

# STERLING CITY NEWS-RECORD

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## Basketball Tourney Held Here

The Miles boys basketball team won the boys division in the Sterling City Invitational Tournament here last week by defeating Blackwell 60-44. High for the winners were Treadaway 21 and Schwertner 13. For Blackwell, Pate got 19 and Bledsoe and Cnepman 18 each.

Robert Lee boys took third place beating Mertzson 57 to 51. Shelton racked up 16 for Mertzson; Mamford 34 for Robert Lee.

In boys' consolation Wall beat Garden City 75 to 60.

The Robert Lee girls won the girls division 51 to 35 over Garden City. Jackie Casey got 22 points for the winner and L. Hirt 13 for Garden City.

In the girls consolation Mertzson won over Water Valley 61 to 35. Melanie Boyd was high for Mertzson and Bannister racked up 19 for the losers. For third place consolation Blackwell girls beat Sterling City 68-55. Susan Terry made 28 for the locals and Diane Gaston 18. D. Pate racked up 54 for Blackwell.

In the games leading up to the finals — or to those listed above the scores were as follows:

| BOYS          |    |
|---------------|----|
| Miles         | 70 |
| Garden City   | 47 |
| Blackwell     | 75 |
| Wall          | 59 |
| Robert Lee    | 65 |
| Water Valley  | 52 |
| Mertzson      | 59 |
| Sterling City | 45 |
| Wall          | 79 |
| Water Valley  | 20 |
| Garden City   | 52 |
| Sterling City | 46 |
| Blackwell     | 71 |
| Robert Lee    | 64 |
| GIRLS         |    |
| Garden City   | 61 |
| Miles         | 13 |
| Blackwell     | 60 |
| Crane         | 48 |
| Robert Lee    | 78 |
| Water Valley  | 22 |
| Sterling City | 54 |
| Mertzson      | 49 |
| Water Valley  | 47 |
| Crane         | 49 |
| Mertzson      | 64 |
| Miles         | 44 |
| Garden City   | 53 |
| Sterling City | 43 |
| Robert Lee    | 60 |
| Blackwell     | 33 |

## McGinnes Visitors

Visiting the Albert McGinneses during the recent holiday season were Lt. and Mrs. Larry McGinnes and daughter, Wendy. They have returned to Ft. Bliss where they are awaiting travel orders that will take them to Hahn Air Force Base near Wuschheim, Germany where Larry will be attached to the 6th Artillery.

Other visitors during the holidays include Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGinnes and Mr. and Mrs. Elton McGinnes, Eldorado; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Low, Rachel and Peggy, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McGinnes, Kyle and Kristi, Crosbyton; Miss Lynda McGinnes, Lovington, N. M.; B. F. Low, Richardson; Sgt. Wayne McGinnes, Ft. Sam Houston; Jim McGinnes, Bryan; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hawkins, Billy and Tina, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Carter all of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Murrell of Austin visited his parents, the Loyd Murrells here during the holidays. Troy has finished his army service and is now enrolled in the University of Texas law school. His wife is teaching school in the school at Elgin, close to Austin.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

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

John Thompson  
Mrs. D. C. Durham  
Mrs. Reynaldo Castro  
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week include—  
Mrs. Doll Long  
A. L. Jackson  
Mrs. Ricky Hopkins and infant son, Robert Kirk

Robert Lively, son of A.C. Lively, now stationed in Fort Benning, Ga. was home for a visit during the holidays. He is a member of the Green Berets and will go to Viet Nam later this month on a volunteer tour of duty. Robert is a paratrooper. When he finishes in Vietnam, he will be sent back to the states and go to a prep school in preparation to entering West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glomb visited his father and stepmother in El Paso over the holidays. His father is a retired army officer and now operates a jewelry store there. They also visited Miss Patti Bond and other friends.

## Back to Chanute Field

A 1/C Junior Kinney left Tuesday for Chanute AFB at Rantoul, Ill. where he is stationed in the Air Force with the Weather Observer School.

The Bob Whams of Tyler visited with the Arthur Barlemanns here during the holidays.

Visiting the Eldon Potts here during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Potts of Ft. Worth, Vicki Potts of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Asbill of Yeso, N. M.

Courtney King has finished his studies at Sam Houston State University and has gone to Lubbock where he will teach P.E. and help coach at Coronado High School. His wife is the former Elaine Price.

