

Snooter Knows
By JAMES E. KELLY

IT IS WITH DEEP APPRECIATION that I use a portion of my column this week to again send thanks from the bottom of my heart for the fine tribute paid me in Lubbock Sunday evening when approximately 100 members of the West Texas Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi assembled with their wives at the Caprock Hotel dedicated their program to me. I enjoyed the role of honor guest and also the tributes spoken at the fine affair. Jerry Hall, a former Stantonite made the presentation talk when the chapter awarded me a plaque with this inscription: "To James E. Kelly, for meritorious service to journalism."

I had the privilege of seeing many old friends again, and made some new acquaintances. Jerry Hall's fine and charming wife, Mary, was present, and I enjoyed my visit with her. The Halls have two children. Jerry is vice president of the Sigma Delta Chi chapter. Among other old friends present were Tanner Lane, formerly of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Van Zandt of Seagraves, Forest Lamb of Muleshoe, C. E. Ratliff of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, and of course, my sidekicks, Jimmy Allison, Jr., Midland Reporter-Telegram, and Neal Estes of Stanton. Allison made the principal speech. Jerry Hall presented the plaque, and Neal passed along some historical data and served up a generous helping of jokes and incidents concerning early day experiences of the author of this column along with a sprinkling of stories from his early

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The Stanton Reporter

FINEST CLIMATE ON EARTH, WHERE HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY AWAIT THE HOMESEKER

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Oil Strike Reported In County

Carolyn Kelly Named County Rodeo Queen

Carolyn Kelly has been selected to serve as Martin County Rodeo Queen at the Sandhills Hereford and Quarterhorse Show rodeo January 4-9 in Odessa.

Miss Kelly, who is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelly, is a sophomore student at Stanton High School. Last summer she represented the county at the Big Spring rodeo.

Miss Kelly will ride in the downtown parade on January 4. She will be presented and recognized at Eastern Basin Day at the rodeo on January 7.

On January 8 she will compete for rodeo queen with representatives of other counties. The queen will be recognized in the last performance.

The Martin County Rodeo Queen is sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

SHS Students To Have Xmas Program Friday

Stanton High School students will hold a Christmas program and party Friday afternoon at the high school gymnasium.

The program will begin at 1:40 p. m. Gifts will be exchanged from a Christmas tree.

During the week a classroom door decoration contest was sponsored by the student council. Winner of the contest will be announced at the Christmas program.

Judges were Mrs. Cliff Hazlewood, Mrs. G. R. Phillips and Mrs. Arthur Wilson.

Prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$1 will be awarded.

The council is also sponsoring a white Christmas party. Students are collecting toys and food to be distributed.

Local Merchants Announce Plans For Xmas Closing

Martin County residents are busy this week with last minute preparations for Christmas.

Various clubs and organizations have been holding parties or have made plans to do so during the next week.

Churches are planning special Christmas services and have been holding Christmas parties for the various classes.

Courthouse employees have made plans to begin their Christmas holidays at noon Christmas Eve. They will return to work December 28. The library will be closed on Saturday.

Postal employees will have Christmas Day as a holiday. The post office windows will be closed and there will be no rural mail delivery. Mail will be boxed as usual.

Several merchants have decided to be closed two days for Christmas—Christmas day and December 26, while some plan to also be closed earlier in the week.

Plans call for the city hall to be closed at noon Christmas Eve. It is to be closed until Monday, December 28.

Stanton and Courtney schools will dismiss for the holidays Friday. Flower Grove and Grady Schools are to dismiss Wednesday, December 23.

The bank is to observe two days for Christmas. It will be closed on Christmas Day and Saturday, December 26.

Big Spring Man Named 118th Judge

Ralph W. Caton, 35, Big Spring attorney, was appointed Friday by Gov. Price Daniel to replace Charles Sullivan as 118th Judicial District Court judge, effective Jan. 1.

Judge Sullivan's resignation is effective on that date.

Caton had been endorsed by the Howard County Bar Assn., which recommended his appointment to the governor. His term will run from Jan. 1 until the November general election.

A former Martin County attorney, he was born in Wichita Falls and is a graduate of Waco High School. At the age of 17, he entered the Navy and served in the South Pacific until 1946. In 1949 he graduated from Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene and received his law degree from Baylor University in 1951.

He moved to Stanton in 1951 where he practiced law and served as justice of the peace and county attorney. Last March he moved to Big Spring where he joined the Walton S. Morrison law firm.

Martin Farmers Vote Allotments By Large Margin

Martin County cotton farmers voted in favor of cotton acreage allotments and controls by a big majority Tuesday in the national referendum.

George Glynn, Martin County ASC office manager, said there were 173 votes cast in the county. Of this 153 were for controls and only 20 were against.

Cotton farmers in five communities of the county turned out to vote. A breakdown of how the communities voted follows: A Community, 67 for, two against; B Community, 21 for, 12 against; C Community, 28 for, three against; D Community, nine for, two against; E Community, 28 for, one against.

Prospect Good For Multipay In Fusselman

County Schools Schedule Xmas Holiday Period

Stanton and Courtney schools will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 18, while Grady and Flower Grove schools will not be turned out until Wednesday, December 23.

Stanton High School and Elementary School students are to be dismissed at 2:10 p. m. Friday. Before they are dismissed they are to hold parties. Courtney students are to also be dismissed on Friday afternoon.

Flower Grove and Grady School students will be turned out early the afternoon of December 23, after parties and other pre-Christmas treats.

All students are scheduled to return to classes on January 4.

By JAMES C. WATSON

Great Western Drilling Company of Midland No. 1 Leonard M. Allen, South Martin County wildcat, found oil on a drillstem test in the Fusselman. It is nine miles northwest of Stanton.

Open three hours, the test covered the interval from 11,743 to 11,785 feet. Recovery was 6,376 feet of gas in drill pipe, 1,860 feet of 41.4-gravity oil, 465 feet of oil, gas, mud and emulsion, which was mostly oil, and no formation water.

A core was cut from 11,785 to 11,791 feet. The recovery was six feet of slightly fractured dolomite with oil on the fracture. Another core was being cut below 11,791 feet.

Location is 660 feet from south and 1,860 feet from east lines of section 41, block 27, T-3-N, T&P survey. This exploration already has shown possible discovery production in the Grayburg at 4,326-4,330 feet; in the Spraberry at 2,256-2,342 feet; and at 8,549-8,745 feet, and in the Strawn between 16,354-16,400 feet.

The Devonian also developed slight shows of gas and oil in core between 11,361-11,408 feet.

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Journalists Honor Jim Kelly

James E. Kelly, 85, editor of The Stanton Reporter since 1929, Sunday was honored in Lubbock as Texas' oldest active newspaperman.

The Stanton editor was presented a plaque by members of the West Texas Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, at a banquet held in his honor.

Jerry Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall of Stanton, made formal presentation of the plaque. Hall is with the news department of The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and is vice president of the Sigma Delta Chi chapter. He began his newspaper career, however, as a printer's devil under the guidance of Kelly.

Olin Brewer, editor of The Lev-

elland Daily News-Sun and president of the Sigma Delta Chi chapter, presided. Joe Riordan was master of ceremonies.

Neal Estes, general manager of The Stanton Reporter, in addressing the banquet, told much of the history of Kelly's early days in Kansas and the Oklahoma territory. Jim Allison, Jr., vice president of The Midland Reporter-Telegram, described Kelly's stature and influence as a weekly publisher and editor in Stanton since 1929.

The Stanton newspaperman was born July 23, 1874, in Winfield, Kan. He entered the newspaper business at an early age, learning the first tools of his trade with his father's

newspaper, then taking a job with The Daily Oklahoman at Oklahoma City.

Kelly started and sold several newspapers in the Oklahoma territory, staying ahead of railroad construction and selling out when the tracks were laid through his town.

Kelly married the former Cora Matlock of Quannah and the couple purchased The Stanton Reporter in 1929. Kelly sold the property to the Permian Basin Publishing Company in 1951, but has remained as editor since that time. Mrs. Kelly died in 1956.

Kelly has two grandchildren, Jim Moore and Francelle Moore, both of Midland.

Postal Patrons Urged To Mail Packages Now

"The time has passed to talk about 'Mailing Early for Christmas,'" Postmaster Leta B. Eldson said this week. "But our patrons can still help the Postal Service avoid a tremendous last-minute pile-up of Christmas mail by sending all packages and cards right now!"

To the inevitable last-minute mailers she suggests that Air Mail postage be used on all gifts and cards to distant cities.

The Postmaster said that Regional Postal officials were expecting the Christmas mail volume this year to break all previous records. And this mail load is expected to hit its peak next week.

She cautioned local post office patrons to make sure that all packages are addressed carefully and that zone numbers are included on mail going to large cities with zoned delivery.

"There is still time to mail cards for local delivery," Mrs. Eldson said, "but they should all be in the mail by the end of this week."

She recommended that cards going out of town be sent by first class mail (4c postage) in order that they may be returned or forwarded in case the addressee has moved. And she pointed out that it is quite proper to affix your return address on Christmas cards.

The Stanton Post Office offers window service from 8:30 a. m. until 5:00 p. m.

Scout Leaders Attend Lone Star Banquet

Stanton Scout leaders were in Big Spring Thursday night to attend the Lone Star District Scout banquet.

Col. Homer Garrison, one of the Nation's leading law enforcement authorities and director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, was the guest speaker.

In addition to his activities in the field of law enforcement and criminology, Col. Garrison has been a leader in constructive youth work. A holder of the Silver Beaver award (highest on a council basis to a layman) he has headed the Capitol Boy Scout Council.

The banquet was held at the Cosden Country Club.

New district officers, headed by R. L. Tollett, president, were introduced. Sam Anderson, chairman of the organization and extension committee, presented unit leaders with awards. Jack Alexander gave the welcome and Tollett gave the response.

License Tags Received By Tax Collector

New license plates for 1960 have been received by the Martin County Tax Office. Dan Saunders, tax assessor-collector said this week.

The numbers are white on a black background. Numbers assigned to Martin County this year run from CN 9590 to CN 9999 and from CP 10 to CP 2424. Tags go on sale February 1.

Saunders said today there will be no special numbers reserved for anyone this year. He said, "In the past the tax collector has reserved special numbers for people when they made the request. However it causes a lot of confusion and extra bookkeeping and invariably causes some hard feeling because two or three people want the same tag. The deputies in the tax office get busy and sell a special tag and then the party that it is being held for is mad so we just decided to stop the whole business and let 'first come, first served' apply."

"This year the tax office will require that everybody bring their titles with them when registering their vehicles. The State Highway Department is requiring that each registration receipt show the title number of the vehicle being registered or a title application number issued within the past 30 days immediately prior to the registration date. Saunders said his office would have to go strictly by the States' instructions as far as the registration law was concerned.

Saunders Seeks Extradition Of Donald Northcott

Sheriff Dan Saunders was in Wewoka, Okla. on Monday of this week for an extradition hearing on Donald Holmes Northcott, 27, who with six other Oklahomans are charged with burglarizing the J & L Grocery at Tarzan and the D & D Grocery on the Andrews highway. Northcott is charged along with a 16-year-old girl with burglarizing the Tarzan Grocery twice.

