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## VARIETY

By NEAL ESTES

The ice, sleet, drizzling rain, and snow served to slow up shopping in the area a couple of days recently but the bright sunshine drove the ice from Stanton streets and Martin County roads Sunday afternoon and Monday morning found a shopping boom going strongly with prospects of it continuing through Christmas Eve.

Some Stanton stores will close the day after Christmas because workers were not accorded the opportunity of being off Christmas Eve. That is as it should be. Trusted, dependable, loyal employees need to be at home at certain seasons of the year with their loved ones.

We are looking for several sales soon. It's inventory and mark-down time. The holiday boom reaches its peak before Christmas and merchants who are smart get their nickle in the pot early with advertised reductions on merchandise after St. Nick's visit. Be smart — run an ad this year in the local paper before you make inventory — don't wrap the unsold merchandise up and stack it back on a shelf somewhere — cut the price and sell it. You will find the next issue of the OLE RELIABLE an ideal vehicle — publicity wise — to unload some of that carry-over stock.

JAMES N. ALLISON, JR., president of the PERMIAN BASIN PUBLISHING COMPANY, publishers of THE STANTON REPORTER, and top fellow in the saddle as far as we are concerned anyway you measure him, was in our city early Monday morning. LITTLE JIM, son of JAMES N. ALLISON, SR., regarded by newsmen over the nation as one of our profession's flag-ship executive-journalists, played Santa Claus to the staff of the local paper. We are always glad to see JIM, JR., and showed our appreciation by giving him back 500 pounds of linotype metal originally designated for THE REPORTER — TELEGRAM, but left in our office by mistake. When his car rolled out of Stanton Monday morning with that heavy load in the back the springs on his sedan really sagged. We know he made his check-point destination to Midland. All of the guys and lone gal here in the office want to thank him for ours — checks — bonus checks — my friends.

GET YOUR NEW YEAR'S GREETING MESSAGE READY TODAY FOR THE FIRST ISSUE TO BE PUBLISHED IN 1964.

## Local Merchants To Close For New Year's

Plans have been announced by Stanton merchants for the observance of New Year's. Most businesses and local offices are to be closed on New Year's Day.

Offices in the courthouse will close on Wednesday, January 1. The city hall also will be closed on New Year's Day. The post office is to be closed on Wednesday. During this time mail will be put in the boxes, but the windows will not be open, nor will there be any delivery on the routes.

Most all businesses are to be closed on Wednesday, New Year's Day. School children have been continuing their long holiday. Classes were dismissed in all county schools on December 29 and classes are to be resumed on January 2.

# Winter Weather Slows Harvesting

## 39,084 Bales Cotton Ginned Here To Date

Deep freeze weather holding forth in Martin County for the past ten days has put a damper on the estimated 75,000 bale cotton crop and caused cotton gins to remain quiet and still during the holiday period.

The wet, cold weather, prevailing in the area for about two weeks now, has played havoc with the hopes of the cotton farmers to see the 1963 crop gathered and finished by January 1.

Bob Johnson, county agent, was out of the city with his family on holiday vacation this week and The Stanton Reporter contacted Jerry Hanson, former county agent here, and presently associated with the Stanton Chemical and Seed Company for the latest crop information. The statements made above were derived from conclusions and judgments made for the press by Hanson.

Hanson stated that the wet weather and icy conditions would possibly lower the cotton grades when harvesters are able to go back into the fields to finish the crop. Hanson did find a bright spot in the moisture picture. He said, and we agree, that any moisture falling in West Texas at this time of the year is bound to be beneficial. Area cattle ranchers and livestock dealers were in agreement that the cold weather had been hard on the livestock.

The Martin, Howard and Glasscock counties where there had been a good chance two weeks ago that the entire crop would have been out of the fields by Christmas Day, less than 500 bales have been ginned in the past six days. And these, the reports say, are bales which were already on the yards awaiting processing when the bad weather moved in.

The prolonged damp weather is damaging the crops still in the field. Farmers say spotting is certain to follow the long lack of dry weather and sunshine. Spots mean less money to the grower for his cotton.

Martin County has ginned 39,084 of its estimated 75,000 bale crop. Howard County has ginned 27,983 bales of its estimated 45,500 and Glasscock County has out 10,659 bales.

According to B. B. Manly, Jr., officer in charge at the U. S. A. D.'s Cotton Classing Office in Abilene, a total of 18,998 samples were classed during the week ending December 13. That brought the season's classing total to 337,736 samples as compared to 210,861 at the same time one year ago. District One, which is composed of Howard, Glasscock, Martin, and Midland counties, accounted for about 5,200 of the samples classed last week.

Grades in District One continued to decline. Twenty-six per cent of the cotton was white, 66 per cent was light spotted, and eight per cent was spotted. The predominant (Continued on page 2)

## Claude Kellys To Hold Open House Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kelly will hold open house Sunday, December 29, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly would like to invite all their friends and neighbors to attend their open house.

## Stanton Gets Two Victories

The Stanton Buffaloes, playing before a home crowd Tuesday night, December 17, roared away with two victories in both ends of the boys' contest, but had to settle for second place in the girls' game.

The Forsan B team got ripped 47-25, while the Forsan varsity went down, 63-48. The girls' score was Forsan, 54; Stanton, 39.

In the boys' A game, Mickey Allen had 14 points for Stanton, while Kenneth Soles popped in 23 points to lead scorers in a losing cause. Mike Hall paced the Stanton B team to victory with 14 points, while Jerry Snead got 10 for Forsan.

Linda Franklin led the Stanton girls with 14 points, and Janelle Tate scored 12 for Stanton. Conger led Forsan to its only win with 20 points in the girls' game.

The A boys will play at the Big Lake tournament on January 2, 3 and 4. The next game for the B boys will on January 7, when they play Colorado City here at 6:30 p.m. The A boys will also play on this date at 8:00 p.m.

The A and B girls will play McCamey on January 9. The games will begin at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. in the Stanton High School gymnasium.

## Editor's Son May Sign With San Francisco

William Neal Estes, Jr., son of Neal Estes, Sr., editor and general manager of The Stanton Reporter, has been offered a contract to play with the San Francisco Forty-Niners, a professional football club.

Young Estes, born in Shreveport, Louisiana, is a former Commerce High School football star. He played quarterback on a team his dad and two of his uncles played for in the family's hometown.

Estes played college football at Arlington State College where he was co-captain of the Rebels. He is a senior at Arlington.

