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AROUND
THE
COUNTY



ARTHUR BARLEMAN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

It didn't take long to spend the night Friday for the 4-H club members and adult leader who made the trip to Austin Saturday for the Snelson Governor For A Day Activities. Amy Hodges, Lisa Horwood, Bobby Bynum, Steven Foster and Mrs. Clinton Hodges made the trip and the short night before the activities. The group departed here at 4:00 A.M. Saturday morning and returned home about 8:30 P. M.

The 4-H club members in Senatorial District 25, W. E. Snelson's district when the redistricting takes effect in January 1973, furnished the cookies for the reception and acted as hosts for the reception.

The group was present for the inaugural ceremonies in the senate chamber at 9:00 A. M. After the inauguration, they met Governor and Mrs. Snelson in the governor's office. Also in the receiving line was the governor's military aide for the day, Brig. Gen. Scott and Mrs. Scott.

The group toured the capitol including the senate chamber, the House of Representatives, and the office of the speaker of the house. One of capitol guides took the group on the tour in what turned out to be a private tour with only the Sterling County group in this one. The guide gave an interesting background in each of the chambers and discussed the paintings in each. Saturday afternoon the group went to the fifth landing of the tower of the capitol which is as far as tours are permitted. This must be done with one of the security guards.

The club members also met George Baker of Fort Stockton who is presently our representative. Mr. Baker was most pleasant and wished everyone in Sterling County well. He will not be our representative after the redistricting takes effect in 1973 but will be available until that time.

The LBJ Library, which the group toured in the afternoon, is a most impressive building. Busses had been provided to take groups from the capitol area to the library. The building itself is on the east edge of the University of Texas grounds just off Interstate 35. It houses the many papers and mementoes of Lyndon Johnson's years in public life. Included in the exhibit is a mockup of the Oval Office as Johnson had it arranged; other rooms are shown on slides which have a commentary with them.

It was an interesting day after a short night and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

John Brock's pecans won six first place ribbons, one reserve champion rosette, four second places, and one third place in the Tom Green County Pecan Show last weekend.

Blue ribbons were won by John's Eastern Schley entry, John Garner entry San Saba Improved entry, and the variety Seedling class entry in the variety classes and the Mahan entry. The Eastern Schley was the reserve champion in-shell pecan of the show. His Mahan entry was the first place winner in the heaviest in-shell class; it took 29.45 pecans to weigh one pound and it shelled 59.47%.

The Mahan was also a second place winner in the most attractive pecan class and also

Predator Control Referendum

MEETING SET TO EXPLAIN PREDATOR CONTROL REFERENDUM

Sheep and goat producers in Sterling County are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting regarding a referendum on predator control proposed by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. Local producers can attend the meeting on December 16 Angelo State University on the second floor. It begins at 2:00 p.m. on that date.

The meeting will be a joint venture by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the TSGRA, according to Arthur Barleman, Jr., County Agricultural Agent. The role of the Extension Service is to explain the provisions of the Texas Agricultural Check-off Act of 1969. This will be done by John J. Seibert, Extension economist at Texas A&M University.

District 7 agricultural agent Allen E. Turner will preside at the meeting and explain Extension's educational responsibility as related to the check-off act. A representative of the TSGRA will explain the association's proposed referendum.

The proposed referendum will involve sheep and goat producers in 73 counties in the far west and west central areas of the state. These counties have 16,704 producers and 5,578,000 head of sheep and goats. According to the TSGRA, this is 81 percent of the producers and 97 percent of all the sheep and goats in the state.

If the State Commissioner of Agriculture certifies that the referendum be conducted, an election will be conducted by mail ballot next spring. A board of directors will also be elected at that time. If the referendum passes, maximum deductions will be 20c a head for sheep and 10 cents a head for goats. The assessment will be made on all animals coming off of pasture or producer owned lambs going into the feedlots.

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and also won another red ribbon in the best kernel class. A Desirable entry also won second place as did John's entry in the group of three variety class.

The third place ribbon was won by Brock's Western Schley entry.

The ribbon winning entries from the Tom Green County Show will be sent to the regional show. This show will be held in Midland next week, December 16-17-18.