When Northcott was picked up in Oklahoma on the warrant from Stanton it was the initial step in clearing up 23 burglaries and two murders. Five defendants have already been sentenced to the Oklahoma state penitentiary for offenses there with a hold on them from Martin County. A sixth defendant is being tried for murdering a 15-year-old girl and the State is asking the death penalty. A story of the murder is in the January issue of Front Page detective. The story is entitled "She Wouldn't Cop Out On Me."

December 18 Deadline For Writing USDA

George Glynn has advised the newspaper that the deadline for writing the Director of the Community Stabilization Service, USDA concerning the proposed change in planting allotments is December 18.

Glynn has submitted the following statement from a bulletin received by his office from Washington concerning the proposed plan:

"When an allotment row crop is interplanted with either another allotment row crop or another row crop or is planted in a strip-crop or skip-row pattern with idle land, fallow land, other crops, or any combination thereof, the acreage of the allotment row crop for which the determination is being made shall be the acreage of the entire interplanted, strip-cropped, or skip-rowed area. Provided, however, that for areas in which the allotment row crop is planted in a strip-crop or skip-row pattern and the strips of the allotment row crop are eight or more rows of the crop in width, the acreage of such allotment crop shall be the acreage in the area devoted to that crop."

Anyone who wishes to write the director of the Community Stabilization Service concerning the proposed change should address the letter to Director, Performance Division, Community Stabilization Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

111 PERSONS MAY DIE VIOLENTLY

DPS Releases Traffic Death Predictions For Xmas Season

One-hundred and eleven persons will die violently in Texas traffic accidents during the forthcoming Christmas-New Year holiday if predictions released today by the Texas Department of Public Safety hold true.

The ominous forecast came from Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Department of Public Safety, for a 12 day period extending from 12:01 a. m. Dec. 23, through 11:59 p. m. Jan. 3.

The 111 predicted motoricides are included in an estimate made by Department Statistician N. K. Woerner, which indicates that 200 per-

sons will die in violence during the period. The breakdown is as follows: Motoricides 111; homicides and suicides 47; accidental deaths non-traffic 42; grand total 200.

Colonel Garrison named several reasons for the prediction that this year's holiday period will be one of the most deadly for Texas motorists in several years.

"This Christmas-New Year's holiday is expected to be one of the most dangerous for drivers that we have experienced for some time. Not only is the holiday period longer in the number of days it covers, but

this has been a prosperous year for drivers and more cars are on the road.

"This year's accident rate is running considerably ahead of that of last year and we can naturally expect this trend to carry throughout the holidays. One other factor adds to our dim forecast. Both Christmas Day and New Year's day fall on Friday, making two extra long weekends with the holiday period.

"The best I can say is that I hope we are wrong. We can be wrong if Texas motorists will take common precautions in driving."

4-H Clubbers To Have Entries In Odessa Show

Martin County 4-H Clubbers have made plans to enter steers and lambs in the Sandhills Hereford and Quarterhorse Show January 3-9 in Odessa.

Weems Williams and Tommy Bulard are to enter two steers each.

Those who plan to enter lambs are Ben Mott, Jean Mott, Smitty Smith, Terry Franklin, Randy Huckaby, Kathy Hazlewood, Lonnie Green, Craig Beckmeyer, and Steve Springer. They are to enter fine wool fat lambs.

The lamb show is to be January 4 and the steer show will be on Thursday, January 7. The auction is on Saturday, January 9.

Library To Be Closed On Dec. 26

The Martin County Library will be closed on Saturday, December 26 in observance of Christmas.

Carrie Alvis, librarian, said this week that the library would be open on Wednesday, December 23, but that it will be closed on Saturday, December 26.

The library is usually open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Junior Livestock Show Slated For January 15

Dates and rules for the Martin County 4-H Club and FFA Livestock Show were set at a meeting of the agriculture committee of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce Monday night in the Chamber of Commerce office.

The show is to be held Friday and Saturday, January 15-16.

Trophies and ribbons have been received and are now on display in the Chamber of Commerce office.

The animals are to be brought in between 3 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. on Friday, January 15. Judging is to begin promptly at 8 a. m. on Saturday, January 16. The auction will be held Saturday afternoon.

A large number of entries is expected in the show. Bob Johnson, county agent said. Between 60 to 70 lambs are expected to be entered, from 40 to 50 hogs and about 20 steers are expected to be entered.

There are to be three classes of lambs—Southdown, and Southdown

County Offices To Close December 24

County employees are to have a long Christmas weekend.

Offices in the courthouse are to close at noon on Thursday, December 24. They will remain closed until Monday morning, December 28.

O. E. (El) Saunders is a patient in the V. A. Hospital in Big Spring.

Reporter Gives Christmas Gift To Subscribers

The Stanton Reporter is delivering a Christmas gift early this year for all subscribers and readers.

Look at the type style on page six and compare with the type style on the other pages in this issue.

The difference will be easily comprehended.

At a substantial cost, the newspaper has added an elite type, Corona, and the old eight point has surrendered to the new nine point format.

Reason for the change is understandable.

Readers of The Stanton Reporter are entitled to the best, and there is no better time than at the holiday period to present them with a readable, personable, condensed type style.

We know our elderly subscribers are going to like it, for it means smooth reading ahead. The type body is clear and bold, and we hope our subscribers enjoy it.

It is fitting and appropriate that The Stanton Reporter, winner of two first places and one second place in West Texas Press general excellence competition, send a dividend to the people who support the publication with this new type addition at Christmastime.

Lonnie Pierce Home On Leave From U. S. Navy

FTASN Lonnie Dee Pierce, who is stationed in California with the U. S. Navy, arrived Sunday to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford (Continued on page 8)

Elementary Teams To Play Elbow

Stanton Elementary basketball teams will meet Elbow Thursday night at the elementary school gymnasium.

Both the boys and girls will play. Game time is 7 p. m.

8 Shopping Days Til Christmas

8 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

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Philosopher Advises Rest Of World Not To Hold Back On Account Of Him And Mongolia

Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his Martin County grass farm on Mustang Draw discusses a deep subject this week, but not too profoundly.

Dear editor:

One of the reporters following President Eisenhower on his tour of the world has wired back that a leader in one of the more backward, or to be more diplomatic, less forward countries pointed out to him that "as long as one spot on earth is undeveloped, the rest of the world is held back that much."

I'm convinced that all right, but is the rest of the world?

For example, take my Martin County grass farm out here. Regardless of how you stretch the truth, you can't stretch it far enough to cover the fact this place is undeveloped, yet I've been watching the rest of the world, from my nearby neighbors on out in all directions, and if any of them are being held back by me, I can't tell it.

I can't understand it, but some people have a tendency to ignore this basic law and forge on ahead, little aware that I can prove it to them in writing that they're being held back by me, Afghanistan, Mongolia, the African jungles, the frost-bitten North Pole, and several people whose names I won't call and

you wouldn't publish if I did. Understand, I don't blame them. I don't mind saying, if the rest of the world is looking back over its shoulder wondering when I'm going to catch up and free it to move forward, it can stop looking. I don't intend to budge.

If disaster is going to hit the world, as a lot of leaders are fearing, I can't see any difference in sitting still and waiting for it than in rushing forward and meeting it, except that the former is easier, less expensive, and you can do it sitting by a warm fire.

However to tell the truth, I don't really think disaster is going to hit, at least not in my lifetime. Man is pretty smart, all right, lots of times his guided missiles shoot straight, but not having created himself, I doubt if he can eliminate himself altogether.

When that foreign leader claims that as long as one spot on earth is undeveloped, the rest of the world is held back that much, I understand what he's getting at, but I doubt if Washington can afford it.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clements visited Sunday in Midkiff with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Currie of Midland and Donna and Nancy Currie of Paducah visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stovall.



TELEPHONE TALK

by Cliff Fisher, Manager

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

When I was in Stanton the other day I noticed your Christmas decorations and I must say they look very nice. I think the courthouse lighting and the Nativity Scene are the best you have ever had. I don't think a word of congratulations to all the folks who helped make this possible would be amiss at this time. They all deserve a lot of credit for the time and effort spent on this worthy project and a special word of thanks to those who helped finance it.

Announce Your Gift With a Miniature Phone

I was walking down St. Peter Street the other day, looking at all the nice things our Stanton businessmen have on display for Christmas in their store windows, and just about everything I saw would make a mighty fine gift for somebody.

But I guess that's where the Christmas shopping problem comes in—picking the right gift for the right person.

If you're stumped about what to give, I know a gift that's always right—right for Christmas, right the year 'round. It's an extension telephone in color. A color phone beautifies the home and is a faithful servant in the kitchen, the bedroom, the den—wherever it's needed most.

Now, here's real news. When you order one as a gift—for your wife, your teenagers, a relative or a friend—we'll send you a miniature color phone absolutely free. Packed in a colorful box and ready to be placed under the Christmas tree, it's a wonderful way to announce to that lucky person that a color telephone is on its way.

Call the telephone company today to order an extension telephone in color, and get that miniature phone while the supply lasts.

Holiday Greetings

I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of us here at the telephone company, to extend our very best wishes to you for a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

Call by number. It's twice as fast.

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FARM & RANCH REVIEW

A group of West Texas ranchers have organized the Texas Experimental Ranch project. It is well underway on 11 sections, seven thousand acres of the SMS Throckmorton county ranch.

The over-all program is under the supervision of the Spur sub-station of the Texas Experiment Station.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has allocated \$25,000 a year for the estimated expenses of personal feed and upkeep. The Swanson Land and Cattle Co., Stamford, is furnishing the land and 50 head of its top, two-year-old purebred Hereford heifers, with calves at side.

Cross fences dividing the 11 sections into 15 pastures comparable in soil and plant types, productivity and other natural characteristics have been constructed.

Last week several areas in West

Texas reported they were visited by "thunder showers." Showers that visited sections of Martin County were minus any noise of thunder. The showers were light and the rain drops came down very quiet-like. Their moisture content penetrated no further than wetting the roof of the soil.

Nevertheless, the farmers and ranchers of this section are for some good rains.

The U. S. Agricultural Department in its final estimate, of the 1959 cotton crop, announces Texas produced 4,500,000 bales of cotton.

The Texas crop last year was 4,308,000 bales. Already the state has garnered 4,062,673 bales compared to 3,727,271 last year.

Texas' harvest came on 6,415,000 acres yielding an average of 337 pounds. The national acreage was

15,164,000 and the average yield per acre was 465 pounds nationally.

The crop this year will be ample with a carryover and reserve of 8,900,000 bales. Nearly all this is stored under the government farm loan program.

The Census Bureau said 13,402,874 bales had been ginned before Dec. 1 compared to 10,214,969 at the same time last year.

The nation's livestock farmers are pouring an increasing number of cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs into slaughter markets to fill meat counters of customers.

Due to this increased shipment of livestock a reduction in price has followed. The marketing service of the Agricultural Department announced the sale of hogs for slaughter last week was the largest since the week of December, 1956.

Fifteen Years Ago

M. R. Anderson, son of John Anderson of Ackerly, has purchased the John Pinkston filling station.

Ben Carpenter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carpenter of Stanton, writes his parents he has been promoted to Seaman First Class. He is stationed on the Hawaiian Island with a construction battalion.