Young Estes will accompany his uncle and aunt, Publisher and Mrs. Carl Estes of Longview, to Stanton for a visit with Neal Estes and to Midland friends during the Christmas holidays.

Patricia Miller is spending the Christmas-New Year's holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller and Clinton. Miss Miller is a student at Sul Ross College in Alpine.

Ann Yater, student at Southwest State College at San Marcos, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yater, and other relatives.

## Next Edition To Feature Dollar Day

Dollar Day will be observed in Stanton Monday, January 6.

Merchants desiring to participate in the first Dollar Day for the New Year are advised to start thinking about advertising copy for special items now.

Get the Dollar Day habit. Trade at home on first Mondays for finer values!

## City Merchants Busy Completing Inventories

Stanton merchants and businessmen in all sections of Martin County will be busy this next week with inventory work.

Several local store owners start taking inventory immediately after Christmas. Others plan to start their inventories on the last day of 1963.

From the looks of some of the depleted stocks in Stanton stores most merchants enjoyed a bountiful business volume. They like it that way.

Other merchants have already received new shipments and the usual sales will get underway. There is nothing like an old-fashioned January clearance sale. Try the local newspaper when you put on your next big selling event.

## Santa Letters Forwarded To North Pole

The Stanton Reporter received several letters for Santa Claus after the Christmas paper was published on December 19.

These letters were promptly forwarded to Santa's headquarters at the North Pole. The letters were routed by jet plane and Santa and Mrs. Claus had ample time to read everyone of them.

We appreciated the interest of young friends who used the columns of the newspaper during the holiday season for the letter purpose and hope each and everyone of you received the things asked for on Christmas morning.

## Grady P-TA Has Special Program

The Grady Parent-Teacher Association met Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for a Special Christmas program. Mrs. Loyd Mims, president, introduced the program.

The program was presented by the first and second grade students of the school. Mrs. A. C. Fleming, Mrs. Noble Stewart, and Mrs. Slater Johnson, teachers, were in charge of the program.

The students sang Christmas songs and presented Christmas plays. The Spanish class had a band and played traditional Yuletide music. The next regular meeting of the Grady P-TA will be January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grady Cafeteria.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bryant and Angela are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bryant and Brenda, and her mother, Mrs. Virgie Quaid, and other relatives.

## Reporter To Publish Roger Babson Forecast

The Stanton Reporter will publish Roger Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1964 in the next issue of the paper.

We are calling this feature to the attention of our readers because 1964 will be a year of many changes.

Mr. Babson's 1964 forecast will contain predictions covering such important topics as general business, elections, tax cut possibilities, labor, inflation, agricultural outlook, stock market, real estate, and cost of living.

A careful checking of the Babson predictions made in the 1963 forecast upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 84 percent correct. American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his lifelong insistence of both religion and advertising in business.

Born and reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Massachusetts, Mr. Babson went to M. I. T. and after graduation turned instinctively to financial and business activities in which his father was engaged.

## Lighting Contest Winners Were Announced Monday

Winners of Stanton's annual Christmas decorations and lighting contest have been announced.

The contest, which was for the decoration of homes, was sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

The Edmund Morrow home was announced as first place winner. Other winners were Mr. and Mrs. Laymon Baker, second place, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, third place.

Lighting at the Morrow home featured a tree in the picture window with the star of Bethlehem over the tree. One side of the yard had a lighted Christmas tree with packages underneath. A large sign with "Peace on Earth" was placed on the other side of the yard.

The Baker's home decorations included a silver tree, in a picture window. A changing colored spotlight focused on the tree; and a running electric train was under the tree. A log planter was placed on the porch. The log featured Christmas greenery and lights. A large Christmas card was placed on the garage door, which said "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." A tree in the yard was decorated with gold painted lids. A spotlight was centered on the tree.

## Pickle Says He's No Rubber Stamp

Congressman-elect J. J. (Jake) Pickle said he is a "personal friend" of President Johnson's, but he will not be a rubber stamp voter for administration programs.

Pickle, elected to the 10th district congressional seat being vacated by U. S. Rep. Homer Thornberry, D-Texas, won the seat once held by the President. The loser was Republican Jim Dodds, by a vote of 27,227 to 16,046, with only one 20-vote precinct uncounted.

Pickle, well-known in Democratic party circles, assisted Johnson and two former Texas governors in various elections.

He has won his first elective post in more than 20 years of political life. Pickle told newsmen he would oppose the so-called "medicare" plan to provide hospitalization insurance through Social Security, to the aged.

Pickle said he favors the Kerr-Mills plan for matching state and federal money. The 49-year-old former Texas Employment Commission business representative

## Plans Made For Annual Livestock Show

Plans are being made for the annual Martin County Livestock Show to be held in January.

The show has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 17 and 18, at the county show barn.

In charge of the show will be the agriculture committee of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce. Bob Cox is chairman of the committee.

Trophies and ribbons have been ordered by the group to present to winners of the show.

There will be classes in the show for steers, barrows, lambs and gilts.

Expected to be entered in the show are about 50 barrows, 60 lambs, three calves, and from 12 to 15 gilts.

Animals are to be brought in on Friday, January 17, and judging and sale of animals will be on Saturday, January 18.

Eddie Owens of Big Spring, will be the auctioneer. Further plans will be made and announced in the near future.

## Tax Planning Time Here

Considerable income tax savings may be gained by spending a little time reviewing your farm records now, says C. H. Bates, farm management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A farmer's or ranchman's net income may vary considerably from year to year due to fluctuation in yields, changes in price and production costs, he explains. However, some planning by the taxpayer who pays by cash, as the farmer does, can help level out year to year income and save tax dollars, according to the specialist.

The producer must study business records before the end of December and make an estimate of the taxable income. If the prospects for taxable income appear to be high, the taxpayer may reduce it by paying for needed business items before the end of December, says Bates. Repair parts for machinery, paints, seed, tires, and reasonable amounts of fertilizer are some items which may be paid for in advance.

If the taxable income prospects point to a rather low figure for the year, the process should be reversed and a steps taken to increase income as much as possible. This can be done by obtaining payment for all products sold through December and carrying some repair and other maintenance costs over to January, with the hopes that next year's income may be more favorable.

Some farmers pay more taxes than they should because of the fail to take advantage of (Continued on page 2)

## 215 Poll Tax Receipts Issued Here

A total of 215 poll tax receipts have been issued in Martin County, Sheriff Dan Saunders said this week.

January 31 is the deadline for local residents to pay their poll taxes for the voting year of 1964. January 31 is also the deadline to pay state and county taxes for the year of 1964, Saunders said. Poll tax receipts are \$1.75.