Sheep producers are reminded of the information meeting on the predator control referendum to be held in San Angelo on December 16. There is another article on this meeting in this issue. The meeting will provide background information on the referendum and the check-off to provide funds for the control measures. All producers are invited and urged to attend.

BASKETBALL NOTES

Sterling Boys Win Third at Forsan Tournament

The Sterling City boys basketball team won third place trophy at the Forsan Invitational Tournament last weekend. They beat Flower Grove in their first game. Then they played Sands and lost 91 to 68. For Sterling, Ken Peel accounted for 16 points. Clark Kilpatrick 22, Allen Price 10, Bautista 12, Ray Escobar 6, and David Gaston 2. Bobby Beall was high for Sands with 29 points.

In the game to choose the third place team, Sterling beat Forsan 70 to 63 in overtime. Peel racked up 22 points, Kilpatrick 20, Bautista 16, Price 5 and Escobar 7.

Beat Mertzton Here Dec. 7

Coach Milford Wiley's boys beat Mertzton here Tuesday night 79 to 48. Peel was high with 32 points, Kilpatrick got 19, Price 8, Bautista 7 and Gaston 2. For Mertzton, Dan Kuykendall and Bailey each sacked up 11.

The local B boys beat Mertzton 58 to 54. Chris Gartman got 16 points, Tommy Bynum 11, Skeete Foster 6 and David Gaston 5.

At Forsan the Sterling girls lost to Flower Grove 50 to 35 in their first game. Kay Holler was high for the locals with 17, Diane Gaston had 14 and Becky Blair had 4.

In the consolation route the girls lost to Garden City 40 to 29. For Sterling Gaston made 11, Holler 12, and Blair 6.

In the game here Tuesday night with Mertzton the girls lost 35 to 27. Diane Gaston was high with 9, Holler had 8, Blair 6, Dora Munoz 4 and Jeanie Wells 1.

At Garden City Tournament This Weekend

Both boys and girls are entered in the Garden City invitational tournament this weekend. Play began today.

Junior High Basketball Girls in Grape Creek Tournament

After losing their opening game with Eola in the Grape Creek tournament, the junior high girls came back to win the next two games to win consolation.

The locals defeated Sacred Heart 52 to 14 with Phyllis Johnson scoring 19 points, Melinda Terry 18, Cindy Mendez 10 and Carol Jones 5. High point for Sacred Heart was Charalotte Book with 8.

In the finals the locals defeated Grape Creek 36 to 19. Johnson was again high point with 16 and Jones and Terry each scored 10.

Coach Wanda Foster's girls played Robert Lee here Monday night. The girls won that game 31 to 10. Jones was high point with 14, Terry had 9 and Johnson 8.

Honored with Gift Tea Here

Fifteen were hostesses when Jaynell Cope was honored with a gift tea November 27 in the community center. Miss Cope, a daughter of Mrs. J.I. Cope and the late J.I. Cope, will be married to Mike Bodine in January.

Hostesses for the gift tea were Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. Alvie Cole, Mrs. Dayton Barrett, Mrs. Jack Peel, Mrs. Foster Conger, Mrs. Tom Asbill Mrs. Early Barton, Mrs. Reynolds Foster, Mrs. Foster S. Price, Mrs. Crisp Williams, Miss Maggie Reynolds, Miss Ruth Reynolds, Mrs. Hubert Williams and Mrs. Harvey Glass.

Over two hundred persons took part in the gift shower.

Fire Department Christmas Party December 20

The annual Sterling Volunteer Fire Department's Santa visit and Christmas party will be held at the fire house here at 7 p.m. on the night of December 20, it has been announced.

Stockings of goodies will be given out to the children and cookies and drinks will be served to all. The department has ordered 220 Christmas stockings for the kids.