J. D. Poe and Bernard Houston are home in Stanton from their Naval base in California. Bernard has been prowling around on the high seas on a U. S. battleship, and Poe is still in training.

Marshall Formby, former State Senator from this district, who in civilian life makes his home in Plainview, where he owns a newspaper, writes The Reporter editor a postcard bearing the picture of the Eiffel Tower in London. He is a lieutenant and is serving in the Headquarters Company of the U. S. Army. He says on the postcard, "How are all my Martin County friends? Best wishes to all of you. I think of you

often."

Cliff Hazlewood has just returned from a trip to the Rio Grande Valley and a "skip" across the border into Mexico. It was his first visit to that garden spot of Texas. Cliff has just bought the farm of Mrs. Hattie Berry, located half mile west of Lenora. Mrs. Berry lives at Westbrook.

From Edgewood Arensal, Md., comes this information to The Stanton Reporter: Millard M. Hall of Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall, is scheduled to become Second Lieutenant at the graduation exercises of the Chemical Warfare Service Officer Candidate School.

He was chosen from the ranks for this training by his superior officers because of his excellence in military record, education, and character.

Corp. James H. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones of Tarzan, is in a Navy hospital at Long Beach, Calif., recovering from wounds he received in action at Guam. Jones entered the service in June, 1944.

Bible Comment

Need Is Great For Christian Life

Now, as never before, do we need the Guidance of Scripture to a Christian way of life.

The Christian way of life is defined, in Matthew, Mark and Luke, explicitly, and in the whole New Testament generally, in the two great commandments of love to God and love to man: to love God with all the heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love one's neighbor as one's self.

It ought to be noted that this is not the Christian way alone; it is the highest teaching of Judaism, as one may see by turning to Deuteronomy. And in the Shema, the verses from that chapter containing the great commandment were a part of

the worship in the synagogue every Sabbath.

Jesus did not invent these commandments, or the Christian way of life. He asked His questioners what was written in the law; how did he read it?

And when the questioner replied to the words of the two commandments, Jesus approved.

"This do," said He, "and thou shalt live." He had come, He said, not to destroy but to fulfill.

It is by obedience to God's constitution of the universe—the Ten commandments—that we may hope to aspire to a truly Christian way of life.

PERSONALS

Sam Cox was in Big Spring Saturday to attend the Hereford sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cox visited Tuesday, December 8 in Lamesa with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox visited Friday in Lubbock.

Weekend guests with Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Kirby were Dr. and Mrs. J. Edmund Kirby of Childress and his mother, Mrs. J. M. Kirby of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of Plains visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fisher visited last week in Littlefield with Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Fisher and family and in Welch with Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Fisher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stone and children of Midland visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coggin.

Mrs. C. E. Coggin has returned home from Lubbock where she underwent medical treatment.

Pastimes In Sports

By Clayton Burnam



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WEST TEXAS PRESS COMMENTS

The Menard Messenger published a 5-column eight-page supplement folded in the regular 7-column edition of the Messenger. The front page of the supplement carried a design of Santa Claus and Christmas Parade of Values and the type line, "Shop Menard Stores First!" In interior pages of the supplement appears numerous Christmas advertisements of Menard merchants.

Eden High School will suit its band members out in new uniforms for the 1960 school session. Forty suits have been ordered. The Eden Echo says, and already the contribution to a fund to pay for the uniforms has reached over \$1900 to apply on the \$2,500 amount needed.

Taking inventory of the blacktail deer hunting season which closed last week the Alpine Avalanche reports it most successful in the Big Bend Davis Mountain area. Alpine merchants said their business had increased substantially, the Avalanche said.

Mayor of the City of McCamey has issued a proclamation placing the City under a state of emergency for

Traffic Death Toll Is Higher Than In 1958

Fatalities in the 24 county Midland Highway Patrol District during the first 11 months of 1959 have risen a fantastic 45 deaths over the same months of last year.

This was revealed with the issuance of the November traffic accident summary by Captain Ray B. Butler, District Commander.

Last year, a total of 96 persons died on roads and highways in the district from January through November, but this year the total has climbed to 131 deaths. The November report showed a total of 16 fatalities in the district — with Pecos County leading the list with five persons killed during the month.

Martin and Reeves Counties both had two persons killed, and in Reeves County a total of 22 other persons were injured. Eleven persons were injured in Pecos County.

Totals for the month in the district pointed out there were 12 fatal accidents, 41 personal injury accidents, 115 property damage accidents, for a total of 168 accidents. There were 78 persons injured.

Property damage during the month totaled \$190,239.00, with Culberson County leading the individual county list with a total of \$32,559.00. Pecos County had \$30,909.00 in damages. Neither Loving or Glasscock Counties chalked up a traffic mishap during November.

"With the Christmas-New Year facing us, and the traffic toll that goes with it, we are faced with a grim picture trafficwise," Butler concluded.

Leo Turner has been in Lakeside, Arizona.

The McCamey News reports 15 McCameyites taking shots. As a result of the positive results of a pet puppy in a local family, 15 citizens are now taking rabies treatment, the News said. All dogs running loose during the emergency are to be impounded.

Graham has set a record which few cities its size can boast, says the Graham Leader. The city has 45.2 miles of paved streets, leaving only 3.4 miles within the city to be paved.

Jean Wade, in her column, "Just Conversation," appearing weekly in The Jayton Chronicle, says: "It took a great deal of imagination and some pretty nifty ladder work, but ye ole mulberry tree in the square has been transformed into a most attractive Christmas tree." She continues, "though it is not the traditional pointed evergreen variety, the tree lends its own design to the beauty of colored lights and the effect is original and lovely."

Last week the Jayton Chronicle published its first candidate announcement for the 1960 election year. The candidate is seeking the office of county commissioner of Kent County.

A \$227,700 contract has been awarded a Sweetwater lumber company to build a 24-unit low-rent building project in Merkel. The Merkel Mail announces construction work is expected to begin in 30 days.

The program is designed to provide decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families on the lowest income groups with rent based on the family income and not on the size of the quarters desired.

In its lead news story on the front page, The Post Dispatch, captioned it with the headline, "Thieves Steal Officers' Guns, Bust Into Sheriff's Office." The break-in at the sheriff's office netted the thieves loaded pistols of the sheriff, city marshal and constable, according to the Dispatch. Also, pistols were stolen from the front seats of the law enforcement officers' automobiles in the parking lots at the courthouse in daylight about 4 p. m.

The Round-Up, Andrews High School newspaper, won first place at the Texas High School Press Association, held last week on the campus of Texas Woman's College, Denton. The award was given for the school paper published by a high school with an enrollment below 500. Mary Evelyn Gayle is editor of the Round-Up.

George Baker, owner and publisher of the Fort Stockton Pioneer, was a member of a group from his home town who represented Pecos County at the Governor's conference for children and youth at Austin. In his "Baker's 13 Dozen" column, he made this mention of the convention:

"Most were agreed that young people need the security of a home, the affection of adults, a consistent discipline at home, and in school, and a better chance to obtain and hold constructive work. It was especially gratifying to me that that not only our small group, but several hundred others joined in adopting a suggestion that present labor laws be modified to permit ambitious young people to work in many jobs now forbidden under wage and hour law."

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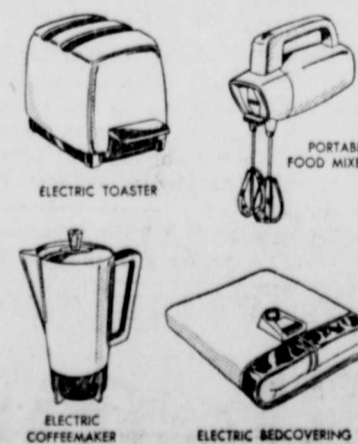
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Christmas Services in the Churches

FIRST BAPTIST

Members of the Baptist Young People's Training Union will present a Christmas program, "Unto Us A Child Is Born" at 6:30 p. m. Sunday, December 20 at the First Baptist Church.

The pageant is to be directed by Mrs. John Priddy. It was written by Mrs. Priddy and Carl Wright, and is to be presented in four scenes. Narrators are to be Mona Epley and Carl Wright.

Scenes will be the shepherds, and wisemen, the nativity scene and

the cross.

Joyce Anderson is the soloist. She will sing "O Holy Night," "The Holy City" and "Star of the East." Also taking part will be the junior choir and the women's sextette.

Immediately after the pageant, beginning at 7:30 p. m. will be a cantata.

A Christmas cantata will be presented at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening, December 20.

"The Bethlehem Star" is the name of the program, which will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Ernest Hock will direct the choir. Organist will be Mrs. Ernest Hock. The community has been invited to attend.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Members of the Stanton Church of Christ and the Belvue Church of Christ are not planning special services. Regular services are to be held on Sunday and Wednesday as usual, however.

TARZAN BAPTIST

Tarzan Baptist Church will hold a

special Christmas service Monday evening, December 21 at the church.

The service will begin at 7 p. m. On the program will be Christmas music, and several readings by children. Rev. M. O. Southerland, pastor, will bring a Christmas message.

After the program fruits and nuts will be distributed from a Christmas tree. Refreshments will then be served. Santa Claus will visit the group.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC

Special Christmas services will be

held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. On Christmas Eve midnight mass will be held. This is an annual observance at the church.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

The Assembly of God Church also has made plans for a Christmas program and party.

The program will be held Wednesday, December 23 at the church. It will begin at 7:30 p. m. A Christmas tree will also be held.

LENORAH BAPTIST

A Christmas pageant will be presented Sunday, December 20 at the Lenorah Baptist Church.

"The Christmas Angel" will be the name of the program, which begins at 7 p. m.

In charge of the program are J. T. Springer, Mrs. Jimmy Sawyer and Mrs. James Bullard.

Thirty-six persons will take part in the program. The public has been invited to attend.

FIRST METHODIST

Members of the First Methodist

Church choir will present a cantata, "The Herald Angels Sing" Sunday evening, December 20 at the church.

The program will begin at 7 p. m. Mrs. John Wood will direct the group. Organist will be Mrs. James Jones.

Featured singers will be James Biggs, Mrs. Bob Haislip, Kay Bryan and Elma Nichols.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

A special Christmas cantata will

be presented at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Sunday evening, December 20 at the church.

"The Child Christ" will be the theme of the program, which begins at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Hubert Bratcher of Big Spring will direct the group.

A Christmas party for the children will be held after the cantata in the church annex.

Visitors during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Howard were William T. Howard of Orange, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. John Holt of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Notgrass of Odessa.

Cliff Hazlewood, Sr. and J. C. Sale have been in Kansas City and Wichita Falls on business.

When a white snip on a horse's face increases in size to include part of the lower lip, it is called a "chin spot."

Xmas Program Presented By SHS Students

Stanton High School students presented a Christmas pageant for the community at 8 p. m. Wednesday, December 16 at the elementary school gymnasium.

Taking part in the program were members of the speech department, the band and the choir.

Students from the speech department, under the direction of Jack Scannell, portrayed the nativity scene. Carl Wright served as narrator and presented different scripture concerning the birth of Christ.

Those taking part were Don Pollock, as Joseph, Estelle Wyatt, Mary, Weems Williams, Gabriel, Alton Robertson, Bobby Kelly and Wayne Thompson, the three kings; Royce Boyce, Veronica Sorley and Becky Smith, shepherds.