Visiting the Worth Durhams here during the holidays were the David Durhams of Levelland, the Mike Arps of Pensacola, Florida, and Drew Durham from Austin.

The county is putting up a guard rail on the west side of the courthouse square lawn. Cars and trucks kept driving up on the sprinkler system heads, breaking them, so the guard rail is being put up.

Lynn Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Alexander, and a nursing student in Dallas, spent Christmas in her parents home here.

School resumed here Monday following the Christmas holidays. School had let out on December 22 for students and on the 23rd for teachers.

## DRIVERS NEEDED

Train now to drive semi truck, local and over the road. Diesel or gas; experience helpful but not necessary. You can earn over \$4.00 per hour after short training. For application and personal interview, call 214-742-2924, or write Safety Dept. United Systems, Inc., 4747 Gretna, Dallas, Texas, 75207.

## Low Sells Hardware and Furniture Store

Roland Lowe has sold his Lowe Hardware and Furniture Co. to the Ross Fosters, effective January 1. The Fosters have been working in the store for several weeks learning the in and outs of the business. They bought the business, the building, the funeral chapel and home, and all the complete business.

Roland's father, R. L. Lowe, started the business in 1903. For a few years (later) D. C. Durham was in partners with Lowe.

The Lowes opened up stores in McCamey and Rankin in the '20's and Roland worked over there until 1933, when he came back to operate the Sterling City store. The store here has been a fixture for 67 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster are local ranchers. They operate a ranch west of town and are well known over the area. They have named the store Ross Hardware and Furniture Co.

Ross is a son of Mrs. Rufus Foster and the late Mr. Foster, and Mrs. Ross Foster is a daughter of Mrs. John Skeete and the late John Skeete. They have three children, Rosanne, Charlotte and Skeete.

Roland will be around and probably deal in real estate — as he has a license — and take care of his stock-farm place just east of the city limits.

## Henry Bauer's Father Dead

Henry Bauer's father, Henry Bauer, Sr., 92, of Austin died there Thursday of this week. Services are scheduled for Saturday, it was learned.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1959.

Survivors include two daughters, Miss Mary Bauer of Austin and Mrs. W. H. Mikesell of Toledo, Ohio; two sons, Richard Bauer of Austin and Henry Bauer Jr. of Sterling City; six grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

## MEDICARE ANSWERS

How may I file a request for Medicare payment? When should I file for a payment? Where do I get the forms to file a request for payment? Where do I send the request for payment? What can I do if I can't pay the doctor bills? According to J. M. Talbot, social security manager, these questions are commonly asked by persons covered by Medicare.

Medicare is now more than four years old and still these are those not fully aware of its protection. If you think you may be eligible for some Medicare benefits or if you have a parent, relative or friend who may be eligible, contact your nearest social security office. The trained representative there will be glad to answer your questions and to help you file a request for Medicare payment.

Under the law these are some time limits for claiming a refund of your medical expenses. For example, if you received medical services between October 1, 1968 and September 30, 1969, you must file a claim for any payment due you by December 31, 1970. Medicare can pay you if your claim is sent in within the time limit; so, don't lose money by waiting too long to send in your claim.

For further information, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo. The telephone number is 949-4608.

## New County Officials Sworn In

Two new Sterling County Commissioners were sworn in the first of the year here. They are Clinton Hodges, who replaced Dayton Barrett, veteran commissioner of precinct 2 who did not seek reelection and Danny Stewart, who replaced veteran Fowler McEntire in precinct 4.

Also going in for new terms on reelection were J. K. Martin, County judge; W. W. Durham, County and district clerk, and E. R. Edwards, justice of the peace, precinct 1.

## Treasurer Resigns

Mrs. Sallie Wallace, longtime county treasurer, has resigned and has moved to San Angelo to live with a daughter. The commissioners court will appoint a replacement at next Monday's meeting — reads the official notice of the meeting.

## J. V. McKinney New Service Man at WTU

J. V. McKinney of San Angelo reported for work as the new service man with the West Texas Utilities Co. here. The former service man, Bur Pringle, was promoted to be local manager at Rankin, said Sterling manager Albert D. McGinnes.

The new man, McKinney, worked for the company in San Angelo in 1964 and 1965 then he served four years in military service, mostly in Arizona. He reported back for work in the San Angelo district in January 1970.

## Heart Association Group Meets Monday

The Sterling County chapter of the Texas Heart Association will meet Monday night at 7 p.m. in the community center, said Mrs. Chesley McDonald this week.

