. He was married to Amy Norman on June 19, 1927 in Sterling City. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Peel of Sterling City; three brothers, Walter S. Stucke of Zethry, Louis S. Stucke of Argyle and Clarence Stucke of Buckeye; a sister, Mrs. Dewey Burger of Argyle and two grandsons, Randy and Ken Peel of Sterling City.

LIONS CLUB

LIONS TO SPONSOR JUNIOR RODEO HERE

The Sterling City Lions Club talked of sponsoring a junior rodeo here. President A. C. Lively appointed a committee to look into ways and means of handling such a rodeo here this summer. He named Jim Davis, Dan Glass, and Kirk Hopkins from the club and also Pedro Fincher, as an outsider who would know about such rodeos. It is thought that perhaps one might be held here at the time of the Old Settler's Reunion.

A fire call at about the time to start eating thinned the ranks of the club Wednesday. A grass fire was reported on the Jack Wilkinson ranch west of town, took a number of the members away from the luncheon.

Amendment Vote August 5

Vocational Nurses to Graduate July 26

Six persons from Sterling City are to be graduated from vocational nursing school in exercises in San Angelo next Saturday, July 26.

The six from Sterling City who are to graduate include Mrs. Nell Currington, Mrs. Betty Duncan, Miss Sue Griffin, Mrs. Ruth Hill, Mrs. Ruby Hord and Miss Algerene Tomlinson.

Chesley McDonald of Sterling City will be master of ceremonies. The Rev. Taylor Henley, religious director of Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Angelo will be the main speaker. Mrs. Sam Barnett of Sterling City will play the processional and recessional, and provide special music.

Out of the sixteen to be graduated, six are from Sterling City. The exercise is called the San Angelo Public School Vocational Nursing Graduation and Capping. It will be held Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the chapel at the Baptist Memorial Grounds.

TO TEACH AT LEVELLAND JUNIOR COLLEGE

David Durham, who has two degrees from Som Houston State University at Huntsville, will teach English at Levelland Junior College next fall and plans to work on his doctorate at Texas Tech at the same time. David and his family will move to Levelland soon, it was said.

HOSPITAL NOTES

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

Mrs. D. C. Durham
Mrs. N. H. Reed
Mrs. Louise Stewart
Mrs. Handley Driver and infant son, born July 23
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week included—
Mrs. Joe Balderaz and infant daughter
Mrs. Fred McCabe
Mrs. Myrtle Lee
John Thompson, transferred

Church of Christ VBS August 11-15

The local Church of Christ will hold its Vacation Bible School here August 11-15, it has been announced. Classes will be held each night from 7 to 9 o'clock.

There will be classes for all ages from the nursery class and adult classes.

Teacher of the adult class will be Dub McClish, minister of the San Angelo Colorado and Jackson Street Church of Christ. Teacher of the high school class will be David Pheister, minister of the Western Hills Church of Christ in Angelo. Junior high teachers will be Danny Stewart and Jim Davis. Teachers of the primary and junior age group will be Chris Frizzell, Mrs. Foster S. Price and Mrs. Mert Ferguson. Handling the teaching in the nursery and pre-school group will be Mrs. Chesley McDonald, Mrs. Jim Davis and Mrs. Beth Kilpatrick.

Mrs. Riley King will be in charge of the refreshments.

Worth Durham, immediate past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, is in Park City, Utah this week attending a meeting of the American Sheep Producers Council.

All to Vote at the Courthouse Box

The statewide constitutional amendment election will be held on August 5 over the state. Here in Sterling County, the election will be held all in one box at the courthouse. The commissioners set up the election for only one box because no precinct matters were to be voted on—just the state amendments.

No. 1 on the ballot would repeal the obsolete, superfluous and unnecessary sections of the Constitution. Some of the sections are out of date and of no use, and this amendment would just clean up the constitution. Nothing would be changed, it is said.