Jack Gray, band director, directed the band. It played "O Come All Ye Faithful," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Away in the Manger," "We Three Kings," "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World."

The choir, directed by Mrs. John Wood sang "Gloria In Excelsis," "Fairest Lord Jesus," "Sleep Little Baby Jesus," and "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones." It was accompanied by Ila Mae Gray.

Brenda Bryant and Carol Nichols sang "As Joseph Was A-Walking," Joyce Anderson, Gracie Welch, Cheryl McArthur and Marga Warrington sang "O Holy Night."

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mirns and Sandra of Andrews visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Mims.

Xmas Shopping Good Following Santa Trip Here

The Christmas shopping season got off to a good start Saturday with the visit of Santa to Stanton.

Santa Claus made his annual pre-Christmas visit to Stanton Saturday morning. He arrived on time and found a large crowd of Martin County boys and girls waiting on the courthouse lawn.

During his visit Jaycees helped him distribute bags of candy and fruit in the courthouse.

Children talked with Santa and told him what they wanted for Christmas.

Mrs. Morris Speaks To Grady P-TA

Mrs. J. W. Morris of Kermit was guest speaker at a meeting of the Grady Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday evening at Grady School lunchroom.

Mrs. Morris, who was introduced by L. M. Hearn, spoke on "Remedial Reading." A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. O. Robertson, president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Grover Springer gave the invocation. Christmas refreshments were served to 20 members.

The next meeting will be January 19.

Melinda and Doug Kenemer of Arlington are visiting here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamilton. They will be here until Christmas.

Coach Dauphin Speaks To Local Lions

Harlin Dauphin, Stanton High School coach, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Stanton Lions Club Tuesday at Belvue Restaurant.

Dauphin, who was introduced by Jimmy Stallings, spoke on "Stanton High School Activities."

F. O. Rhodes led the song service. Mrs. John Wood was at the piano. The invocation was given by W. H. Kirby.

During a business session members voted to honor a student from Stanton High School each month as "Student of the Month" and invite that student to a meeting of the club.

It was decided to not meet again until January 5.

Twenty-three members were present.

Courtney Club Party Held In Pittman Home

Mrs. Albert Pittman was hostess to a Christmas party for the Courtney Home Demonstration Club Wednesday, December 9 at her home.

Games were played. In charge was Mrs. Chalmers Wren. Gifts were exchanged from a gaily lighted Christmas tree.

Refreshments of cheese crackers, cookies, fruit cake and cranberry punch were served.

Present were Ima Kelly and Mesdames J. P. Stroud, E. W. Holcombe, Joe Stewart, Earl Douglas, Fred Alexander, Max Graham, Ohmer Kelly, Walter Kelly, Willie Hull, Chalmers Wren, and the hostess.

Rites For Gerald Renfro Held In Merkel

Funeral rites for Gerald (Chick) Renfro, 31, of Odessa and formerly of Stanton were held Tuesday in the First Baptist Church, Merkel. Services were also held in Odessa.

Mr. Renfro, who was an electric company lineman, was a cousin to J. D. Renfro of Stanton. He was born July 23, 1928 in Merkel. He was married November 2, 1951, in Stanton. In 1952 the couple moved to Odessa from Stanton.

Mr. Renfro was found asphyxiated in his home following a flash fire early Saturday in his home.

Survivors include the widow; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro of Merkel; a brother, E. D. Renfro and two sisters, Mrs. Joyce Clark of Sweetwater and Mrs. Gwendolyn Tiede of Spokane, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Renfro attended the services.

Mrs. Hutchins Dies In Loraine

Mrs. G. A. Hutchins, 73, of Loraine and formerly of Stanton, died Wednesday, December 9 in Loraine hospital after a short illness.

Funeral rites were held Thursday in the First Methodist Church, Loraine. Rev. Merriell Abbott, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Loraine Cemetery.

Born January 18, 1886, she married George A. Hutchins in September, 1903. Immediately after their marriage, the couple made their home in Stanton. They moved back to Loraine in 1917 where Mr. Hutchins was a partner in Hutchins and Hall Drug Store. He died in 1950.

Mrs. Hutchins was a member of the Loraine First Methodist Church and of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Benton Templeton of Houston; one son, Stanton Hutchins of Loraine; two brothers, C. B. Jones of Lenorah and Paul K. Jones of Stanton; five sisters, Mrs. Jettie Stewart of El Paso, Mrs. C. C. Coffee of Big Spring, Mrs. K. S. Boone and Mrs. C. E. Willingham, both of Midland, and Mrs. W. A. Franklin, Sr. of Wichita Falls; one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.

James V. Arp Takes Part In Airborne Exercise

Army Pfc. James V. Arp, Jr., recently participated with the 101st Airborne Division's 17th Cavalry in the largest airborne exercise ever conducted in California.

The operation included an air-drop of personnel, equipment, food and supplies over Beal Air Force Base, Calif. The 101st, a major Strategic Army Corps unit, constantly maintains an immediate readiness force of airborne deployment to any area in the world.

The 23-year-old soldier is the son of Mrs. Louise Arp of Stanton. His wife, Sue, resides in Midland.

Arp, regularly assigned as a jeep driver in the cavalry's Troop B at Fort Campbell, Ky., entered the Army in August, 1958, and received basic training at Camp Carson, Colorado.

Methodist Group To Sing For Local Shut-ins

Methodist children will make their annual Christmas visit to shut-ins in Stanton Sunday afternoon.

Members of the Children's Department will visit various homes and sing Christmas carols. They will begin the tour at 3 p. m.

Singing of Christmas songs for Christmas has become a tradition with Methodist children here.

Mary Ann Workman of Rankin is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. David Workman and family.

Mrs. Ida Blankenship of Floral, Ark. and Mrs. Violet Reed of Little Rock, Ark. have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Angel.

STANTONITES GO DEER HUNTING

A group of Stanton men went hunting Sunday at Ozona and returned home with one deer.

Making the trip were Dwan Henson, Billy Coggin, Juil Reid, Clayton Reynolds, and Wellan Atchison.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beavers of Denver City visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Cross.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Matthews have been visiting this week in Andrews with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mims and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tippit and Tony of Odessa visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nowlin and Mrs. Vivian Tippit.

T. J. Holder of Oklahoma City, Okla., is visiting with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Everetts and family.

Mrs. Frank Cornelius and children of Chandler, Arizona, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Green.



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ORANGES TEXAS	5 Lb. Bag	25¢	ASSORTED CREME FILLED COOKIES	MARTIN'S 2 Lb. Bag 49¢
TOILET TISSUE KIM	4 Rolls	29¢	MELLORINE Gandy's Frozen	1/2 Gal. 39¢
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1960 Census Will Use 'Do-It-Yourself' Angle

A couple of do-it-yourself gimmicks to be used in next year's census will save the government considerable time. The Census Bureau made public this week one of two do-it-yourself forms—a four page questionnaire to be mailed to the nation's 55,000,000 households late in March. Householders will be asked to fill out this form before census takers make personal visits, starting April 1. The census takers, officially called the enumerators, then merely will copy down the information instead of asking questions that might be difficult to answer on the spur of the moment.

Tested Time-Saver
The bureau tested this advance form last February in two North Carolina counties. It said the use of the form had cut the average visit of the census taker to seven minutes from about 15 minutes and produced more accurate information.

Basic questions on the advance forms include: Names of all residents of the household; address, sex, color or race; date of birth; marital status; number of rooms in the household; whether the dwelling is owned or rented, and whether it has running water, plumbing and cooking facilities. In addition, census takers will leave at every fourth household a somewhat longer form asking more detailed questions about the dwelling and its residents. Householders will be asked to fill this out themselves and mail it promptly to the local census office. In past head counts, census takers took about 20 minutes to get answers to this second set of questions. This time they will have only to copy down the answers after the forms are received by mail. The last big census was in 1950.

ACKERLY NEWS

By DOROTHY BAKER

The home of Mrs. Lewis Etheredge was the scene of a miscellaneous shower for Peggy Ingram Thursday afternoon. The honoree is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ingram and is to be married December 23 to Bobby Campbell. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell. The tea table followed the color scheme chosen by Miss Ingram using a white cutwork cloth over a royal blue underlay. Blue Christmas balls were combined with spikes of yucca, sprayed white, to form a centerpiece. Several hostesses joined in the courtship which was attended by 45 persons. In conference basketball play at Sands High School Friday night, December 11, the Sands girls team won its tenth game in 11 decisions when it beat Bronte, 53-25. Bronte won the boys game 41-34. The Sands boys failed to win any of their games in their first six starts of the year. L. C. Sikes of Austin has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Sikes. Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Woods of Lubbock are the parents of a daughter, Devon Kay, born December 10. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas are the grandparents of the baby who weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Morris Rhea of Odessa visited recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Rhea. Airman First Class and Mrs. Stanley Noll of Big Spring are the parents of a daughter, Sherry Lynn, born December 8 in a Big Spring hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bearden of Ackerly. John Lemon and Donald Berry of Atlanta, Georgia, are visiting Lemon's sister, Mrs. Odessa Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Crain visited Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crain.

Accident Report For November Is Released

A rural traffic accident summary for November, 1959, for Martin, Borden, Dawson, Glasscock, Howard, Midland and Reagan Counties has been released by Sergeant Billy Smith of the Midland Sub-Station of the Texas Highway Patrol. The highway patrol in this area investigated a total of 36 accidents with the following breakdown: Property damage 25, personal injury six and fatal accidents five. Sergeant Smith reported a total property damage of \$41,374, with 11 persons injured and five killed. This is a decrease of 21 accidents and an increase of two deaths for the same period of November, 1958. During November, 1959 the patrolmen in the above counties made 299 arrests for the following violations: D. W. I. 15, speeding 207, improper passing nine, wrong side of road 16, defective equipment 35 and all other violations 117.

Students To Hold Parties At Courtney

Courtney seventh and eighth grade students will be entertained with a Christmas party Thursday evening at Courtney School. The party will begin at 7:30 p. m. A program will be presented. Games will be played and gifts will be exchanged from a Christmas tree. First graders through sixth graders will hold class parties from 12 to 2 p. m. Friday, December 18 at school.

Local Students Are Entertained With Xmas Parties

Stanton elementary students have been holding Christmas parties this week. On Monday the sixth graders were entertained with a party at the Dr. Pepper plant. Seventh graders were honored with a party Tuesday evening at the Dr. Pepper plant. A party for eighth grade students will be held Friday evening at the elementary gymnasium. It will begin at 7:30 p. m. Students in grades one through five will hold parties Friday after lunch in the homerooms. Room mothers are in charge of the various parties.

Cub Scout Den Met Monday

Stanton Cub Scout Den Two completed making Christmas decorations at a meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. T. R. Louder. The group made reindeer out of bottle cartons and pipe stems. Jackie Wilkes served refreshments. Present were Jimmy Louder, Jimmy Epley, Mike Curry, Claude Straube, David Greenhaw, Bobby Odom, Jackie Wilkes, Mrs. T. R. Louder and Mrs. John Wilkes.