David Watson regional representative, will be present and the local unit will elect officers for another year.

Mrs. McDonald said Mrs. T. J. Finnegan would again head the fund drive this year — in February. Mrs. Virgie Garrett will continue to serve as memorial chairman.

Workers who will help in the drive this year include Mrs. Tom Asbill, Mrs. Nan Davis, Mrs. Jim Atkins, Mrs. Ben Atwell, Mr. Seth Bailey, Mrs. Charlie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis, Mr. Jack Douthit, Mrs. Mert Ferguson, Mrs. Marvin Foster, Mrs. Melvin Foster, Mrs. Ross Foster, Mrs. William Foster, Mrs. Harvey Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Riley King, Mrs. Jake Martin, Ora Medina, Mary Gonzales, Mrs. Berl Pringle, Mrs. Glen Schneider, Mrs. Danny Stewart, Dr. Swann, Elton Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McGinnes and any other volunteers will be welcome, said Mrs. McDonald.

## SON TO THE BUDDY KINNEYS

A son, named Buddy Dean Kinney Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Kinney, Monday, January 4 in the Clinic Hospital in San Angelo.

The baby weighed seven pounds and nine ounces. He is the first child of the Kinneys. "Papa" Buddy works for Connors Construction Co. here.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kinney of Sterling City and Mr. and Mrs. James Gaddis of San Angelo.

The home of Mrs. Sallie Wallace has been sold to the local Church of Christ and she is moving to San Angelo. The church will build a new church on the grounds, leaving the old one for an educational building it is said.

## Two Killed Here in Car-Truck Crash

### Methodist Bishop To Be Here Sunday

Bishop Eugene Slater Bishop of the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, will preach in the morning worship service here this Sunday, January 10, at 11:00 a.m.

Bishop Slater and his wife, who will accompany him here, have traveled extensively visiting missions throughout the world, particularly in Korea.

The District Superintendent of the San Angelo District, Rev. Kermit Gibbons, and Mrs. Gibbons will also be present at the service.

The church welcomes you to come and worship in this special service.

There will be a covered dish dinner following the morning service.

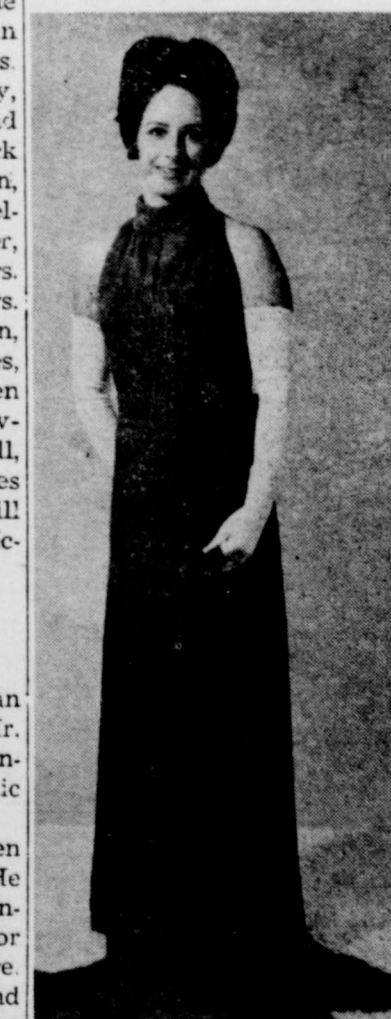
### Clothes and Blankets for Church World Service

Clothes for Church World Service are being collected in the United Methodist Church here. These clothes and blankets are distributed during natural disasters and in various other areas in the world where there is a particular need.

If you wish to donate something, bring it to the church by January 12. There is a box in the basement for this purpose. However, if possible, bring your things already boxed and securely tied.

The annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance will be held at First Methodist Church Sunday Jan. 10, at the evening service at 7:00 p.m. It is a special program presented by members of the Womens Society of Christian Service, and all are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bailey spent Christmas in their old home town of Clarksville visiting with relatives.



MARILYN FOSTER

Marilyn Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster Jr. is shown here wearing the formal dress she made winning the district "Make It Yourself with Wool" contest recently.

Marilyn is a senior in Sterling City High School, and has entered the sewing contest before.

Two persons were killed and two hurt in a car-truck head-on crash five miles east of town early Wednesday morning.

Killed were Harold William LeMaster and James Randall of Odessa. They were passengers in the car.