No. 2 on the ballot would broaden the powers of the Texas Water Development Board, eliminate the interest limitations of Texas Water Development Bonds; and pave the way for up to three and one-half billion dollars in Water Development Bonds, with which long-range water plans for the state of Texas could be gone into.

No. 3 on the ballot would allow the members of the Texas Legislature to set their own salaries, rather than as now where the salaries are set by the constitution. The amendment would not allow the members to set their salaries any higher than that of district judges. It also would remove the 120-day limitation on per diem for regular sessions.

No. 4 one the ballot would exempt nonprofit water supply corporations from taxation.

No. 5 on the ballot would allow the state to spend up to 80 million dollars on the welfare program; thereby being able to take advantage of the full amount of welfare from the federal government. Now the maximum allowed does not allow the state to take advantage of all the federal money available.

No. 6 on the ballot would remove the constitutional interest rate limitations, subject to limits imposed by the Legislature, for bonds issued pursuant to constitutional authority. At the present market some bonds of the state and divisions thereof are not salable due the interest rate limitations.

No. 7 on the ballot would allow the state to pay pensions and assistance to surviving spouses and minor children of governmental officers, employees and agents, including members of organized volunteer fire departments and certain organized police reserve units, who have hazardous duties and are killed in the performance of those duties.

No. 8 one the ballot would authorize the Texas Legislature to provide for additional loans to students of higher institutions of higher education under the Texas Opportunity plan. This would provide the way for more loans to students in colleges, where needed.

No. 9 on the ballot would provide for annual sessions of the Texas Legislature rather than for those every other year—as now.

So, voters of Sterling will vote on August 5 along with the remainder of the state's voters on these changes. Inaction, is in Park City, Utah this week attending a meeting of the American Sheep Producers Council.

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Sheriff's Notice of Sale

The State of Texas
County of Sterling

Whereas by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Honorable 142nd Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas on the 14th day of July, 1969, in Cause No. 22,461, where Midland National Bank was Plaintiff and Paul C. Teas, Jr. was defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff for the sum of \$22,108.64 Dollars, (less credits of \$1,444.14) with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 15th day of July, 1969, at 9:30 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Sterling County, Texas, as the property of Paul C. Teas, Jr. to-wit: Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease dated December 14, 1961 recorded in Volume 72, Pages 51 thru 56 in the Deed Records of Sterling County, Texas, between Mary Fiers Ramsey as lessor, and Paul C. Teas, Jr., as lessee, covering all of sections Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) Block 15, H & TC Ry Co. Survey, Sterling County, Texas, and containing 1,280 acres more or less, together with all the oil, gas, minerals and other hydrocarbons that may be produced from such realty, together with all Pump-Jacks, Tanks, Pipes and Casings, Well Derricks, Engines, Motors, and all equipments of every kind and character connected with or appurtenant to such leasehold interests, situated thereon, whether or not attached to the realty.

And on the 5th day of August, 1969, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and and to said above described property. (Foreclosing the Abstract of Judgment recorded in volume 1, page 237 recorded on February 5, 1969 at 9:30 A.M., Sterling County, Texas)

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Deadline Sept. 1**

The Texas Water Rights Commission announced that final notice of the recording deadline under the Water Rights Adjudication Act of 1967 has been given. Everyone who is using water from a public stream who does not claim under a certified filing or a permit from the State must record his claim by September 1, 1969. Users of water for domestic and livestock watering purposes are exempt from this requirement.

Failure to timely record the claim will "extinguish and bar" the claim of water right according to Section 4 of the Adjudication Act. All affected water users who have not already filed their claim are urged by the Commission to do so as soon as possible.

Valid claims will be recognized to the extent of maximum use of water without waste during any year between 1963 and 1967. Where the user was in the process of constructing a system or had facilities to use a larger amount of water on the effective date of the Act than he had actually used, use from 1968 to 1970 may be recognized.