October 1959 was a significant month for farmers as well as other self-employed persons who became covered under social security for the first time beginning in 1955. H. P. Thomas, manager of the Odessa social security office, explained that effective with October, disability protection was earned by many farmers as well as members of the other newly covered groups. Since only workers with at least five years' coverage (20 quarters) under social security are eligible for disability protection, those who became covered for the first time in January 1955, could not possibly have acquired their 20th quarter of coverage prior to October 1959. Thomas emphasized that disability protection is of vital importance for three reasons:

- (1) Cash disability benefits are provided for disabled workers 50 to 65 years of age, and their dependents;
- (2) Disabled workers under 50 years of age can "freeze" their social security records to protect their own and their families' future benefit rights;
- (3) Cash disability benefits are provided for the adult disabled children of retired or deceased workers.

The disabled person's right to disability benefits at age 50, or for the "freeze" provision, under age 50, is based not only on the requirement of having five years of work out of the ten years preceding disability, but the disabled person must also meet the definition of disability. This does not mean the disabled person must be completely helpless, but his disability must be so severe that it prevents him from doing any kind of substantial gainful work, and such condition must have lasted at least six months.

How does the disability protection affect you, as a farmer? Thomas stated the following example will explain what could happen: Let's say you are a farm operator and have been paying the social security self-employment tax since 1955. Late in October, you were severely injured and crippled, as a result of a tractor accident. At age 52, with a wife and two teenage children at home, you know you will never be able to work or operate your farm again. Since you have at least five years' coverage out of the ten-year period before the accident occurred, and also meet the disability requirements, you will be eligible for cash disability benefits beginning with April 1960. What is more important, benefits can also be paid to your dependents — your wife and two minor children.

For more information, contact the Odessa social security office at 1428 East 8th Street, Telephone FEderal 2-9423.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Zimmerman and Betty Sue Houston of Lamesa visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnam, Mrs. Margaret Laws and Sammie Laws and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Houston.

Mrs. H. A. Edwards and Steve visited Sunday in San Angelo with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cervenka and sons of Waco visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Renfro. Also visiting Sunday in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howard and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Hall and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deavenport and children.

Visitors with Mrs. Lona Currie have been Mr. and Mrs. Milton Currie and family of Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Currie of Midland and Mrs. Glenn Jackson of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Euell Ferguson and Nealu visited Saturday in Abilene. Mrs. Romee Chapman visited in Lorraine.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robnett and family were Mrs. Nancy Robnett, Myrtle Robnett and Jackie Robnett, all of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones and son of Big Spring visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ireton and Dennis visited Sunday in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Rogers and Bobby of Andrews visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnam visited over the weekend in Iran with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burnam, Jr. and family. They took their granddaughter, Karla Burnam home. She had been visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fore and family of Fort Worth visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Azye Simpson, and her sisters, Mrs. Addie Burgess and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Johnson and family.

Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Holder were Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Holder and son of Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Wilson of Sweetwater visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Angel and daughters were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Livingston of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCoy and Mrs. J. H. Burnam were in Idalou Sunday to attend the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burnam.

Monday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Linney were Mr. and Mrs. Don Webb and daughter of Big Spring.

Mrs. Lou Annie Henson visited Friday night in the Line community with Mrs. Willie Fisher.

Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. G. Tunnell were Mr. and Mrs. G. Tunnell and Mrs. Lola Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Myers and daughter, all of Knott, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tunnell and son of Midland.

Sunday visitors in Stanton with friends and relatives were Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Keaton of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roten and family visited Sunday in Odessa with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Roten, and in Andrews with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Brewer.

Jerry Hale of Roby was a weekend guest of Nolan Sorrels in the home of Sorrels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Sorrels. Both Hale and Sorrels are students at Howard County Junior College.

Letters To Santa Claus

Box 533
Stanton, Texas
December 13, 1959

Dear Santa:
I am eight years old and my sister, Brenda, is two years old. We have been good sometimes. Will you please bring me a real watch and a Shirley Temple doll. Brenda wants a bouncing horse and a doll. Thank you.
Love,
Rita Faye Ringener.

Dear Santa Claus:
If you can bring me something for Christmas I would like a BB gun. My address is General Delivery, Stanton.
You can't bring me a BB gun but bring me whatever you like. I'll be happy with whatever you bring me.
Johnny Joe Z. Avila.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 1 1/2 years old. Please bring me a baby doll, some dishes, and a rocking chair. I love you and thank you.
Lana Yates.

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you. Please bring me a playhouse, tractor and plow, table and chairs, and a Popeye musical

box. Thank you. I am three years old.
Jody Yates.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a jungle set, cattle truck and a tractor and the equipment. I am four years old. I have been a pretty good boy.
Thank you.
David Lynn Chandler.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a doll bed and a camera. I am six years old.
Thank you.
Sandra Kay Chandler.

Dear Santa:
Our parents said we have been good this year. We have tried to be. Susan wants a three-year-old Patty Play Pal doll and a weighed baton.
I want a tetherball set and some mystery books. If I get my mystery books please make them be Trixie Bolden, Ginnie Garden and Nancy Drew books.
We love you.
Sherry and Susan Vest.

P. S.—Thanks so much for the wonderful Christmas you gave us last year.

I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE

My respect for the departments of the Federal Government has always been high—but it has been subjected to doubt recently. I had always thought that they preserved records with the greatest of care—but you be the judge.

When I was a small boy, my father and I lived in Del Rio one summer. He had a boxball (similar to bowling) alley in a large tent on a corner in the business district. As his health was impaired and he rested much of the time, I ran the place.

There was a "revolution" in Mexico—this was in 1908—and many refugees swarmed across the Rio Grande and took up their abode in the Latin-American section of Del Rio. At the same time, American troops were assigned to the city to keep an eye on any infringement of American neutrality by combatants.

It was thrilling to a boy to see these soldiers, especially the cavalry troopers as they rode, or strolled, around. Some patrolled the boxball alley. I recall one—a lieutenant, I believe—who was an especially

dashing fellow, with the front of his hat brim pressed against the crown, giving a stream-lined effect. This was the style of Roosevelt's Rough Riders of the Spanish-American War. He was a handsome young chap, with an eye for the ladies—and they likewise directed semi-averted glances in his direction. There was one young lady for whom I entertained a secret affection—she was very pretty and only about twice my age—and when the lieutenant began squaring her around, I lost much of my admiration for him. However, that wasn't what I set out to write about.

My favorite among all the troopers was a corporal—Fritz V. Lindrude. (That may not be the exact spelling.) He had cards with his name and title printed on them. I have an idea that he was from Minnesota or perhaps the Dakotas, although I can not recall that he ever said.

He was older than most of the other soldiers and was almost bald-headed. He would play boxball and we became friends. When business was dull, he would invite me to a nearby ice cream parlor where I had a strawberry milk-shake. I must confess I don't remember what his selection was.

One day, he invited me to a baseball game. He was the pitcher; either two service teams or perhaps a military nine and the town team were opponents. The corporal was popular with the spectators and pitched his team to victory, one youthful fan shouting loud encouragement.

If he is still living, he would be at least 80 years of age. I thought that he would be happy to hear from the lad of Del Rio days, and I would send him one of my books. So I con-

fidently wrote to my Congressman—Jim Wright of Fort Worth—and he reported that inquiry revealed that there was no record of my friend in the War Department files. What inefficiency! What are we paying taxes for? No record of Corporal Fritz V. Lindrude! How can a man be sure there was ever such a person as U. S. Grant—much less Winfield Scott?

The War Department blithely claims to list every Union soldier who was in the Battle of Gettysburg—including all those 100 years ago—yet can not come up with any record of my friend, a mere 50 years back, just yesterday you might say.



IT'S THE LAW
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SPECIAL LEGAL REMEDIES

Sometimes you see newspaper stories telling how various courts have issued "injunctions" to protect the owner of a patent from infringement, to stop someone from putting up a building which would be a hazard to the neighbors, or to prevent some other type of activity which might harm one or more persons. Occasionally you read where a "writ of mandamus" has been directed against some public official. This column will briefly explain both of these extraordinary legal remedies.

The injunction got its name because in the old days the English King commanded ("enjoined") special action when an ordinary court action could not solve a problem at hand. Today it is an order requiring a person, or corporation) to refrain from doing a particular act.

As a rule, one would first get a "Temporary Restraining Order" which would stop someone from doing something harmful—like polluting a stream or annoying the peace of your home. By granting it the judge preserves the status quo until a hearing has been held to hear both sides of the controversy. Usually, if you want an injunction, your lawyer will take sworn statements into court to show that your grievance is one which could be taken care of only by an injunction.

Often you must put up a bond to make up for any damage you do the other side if the court doesn't see things your way.

After you've made your request, the court arranges to hear the other side. They must "show cause" why the injunction should not be issued. Because most injunctions deal with immediate problems, the court hears the merits of such a case in a very short time.

After the temporary injunction is issued, a "permanent" injunction may be obtained or either party may start a lawsuit to settle the problems which the temporary injunction has cleared up for the moment.

If the court grants an injunction, it must be served on the defendant to be effective. Then if he disobeys the order, he is subject to a fine or a jail term for "contempt of court."

"Mandamus" is a special remedy used to right wrongs or enforce proper action by a public officer.

When we elect public officers to work for us, we place a great deal of authority in their hands. Sometimes they fail to do their lawful duty. One way to make a government official do his job is to ask the court for a writ of mandamus.

Suppose you have applied for a permit to build a house under a city building code. You submit your plans which meet all the requirements of the code but the proper official won't give you the permit and you can't get one elsewhere. You can then ask the court for a writ of mandamus and if you were right and the building official had no grounds for refusal, the court will order him to issue the permit.

Before the court will issue such a strong command as this, the officers must have refused to do his clear cut legal duty—



MASONIC HOME in Fort Worth has just celebrated its sixtieth anniversary. More than 150 children and grandchildren of Texas Masons make their home at the famous institution, which has one of the State's finest independent school systems. Pictured here are members of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades seated at their new study centers which adjust to the individual child's needs.

Social Security Cut Due From Braceros

Texas farmers employing Mexican nationals for crop work will have to keep an additional set of books when a new social security deduction for the workers takes effect January 1.

Henry LeBlanc, director of farm placement for the Texas Employment Commission, explained Monday that the new agreement provides deductions from Mexican workers' paychecks for contributions to the Mexican Institute of Social Security.

"The deductions," LeBlanc said, "will go to the Mexican government consuls at reception centers for braceros. The farmers have already made deductions for American workers, and now will make them for Mexican nationals. But they must set up another set of books."

Effective Jan. 1, under agreement between the two countries, the American employers will deduct 20 cents a month per worker for each \$1,000 the worker has in non-occupational insur-

THE DRIVER'S SEAT



There's a new peril for motorists tempted to stretch the speed laws.

Besides keeping a wary eye for radar or police cars, the driver who hopes to get away with 65 miles per hour in a 55-mile-an-hour zone also needs to watch overhead.

Some states and counties are using planes or helicopters to check auto speeds. When the flying patrolman spots a driver who is going too fast, he radios a fellow officer in a car. The earth-bound policeman nabs the offender.

Marked distances on the roads are used to check vehicle speeds from the air. In several states, they use simple cross-bar markers on the pavement that are not apt to be noticed by motorists. In Minnesota the idea is carried a step further by painting the markers in the shape of an airplane silhouette.