## Butler Calls For Safety On Highways

"As we approach the Christmas-New Year Holiday, we must have the wholehearted cooperation of all drivers if we are to complete 1963 with less traffic deaths than last year," said Captain Ray B. Butler, Commander of the 24 county Highway Patrol District of Western Texas.

"During the first 11 months of 1963, we have recorded 93 traffic deaths in our area, compared with 91 for the same period last year, and there is a marked increase in the number of accidents in our rural areas, with 1,707 having been chalked up this year, compared to 1,630 last year," Butler stated.

"Property damage as result of these 1,707 accidents has amounted to \$1,865,585.00, as compared to \$1,540,715.00 last year, which indicates the severity is greater than last year," said Butler.

"Patrolmen in our area are instructed to concentrate their enforcement efforts toward those violations that might lead to a traffic accident and therefore we earnestly solicit the full cooperation of all drivers in order to reverse the trend upward that now exists," Captain Butler asked.

During the first 11 months of 1963 Martin County had two fatal accidents, 26 persons were injured and property damage resulting from accidents totaled \$103,270.00.

## Contest Winners Announced At High School

Winners of the door decorations contest at the Stanton High School have been announced.

The first place award went to the Future Teachers Association. Second place was awarded to the National Honor Society, and the third place winner was the freshman class.

The first place winner was awarded \$5.00, second, \$3.00, and \$2.00 for the third place winner.

Students of Stanton High School brought food and toys for needy families of the community last week. The annual drive was also sponsored by the Student Council.

## Sunday Rites Held For R. W. Hardin

Funeral services were held Sunday for Richard Waymon Hardin, 44, who died about 7:30 a.m. Friday in the local hospital after a brief illness.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Stanton, with the Rev. C. R. Mathis, pastor of the Lenorah Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Uhlman, pastor of the church here. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, under the direction of Arrington-Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mr. Hardin had lived about 10 miles northwest of Stanton. He had lived in Martin County since 1942, coming here from Howard County. He was born March 29, 1919 in Rannels County, and was married to the former Lorena Graves, Stanton, on May 8, 1943. He had been a member of the Lenorah Baptist (Continued on page 2)

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**M-FOUR**  
**FOR SALE:** Two bedroom house. Good location. Near School. June Graham.

**M-FOUR**  
**FOR SALE:** Three bedroom house, two bath, carpeted, three car carport, concrete cellar. Large lot. June Graham, 608 West School Street.



When President Lyndon B. Johnson said "I'll be home for Christmas," he made "Austin" a world dateline — and he changed the plans of a lot of newspapermen.

Reporters from all over the nation preceded, accompanied and followed the President to Central Texas.

European newsmen will arrive soon after Christmas. They will be here for German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's December 28-29 visit to the President's famous LBJ Ranch near Johnson City.

Johnson's plans to confer with Erhard, in Texas, had been known for some time. But, his announcement that he planned to spend Christmas with his family at the ranch was a surprise.

Johnson said he wanted to relax on Christmas Day, maybe go hunting or just take to the hills "communing with myself." He also wanted to see "my sisters and my brother and my uncles and cousins and aunts."

The family scheduled the hanging of four traditional red velvet stockings from the mantel and opening of surprise presents, just like any other family. Turkey and trimmings, cooked by the ranch cook, was the Christmas day menu.

Meanwhile, 65 miles away, hundreds of the nation's top newspapermen set up headquarters and communications facilities in Austin hotels to cover the story of the President's return to Texas and the visit of German dignitaries.

Many would make the trip to the LBJ Ranch over newly-designated Ranch Road 1. Last week the Texas Highway Commission budgeted funds for reconditioning and resurfacing the 4.5-mile loop paralleling the Pedernales River in the ranch area.

Highway Department officials predict that the President's Ranch Road 1 address soon will be as well known as the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

**OIL PRODUCTION RAISED** — The Texas Railroad Commission set oil production for January at 2,800,000 barrels daily, 28.5 per cent of potential.

Figure represents a very slight increase over December which was under a 28 per cent order. This is the first application of the percentage method to determine production.

**LAND CLAIM REFUSED** — Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler has denied the application of Guerry Strong of Austin for oil rich Hidalgo County land which the Austin man claimed to be vacant or unsurveyed.

Strong's application covered some 6,000 acres in the Pharr area. Under state law, one who discovers unsurveyed land is entitled to one-sixteenth interest in mineral rights.

San Antonio surveyor Bryon Simpson testified at length on conflicting surveys of the area. Strong claimed thousands of acres in a Porcion 72 grant from the King of Spain to Texas are not included in any valid survey. He has 90 days to appeal Sadler's ruling.

Mission Attorney Neal King called Sadler's decision a victory for present landowners.

**TOP PROBLEMS** — Taxes, water and industrial development are the problems of most concern to Texans in their home areas, Lt. Gov. Preston Smith found after a statewide survey.

Smith received 2,500 responses to 7,500 questionnaires mailed to Texans. Queries asked for opinions as to the biggest problems facing their cities and the immediate areas in which they live and work. He found 85 per cent of answers centered on three subjects.

"Taxes and/or fiscal responsibility, water and industrial development are the problems of most concern to Texans in their home areas, Lt. Gov. Preston Smith found after a statewide survey."

youngster is taught to use the toy properly and safely. This list could be continued, but you can make your own. The prime objective of an article such as this one is to remind parents that in the bustle and excitement of Christmas, accidents can happen. Certainly no one wants to spoil the holiday with undue worry. Make your plans for a safe Christmas, and then enjoy it to the hilt.

trial development were the three fields showing greatest concern," Smith said. "Many of the water-problem answers came from municipal areas while the small towns in rural areas were more concerned about industrial development. In many cases, water and industrial development were mentioned in the same answer."

The lieutenant governor found more concern over taxes at the local level "where increased demands for new schools and other municipal services are continuing to mount." But state taxes, too, are worrying citizens as they assess the overall load.

Education, transportation, municipal improvements, slum clearance and care of the aged were other problems listed by Texans answering Smith's questionnaire. The lieutenant governor is compiling answers to his other questions dealing with the state vs. federal control.

A number of newspapers are printing samples of the questionnaire.

**FINANCES AT A GLANCE** — In a new summary of the State Budget, Governor John Connally offers these facts on tax outgo and sources of state income:

**TO public education** 35 cents; highways and roads 28 cents; public welfare 15 cents; higher education 11 cents; health and hospitals 4 cents; law enforcement and corrections two cents; other governmental functions five cents.