Further information and forms for recording claims under the Water Rights Adjudication Act may be obtained from the Texas Water Rights Commission, P. O. Box 12396, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

**Home Health Benefits
from Medicare**

The least understood service under Medicare is home health benefits, according to Ted F. Moellering, social security district manager in San Angelo, Texas. Mr. Moellering explained that these benefits are available to home-confined Medicare beneficiaries in most localities, when ordered by a doctor and when furnished by a participating home health agency. These agencies send skilled people to the home to provide health care, such as part-time nursing; physical, speech and occupational therapy; use of medical appliances; and part-time services of home health aides.

Home health benefits are furnished under both parts of Medicare: Part A, hospital insurance, and Part B, supplemental medical insurance. Part A takes care of all of the costs of up to 100 visits for up to a year after the most recent discharge from a hospital or participating extended care facility, under these conditions:

1. The beneficiary was in a participating, or otherwise qualified, hospital for at least 3 consecutive days;
2. He is confined to his home;
3. A doctor determines the need for home health care and sets up a plan for it within 14 days after discharge from the hospital or participating extended care facility; and
4. The home care is for treatment of the same condition for which he was hospitalized.

There is no requirement of prior hospitalization for these services under Part B. Up to 100 home health visits each year are covered, if:

1. The patient is confined to his home;
2. A doctor determines the need for home health care; and
3. The doctor sets up a home health care plan and reviews it periodically. Part B pays all but the first \$50 and 20 percent of the remainder of the costs of covered medical services in a calendar year.

A record \$11,000 in monthly social security benefits was being paid to residents of Sterling County at the end of December, 1968, according to Ted F. Moellering district

manager for social security. "Throughout the country, monthly benefits payable at the end of 1968 amounted to nearly \$2.1 billion, some \$350 million higher than at the end of 1967," Mr. Moellering continued. "Approximately three-quarters of the increased monthly amount resulted from higher benefit rates authorized by the 1967 Amendments to the Social Security Act. The remainder of the increase was simply due to a greater number of beneficiaries."

By the end of May, 1969, social security will be paying monthly benefits to more than 2 million people — 1 out of every 8 Americans. Although retired workers comprise the largest group of beneficiaries, almost one-fourth of all people receiving benefits are under 60. There are currently more than 3.8 million children and .5 million young widowed mothers receiving payments. Yet the public continues to think of social security as a program for old people.

In Sterling County, 22 people under 60 are receiving benefits. That figure breaks down into 16 under 18, none from age 18 to 21, and 6 from age 22 to 59.

Many students would have been unable to continue their educations were it not for the 1965 Amendments to the Social Security Act which extended survivors and dependents insurance benefits to students until their 22nd birthdays. In 1968, that provision resulted in continuing benefits for 470,000 students.

Monthly payments to the family of a worker who dies leaving a widow and two or more children range from \$82.50 to \$434.40 a month, depending on the workers average earnings under social security. Payments to the young family of a worker who dies at an early age could total as much as \$85,000 to \$100,000.

Mr. Moellering also pointed out that by the end of 1968, approximately 90 percent of Americans 65 and over were either receiving cash benefits or would have been eligible for such benefits if they or their spouses had not been working.

In terms of Medicare, almost all people in the country 65 or over are eligible for hospital insurance benefits. Likewise, 95 percent of all older persons in the country have elected coverage under the voluntary supplementary medical insurance plan which pays physicians' fees.

If you have any questions, please contact the Social Security Office at 300 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