All persons of the community are invited, but all ladies who come are asked to bring two dozen cookies, please. This means any lady, not necessarily wives of firemen.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week include: Mrs. I. B. Langford Mrs. Larkin Longshore John Reed

Mrs. Spencer Jackson Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week include: Mrs. C. C. Ainsworth Spencer Jackson Jeff Davis

Patients in the Sterling County Nursing Home on Thursday morning of this week were:

Mrs. Cliff Carpenter Mrs. Lucy Norman Lonnie McCarty Mrs. Lilly Revell Mrs. Henry Merrell B. O. Bailey Mud Allen Larkin Longshore Mrs. Allie Foster Earnest Turner Mrs. J. E. Bynum Estes Orange

Sgt. Robert Lively, son of Skipper Lively, in at a R&R camp in Australia. He had been wounded in the leg in Vietnam and was in the hospital for 27 days. Robert is with the Green Berts paratroopers in Vietnam.

Mrs. Claude Collins is in the Medical Center in Big Spring receiving heat therapy and some traction for a shoulder jam she received in a fall recently in Hawaii. She fell on an escalator there.

Town Christmas Lights Up

The town's Christmas lights and decorations were put up this week by the Lions Club and help from the West Texas Utilities and the city. The club raised money and bought the fixtures two years ago and has them installed each year.

The cost of repairing the broken fixtures and bulbs is normally taken care of by the club. And if outside money is needed, a club committee is appointed to raise money.

It was decided that no committee would be used this year to raise money, but if anyone wants to donate to the expense they can make their contribution to H. L. Bailey, who is chairman of the Lions Club committee on Christmas decorations and lights.

This year two of the fixtures had to be welded and a case of colored light bulbs had to be bought.

In U.S. Navy Nurses Corps

Lynn Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Alexander, was sworn in as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Nurses Corps last month. Lynn is a nursing major at TWU and will soon finish. She visited her parents here recently.

Open House Held at Nursing Home

Over 250 Attend

A large crowd of over 250 registered Sunday at the open house of the new Sterling County Nursing Home and remodelled hospital. On hand to greet visitors were the institution's staff, doctor, board members, members of the Volunteer Service League, the county commissioners and all who have had a part in the institution. Visitors came from Big Spring, San Angelo and Coke County, as well as a few other places. Most of the visitors were from Sterling City and County.

All were amazed at the real nice home and remodelled hospital facilities. Truly the new facility is worthy of any size town or city anywhere. Although it is a county operated nursing home, with donations by people around here, it has that luxury look.

It is a facility that all Sterling citizens can be proud of—and usually that is what happens here, if anything is attempted, when it's done, all the people take great pride in it.

There are about a dozen patients in the nursing home now, but it will accommodate 28 and the home is ready to accept new patients.

The lobby, the chapel, the rooms, the hallways, and the general atmosphere at the new home, is such as to make it a very pleasant place to retire in.

Mrs. Mildred Emery, administrator of the hospital and nursing home said she wanted to write a letter of appreciation and gratitude for all that was done Sunday for the Open House but that it would take the whole paper to print it in.

So, she expressed sincere thanks:

For all of the donations and memorials, the kind thoughts, the words of appreciation and the attendance, we are especially grateful. We hope that you will always come to "your nursing home and your hospital". We are always glad to serve you.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
(Christmas Dinner)
Turkey and Dressing
Green Beans
Potatoes
Cranberries
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
Bar B Q on a Bun
Potato Salad
Pork and Beans
Fruit Jello

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17
Meat Loaf
Rice
English Peas
Banana Pudding

School Patrons are invited to eat Christmas dinner at the lunchroom.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
Nachos
Pinto Beans
Slaw
Peas

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
Corny ogs
Potato Chips
Pork and Beans
Peaches

Attend Annual Scouters Meeting in Big Spring

Attending the Annual Meeting and Banquet in Big Spring on December 2 were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peel, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauer and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Asbill, all of Sterling.

The affair was held in the Howard County Junior College cafeteria.

Local Cubmaster Bobby Myrick received a membership award for Cubs and Jack Peel received the Friend-of-Scouting award for the year of 1971.

World Missions Week

The big thing for December in the First Baptist Church in the World Missions Conference to be held December 9-12. There will be five different missionaries to speak; two foreign—Gene Clark and Fred Leverets; two home—John Baker and Warren Littlefield; one state—Dallas Lee.