**FROM all types of sales** taxes 37 cents; federal aid 24 cents; severance and production taxes 12 cents; franchise, gross receipts and occupational taxes eight cents; licenses, permits and registrations 10 cents; and other sources nine cents.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY URGED** — "Drastic action" by the Legislature and law enforcement agencies will be necessary if Texas drivers don't start showing more care about their own safety, Governor Connally warned in a holiday message.

Connally, "appalled" at predictions that 96 would die in holiday traffic accidents, issued a direct appeal to all drivers to make safety their personal business.

**COUNTY ROAD INDEBTEDNESS** — Eighty-two of Texas' 254 counties still have indebtedness on bonds for payment on pre-1939 road construction programs, according to the annual report by the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness.

The State participates in the retirement of these bonds, through contributions of state gasoline sales tax money, to help finance roads that came into the state system before 1939 and in the construction of new rural roads. This participation amounted to \$7,300,000 for the year ending August 31, 1963.

**DOGS ON RESEARCH TEAM** — Texas Prison System

**Winter - - -**  
(Continued from page 1) ant grade was middling light spotted, with 32 per cent of the cotton being this grade. Thirty-one per cent of the cotton was called strict low middling light spotted.

**Sunday - - -**  
(Continued from page 1) Church since 1948. He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Betty Sue Hardin, and one son, Jerry Wayne Hardin, all of the home in Lenoir; two brothers, George Hardin, Corpus Christi, and Billy Hardin, Fort Worth; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hardin, Stanton.

**Tax - - -**  
(Continued from page 1) depreciation on purchased livestock, Bates continues. Depreciation also provides an important tax management opportunity since new purchases of equipment items, irrigation facilities and similar items may be subjected to the 20 per cent first year depreciation. Assets having a six-year useful life, and not in the real estate category are usually eligible for this treatment, says Bates.

tem is raising dogs for Baylor College of Medicine for experimental purpose. An inter-institution agreement between Baylor and the Board of Corrections, dated July, 1962, established the dog-raising program at Wynne State Prison Farm in Huntsville.

Initial plans call for expanding the program to include other animals for experimental purposes as needed. These include hamsters, rats, rabbits and guinea pigs. Baylor has the first option on purchase of animals raised at Wynne. But excess animals may be sold to any other institution in the state.

**WHOOPIING COUGH ON INCREASE**—Whooping cough — known in medical jargon as pertussis — is not the killer it used to be. But it still is causing a significant scattering of infant deaths and a spread of sickness each year.

Its incidence seems to be on the increase in Texas. During the first week of December, city and county health officers across the state reported 19 new cases of whooping cough, bringing the 1963 total to 2,312 — an increase of 530 cases over the same period in 1962.

Only five deaths due to whooping cough were reported last year, but the State Department of Public Health already has received reports of 15 infant deaths from the disease this year.

State health officials say whooping cough is a large problem in the first six months of childhood. They emphasize two words — "family cooperation" — as the key to protecting infants against this and other disease.

Doctors advise expectant mothers to have their other children receive whooping cough shots, or boosters, at least three months before the new baby's arrival.

**Short Snorts** — Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr named Dallas attorney Robert G. Storey as a special counsel to participate in a presidential commission inquiry into the Black Friday events of November 22 in Dallas. . . . Reports from 18 agencies concerned with water recreation have been received by the Water Recreation Study Committee. Its consolidated report and proposals to Governor Connally will be ready in March. . . . Garland City Manager Terrell Blodgett is the new chairman of the Texas Municipal Retirement System. He succeeds Lt. Walter Wilkins, Corpus Christi police officer. . . . Applications for new First Bank and Trust Company in Austin and Guaranty Bank in Lubbock have been filed with the State Department of Banking. . . . J. B. Adair, coordinator of Baylor University's literacy studies program, has been selected by the Texas Education Agency to direct a statewide survey of adult illiteracy in Texas.

Phyllis Long, student at Texas Tech, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Long, and Becky.

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## SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



### OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

MARTIN-HOWARD-MIDLAND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Jack Puchanan, Bob Cox, Bernard Houston, Larry Sshaw, J. D. Crawford.

Sprinkler irrigation systems can operate efficiently — even when two or more wells are connected delivering water to central storage and from this storage pumping directly into the high-pressure main line. The method is gaining acceptance in the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District and in some other areas.

It's called the "collecting irrigation system." A central water storage is installed into which two or more irrigation wells are pumped. When designed correctly, the collecting system is simple to install and operates efficiently with few adjustments during operation, according to Area Irrigation Specialist Dave Sherrill.

Water storage can be purchased in the form of used oil storage tanks of 500-2,000 barrel capacity, or be constructed using reinforced concrete. It is located at a convenient location to the wells and the land being irrigated. Water is delivered from wells to storage using low pressure pipe because it is an open discharge into the tank. The water is taken from the storage by a centrifugal pump and delivered to a high pressure pipeline. The storage has to be only large enough to allow the operator to start all wells pumping, then water is used by the sprinkler system at the same rate as produced.

Melvin Graves, Stanton farmer, was among the first to use this system. He has four wells, each producing about 100-150 gallons per minute and pumping into a central storage located at the edge of the field he is irrigating.

He uses a 10-horsepower "booster pump" to his main irrigation line. A "by-pass" on this booster pump regulates water going to the main line with the total amount received from the wells. "I was about ready to give up on irrigating with my small wells before I installed this collection system," Graves reported. "I am sure at least one well was producing nothing when I had all wells pumping into a high pressure pipeline."

Farmers who have installed systems similar to Graves' say low operating cost, ability to irrigate with a constant amount of water, and ease of

adding other wells to the system, are the main advantages of this type of system. It is adaptable in most operations where an attempt is being made to sprinkle-irrigate with more than two wells. Sherrill says one system has been installed with 11 wells pumping into a central storage.

Some farmers in Terry County with small wells pump water from several wells into one central well. From this collecting well, sufficient size pump and engine are installed to properly distribute all water into a sprinkler system.

If several wells are tied together, pumping into main sprinkler line, careful check should be made to see that pressures are equalized and each well is pumping its required amount of water. A central storage tank or collecting well simplifies the problem.