Driver of the East Texas Motor Freight truck, Ira Odis Kelley, was taken to the Shannon Hospital with minor cuts and a nose injury. Linda Kay Head of San Angelo received cuts, bruises and other undetermined injuries.

Patrolman Herb Edwards said the 1964 Pontiac 4-door Catalina was going north on 67 and got over into the left lane and the car and truck hit head-on in the lane of the truck going south.

## LIONS CLUB

There were two guests at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday noon in the community center. They were George Davis and Collin Douthit. The prize went to Marilyn Foster.

It was announced that Larry Saunders with the General Telephone Co. would have a bucket truck here Saturday morning to take down the Christmas decorations.

### Volunteer Help Needed

Any and all persons who will volunteer to help take down and store the Christmas decorations are asked to show up at 9:30 Saturday morning to help. Members of the club or not, all help will be appreciated, said S. M. Bailey and Albert McGinnes of the committee.

Talk of a community swimming pool took some time. A club committee will try to assemble facts on cost and operating a pool and present those facts next month. Stan Horwood is chairman of the committee.

### (December 30 Meeting)

Four were guests at the Lions Club luncheon in the community center on December 30. They included Bob Wham of Tyler, Robert Lively of Ft. Benning, Ga., J. V. McKinney and M. C. Reed. The prize went to H. L. Hildebrand. Skipper Lively thanked all members who had helped in conducting the turkey shoot, the rifle raffle and the bingo game.

President Dan Glass told of the Lions Mid-Winter Conference to be at Ballinger on June 16.

A note of thanks was read from Mrs. T. A. Gartman for the gift from the club.

## Dinner and Bridge Party

The Young Couples Bridge Club met recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stewart. The Christmas motif was carried out.

Winning high score were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis, and low winners were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Foster.

Guests present were Dr. and Mrs. Don McDonald, the Chesley McDonalds and the James Salvatos.

Members presents were Mmes. and Messrs. Danny Stewart, Jim Davis, Bobby Dodds, Tommy Foster, Larry Glass, Lynn Glass and Stan Horwood.

Spec. 4-C Andy Gaston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gaston, has served his time in the army and is now back home from Vietnam.

**QUAIL MANAGEMENT**

By Don Viktorin  
Range Conservationist

Each year when the hunting season approaches, we often hear the question asked—'How can I increase quail numbers on my place?'

Habitat improvement is the key to quail numbers. Approximately 80% of each year's quail crop is lost due to predation, adverse weather, starvation, and hunting. This leaves only 20% to start over with next year; but if suitable habitat is available, this is more than enough to insure a bumper crop of birds the following year.

The two main habitat needs for quail are food and cover. These should occur in a favorable distribution for highest quail production. In other words, the distance between food and cover must not be greater than the birds can travel with safety. An ideal situation is for them to be next to each other.

Many farmers and ranchers in the North Concho River Soil & Water Conservation District are carrying out conservation practices to benefit livestock that also benefit quail by improving the habitat.

Chaining brush is one example of a conservation practice that can benefit quail. Brush left on the ground provides much better quail cover than tall standing brush. The chaining operation also causes some soil disturbance which promotes weed growth. Weed seed are an important source of food for quail, especially during the winter when food supplies are scarce.

Deferred grazing and rotation grazing systems are other good conservation practices that provide cover for quail. Conservative grazing pressure protects food producing plants, and the extra growth of grass provides good nesting cover. Improvement in range condition means more grass for livestock, and also results in a rapid increase of quail.

Rootplowing of brush can be done in a manner that will be beneficial to quail. Irregular areas along creeks and draws can be left in brush to provide cover for quail and other forms of wildlife. Brush can also be left in strips for this same purpose.

When reseeding rootplowed areas, the seed mixture should include some type of grass that has a large enough seed to be utilized by quail. Blue panic, brownseed paspalum, Kleingrass and sorghum alnum are good examples.

Although quail get some moisture from dew, seeds and berries, and insects that they eat, they thrive better where there is an available supply of good drinking water. Farm ponds are readily used by quail, as are livestock watering troughs, if water is near the top where the birds can reach it. A small cement watering facility, located near ground level, can be constructed near the trough and fed by a plastic pipe with a float attachment. This area should be fenced to exclude livestock. Doves will also use this type of watering facility very well.