Minnesota authorities hope the distinctive and recognizable design will remind drivers that they are in an area where speeds are being checked from the air—a deterrent other states try to obtain in other ways, such as by parking unoccupied police cars on the road-side or by leaving dummy cables across the pavement even when no officer is on duty with an electronic speed-checker that uses such cables.

Minnesota's special airplane markings have been installed at about 90 locations on the state highway system. The locations were recommended by the captains of the state's eight highway patrol districts after a study of accident records and speed violations in each district. Signs at the entrances to the state explain the unusual markers so visitors will be aware of their purpose.

So, with this latest development, the speeder is being trapped from above, below, behind and on all sides. He has less and less of a chance. Considering the havoc he causes, it is a good thing.

Top Corn Crop In Prospect But Income Decline Seen

The Agriculture Department reported that a bumper corn crop is setting the pace for another record harvest this year but that net farm income will be down 15 per cent.

The department said in its next-to-last production report of the year that overall harvest will equal last year's record high. With livestock output expected to top 1958, that would mean an all-time high in total U. S. farm output.

Department economists said earlier, however, that they expected 1959 net farm income to drop 15 per cent below last year. The corn crop was estimated at 4,402,476,000 bushels, based on

November 1 crop conditions. This compared with the previous record of 3,799,844,000 bushels in 1958 and the 1948-1959 average of 3,251,064,000 bushels.

The 1959 corn crop is the first to be harvested under Agriculture Ezra T. Benson's program of eliminating all controls on corn. The measure was reluctantly approved by Congress last year.

The corn estimate was down slightly from the October 1 prediction of 4,429,154,000 bushels. Soybean production estimates also fell off as yields failed to reach expectations in several major states.

ABOUT YOUR HEALTH



A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health, HENRY A. HOLLE, M.D., Commissioner

People who know say a single rat can wade through \$2 worth of dry corn without any trouble whatever, and despoil another \$20 worth in the process.

They're mighty expensive critters to tolerate in town or country, both by virtue of the food they eat and the some 27 diseases—including typhus fever and bubonic plague—they are known to spread.

This time of year rats will be in field burrows. Soon though, with rural harvest well underway and cooler weather coming, they'll move into grain bins and feed stacks and buildings where food is stored.

If you're interested in keeping them out of your place, now's the time to formulate a plan to deprive them of food and shelter this winter and avoid a repetition of last year's record-breaking infestation.

Start by burning or piling scrap lumber at least two feet off the ground. Scatter feed stack chaff and manure piles over fields. And keep the inevitable weeds and grass around outbuildings cut so as not to attract rats.

Rats breed so rapidly that mere killing campaigns without accompanying sanitation are worthless. On the other hand,

striking reductions in rat populations have been made by rat proofing without killing procedures.

Farm buildings in good repair are seldom infested with rats, so it follows that's the way to keep them. Check to make sure walls are tight and that floors and foundations are crack-free. A strip of galvanized metal three feet or so high, placed around the base of a building will keep rats out—provided they can't get through the floors.

By and large, rats as a group probably prefer grain to any other type food. Which is a good argument in favor of building new granaries tight and off the ground.

All known rat runs ought to be baited with poison. In one closely supervised campaign, almost 12,000 rats were killed at a cost of about 4 cents per rat. Warfarin bait was used, and the amount required to kill a rat averaged slightly less than a quarter pound.

Other effective poisons are available but many of them must be used with extreme caution. Persons unfamiliar with rodenticides should get expert advice before attempting to use them. (A weekly feature of the Health Education Division, State Health Department.)

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Tax-Man Sam Sez:

There is a large number of excise taxes that are enforced by the Internal Revenue Service.

The use tax on highway motor vehicles passed a few years back to finance the new highway system is creating several thousand audit cases a year. These taxpayers protest, in many cases, that they do not know of the tax and that they should not be required to pay a penalty and interest for failing to file on their truck. Here are some of the instructions.

A tax of \$1.50 a year for each thousand pounds or fraction thereof is imposed on the use of public highways of any highway motor vehicle having a taxable gross weight of more than 26,000 pounds. The tax year begins on July 1 each year and ends with the following June 30. The tax is payable by the person in whose name the vehicle is registered or required to be registered under the laws of the state in which the vehicle is operated or situated. Form 2290 is the tax return prescribed for reporting the tax. This form can be secured from your Internal Revenue Service office.

not something that he may or may not have to do as part of his job.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

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Food Business To Be Policed

The recent outcry over a seasonal food item points up the necessity of keeping a sharp eye on the world's biggest enterprise—the food business.

In Texas, the champion of the consumer is the Food and Drug Division of the Texas State Department of Health. Its Federal counterpart is the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The division was set up in 1925 by Texas Legislative action permitting the establishment of food standards and the authority to enforce them.

Significant improvements in some food industries show the effectiveness of the various inspection programs. Since the enactment of the Texas Milk Grading and Labeling Law in 1937, Texas milk quality has improved until today approximately 95 per cent of all consumed milk is Grade A pasteurized. More important, there has not been a food poisoning outbreak traceable to milk in the last 20 years.

In 1946-48, over 700 cases were filed on food and drug law violators, but in 1957-59 less than a hundred needed to be brought to court.

In the words of Joe Lakey, division director, "Violations are going down. However, if we didn't keep looking for violations we would have a lot more of them."

Looking for violations are 12 food and drug inspectors. Five devote full-time to the milk program; the rest must keep an eye on all food production.

Besides looking for chemical or bacterial contamination of food products, inspectors watch out for economic violations or misbranding—making sure the public gets what it pays for.

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plays a key role during inspections. Products which are doubtful are submitted to Health Department laboratories for checking. If a violation is found, the product is removed from distribution and a correction made in the establishment to prevent future contamination. In nearly all cases, the improvements or removal of products from the market are voluntary.

During the 1956-58 biennium, 1,548,006 pounds of unsuitable food were destroyed and 1,125 drug items destroyed.

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Nichols-Parum Wedding Held In Clyde Nichols Home At Tarzan

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parum are residing in Big Spring following their marriage November 29 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nichols in Tarzan.

The bride is the former Yvonne Nichols of Tarzan. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Parum of Lomax.

Rev. Al Lock of Fort Worth, Baptist minister, officiated for the double ring ceremony at 7:30 p. m. Joyce Maddoux of Eola, pianist, played the wedding march and other selections.

The vows were repeated before an altar flanked by white tapers in branched candelabra and decorated with white carnations and greenery.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was dressed in a street-length dress of baby blue bridal satin. The full skirt featured 20 overlapping pleats in the back. A blue lace jacket, designed with a stand-up collar and long pointed sleeves, topped the bodice.

Tiny buttons were used to fasten the front of the jacket. The bride wore a blue hat with a short veil. She carried a bouquet of white carnations atop a white Bible. Blue streamers fell from the bouquet.

Mrs. Donald Nichols of Seminole was the matron of honor. She was dressed in a two-piece blue suit. She wore a white carnation corsage.

Best man was Donald Nichols of Seminole.

Carolyn Nichols, sister of the bride, lighted candles. She was dressed in a pink velveteen dress. She wore a white carnation waist corsage with pink streamers.

A reception was held immediately after the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with a white lace cloth over blue, and was decorated with two blue tapers. Blue punch and a white three-tiered cake, trimmed in blue and topped with a miniature bridal couple, were served.

Joyce Maddoux of Eola and Neva Jean Jackson of Knott presided at the bride's table.

Miss Jackson was at the bride's book with about 50 guests registering. Out-of-town guests attended from Wickert, Plainview, Seminole, San Angelo, Odessa, Monahans and Big Spring.

For traveling the bride chose a two-piece blue suit and blue accessories. She wore a white carnation corsage.

Both the bride and bridegroom are graduates of Stanton High School. The bridegroom is employed with a drilling company out of Big Spring and the bride is attending a beauty school.

Grady Brownies Decorate Scout House For Xmas

Grady Brownie Scout Troop 356 decorated the Grady Scout house when it met Tuesday, December 8 at the Scout house.

The group also met on December 1 and played games. Refreshments were served to Brownie Scouts and the leaders, Mrs. Marvin Standefer and Mrs. Joe Ramos.



SUN QUEEN — Anne Ponder, who will reign over El Paso's mid-winter Sun Carnival this year, is shown in her royal robes at left and in more natural attire, for her, at right. Queen Anne, currently an organic chemistry major at Mary Baldwin College at Staunton, Va., has been studying modern dance since her pre-high school days in home town El Paso. She has advanced to coreography work and has created dance scenes for some of her school's presentations. The Sun Carnival, featuring myriad activities ending with the Sun Bowl football games and the famed Sun Carnival parade, will take place December 26 through January 1.

Miss Keith To Be Bride Of J. O. Bailey Of Stanton

C. W. Keith of San Angelo announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Mary Daphne Keith, to John Oran Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey of Hawkins.

The ceremony will be at 8 p. m. Friday in the First Baptist Church Chapel, Midland. Dr. L. L. Morris will officiate.

Miss Keith is a 1957 graduate of Lake View High School in San Angelo. She attended Cozen's Secretarial College in Fort Worth. She is employed by Texaco, Inc., in Midland.

Bailey is a 1953 graduate of Hawkins High School. He is a graduate of Tyler Junior College and Sul Ross State College. He is employed by the Stanton public schools as assistant high school football coach.

Valley View Club Holds Christmas Party

Members of the Valley View Home Demonstration Club participated in Christmas games and songs at a party Thursday, December 10 at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Mims.

Mrs. Jimmy Sawyer gave a reading, "The Story That Never Grows Old."

Christmas songs were led by Mrs. Delmar Hamm. Mrs. Hamm and Mrs. G. T. Baum also directed games.

Gifts were exchanged by members.

An arrangement of pink and white poinsettias centered the table which was laid with a white lace cloth over pink.

Refreshments of chicken salad, potato chips, pickles, olives, fruit cake, lime Jello punch, nuts and candies were served.

Present were Mesdames George Cathey, G. T. Baum, Lloyd Morris, Marvin Lamb, J. T. Mims, Delmar Hamm, Jimmy Sawyer, Bill Allred, Ray Kemper, O. D. Green, Lloyd Mims, G. Tunnell and one guest, Mrs. Frank Cornelius of Chandler, Arizona.

Rhythm Band Presented In Recital Monday

Mrs. Bob Haislip presented her rhythm band and expression group in recital Monday evening at the First Methodist Church.

Songs by the expression group included "Reindeer Hooves," "Sleigh Bells," and the "Christmas Mouse." Readings were also given by the group.

Members of the class are Cindy Bonds, Chipper Coggin, Walt Haislip, Donna Hall, Terry Hazlewood, Carolyn Herzog, Jo Lankford, Rosalyn Louder, Carla Perry, Kathryn Pickett, Leslie Sebesta, Deborah Turner and Noralee Wornack. Mrs. Billy Coggin served as accompanist.

Rhythm band numbers included "Pop Goes the Weasel," "Over the River and Through the Woods," "March of the Gingerbread Men," "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and "Drummer Boy."

Members are Molly Adkins, Cindy Bonds, Mark Briggs, Fawn Briggs, Paula Bruton, Leslie Butler, Chipper Coggin, Tommy Deavenport, Mark Eiland, Keith Graham, Kelly Graham, Rexann Graham.