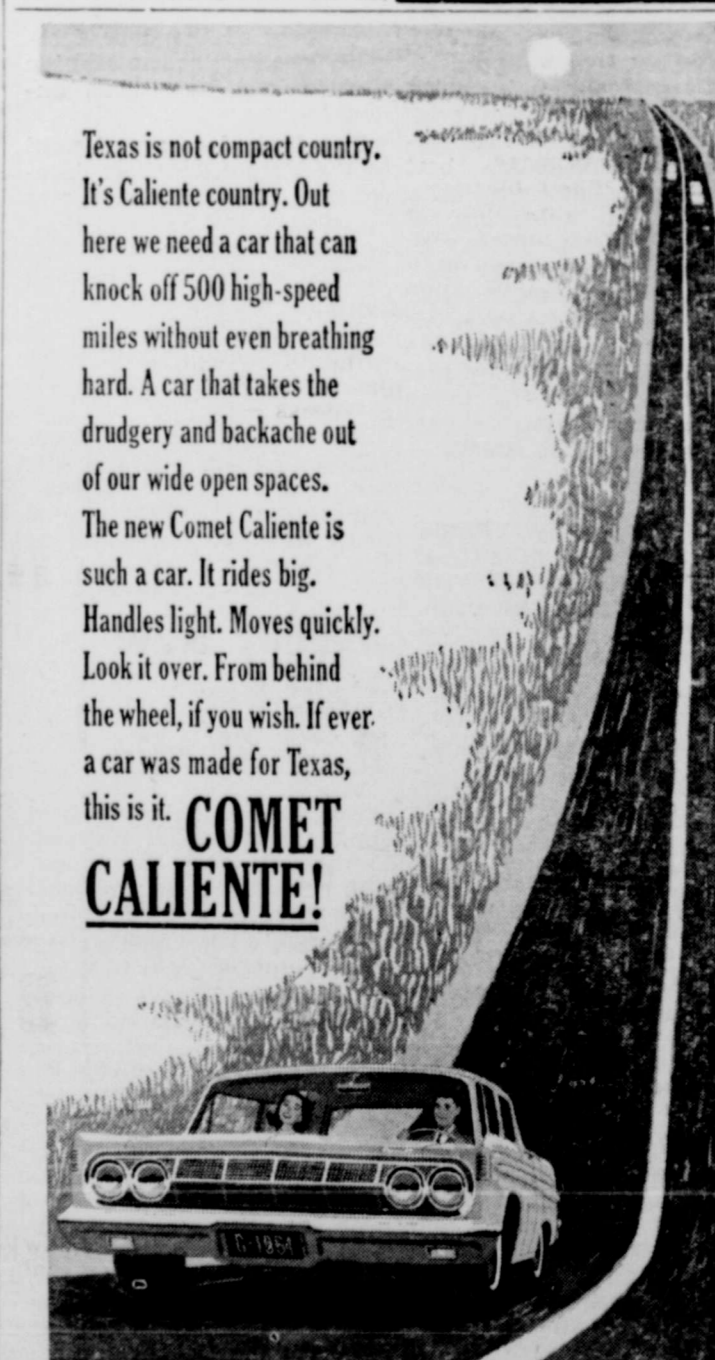
Cost-share can be made on underground low pressure collection and high pressure main lines under the Great Plains Conservation Program administered by the Soil Conservation Service in the Plains area. Cost-share is limited to \$2,500 per operational unit and it must be a reorganization of an existing system that has been in operation two out of the last five years, report S.C.S. officials.

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### NEW JUDGE

Congressman Homer Thornberry will become judge of the U. S. Western District of Texas Saturday (12/21) at El Paso. He was appointed to the post last summer by President Kennedy. Thornberry will be administered the oath by the man he will succeed, Judge R. E. Thomason of El Paso, who retired. The 10 a.m. ceremony will be sponsored by the El Paso Bar Association. Adrain A. Spears of San Antonio, chief judge of the Western District, will preside.

### Mrs. Kennedy Eligible For \$10,000 Pension

Mrs. John F. Kennedy is eligible for a \$10,000-a-year pension as the assassinated President's widow can start receiving monthly checks as soon as she fills out the required forms.

A spokesman said Saturday the Treasury Department has been in communication with the former First Lady but there is "still some paper work to be completed."

Mrs. Kennedy is eligible under a law passed by Congress in 1958. Two other presidential widows, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, received the pensions before they died.

The late first ladies also had the privilege of sending all their mail free as well as Mrs. Kennedy throughout her lifetime.

Earlier this week President Johnson signed into law a bill providing Mrs. Kennedy with \$50,000 for upkeep of an office for herself and her staff for one year. The measure also appropriated \$15,000 for burial expenses for the late President.

Mrs. Kennedy and her two children, Caroline, 6, and John Jr., 3, also will have Secret

### Cotton Classing Receipts Continue To Increase

Open weather and cold nights accompanied by relatively heavy frosts enabled cotton harvesting to resume for the week ending December 6. Sample receipts totaled 16,579. According to B. B. Manly Jr. officer-in-charge of the USDA's Cotton Classing office in Abilene, the total bales classed during the current harvesting season stands at 318,738.

Receipts from District 1, which is composed of Glasscock, Martin, Midland and Howard counties, increased from 1,770 samples the previous week to 6,740 samples last week.

Grades in District 1 dropped slightly with 31 per cent of the cotton being classed in the White grade category. Six-

ty-three per cent was light spotted and six per cent was spotted. A further breakdown of grades shows that middling light spotted was the predominant grade making up 35 per cent of the total classed.

Staple lengths continued to run about the same as last week. Three per cent was 3/8 and shorter; 45 per cent, 29-32; 34 per cent, 15-16; six per cent, 31-32; four per cent, one-inch; two per cent, 1-1-32; four per cent, 1-1-16; one per cent, 1-3-32; and one per cent, 1-1/2.

Micronaire readings showed a decline last week, with one per cent in the Wasty category, which is generally 2.7 or below. Seventy-eight per cent "miked" 3.5 or better.

### Health And Safety Tips

From The American Medical Association

Glass Christmas tree ornaments definitely are not recommended for baby's diet this holiday season.

Absurd statement? Of course. But not as absurd as you might think. Christmas is a time of bright little lights on a tree in the parlor, of shiny glass ornaments and decorations, of filmy spun glass filaments, of toys that sometimes have sharp, rough edges, of lots of candy, nuts and other rich edibles.

These are a part of Christmas, and no one is suggesting there's anything wrong about it. The American Medical Association at this holiday season, however, points out once again that there are safety hazards at the Christmas season that aren't usually encountered during the rest of the year. A few simple precautions can help insure a safe Christmas for your household.

Check over your old strings of Christmas tree lights and discard those that are worn or brittle. If there are very small

children around your house, discard burnt-out bulbs with caution, so that baby can't get at them.