Winter is the critical food period for quail and from the time of the first killing frost, the supply of food gets smaller. Other birds and rodents compete for this food. This is another area where the landowner can give the birds a helping hand. Small areas of grain sorghum, sorghum alnum or corn can be left standing to provide enough food to carry the birds through this critical period. Strips along fence rows can be disked to promote weed growth, especially croton or doveweed, as it is commonly called. If this food is next to good cover, it can mean the difference between a small or large crop of birds the following year.

The John Balderazes have moved back to Sterling City from Yuma, Colorado.

**CONTACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION**

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on Highway No. US 83, FM 380, FM 261, FM 1929, US 290, RM 33, SH 158, US 67, SH 163, RM 2469, RM 1221, RM 1674, RM 664, FM 2092, RM 2291, RM 2673, FM 1677, FM 1770, FM 2872, FM 2995, FM 2647, US 277, RM 1691, US 87, RM 2034, FM 2105

covered by C 35-5-31, C 555-2-10, C 326-2-14, C 1651-7-2, C 140-3-14, C 140-9-18, C 558-10-13, C 463-4-10, C 77-5-18, C 1648-4-5, C 2463-1-5, C 35-7-15, C 129-4-4, C 1296-2-5, C 396-1-26, C 53-6-15, C 129-3-5, C 1296-1-6, C 2008-1-5, C 2140-1-6, C 2844-2-4, C 558-9-12, C 826-1-5, C 1646-1-3, C 1731-1-6, C 1731-1-6, C 2280-1-3, C 2572-1-2, C 2699-1-3, C 159-3-22, C159-4-17, C 1648-2-4, C 1649-1-6, C 1848-1-8, C 69-6-15, C 555-1-24, C 1648-3-4, C 1923-1-5, C 2410-1-4 in Menard, Concho, Crockett, Glasscock, Irion Kimble, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green counties will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., January 21, 1971, and then publicly opened and read. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available at the office of J.R. Evans, Resident Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

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**High School Basketball Schedule**

Dec. 17, 18, 19—Robert Lee Tourney  
Dec. 22—Robert Lee here  
Dec. 23, 29, 30—Sterling City Tourney  
Jan. 5—\*Bronte there  
Jan. 8—\*Water Valley there  
Jan. 12—\*Forsan there  
Jan. 15—\*Garden City here  
Jan. 19—\*Blackwell here  
Jan. 22—\*Bronte here  
Jan. 26—\*Water Valley here  
Jan. 29—\*Forsan here  
Feb. 2—\*Garden City there  
Feb. 5—\*Blackwell there (\*District Games)

**Junior High Basketball Schedule**

Dec. 3-5—Grape Creek Tournament  
Dec. 14—Garden City here at 6:00  
Jan. 7—Robert Lee there at 6:00  
Jan. 14—Forsan there 5:00  
Jan. 18—Garden City there at 6:00  
Jan. 21-23—Bronte Tournament  
Jan. 25—Forsan here at 5:00  
Jan. 29—Water Valley here at 6:00  
Feb. 1—Robert Lee here 6:00  
Feb. 8—Lake View there at 6:00  
Feb. 11-13—Sterling City Tournament

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Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.

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Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
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**Social Security Tips CHECK YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY RECORD**

"How do I know my work under social security is being credited to my record, and how do I find out about it? This is one of the questions most frequently asked," says J. M. Talbot, social security manager.

In explaining the process involved in reporting social security, Mr. Talbot said, "When you work for wages, your employer deducts social security tax from your paycheck each pay day. At the end of each calendar quarter, he submits your name and number with payment for these taxes to Internal Revenue. Internal Revenue forwards copies to social security's main office in Baltimore, Maryland. Your wages are then posted to your record. The same process is followed for a self-employed person except that his earnings are recorded yearly."

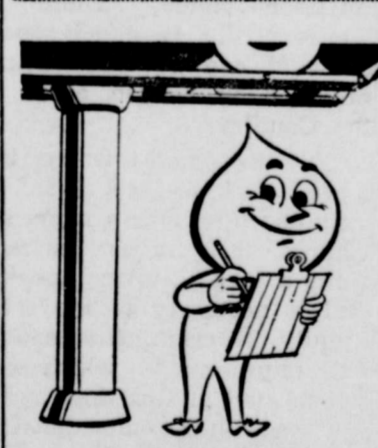
Mr. Talbot states that the possibility of an error being made in the process does exist. He recommends that you request a statement of your earnings at least every three years. All you have to do to secure the statement is to send a post card request available at your social security office to Baltimore, Maryland. If the reply you receive is incorrect in any way, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

"Processing time can be cut in half if people are prepared when the time comes to apply for social security benefits," says J. M. Talbot, social security manager.