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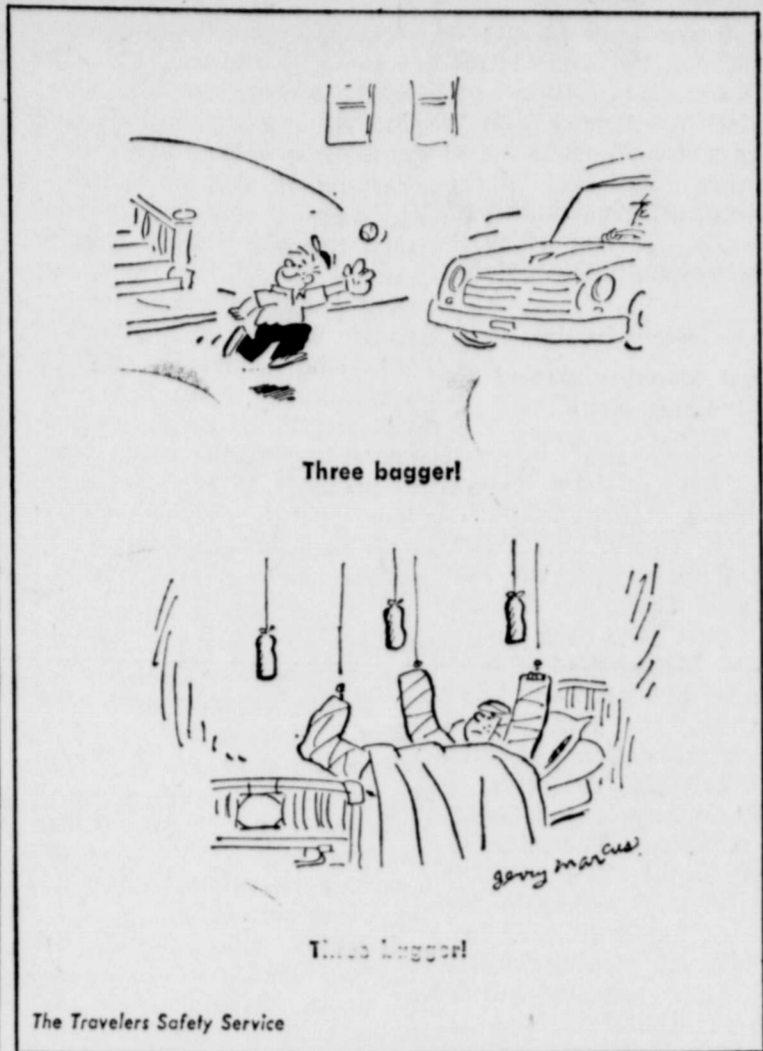
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SIX FLAGS BEGINS SUMMER SCHEDULE



Six Flags Over Texas, the popular theme entertainment center between Dallas and Fort Worth, opened its newest attraction, a 180-foot long stainless steel slide which is attached to the 50-foot level of a 300-foot oil derrick, the tallest in the world. Commented Luann Harrell, left, and Linda Shafer after they completed the run in eight seconds flat, "Wow! It's like going off the top of a five-story building in a blanket."

Arlington, Texas: SIX FLAGS Over Texas commenced its Summer operating schedule and is now open seven days a week from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. through Labor Day.

The popular theme entertainment park located between Dallas and Fort Worth just opened its newest attraction, a 300-foot oil derrick, the world's tallest and based oil rig.

Completed at a cost of \$750,000 the towering attraction was originally scheduled to open at the beginning of SIX FLAGS 1969 season in mid April. However, a near four month dock strike at the Port of Houston delayed two vital pieces of equipment arriving via ship from Switzerland which was necessary to operate the attraction.

Two elevators capable of carrying 50 passengers each take visitors up to observation levels near the top of the oil rig for a panoramic view of the en-

tire 145-acre Park stretched out below.

At the fifty-foot level of the rig, a 180-foot long 12 lane stainless steel slide is attached.

Visitors can race down the entire 180-foot length of the slide seated upon fiber glass blankets in 8 or 9 seconds flat. The slide is as tall as a five story building.

SIX FLAGS new wild west show entitled "The Cavalcade of the Horse" is now in full swing. Performances are scheduled three times each day with four shows on Saturday in a 1,500 seat arena located in the Texas section.

In mid July, a new ride called the Mini-Mine Train opens. This ride is a smaller version of the very popular Run-A-Way Mine Train and was especially designed for the younger set.

Attendance during the Spring was up 13% and SIX FLAGS anticipates hosting more than 2,000,000 visitors this season.