Keep the glass ornaments and filmy glass "angel hair" out of baby's reach. The ornaments crumble readily into sharp slivers.

Make absolutely certain that no toys coated with lead-based paint are included in Santa's pack. Lead poisoning is a danger should the child chew on the toy. Most manufacturers now avoid dangerous paints.

Select toys with a minimum of sharp, rough edges, toys that won't burn quickly if flicked through a candle flame, toys that are large enough so that baby can't swallow them.

Electrical toys, such as trains, also should be selected with safety in mind. Is the wiring intact and strong, or is it loose and flimsy?

Air rifles, sling shots, archery sets and other missile throwing toys are obviously dangerous if carelessly used. Set up target ranges and make certain the

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John R. Collard, Jr. of Spearman is shown the chair he will occupy as Grand Master of Masons in Texas during 1964. Jim W. Weatherby of Kerrville, who served in that position in 1963, makes way for Grand Master Collard.

The new Grand Master, who heads the quarter-million Masons of Texas' 965 Lodges, was elected during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas held in Waco December 4 and 5.

Grand Master Collard has ranching interests and other business activities in the Texas Panhandle. He has been active in Masonic and civic endeavors for many years.

Other officers elected at the Communication included: J. Carroll Hinsley of Austin as Deputy Grand Master; H. W. Fullingim of Odessa as Grand Senior Warden; and Dr. J. D. Tomme, Jr. of Fort Worth who was elected Grand Junior Warden.

**Bible Comment—**

**There Is No Place In Religion For Hate**

A plausible philosophy of life has said, "Be good and you will be happy."

But if happiness consist in being free from danger and immune from pain, the sufferings of good men have revealed how false is that easy adage.

A deep mystery of life is that the innocent have suffered with the guilty. It is that mystery of the Cross and the suffering and sacrifice of Christ Himself.

The hostility that Jesus aroused in His prejudiced, fellow townsmen as He began His ministry in Nazareth continued on the part of many throughout His ministry.

Strange to say, it was the finest things that He did that aroused the most violent opposition.

Religion ought to make men humane, kind, considerate, ready and eager to help one another. But, unfortunately, it has often made them bitter and full of hatred.

It was not unnatural that give sins, the sins, would not be questioned by some, as they had been by His own brothers. But why should His pronouncement of the forgiveness of sin have aroused such hatred?

If He had no power to forgive sins, the sins, would be forgiven. To question His authority was one thing, to hate Him was another.

The opposition of certain Scribes and Pharisees and official religious authorities had some justification. They were the official representatives of religion. As Jesus Himself said, they "sat in Moses' seat."

The mistake that they made was in ignoring the actual words and deeds, in being blind to the authority of goodness, and in hating one whom the people heard gladly.

Are we wiser than those of old? Is religion our response to the goodness of God, or is it dominated by prejudice and bigotry?

**Philosopher Saves Time And Energy By Changing His Calendar Every Other Year**

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw has caught up with the times, his letter this week indicates.)

Dear editor: I knew it was Christmas, television doesn't play Jingle Bells in July, but I thought it was Christmas 1962. I never got around to changing calendars.

In this connection, I was talking with a man who had something of the same feeling; that the years are sailing by so fast he can't keep track of them and he was arguing we ought to hold Christmas only every other year, to give a man time to catch his breath between seasons, but he won't get anywhere with the idea.

At any rate, I tore off my calendar, brought the year up to 1963, and while I was at it flipped a page and got on into 1964. You're not going to catch me napping, and besides, why waste energy tearing off a year at a time when

you can get two with the same effort?

I have no idea what the new year holds for me, but that isn't surprising as I haven't found out yet for sure what happened in 1963. I know we have better communications but it doesn't help much, about all television does is multiply the number of crises you're aware of. The number of trouble spots on earth probably hasn't increased, what television does is baffle you with four a week instead of the old system of one a month. Seeing may be believing but it's a long way from understanding.

However this doesn't bother me. A man who had to wait for television to find out how much there is around him he can't figure out, just wasn't looking in the first place. I don't know why I should be expected to understand what's going on in the rest of the world when I'm not sure what's taking place on this Martin County grass farm.

At any rate, what's coming up in 1964 is bound to be interesting, and I intend to be on hand to misunderstand it.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.

**Sands Wins Against SC**

The Sands Mustangs put the clamps to Sterling City Eagles in all three basketball games scheduled, in games played at Sterling City December 17.

The Mustangs took the boys' game, 55-47, and girls' contest read, 55-47, and the B game went to the Ponies, 46-43.

Oren Lancaster of Sands, scored 14 points of the Mustangs in the boys A game. Ernest Longoria led all scorers as he popped in 16 for Sterling City.

Danny Womack hit 14 points for the Mustangs in the boys B game. Seago pocketed 21 points for Sterling City in this game.

In the girls game, Ruth Lemoh led Sands with 24, while Robie Brown chipped in 18 and Zelda Bodine potted 12.

**Mrs. Raspberry Honored With Bridal Shower**

Mrs. Billy Wayne Raspberry was honored with a bridal shower Saturday at the home of Mrs. Bill Hambrick of Ackery.

The holiday motif was used in decorations.

Hostesses for the Saturday evening event were: Mrs. Jack Bowlin, Mrs. George Rhea, Mrs. Travis Russell, Mrs. Earl Newcomer, Mrs. M. A. McCasland, Mrs. Bill Etchison, Mrs. Curtis White, Mrs. Vernon Shortes, Mrs. Hambrick, Mrs. Jewel Franklin, Mrs. Alfred Herren, and Mrs. John Beal.

Also, Mrs. J. T. Cook, Mrs. J. E. Willoughby, Mrs. Hollis Kennemen, Mrs. Lester Brown, Mrs. Marvin Franks, Mrs. Leonard Coleman, Mrs. Leon Bodine, Mrs. V. J. Coleman, and Mrs. Clifton Gregg.