There are five different Baptist Churches involved in this conference and each will be keeping a different missionary who will speak in all five churches.

This missionary emphasis will begin Wednesday night, December 8 at 7 p.m. with a mission film in the Life of Lottie Moon, a missionary to China. A mission film will precede each speaker Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and after a short break the missionary will speak. The other missionaries will speak during the regular worship hour on Sunday morning at 11 and Sunday night at 7.

The public is invited to participate with us in these special services, said the pastor, Andy Daniels.



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Social Security Tips CHECK YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY RECORD

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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. . . .

Each calendar quarter, the Social Security Administration receives employer reports of earnings showing incorrect social security numbers of employees, according to J.M. Talbot, social security manager. These incorrect reports, in many cases, happen when a girl has married but does not have her name changed on social security records.

Mr. Talbot stated that when a girl marries, she should complete a 'Request for Change in Social Security Record' form. After completing the form and returning it to the social security office with her old card, she will be issued a new social security card with the same number but showing the new name.

If the name and number reported by an employer do not match the name and number on file with the Social Security Administration, the earnings might not get to the proper account. This could result in a later loss of social security benefits or in a smaller benefit being paid.

"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.

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FIRST SEMESTER—Monday, August 23—Tuesday, December 21 (inclusive)
SECOND SEMESTER—Monday, January 3—Wednesday, May 24 (inclusive)

HOLIDAYS
1. Monday, September 6—Labor Day
2. Thursday & Friday, Nov. 25 and 26—Thanksgiving
3. December 22—January 2—Christmas (inclusive)
4. March 30—April 4—Easter (inclusive)

TEACHER WORK DAYS
Student Attendance Not Required

1. August 16—August 20 (inclusive)
2. October 25—TSTA Monday
3. December 22 — Teacher Work Day. Wednesday
4. January 17. Monday
5. March 10. Friday
6. May 25. Thursday
Baccalaureate— Sunday May 21
Graduation— Wednesday, May 24.

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Nov. 30	Miles	A&B	A	H	5:00
Dec. 2-4	Forsan Tourn.	A	A	T	
Dec. 7	Mertzton	A&B	A	H	5:00
Dec. 9-11	Garden City Tour.	A	A	T	
Dec. 16-18	Robt. Lee Tourn.	A	A	T	
Dec. 28	Wall	A&B	A	H	5:00
Dec. 30	Wall	A&B	A	T	5:00
*Jan. 4	Bronte	A&B	A	T	5:00
*Jan. 7	Water Valley	A&B	A	H	5:00
*Jan. 11	Forsan	A&B	A	H	5:00
*Jan. 14	Garden City	A&B	A	T	5:00
*Jan. 18	Blackwell	A&B	A	T	5:00
*Jan. 21	Bronte	A&B	A	H	5:00
*Jan. 25	Water Valley	A&B	A	T	5:00
*Jan. 28	Forsan	A&B	A	T	5:00
*Feb. 1	Garden City	A&B	A	H	5:00
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Concerned citizens, of course, can make significant contributions to cleaning up this national mess. As in Watertown, N. Y., where the initiative of the Environmental Systems Division of St. Regis Paper Company and a local Boy Scout Council is currently leading the way.

Recently, the more than 500 Boy Scouts of Jefferson and Lewis County launched an intensive environmental clean-up campaign to make their community a better place in which to live.

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MAJ. HAL M. KNIGHT To Participate in AF (SAC) Exercise

Blytheville, Ark.—U.S. Air Force Major Hal M. Knight Jr., son of Mrs. H.M. Knight of Sterling City, Texas, has been selected to participate in the Strategic Air Command's (SAC) elite Combat Competition at McCoy AFB, Fla., December 12-27.

Major Knight is a navigator on the KC-135 Stratortanker crew from the 97th Bomb Wing at Blytheville, Ark. He was selected by his commander after careful screening of daily training records, readiness inspections and periodic tests.

Two FB-111, 22B-52 Stratofortress and 30 KC-135 crews from SAC and three Royal Air Force (Great Britain) delta-wing Vulcan bomber crews will compete in the world series of bombing and navigation. The General Dynamics FB-111—SAC's newest bomber—will be making its second appearance in the annual meet.