Being prepared is not as difficult as many people believe. Remember to take along your social security card or the card of the person on whose record you are filing. For a widow, this would be the social security card of her late husband. This may sound hard to believe, but many people do come in to file their application and leave their number at home.

The next most important document to take with you is your birth certificate, if available. Proof of age is needed to qualify for nearly all social security benefits. If your birth was recorded when you were born or if you were baptized before age five, you will need one of these documents. If you don't have a copy, make arrangements now to get one, Mr. Talbot advises.

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before age five, there are other documents you can use. In most cases, the earlier the record was made the better it is for helping to establish your date of birth.

The third thing that is needed in all claims is evidence of the worker's last year's earnings and an estimate of this year's earnings. Your W-2 Form or tax return for last year will give the information for last year. Be sure to bring these with you.

**DISABLED WORKER NEWS**

In most instances disability claims take a longer period to process than other social security claims. The extra processing time is due to additional documentation, such as medical reports and different procedures in the claims process.

By applying as early as possible, the complete processing of the claim can be finished before the six months waiting period has expired. If the claim for benefits is approved, you get a check at the earliest possible time.

**File Early For Disability**

What do you do if you get so sick or injured you can't work? One of the things you should do is see if you are eligible for disability payments under the social security law. Although there are no benefits payable during the first 6 months of a disability, J.M. Talbot, social security manager, urges everyone who believes he may be entitled to monthly benefits to apply for them as soon as possible after becoming disabled.

"Did you know that if you operate any type of agricultural business, the hired workers you have in that business may be covered by social security?" J. M. Talbot, social security manager, asks.

Any employee who works and earns \$150 or more for one employer during any year or works at least 20 days on a time basis for an agriculture business, is covered by social security. Even part-time employees could meet the earnings or work test. You, as their employer, would be liable to withhold social security tax from the employee's check, match that tax yourself, and report the earnings at the end of the year.

The report of agricultural employees must be filed with the Internal Revenue Service by January 31 of the following year. Reports should be on Internal Revenue Service Form 943—showing each employee's name, social security number, and amount paid. The report should be accompanied by tax withheld from employee's pay and matched by employer.

To be sure which employees to report, Mr. Talbot recom-

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"If I apply for disability benefits, do I have to be examined by a social security doctor before I can get any checks?" This is a question frequently asked when disabled workers claim social security disability insurance benefits.

J. M. Talbot, social security manager, says the social security law requires the applicant to supply the medical records on his condition. When you apply for benefits, you must provide a report from your attending doctor or hospital.

Information from the attending doctor and the hospital is generally all that is needed. However, in some instances, a specialist's report may be necessary to clarify a question or resolve a borderline situation. You may then be asked to go for a special examination to help provide the extra information.

If such a special examination is required, Mr. Talbot added, the Social Security Administration will pay for it. He stressed, however, that this is done only to supplement or clarify the initial information you have already provided.

When you apply for disability benefits, be ready to give the names and addresses of all your sources of medical treatment for your disabling condition. Contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area.

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**AS IT LOOKS FROM HERE**

By Omar Burleson, Member of Congress, 17th District

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Except for two brief recesses the Congress has been in continuous session since January 19, 1970.

A session of Congress is seven months after convening on January 3rd. The convening date is a constitutional requirement. The seven month duration is a hope and a futile one at that. It has been many years since adjournment has come on time.

We have grown to accept this situation since it is obvious that the myriad of legislation now handled by Congress cannot be disposed of by September. What makes it obvious is because Congress has taken upon itself to perform functions for which it was never designed or intended under the Constitution. Over the years Congress has assumed jurisdiction over about every facet of American daily life. As a result, mere volume of drafting bills, committee hearings and debate, is enough to create a legislative logjam.

This, however, is not the most serious aspect of this development. More serious is the fact that Members of Congress are called upon to be experts in a wide range of highly technical subject. None are.

Health care insurance, space exploration, the many-headed school aid programs, environmental control, foreign affairs, labor legislation, settling strikes, transportation, military preparedness, dealing with highly technical and complex tax matter and appropriations — to name just a few — are all subjects and issues deserving a special knowledge of

each. Legislation in each of these fields and many more, often has hidden and unsuspected consequences when put into effect.