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**The Launching Pad**

By NEAL ESTES

**A**TENTION, youngsters who got new bikes or guns for Christmas. This story is for you. They're beauties, aren't they—the bike, the gun? But do you understand the new responsibility they impose? They imply that you're well on the way to growing up. When your parents gave you the bike, it was an expression of their respect for your understanding of traffic rules and signals. They're betting your judgment is mature enough that you will ride only on the right side of the street with the flow of traffic, and that you will always walk your bike through heavy traffic. Your parents—by their gift to you—demonstrated their belief that you have enough discretion to light up the bike when night-riding, not to ride double, and never hitch a ride behind a car. They're counting on you to give proper hand signals and to ride single file when out with your bike-owning buddies. If you got a gun for Christmas, your parents are—in effect—saying the same thing: that they trust your judgment and common sense. They know a gun is the weapon of a man, or a bright lad well along toward manhood. If your parents are right, you will treat every gun as though it were loaded. You'll unload yours when it isn't in use, and you'll be constantly alert to muzzle direction when handling it. A man who knows guns is always sure of his target before he shoots, he never points at anything he doesn't intend to kill. Such a man has better judgment than to climb a tree or a fence with a loaded weapon. A skilled gun handler like you want to become never shoots without checking the barrel for obstructions, and never shoots at flat hard surfaces or at water because of the possibility of ricochet. He stores his ammunition and his gun separately to avoid accidents. It takes intelligence and good judgment to follow the rules of bicycle and gun safety, to live up to the responsibilities ownership imposes. Your parents are convinced you have the necessary qualifications. Have you?

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**1964 Outlook For Agriculture Good**

Texas farmers and ranchmen with the necessary resources — land, capital, labor and the managerial ability to combine them into an efficiently operating unit—should have a good year in 1964, believes John G. McHane, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Here are his reasons. Economic activity for the nation is expected to continue at a high level during 1964. Consumer incomes after taxes are running about 5 percent above 1962 now and further gains are expected in 1964. Too, automobile sales, home building, appliance sales are expected to register further gains as are expenditures for new plants and equipment. Expenditures for goods and services by federal, state and local governments will increase in 1964 and they now account for about a fifth of the gross national product, McHane explains.

He points out, however that the general economic activity will depend to a great extent upon the timing and extent of the proposed tax cut. The domestic market for agricultural products looks

good, says the economist. The immediate outlook for agricultural exports is about the best ever, he adds. Total exports of farm products for 1963-64 is likely to be near \$6 billion if the proposed grain sales to Soviet bloc countries materialize.

Farm output continues to rise and 1963 is expected to set a record high for the sixth consecutive year. With average growing conditions, farm output in '64 will remain high and could set a new record, says McHane.

The cost-price squeeze will still be an important factor in farm income, but with so many farmers also doing off-farm work, per capita personal income of all people living on farms from all sources is expected to be near the 1963 record level.

The outlook calls for further increases in farm assets, chiefly due to the continued rise in farm land values. Though farm debts also continue to increase, the equities of farmers and other farm property owners are increasing at a faster rate, says McHane.

**New Arrivals**



Mr. and Mrs. Arville Fincher announce the arrival of a daughter, Lee Ann, born at 9:06 a.m. December 10 in Big Spring at Howard County Hospital. The young lady tipped the scales at five pounds, eleven and one-half ounces. Paternal grandparents are Mr. Mrs. Leroy Fincher and maternal grandfather is Loyce Hazlewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner are the proud parents of a son born at 3:28 p.m. December 10 in the Howard County Hospital.

The boy has been named Tommy Dee. He weighed six pounds, one ounce.

The Turner's have on other child, a daughter.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hall. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stanley are the parents of a boy born at 5:37 a.m. December 12, at Malone-Hogan Foundation Hospital.

The baby has been named Roger Wayne. He weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces.

The Stanley's have two boys, Bruce, age eight, and Gerald, age four and one half.

The grandparents live in Maplewood, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lee Shockley of Knott, are the parents of a son, born at 12:05 p.m. December 9, at the Medical Arts Clinic-Hospital.

The baby weighed five pounds, 11 3/4 ounces. He has been named David Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Knox of Tarzan, are the proud parents of a son born Saturday at the Midland Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kelly are the proud parents of a daughter born at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, December 14, at the Malone-Hogan Hospital in Big Spring.

The baby has been named Nancy D'Ann. She weighed seven pounds, seven ounces.

This is the Kelly's first child. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Margie Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Motley are the proud parents of a daughter born at 3:48 p.m. December 15 in the Malone-Hogan Hospital in Big Spring.

The baby has been named Teresa Ka Lynn, and she weighed six pounds, 12 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Motley.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Clements and children of Farmington, New Mexico, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nowlin and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jagers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grant of Galveston, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sorley and family.

**Garden Club Holds Party**

The Garden Club met Tuesday, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Guy Eiland for their annual Christmas party.

The serving table was covered with a Christmas cloth. The centerpiece featured a pink rose tree. Refreshments of fruit cake, sandwiches, punch and coffee were served.

Mrs. Jess Burns, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, and Mrs. S. Arthur Wilson sang "All My Heart This Night Rejoices," accompanied by Mrs. Roy Pickett.

Roy Phemister, minister of the Belvue Church of Christ, showed slides on the story of Christmas.

A Christmas tree was held and gifts were exchanged.

Those attending were: Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. S. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. F. O. Rhodes, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. D. E. Ory, Mrs. Lila Flanagan, Mrs. Hattie Estes, Mrs. John Pinkston, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Mrs. L. C. Hazelwood, Mrs. George Dawson, and Mrs. Eiland. Also attending were: Mrs. Huling, Mrs. Jess Burns, and Mrs. Roy Pickett.

**PERSONALS**

Nancy Robnett, student at Texas Tech College in Lubbock, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robnett, and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. House of Miami, Arizona, and Mrs. Bud Aaron of Artesia, New Mexico, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. House.

Ralph Mauldin of Houston, visited Saturday afternoon with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bryant, and Brenda.

John Ray Ory is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ory. John Ray is a student at North Texas State College at Denton.

The Rev. Cherry Allgood and children are visiting here with relatives. They are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Franklin and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adkins.

**Seventeen Years Ago**

The organization of seven 4-H clubs with a total enrollment of 100 boys is listed as one of the outstanding accomplishments in the annual report of County Agent James D. Eiland. Each of the clubs is sponsored locally. Steve Church is sponsor of the Stanton club; Sam Cox at Courtney; I. E. Welch at Tarzan, John J. Thomas at Lenora; A. C. Fleming at Valley View; J. H. Burrow at Brown, and Robert Dunn at Flower Grove.

Captain and Mrs. Pat Howard and son of Scott Field, III, have been visiting with friends and relatives.

The Martin County Commissioners have returned home from a meeting with the State Highway Commission on farm to market roads.

Zora Lou Houston and Sue Houston are spending the holidays in Stanton. Zora Lou attends a school at Chillicothe, Mo., and Sue attends school at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Epley and children of Five Points, Calif., Mrs. George Tom and Mrs. Maxine Floyd and children of Fort Worth, are visiting in Stanton during the holidays.