Also Mindy Haislip, Walt Haislip, Donna Hall, Terry Hazlewood, Dale Henson, Carolyn Herzog, Ronnie Johnson, Jo Lankford, Rosalyn Louder, Carla Perry, Sherry Phillips, Kathryn Pickett, Deborah Turner, Billy Wheeler, Bryan Wheeler, Noralee Wornack. Mrs. Roy Pickett was the accompanist.

Mrs. Eiland Speaks To Study Club

Mrs. James Eiland was guest speaker when the Stanton Study Club held its annual Christmas party Thursday, December 10 at the county agent's office.

Mrs. Eiland, who was introduced by Mrs. George Dawson, discussed "Christmas Baking and Quick Party Snacks for the Holiday Season." She baked several Christmas treats and demonstrated how to make different party snacks.

Theme of the meeting was "Journey to Bethlehem." Roll call was answered with "New Ideas for Observing Christmas."

Members exchanged gifts from a lovely Christmas tree.

Members brought gifts for patients in the Big Spring State Hospital.

The next meeting will be January 14 at the home of Mrs. Stanley Wheeler.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Harry Billington, Glenn L. Brown, George Dawson, Marguerite Plummer, John F. Priddy, B. F. Smith, Joe Stewart, Stanley Wheeler, J. O. Stuard, C. F. Huling, James Eiland and Miss Cathey Dawson.

Mrs. Pinkston Hostess For Baptist Women

Mrs. John Pinkston was hostess to a Christmas party for the Home-makers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church Thursday afternoon, December 10 at her home.

Mrs. W. H. Yater gave a devotional. Games were led by Mrs. W. T. Wells.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Refreshments of cake and spiced tea were served from a table decorated with a gold candle and gold ornaments.

Present were Mesdames N. L. Riggan, Virgil Brothers, Vivian Tippet, J. T. Davis, L. C. Stovall, Raymond Louder, John Ellmore, T. W. Haynie, W. H. Yater, George Lewis, John Pinkston, W. T. Wells and Ruth Holloway.

Grady Brownies Plan Christmas Party At Meeting

Grady Brownie Scout Troop 414 made plans for a Christmas party at a meeting Tuesday, December 8 at the Grady School music room.

The party is to be December 22 at the music room. Girls made invitations for their mothers.

Girls also made musical oranges, and sang songs.

Maria Quatmalico served refreshments to Nancy Madison, Kay Southerland, Brenda Graves, Nancy Pugh, Virginia Pribyla, Mary Jane Rivas, Martina Cree, Deborah Holloway, Marilyn Free, Jennifer Geurin, Mrs. Ralph Pugh and Mrs. Glenn Holloway.

Bridge Club Party Held In Tom Home

Mrs. Edmund Tom was hostess to a Christmas party for the Thursday-Bridge Luncheon Club December 10 at her home.

High score was won by Mrs. Glen Cox. Second high was Mrs. Sam Wilkinson.

Present were Mesdames Glen Cox, Sam Wilkinson, Yuell Winslow, Bernard Houston, J. D. Poe, Jim Zimmerman, George Herzog, June Graham and the hostess.

Party Honors Baptist Sunday School Group

A party for members of the Primary Sunday School Department of the First Baptist Church was held Tuesday, December 8 at the church.

Refreshments of pop corn balls, cheese crackers and punch were served to 41 children.

Games were played. Gifts were exchanged from a pink Christmas tree. Workers in the department are Mesdames Jake Hodges, Jack Iretton, Delbert Franklin, John Pinkston, Roy Martin, Clyde Miller, Ed Robnett, Robert White, Louis Roten, and Bill Gillum.

Baptist Junior Department Has Xmas Party

Members of the Junior One Sunday School Department were entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 8 at the First Baptist Church.

Carl Wright led games. Members brought money for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering instead of exchanging gifts.

Refreshments of hot dogs, pop corn balls, doughnuts and soft drinks were served.

Workers are Delbert Franklin, Mrs. Richard Adkins, Mrs. B. F. White, Jim Webb, Chester Hopper, Mrs. Henry Graves, Mrs. Doris Stephenson and Mrs. Neil Fryer.

Stanton Bisons Rally In Last Half To Win

Stanton grew muscles at half time and handed Garden City a 59-46 basketball defeat here Tuesday night, December 8.

The Buffs outscored the Bearcats in the first quarter, 13-9, but Al Lange's Cats had pulled even at half time, 21-21.

Don Pollock waxed warm for Stanton, tossing in 19 points. Norman Donelson followed with 12 while Dwayne Robertson had 10, as did Airhart.

For Garden City, Dennis Calverley set a fast pace, with 22 points. Ten of those came on free tosses.

Stanton's girls also won, 63-21, as Graves tossed in 19 points. Jo Calverley had 11 for Garden City, which trailed at half time, 29-12.

Garden City won the boys' B game, 51-47, thanks largely to a 26-point scoring effort by Frank Murphy. Buddy Glaspie had 20 for Stanton.

Garden City led at half time in that one, 31-26.

Mrs. Rogers Holds Annual Open House

Mrs. Flora Rogers entertained with her annual Christmas open house Saturday evening in her home.

Mrs. Rogers' daughter, Mrs. Leo Turner, and her son-in-law, H. B. Mills of Midland greeted guests at the door.

Refreshments were served by another daughter, Mrs. H. B. Mills of Midland and Mrs. Bob Latimer.

A red Christmas cloth covered the table, which featured milk glass appointments and a silver coffee service.

The home was decorated with arrangements of cut flowers and pot plants which Mrs. Rogers' friends had sent for the occasion.

The front door was cleverly decorated as a Christmas gift. It was wrapped in white and tied with a red ribbon and centered with a wreath.

Bobbie Nell Mills of Midland, was at the register with about 90 persons registering. Out-of-town guests attended from Big Spring, Midland, Glasscock County and Andrews. A special guest was Mrs. Rogers' cousin, Mrs. Ruth Barnes of Abilene.

Girl Scouts Get First Class Badges

Girl Scout Troop 244 met Wednesday, December 9 at the home of Mrs. H. P. Morrison.

Girls decorated plates. Plans were made to exchange gifts at a Christmas party.

Girls who have earned first class badges and received the badges were Janis Morrison, Carol Nichols, Reba Saunders, Judy Doshier and Glenna Webb.

All members received membership star pins and backyard campers proficiency badges.

Present were Janis Morrison, Carol Nichols, Reba Saunders, Judy Doshier, Glenna Webb, Brenda Bryant, Mrs. Elma Nichols and Mrs. Morrison.

Barbecue Held Saturday In Barnes Home

A venison barbecue was held Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barnes. Host couple were the Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Williams.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Allred and son, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stanley and sons, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bonds and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Henson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Henson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louder and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Woody and the host couples.

Mrs. Fisher Honored With Birthday Dinner

Mrs. Willie Fisher was honored recently with a birthday dinner at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Bergstrom.

Attending were the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fisher, Mrs. Lou Annie Henson, Mrs. Woolsey, and Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom.

HD Council Has Party In Eiland Home

Martin County Home Demonstration Club Council members were entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday, December 8 at the home of Mrs. James Eiland.

Mrs. Houston Woody and Mrs. Bob Hazlewood directed Christmas games and gave a story.

In charge of preparing and serving refreshments were Mrs. O. D. Green, Mrs. N. L. Riggan and Mrs. Joe Boadle.

Gifts were exchanged with a white Christmas tree. Red candles and gold Christmas balls were used to decorate the refreshment table.

Refreshments of hot apple juice, dips, cookies, mints and nuts were served to 21 women.

Kay Bryan Hostess To MYF Party

Kay Bryan was hostess to a Christmas party for the Methodist Youth Fellowship Sunday evening in the O. B. Bryan home.

Members exchanged gifts. Refreshments of sandwiches, Cokes and cookies were served.

Mrs. O. B. Bryan read the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas in Texas."

Present were Nina Yater, Ann Yater, Kay Powell, Ila Mae Gray, Carolyn Manning, Glen Reid, Carol Nichols, Kay Bryan, Nolan Simpson, Tommy Davis, Weems Williams, Norman Donelson, Rev. W. H. Kirby, Bob Cox, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bryan.

Stanton P-TA Hears Talk By Rev. Range

Rev. N. L. Range, pastor of the Courtney Baptist Church, spoke when the Stanton Parent-Teacher Association met Tuesday night, December 8 at the Stanton School gymnasium.

Rev. Range, who was introduced by Mrs. Floyd Sorley, president, spoke on "Strengthening Homes Through Spiritual Values."

During the business session members discussed sponsoring a Boy Scout troop.

The next meeting is to be held at 8:45 p. m. Tuesday, January 12 at the Stanton Junior High study hall. Mrs. Calvin B. Jones is to show films she took on a recent trip.

Methodists To Have Xmas Parties

Christmas parties have been planned for various departments of the First Methodist Church.

The entire children's division will be entertained with a party at 6:30 p. m. Monday, December 21 at the church.

On Friday, December 18 at 7:30 the Juniors will be honored with a party at the Aaron Donelson home.

Family Night is to be held at the church on Wednesday, December 23. A covered dish supper is to be served at 7 p. m.

Other parties have already been held.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Polk and Larry of Midland visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Polk.

Donal Barnes of Odessa visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Barnes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Keaton of Kermit visited Friday night with Stanton relatives.

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PERSONALS

Herbert Shipp and Wayne visited Sunday in Vincent.

Mrs. Elvie Joyner has been a patient in Malone-Hogan Hospital, Big Spring.

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If you are searching for that ideal last-minute Christmas gift, the Stanton post office has the answer—an attractive gift book containing United States Savings Stamps.

"While everyone thinks of us as 'the Christmas gift book', few people think of us as 'the gift book'." Postmaster Leta B. Eidson told the Stanton Reporter today. "Actually, we've been in the business for some years now with Savings Stamps, and they're an ideal gift."

The gift books come in two sizes. The \$2.50 version contains ten 25-cent Savings Stamps; the \$5.00 size has 20 stamps. These are the same Savings Stamps many youngsters have been buying all year on their weekly School Stamp Days.

"We not only sell the gift stamp books," Mrs. Eidson said, "we give without charge a handy album in which to keep the stamps. When you have the album full, you can take it to a bank and exchange it for an interest-bearing United States Savings Bond. It will pay you at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent compounded semi-annually, when held for the full term of seven years and nine months."

In addition to the gift books, the Post Office sells individual Savings Stamps, ranging in size from 10 cents to \$5.00. Savings Bonds can be purchased at most banks and many savings and loan associations.

Lonnie - - -

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Pierce of Tarzan. Pierce will leave Saturday, December 26 for his return trip to California.

Pierce completed fire control technicians' school, Class A, September 11 in San Diego, Calif. He was then assigned to the USS James E. Keys DD787, which is docked at Long Beach. In April he will leave on a West Pacific cruise.

A graduate of Flower Grove High School, Pierce entered the U. S. Navy in October, 1958.

Oil - - -

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The wildcat is contracted to 12,500 feet or a test of the Ellenburger at a lesser depth.

Drillstem test was underway Monday in Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company and Forest Oil Corporation No. 1 C. W. Lay, wildcat in Northeast Midland County.