Each bomber team will fly two scored missions and will be judged on navigation, coupled with simulated bombing from both high and low altitudes. Tanker crews will fly one mission, vying only for navigation honors.

The wing with the highest point total in combined bombing and navigation will win the coveted Fairchild trophy. The Saunders Trophy will go to the tanker team compiling the most points in navigation.

Accuracy of simulated bomb releases will be computed by mobile radar scoring units located along the bomber route. Major Knight, who has completed five months duty in Southeast Asia, has received three awards of the Air Medal. He holds the aeronautical rating of senior navigator.

A 1954 graduate of Sterling High School, he received his B.B.A. degree in 1958 from Texas Technological University where he was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

The major is a member of Delta Sigma Pi. His wife, Dolores, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer W. Hagerty of Odessa.

Food Show Set for December 11

The 4-H County Food Show will be held here at the community center. The show gets underway at 3 p.m. and the public is cordially invited, said Mrs. Larry Miller.

STERLING JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- 11-29—Garden City H 6:30
- 12-2-4 Grape Creek Tournam.
- 12-6—Robert Lee H 6:00
- 12-9—Lakeview (girls) H 6:30
- 1-6—Water Valley H 6:30
- 1-10—Lakeview girls H 6:00
- 1-13—Garden City T 6:30
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I want to thank each and every one that had a part in making my surprise birthday party such a happy occasion for me. I appreciated the thought, the refreshments, and am truly grateful for each gift that I received. It is so nice to be back home and enjoy your visits and fellowship. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 27 day of February, 1970.

The file number of said suit being No. 736.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Medina Castenda as Plaintiff, and Doroteo Castenda as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: to wit: Suit for Divorce.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 9th day of November A.D., 1971.

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Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

Here's an oldie, sho nuff; There was a young woman that I know, Who had the form of Venus de Milo.

And so I hear, she drank great goblets of beer, And now she has the form of a silo.

Now that little jewel came out in the 20's in Whiz Bang, a real way out magazine of its day. It was so way out, it was barred from going through the U.S. mail of that day. And that one was about as bad as I recall ever reading in it.

Course, that one would not go over nowadays. No one remembers just what a silo is — except us older folks. I have not seen one around here since those two on the George McEntire farm place near the river were there.

Guess people around here just dig 'em or store feed in barns or sheds.

8-BALL

Another joke I remember from an old Whiz Bang was — Why, her bath tub is so dirty that even the rings in the tub have rings on them.

It didn't take much for a laugh in those days, did it?

8-BALL

The Christmas town lights were put up this week. The Lions Club repaired some of the worn or broken fixtures and they were put up this week.

8-BALL

Well the Sterling Eagles basketball boys brought home the third place trophy from the Forsan tournament last weekend. Coach Milford Wiley and his boys are to be commended on placing that high this early in the season. It is early for the boys—they have been playing football up till a short time ago.

8-BALL

I only write these eight-ball columns when the news seems short. And seems like I won't have enough copy to fill up the paper. So, I have to draw upon my memory or something close on my mind—in order to fill up the paper. I'm sure there are some items of news that I miss which would be better reading than the eight-ball news, but I just ain't lassoed it.

So, you get the nonsense of eight-ball.

I'd really much rather have news of general interest to print for you. I probably need a reporter, but if I hired one, then, whom, he'd make more money than I do. And that wouldn't be too good.

8-BALL

At least for me.

Christmas is about upon us and it seems somehow funny. No little ones, no middle size ones, or hardly anyone to get excited and stuff. Maybe if I string our Christmas lights out in front of the house and the tree gets put up and decorated — the spirit will start moving me—as the old spiritual goes. Maybe I can put out more feed in the wild bird feeder; feed the cats a little bit better brand of cat food—and string a few lights on the bicycle—and the spirit will pervade.

8-BALL

We never realized that so many people remembered the old, old songs of yesteryear. Not till we wrote about them recently. Then even perfect (almost) strangers seemed to recall 'em too. And some of those people were just too young to remember 'em like me—or from the same era.

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8-BALL

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