Betty Ruth Gibson is home for the holidays. She attends a nurses' training school in Dallas.

Glady's Johnson of Turkey, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ellmore Johnson.

Only one new face will appear in the circle of Martin County's official family as the members assemble in the first days of January to be sworn in and take over the reins of government. The newcomer to the family circle is Mrs. Nobye Hamilton, assuming the duties of county and district clerk. Other county officers to be sworn in on January 6, are B. F. White, county judge; H. M. Zimmerman, sheriff; Garland Brewer, county treasurer; Kyle Shoemaker, commissioner, Precinct One; D. E. Bloomer commissioner Precinct Two; Otto Bearden, commissioner, Precinct Three; Joe Froman, commissioner, Precinct Four; D. K. Rogers, justice of peace, Precinct One; G. B. Shelburne, justice of peace, Precinct Two; John F. Priddy, county chairman of the Democratic executive committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and children of Abilene, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith.

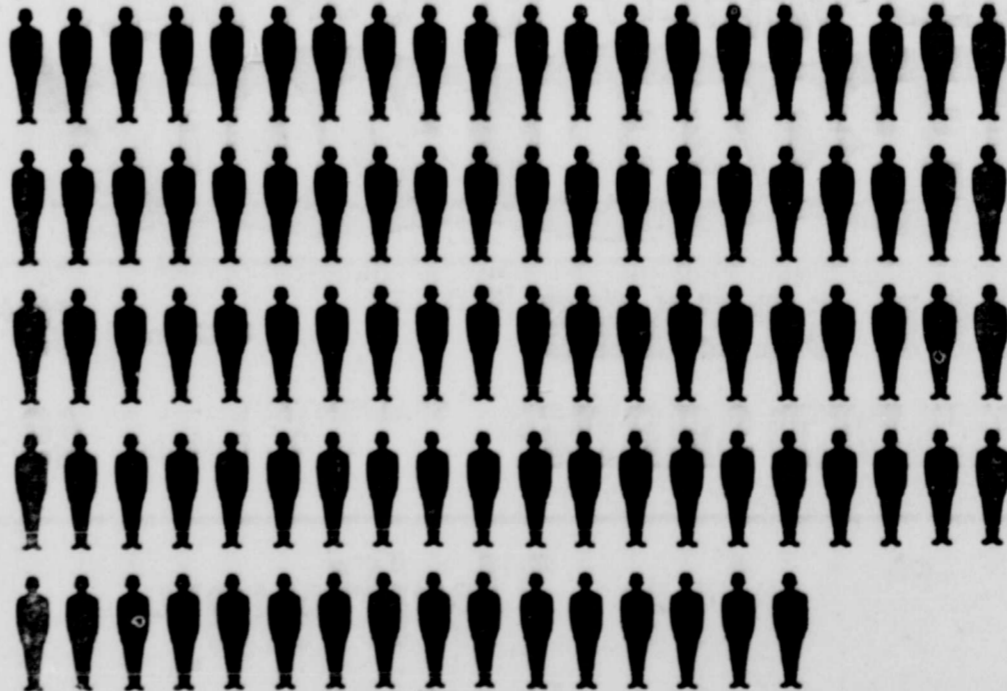
The Stanton Bison herd is well on its way to repeat its record in basketball, when they advanced to the championship flag. The Bison have salted away victories over all opponents in the district 2-B chase up to Garden City, and they are to take on the Glasscock County capital team January 3.



**DOLLIE CAN'T LICK** — Just because her doll can't lick Christmas Seals doesn't hinder this young Texas miss from instructing her on the proper way to dress up mail at this time of year. According to Governor John Connally's proclamation, Christmas Seal Days in Texas began November 15.

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**Home Demonstration Club Activities**

Mrs. Sonny Shroyer was hostess to the Knott club's annual Christmas party Tuesday. Mrs. Billy Gaskin gave the devotion and officers were installed.

The installation was conducted by Mrs. Crawford, who used a tree to represent the club and ornament to represent the officers and members.

Nine members and their guests were served a buffet luncheon. Silver tree formed designs in the red-covered table, which was centered with a poinsettia and flanking candles.

Mrs. Joe M. Gaskin assisted the hostess in serving, and Mrs. Billy Gaskin distributed gifts. With the exchange of gifts, secret pals were revealed.

The party was brought to a close with "Silent Night" sung by the group.

Six guests attended the Christmas luncheon held Thursday in the home of Mrs. T. E. Newman for members of the Lomax Home Demonstration Club.

Welcomed as visitors were Mrs. Raymond Phillips, Mrs. G. B. Putman, Mrs. Carl Fambro, Mrs. E. W. Lomax, Mrs. A. J. Stallings and the HD agent, Mrs. Delaine Crawford.

Following the luncheon Mrs. Wayne Etchison read a Christmas sermon by Peter Marshall. Secret pals were revealed during an exchange of gifts. A holiday theme was evident in decorations used throughout the home.

**Cleta Hays Honored With Bridal Shower**

Miss Cleta Hays, bride-elect of Joe Lee Barber, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower Tuesday evening December 17, at the home of Mrs. Gene Clements.

The honoree's chosen colors of red and white were used in the table decorations. The serving table was laid with a red cloth with an overlay of white lace. The centerpiece featured a bride and groom, surrounded by angel hair, red bells and candles.

Cranberry punch and wedding cookies were served from milk glass appointments.

The guests registered between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Gifts were on display.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Bill Poik, Mrs. Virgil Brothers, Mrs. Louis Roten, Mrs. D. E. Ory, Mrs. Gene Clements, Mrs. Clyde Miller, Mrs. Irvin Myrick, Mrs. Elmer Long, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Leon Graves, Mrs. Jess Angel, Mrs. Ivan White, Mrs. Chalmers Wren, Mrs. Robert White, Mrs. Philip White, and Mrs. Glenn L. Brown.

The couple were married December 20 at the First Baptist Church.

**Koonce Appears In Graceland Choral Group**

Thadd H. Koonce, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Koonce, Star Route, Stanton, performed in a Christmas choral selected from members of the Graceland College Concert Choir and appeared as a shepherd in the Graceland College performance of "Amahl and the Night Visitors," on December 8, 1963 at Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa.

The one-act Italian opera by Gain-Carol Menot it tells of the visit of the three kings to the hut of Amahl, the crippled little shepherd. Mr. Koonce is a junior majoring in General College.

Graceland College is sponsored by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with world headquarters in Independence, Missouri.

Bobby Sale is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sale. Bobby is a student at Texas Tech College.

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