"We need your vote for Amendment No. 2 on Aug. 5."

Social Security Tips

Persons receiving social security disability benefits must report improvement in their condition to the Social Security Administration. Ted F. Moellering, social security district manager, stated that disability beneficiaries must also report a return to any kind of work.

Mr. Moellering made the announcement because of several recent cases in which beneficiaries were overpaid because these two events were not properly reported and benefits not due were continued. Overpayments have to be refunded and this can work a financial hardship on those having to repay benefits.

Mr. Moelleirng explained most overpayments in these cases occur because beneficiaries misunderstand the requirements of the law. Disability benefits can be paid only if an individual is so disabled he can't do any kind of a job, not just his regular job. Therefore, any improvement in the disabling condition has to be reported. Too, when a disabled worker does some work, even if it is sheltered or light work, it must be reported so that a determination can be made immediately about whether benefits should continue.

Mr. Moellering pointed out that in some cases, disabled workers can get benefits can get benefits up to nine months while they try out some job to see if they can do it, but their work still must be reported.

For more detailed information check with the Social Security Office located at 3000 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

DISABLED WORKER NEWS

Disabled workers should file their social security applications early, according to Ted F. Moellering, social security district manager. Although benefits for disability cannot be paid until after a worker has been disabled for six months, an application can be filed any time after a disability begins.

Mr. Moellering explained that the process for determining eligibility for disability benefits can sometimes be rather long and complicated. Therefore, no one should delay applying until the six months waiting period expires. Applying early permits the claims process to begin so that a decision can be made early enough to mail the first check on time.

Mr. Moellering reminded Sterling City readers that social security benefits are payable to workers when they have become too disabled to do any substantial work. The disability must be expected to last at least 12 months. A disabled worker's children under age 18 (and those 18 to 22 who are full-time students) and his wife may also qualify for benefits.

Contact your Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area for more information.

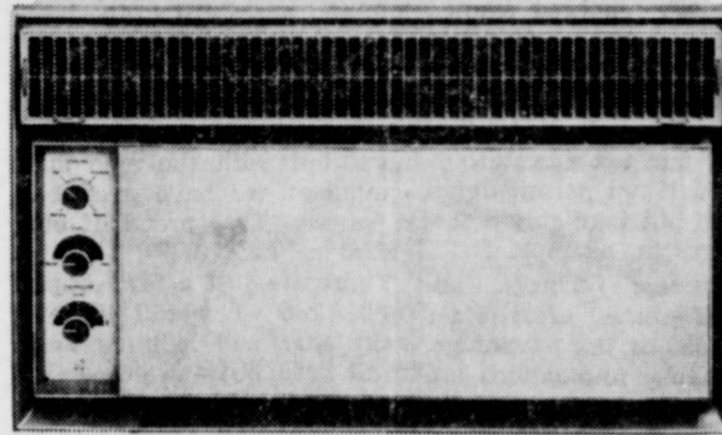
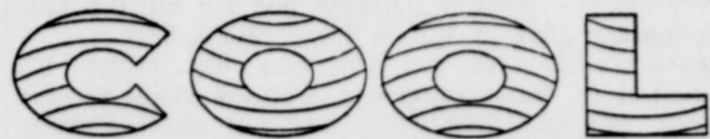
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — A critical period is approaching in the Ways and Means Committee considering "tax reforms."

The principal problem in tax reform is that everybody wants to reform the other guy. A comment the other day from a friend back home put it another way. "Your Ways and Means Committee seems to be considering ways to close the other fellow's tax loophole."

Under consideration in the committee are such issues as tighter control of tax-exempt foundations, unlimited charitable contributions, farm and ranch losses charged against non-farm income, tax-free bonds of State and Municipal Governments, depletion allowances on minerals and other facets of our tax structure.

Space will not permit detail discussion but take only a few of these as an example

Foundations: There are thousands—some created for the purpose of tax advantage. In the main, foundations are authorized to fit three categories of activity—religious, education and charitable. Some simply contribute to institutions serving these purposes. Others operate institutions in these fields. Their tax exemption has different application but, generally, each legally serves the intent of its creation.