The committee system of the Congress provides special study, with specialized staff assistance, for legislation on these subjects. The system works in matters of common concern — national defense, foreign relations, international trade, monetary policy, etc. — It is less so when involved in matters of more local concern — with different effect in different parts of the country. A Senator or a Congressman would have to be a sociologist, a scientist, an economist, a constitutional lawyer — yes, even a prophet — to always be sure of how certain legislation will effect the Nation, his State and the people he represents.

Then too, after laws are enacted there is much to be done. The Congressman must act as the go-between for his constituents and the sprawling bureaucracy which the Congress has created. In many instances it is to try to see that the individual is not unduly imposed upon, cheated in some way or ignored in others. Many people and communities need help in securing benefits provided under law or in finding the proper agency to deal with their particular problem.

Marathon sessions of the Congress often, if not always, end with highly important proposals still pending. The opposite would seem the case but not so. A definite and binding date for adjournment would not only speed the legislative processes but should result in greater responsibility. Beyond such a date a special called session would be required to consider specific measures and, limited to those matters specified.

Our state of Texas has such a system and it is better than the U.S. Congress.

Such arrangement would give greater opportunity for Members of Congress to spend more time back home learning the thinking of the people they represent and vice versa. A Congress isolated in Washington may lose the touch with 'back home' which is fundamental to representative government.

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Mr. Thompson died about 4:30 p.m. Monday at Ruidoso, N. M., apparently after suffering a heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had been in Roswell, N. M. to visit their daughter, Mrs. Ben F. Kelly Jr., and family, during the Christmas holidays and were in Ruidoso at the home of Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. N. S. Sherbino, when Mr. Thompson died.

He was born July 12, 1884 in Abilene, the son of pioneer settlers W. J. and Mamie Thompson. He was married to Annie Lou Adams in San Angelo in the late 1920s. A 1902 graduate of Abilene schools, he was graduated from Texas A&M in 1907 and was instrumental in having Kyle Field at A&M named for a former faculty member.

For eight years after graduation from A&M, he was a bookkeeper in Sanderson for A. G. Anderson, who helped Thompson go into sheep and cattle ranching. Later in his life, he wrote a book about customs on the Anderson Ranch.

He owned a ranch in Big Lake for a year. He owned another ranch in Coleman three years. He ranched in Sterling County 32 years and in Roswell 10 years.

He was a member of the American Cancer Society and the Businessmen's Bible Class in San Angelo. He belonged to

**Burleson's Bill Helps Small Hospital**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Omar Burleson has been successful in passage of legislation which he authored to relieve small hospitals of the requirement of having a registered nurse on duty at all times. The House of Representatives passed the bill on December 22 and the Senate passed it on January 2. The Bill, H. R. 19470 now goes to the President for signature.

The need for such legislation was evidenced by the difficulty many small rural hospitals have encountered in qualifying for Medicare due to this requirement. In his remarks before the House, Congressman Burleson stated, "There is, however, the practical aspect of what can be immediately provided in certain areas of the Country.

"In many small towns of the more rural sections there is only one hospital. In many instances it is miles removed from a larger town hospital and is necessary to the community. To establish standards and requirements which can not be met at this time and a few years in the immediate future would work an extreme hardship on Medicare patients who have no other place to go.

"Medicare patients shouldn't be required to leave their home community, their familiar surroundings and, particularly,

the Texas Historical Society. Mr. Thompson was also a charter member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, the Texas Cattle-men's Association, the New Mexico Wool Association and the New Mexico Cattle Raisers' Association.

Survivors include his wife, his daughter of Roswell and two grandchildren, Philip West and Lucy Kelly, both of Roswell, N. M.

their doctor for care in another area not familiar to them."

Burleson's bill permits discretion on the part of the Secretary of HEW to determine, under certain criteria, whether a registered nurse must be required around the clock at these particular hospitals. The bill is temporary in nature in that it allows the nursing requirement to be waived by the Secretary year by year for the next five years. Originally, the bill included a relaxation of rather stringent requirements in connection with physical facilities. Since there is some latitude already permitted in connection with these standards, H. R. 19470 was amended in the Ways and Means Committee to apply only to registered nurses. In this regard, Burleson stated, "It is my feeling that a greater latitude should be given in the requirements of physical facilities but, in this measure, we are reaching for the possible and it is needed immediately. It is hoped that with narrowing my original proposal we can get this much accomplished in the hope that these other things will come along in due time."

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