Bottomed at 10,395 feet, the project topped the Strawn at 10,330 feet, minus datum point of 7,614 feet. The drillstem test was being taken from 10,325 to 10,395 feet.

The section from 10,345 to 10,395 feet was cored. Recovery was 50 feet of lime and shale, with streaks of porosity carrying shows of oil and gas.

Location is 1,960 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 45, block 37, T-1-S, T&P survey, nine miles east of Midland and 1 1/4 miles southeast of Devonian and Strawn production is the Azalea pool.

4-H Club Plans Christmas Party

Plans for a Christmas party were made when the Fair Ladies 4-H Club met Monday at the county agent's office.

The party is to be held Saturday, December 19 at the home of Mrs. James Eiland. It will begin at 9:30 a. m.

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Hospital News

DECEMBER 8-13

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Garden Club Has Party In Wilson Home

Mrs. J. A. Wilson was hostess to a Christmas party for the Stanton Garden Club Tuesday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Glenn L. Brown gave a Christmas reading.

Members exchanged gifts. Refreshments of fruit cake, coffee, mints and nuts were served from a table laid with an ecru cut-work cloth and centered with a pink Christmas arrangement.

Beautiful Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Present were Mesdames Galy Eiland, Harry Billington, Glenn Brown, Cliff Hazlewood, G. R. Phillips, B. F. Smith, Joe Stewart, Edmund Tom, W. T. Wells, S. W. Wheeler, Sam Wilkinson, J. B. Harvard, J. A. Wilson, John Pinkston, and Mrs. Lila Flanagan.

Stanton 4-H Girls Study Gift Wrapping

A meeting of the Junior Misses 4-H Club was held Tuesday, December 8 at the county agent's office.

Girls practiced wrapping Christmas gifts and learned how to make bows.

Present were members, Cindy Britton, Brenda Standefer, Sandra Wilkes, Neldia Carr, guests, Joyce Standefer and Cindy Carr and leaders, Mrs. Clement Standefer, Mrs. Joe Carr, Mrs. John Wilkes and Mrs. E. W. Hardison.

The next meeting will be January 12 at the county agent's office.

Mrs. Workman Hostess To Girl Scout Party

Girl Scout Troop 245 was entertained with a Christmas party Monday at the home of Mrs. David Workman.

A Spanish motif was carried out in party refreshments and decorations.

Girls exchanged gifts and played games.

Present were Susan Clardy, Linda Costlow, Carol Davis, Patsy Milligan, Emma Rodriguez, Suzanna Poe, Eunice Jan Stephenson, Sherry Vest, Kathy Workman, Sheila McQuerry, Cindy Pickett, Jerrie Webb, Christine Robertson, and the leaders, Mrs. Workman and Mrs. J. D. Poe.

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'42' Party Held Saturday In Cox Home

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cox entertained with a "42" party Saturday evening in their home.

Refreshments of coffee, cocoa, sandwiches and cake were served.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harding of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Howard, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Stanton Club Has Party In Bristow Home

Christmas decorations were featured when the Stanton Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, December 9 at the home of Mrs. P. M. Bristow for a party.

Decorations were used throughout the home. Featured in the living room were poinsettias and a huge candle.

Refreshments of spiced tea, fruit cake and salad were served from a table laid with a red cloth.

Mrs. N. L. Riggan led games. Mrs. Jim Miller served as Santa Claus for the exchange of gifts.

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Sunday School Class Has Party

The Baptist Doers of the Word Sunday School Class was entertained with a party Tuesday, December 8 at the home of the teacher, Mrs. J. R. Murdock.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of ice cream, cold drinks and cookies were served.

Present were Jan House, Sheila McQuerry, Shannon Womack, Carol Davis, Eunice Jan Stephenson, Alma Nell Mashburn, Beverly Clements and Mrs. Murdock.

Mrs. Renfro Hostess For Legion Auxiliary

A meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Tuesday evening, December 8 in the home of Mrs. J. D. Renfro.

Mrs. Renfro, president, was in charge of the meeting. Members discussed the gift shop which was held last week for the patients at the Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring.

Present were Mrs. Annie Herzog, Mrs. John Roueche, Mrs. J. D. Renfro and Mrs. Martin Gibson.

Rebekahs To Hold Party

Members of the Stanton Rebekah Lodge and the Oddfellow Lodge and their families will hold a Christmas party Thursday evening at the IOOF Hall.

The party will begin at 8 p. m. Each person attending is to bring a gift to exchange.

All members are urged to be present.

Courtney Girls Hold Party

Courtney 4-H Club girls were entertained with a Christmas party Wednesday, December 16 at the home of Mrs. Joe Boadle.

SHS Students Hold Party In Powell Home

The Stanton High School chapter of the National Honor Society held a Christmas party Monday night in the home of Sandra Powell.

The group played games and sang Christmas carols.

Lime punch and cake were served to Reddy Church, Glen Reid, Veronica Sorley, Carl Wright, Jean Mott, Sandra Powell, Helen Glaspie, Dorothy Lawson, Marsha Bristow, Joetta Franklin and Sandra Sale.

Eiland's Host To '42' Party

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eiland were host recently to a meeting of the "42" Club at their home.

The next meeting will be Friday night in the home of Mrs. J. R. Sale. It will be a Christmas party.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. Shain, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eiland, Mrs. Evelyn Woodard and Mrs. J. R. Sale.

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Courtney Basketball Teams Honored With A Dinner

Courtney basketball teams were entertained with a dinner Monday evening, December 14 at the Townhouse Cafeteria, Midland.

Attending were members of the boys' basketball and the girls' basketball teams.

Thirty students were present. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Hays, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hays, Sr.

Snooter Knows

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newspaper days in East Texas.

It was a good program and I'll always be grateful for the tribute paid me on the fiftieth anniversary of Sigma Delta Chi in Lubbock by the West Texas chapter.

NOW AND THEN

AT CHRISTMAS TIMES WHEN I was a lad the coming of Santa Claus was a big epoch in my young life. I could see him skipping over the snow with reindeer pulling his sleigh. I had been told if there wasn't any snow in our community, Santa would change his mode of transportation to a hack drawn by a team of horses—at all hazards he would arrive at our home and fill our stockings with candy, nuts, an orange, and gifts.

The center of Christmas activities came Christmas Eve night when the various churches in our town had Christmas trees set up and glittered under the light of myriad little light globes, streamers of tinsel, and gifts galore hanging from the branches.

The gifts were mostly addressed to the children of the Sunday School classes, teachers, and adult members of the church. Also, hanging on the trees were many sacks of candy and nuts, to give to all boys and girls, whether or not they were members of the church. Of course, Old Santa, corpulent as he was, with long white whiskers, dressed out in red attire and sleigh bells jingling, was there to call out the names of individuals who gifts were addressed to.

Some of us made it a point to visit the churches where Christmas festivities were held, to answer "Here," when Santa called out "was there anybody in the house who hadn't been presented with a sack of candy?" By the time we landed back at our own church, we had collected several candy sacks to add to the one already given us by our church.

In those days at Christmas Eve all children hung up their stockings on the foot of the bed for Santa to fill with gifts, candy, pop corn balls, nuts, etc.

I remember in my case, I wore socks. To hang them up meant about all Santa could get in them would be a large stick of peppermint candy, so I exchanged them for a pair of my mother's stockings.

I had been taught there was a real Santa Claus. My story book picture of him as a short, round fellow dressed in red attire, sleigh bells strung around his stomach, long white whiskers, etc. I was a large lad when I had serious thoughts about this Santa Claus business. I explored the galvanized stovepipe that ran down from the roofs of our house and connected with a coal burning heating stove in the sitting room and the same kind of stovepipe that connected with wood burning cook stove in the kitchen. With all the mathematical education I had gained from studying Ray's grammar school arithmetic, I couldn't figure how Santa Claus could crawl down either one of these stovepipes and come out of the stove with Christmas presents and put them in my stockings.

But the difference now and then, we had only one Santa Claus, and he visited our community once a year and that was Christmas Eve night. Now Santa visits the community one or more times before Christmas Eve and he comes riding on an elephant, flying in a helicopter or airplane, or riding in an automobile.

MARTIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE has its exterior lit up as it has never been since it has served the county as its "Temple of Justice." Streamers of colored incandescence lights ascend from the ground to the cupola making a brilliant and illuminating scene at night. The courthouse streamers can be seen for a long distance by motorists entering Stanton from the west and east on Highway 80. Branching off from these streamers run streamers of Christmas lights over the streets in the downtown area, lending their attractiveness of the yuletide's decorative attire.

PRECAUTION TO THE UTMOST should be in the minds of those engaged in decorating their homes for Christmas. Christmas tree streamers as well as the dry foliage on the tree are targets for fire to start from a "short" developed in an incandescence light hanging on the tree. You may save the loss of your home by using every precautionary measure.

CHIEF OF DISTRICT COURTS

Estes Takes New Post

Federal Judge Joe Ewing Estes, brother of Neal Estes, general manager of The Stanton Reporter, assumed duties as chief of U. S. District Courts this week.

The following article about Judge Estes appeared in The Fort Worth Star-Telegram Monday morning, December 14.

Federal Judge Joe Ewing Estes, already widely known for his outstanding record in disposing of dockets speedily, will establish another mark for himself Monday.

That is when he will assume the duties of chief judge of the U. S. District Courts of the Northern District of Texas.

Judge Estes, who observed his 56th birthday Oct. 24, is one of the youngest jurists to take on that administrative mantle of responsibility anywhere in the nation.

The district's chief judgeship is being relinquished by Federal Judge Joe B. Dooley of Amarillo on Sunday, his 70th birthday.

A new law makes it mandatory for a federal judge to step down from the administrative post when he becomes 70. Judge Dooley had held the position only since Aug. 6 after Federal Judge T. Whitfield

Davidson relinquished it when the law went into effect.

Since Estes was sworn in as a federal judge in August 1955, he has disposed of 2,100 civil cases in addition to hundreds of criminal trials and bankruptcy adjudications, a record of twice the case disposition for the average judgeship throughout the United States.

Judge Estes handled all the dockets for the Fort Worth, Abilene and San Angelo divisions until July 1958, and since then has handled all of the Dallas civil jury docket, and all dockets for the Abilene and San Angelo divisions.

Working tirelessly as the district's youngest and newest jurist, Estes did an estimated five years of work during his first 21 months on the bench, based on the federal judicial average of 225 cases a year. In his first year as a judge he disposed of 862 cases.

In addition to his energetic labors on the bench in this district, Judge Estes has gained recognition nationally.

He is chairman of the committee on techniques in criminal cases for the pretrial committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Tom Coates of Big Spring and Jay Madison were honored with a birthday dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Madison.

Tom was four and Jay was two. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Madison and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coates and family of Big Spring.

In that capacity he has drafted that portion of a book on procedures for handling protracted cases.

The book will be published soon by the Judicial Conference of the United States. The section prepared by Estes relates to pretrial procedures in such criminal cases as anti-trust and income tax evasion trials.

As the new chief justice, Estes will be the administrative head of the district, handling business affairs of the district's courts with the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit, and the administrative office of the United States Courts.

Birthday Dinner Held In Madison Home Sunday

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Jim Webb

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