The wrath of public indignation has been wrought by the few and, incidentally, the largest, by activities outside and beyond the accepted categories. The Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and a few others, have engaged in political activities which hardly fall within their authorized purpose.

Some have financed voter registration in the deep South. Ford Foundation financed a school board election in Connecticut. It paid expenses of staff members of deceased Robert Kennedy on an around the World tour.

These revelations cause many to want to burn down the barn to get rid of the rat. Foundations have built many of our greatest institutions. They support our best schools, hospitals, libraries and research institutions. To take away their tax-exempt status would do irreparable injury.

No doubt that losses on "play" farms and ranches, charged against other income has in instances been abused. On the other hand, demonstrated conservation practices and the up-breeding of livestock have produced proof of what can be done by others who depend on such improvements for their principal livelihood.

Tax-free bonds, voted, issued and sold by local governments, provide a way for local improvements without looking to the Federal Government to finance all projects. Abuses occur in charitable contributions. Some wealthy taxpayers have contributed real estate, securities, paintings, books, manuscripts and every imaginable kind of property, at an inflated value and deduct an amount to the extent they pay no tax. To totally exclude such contributions would seriously handicap churches, education institutions, hospitals, orphanages and the like.

Depletion allowances for the extractive industries has a long history. Most think only of oil and gas. The fact is that more than a hundred minerals receive depletion allowance for tax purpose. Oil and gas have become the whipping boy of forms that even the strongest all. The decline in exploration advocates of change may not for oil and gas, resulting in a

THANKS

From the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department, our most sincere and heart felt Thanks for the help and cooperation we have had on the many fires we have had to fight lately. Only with this type of help could we have managed to hold our losses as small as we have. They are too large at best, but could have been greater but for all the help we have received.

This fire department belongs to all the people of Sterling City and Sterling County. We of the department just man and operate it to the best of our ability on a freewill basis to try to protect both you and us. We have made mistakes and will make some more, but with the men and equipment we have available to us, we are proud of our record so far.

These are just a few simple suggestions I would like to make that will help us both in all fires, but more especially range fires: 1. When reporting a fire, give as near as is possible the EXACT location of the fire and how best to get to it; 2. If at all possible, have someone who knows the country, go to the gate or turn off where the equipment is coming AND STAY THERE TO DIRECT ALL TRAFFIC TO THE FIRE; 3. If there are any spray units at the scene of the fire, at least one of them fall in BEHIND EACH FIRE TRUCK AND FOLLOW IT. In this way, the trucks can concentrate on the main fire and not have to stop and put out each spark. This prevents breakouts behind the fire trucks and may keep from getting some men and trucks trapped in a flash back because no one was following up.

Again, from all of us to all of you, THANKS.
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Chief

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decline in reserves, obviously suggests a declining industry. Our state of Texas receives about 40 percent of its tax revenues from the oil and gas industry. This fact is of little interest to Members of Congress from non-producing areas of the Country. There are comparatively few Members from producing areas. The merits of present law relating to taxes on oil and gas, can only be convincing on the basis of what an adequate supply means in terms of price to the consumer.

For the first time in the economic history of natural gas, a shortage occurred in the fall and winter of 1968. A shortage must eventually result in higher prices. The same may apply to the end products of oil unless we are willing to place dependence on foreign oil for our national defense, as well as our economic security.

While attempting to remedy tax laws permitting unfair advantages to a comparatively few, extreme care should be exercised not to injure the many. Tax "reform" does not necessarily mean tax relief. The very opposite may be the case if certain recommendations of the Administration and the views of a great many Members. Finally, it is just possible that there may be so many "re-become the whipping boy of forms" that even the strongest all. The decline in exploration advocates of change may not for oil and gas, resulting in a

able to vote for it.

Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

Each summer I try to take off a week for a vacation, as well as one in the winter. This makes two and is recognized as standard now by most businesses. I had rather planned to take off next week for a short trip—and may yet.

If I do, you will know the reason for a closed shop at the paper. Due to an illness in the family clan, it may just not be possible to take off—but one never knows.

8-BALL

A good rain is what is on the badly needed list around here. It would help the grass fire situation and help the drying up, parched ranges for the ranchers. Maybe by the time this gets into print such will have happened.

We hope so.

8-BALL

Now that men have landed on the moon safely, we can't wait till they go on to other planets—say like Mars. The moon is a dead body, as we know it, and maybe Mars or one of the other planets have people—or something living one 'em that might help contribute something to our way of life, and perhaps theirs.

I firmly believe that on the planets (maybe not in our solar system but in others far out) have intelligent forms of life on 'em. I always have believed that. And always will. After all, astronomers say there are billions of planets or worlds our size out there. Some of em are bound to be populated.

8-BALL

Sometimes I think that the only way the nations of this earth will be able to get along with one another, is for life (intelligent life) to be discovered on other planets and then we will be good friends here—against the people on the other planets.

So, space exploration has a very practical side to it—in my way of thinking.

Besides, why not do space exploration—just because the space is out there, if for no other reason.

8-BALL

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to the fire department and the many volunteers who helped put out the fire on the W.N. & L.R. Reed ranch last Thursday afternoon.

LEE REED

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our thanks and appreciation to all who helped at the grass fire on our place Sunday afternoon.

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1969 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sterling City High School

- Sept. 12 — Southland T
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Social Security Representative To Be Here August 1

Don Minyard, Field Representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his August visit to Sterling City. He will be at the county courthouse on Friday, August 1 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. He will be available for consultation at that time.

Assistant Manager Named for Federal Land Bank

James M. Cowsert, who has worked out of the Federal Land Bank Association offices of San Angelo and Ballinger, as a trainee for the Federal Land Bank of Houston for the past year, was elected Assistant Manager of a newly formed Federal Land Bank Association of San Angelo. The new association was formed through the consolidation of the San Angelo and Ballinger associations. The main office will be at 122 South Irving Street in San Angelo. Mr. Cowsert, his wife and son, Kent, will be moving to Ballinger soon where he will be in charge of the Ballinger office, which is located on 8th Street.

The new association will make and service Federal Land Bank loans in Coke, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling and Tom Green Counties.

The directors are Wm. C. Pfluger, San Angelo, president; Paul Pruitt, Norton, Vice President; C. E. Arrot, Bronte; Clyde Flanagan and Arnold Fuchs, Ballinger; David Glass, Sterling City and Alvin Sefcik, Vancourt

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A golden opportunity in law enforcement awaits qualified young men. Get in touch with your Texas Department of Public Safety office or patrolman.

Social Security Tips

A number of widows and surviving children of deceased workers in this area could be missing out on social security money due them, according to Ted F. Moellering, district manager of the Social Security Office. Many changes have been made in recent years concerning benefits for widows and children. Some who would be eligible do not know about the new rules, Mr. Moellering said. Mr. Moellering further noted that at present there are over three million young widows and children receiving a monthly social security check.

A widow who is completely disabled and over age 50 can receive reduced widow's benefit if she becomes disabled within seven years of her husband's death or the time she last had a child entitled to benefits in her care. Also, widows who remarry after age 60 may retain a part of the widow's benefit.

Children who would be otherwise entitled because of the death, disability, or retirement of a parent except for being over age 18, can now receive student benefits if they are in full-time school attendance, unmarried, and under age 22.

Children also have full protection now on their mother's account under the same rules that apply to a father's account. This present law will result in a number of children being able to receive social security benefits when their mother dies or becomes disabled, including some who were previously turned down under the old law, Mr. Moellering said.

Anyone knowing someone who might qualify for benefits under these provisions is urged to have them get in touch with their Social Security Office at 300 West Harris Avenue in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

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