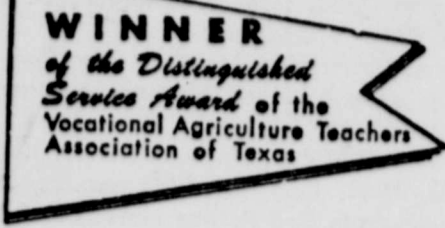


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By NEAL ESTES

Jobs are pretty hard to come by in Stanton and if you are lucky enough to have one it might be a good idea to stop "gold-bricking" and apply more time to improving your situation. Lots of business places in Stanton have long waiting lists and sometimes the threads of patience simply break the top man's back and replacements are necessarily in line. When a job calls for 8 hours a day for five days that means 40 hours — not 39 and one-half and it means on time and ready to contribute something to the day's business.

The jurors in the McDonald case must have felt like birds out of cages after being on duty eight days. The housing facilities and circumstances under which they performed their legal labor was not the most modern or best in the world and on top of studying the evidence they weathered the big dust storm the first day the trial opened. The eleven men and one lady who served on the jury deserve the plaudits of the public for their unselfish dedication to one of the American concepts of justice—jury duty.

It was mentioned in the trial period that Stanton and Martin County could use a new courthouse. That is undoubtedly a good suggestion but it takes bond issues to build courthouses and as nice as it would be to have a fine, modern, air-conditioned structure, the people are just not ready or able to vote for any kind of bond issue at this time. It would possibly be sheer folly to ask them to do so. Because regardless of what anyone tells you, it takes money to build things and the taxes must necessarily increase.

Can you realize that more than 300 bills were introduced in the TEXAS LEGISLATURE this week? It appears that any representative with an idea, regardless of its merit, wants to get his name on a bill. Personally, I would like to see 300 repeals of some of the laws we have now. When you think about it, the Old Deal, the Old Frontier, the Earned Society, we prospered under was not so bad. Really and truly, and we might as well admit it, several of the ideas in government existing today are nothing short of Socialism and if a politician had introduced any one of them 20 years ago he would have been chased not only out of office but out of the community in which he lived. Anyone for free hamburgers today?

We read with interest the other day where a friend of ours who supported the JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ticket in the national election received two tickets to the inauguration. When he started investigating the possibility of attending he learned these things: (1) It takes around \$2,000 for two to make the trip. (2) Tickets must be secured to all affairs such as the big balls, etc. after arrival in Washington and they are hard to come by. (3) Security passes must be arranged for if one expects to move from area to area — you don't just walk around in Washington these days — you are screened from the time you get in that place until you get out. (4) For the first time in American history, the president was inaugurated behind bullet proof glass and thousands of servicemen, officers, and agents were posted around on tops of buildings, etc. It's like the old story they used to tell up in Commerce about the bootleggers who brought their hooch in from Oklahoma and sold in the

# Odell McDonald Draws 99 Years

## Editor Estes Rotary Speaker Wednesday

Neal Estes, editor of The Stanton Reporter, was the speaker at the last meeting of the Stanton Rotary Club. His subject was: "The Community Newspaper."

Martin Gibson, program chairman, introduced the editor. President Stanton White opened the meeting and Ellmore Johnson offered the invocation.

Guests included: Doyle Clinton, brother of Rotarian Beryl Clinton; Chief of Police Bob Smith, guest of Stanton White, and Cecil Bridges was a guest of Coats Bentley.

Bob Priddy was introduced as a new member of the club. He was sponsored by Rotarian Philip White. Rotarian Victor Ortiz voiced the benediction.

## Seagraves Ups Margin In 5-A Race

League leading Seagraves upped its District 5-A record to 6-1 here Tuesday night by defeating Stanton 54-43.

Buddy Shanks topped the scorers for the evening with 15 but the scoring ability of three Eagle players, Scott Johnson with 14, Kenny Cullum with 13 and Bo Faulkenberry with 12, was too much for the locals.

Stanton won the "B" game 71-45 as Jerry Cox scored 12 for Stanton. Phil Nash was high for Seagraves with 14. Tahoka is now in second place in the district with five wins and two losses. Tahoka defeated O'Donnell 65-60 Tuesday night.

## Mothers March Totaled \$266

The Mothers March was held Thursday night, January 28.

The FHA girls who made door to door calls were: Eunice Stephenson, Mary Wilson, Linda Manning, Luan Louder, Nealu Ferguson, Katrina Johnson, Joyce Standerfer, Sharon and Carolyn Kuhlman, Charlotte Filippo, Jeanette Avery, and Kathy Therwanger. Sorority members of Mu Lambda Chapter and Xi Epsilon Delta Chapter drove the girls from door to door. They were: Mrs. Corene Manning, Mrs. Lois Powell, Mrs. Bill Collier, Mrs. Roy Koonce, Mrs. John Rouché, Mrs. Floyd Walker, Mrs. Bill Milam, Mrs. Tull Ray Louder, Mrs. Euel Ferguson, Mrs. Beryl D. Clinton, and Allene Kelly.

Total amount collected was \$266. Envelopes left at the doors are still to come in.

Mrs. Udell Morris was Mothers March chairman.

## Barnes Picks Carpenter On 5 Committees

State Representative Ed Carpenter of Coahoma has been named to five standing committees in the Texas House of Representatives this week by Speaker Ben Barnes. Carpenter, a second term member, will serve on Public Land and Buildings, vice chairman; Counties, Highways and Roads, Livestock and Stock Raising, and State Hospitals and Special Schools.

## Junior Cotton Contest Winners Are Announced

The finals of the Martin County Junior Cotton Contest were held in County Agent Bob Johnson's office Saturday, January 30, with the judging of production records and participants interviews with the judges.

Donnie Jones was the irrigation division winner and placed first in the production and interview phases of the contest.

David Howard placed second and won the best record award. Roy Kelly, last year's winner, placed third in this division.

Buddy Stewart, last year's dryland division winner, repeated his win this year.

Agent Bob Johnson stated that entries were low this year due to the short crop which affected many of the entries.

"In fact," Johnson said, "some had no production to enter."

Judges for the annual event, sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee were: Charles Gaylor, extension farm management specialist and Kenneth Lindsey, area agronomist from Fort Stockton.

Awards are scheduled to be made to the winners in the near future at some suitable event, Johnson said.

## Stanton High Honor Roll, 3rd Six Weeks

The following honor roll was released to The Stanton High School. The first honor roll is for the third six weeks, and the second honor roll is for the first semester average.

### Third Six Week's Honor Roll

Freshmen: Kathy Biggs, Martha Bradshaw, Linda Glaspie, Robert Haggard, Steve Hall, Ross Hay, Cathy Hazlewood, Karl Herzog, Jimmie Jones, Johnny Louder, David Matteson, Sandra Merrifield, Bill Romine, Joyce Standerfer, Sue Walker, Pam Williams, and Anita Woody.

Sophomores: Mark Bentley, Rebecca Boyce, Guy Brown, Beverly Clements, Linda Costlow, Brenda Hightower, Judy Kokel, Becky Long, Phillip Payne, Cindy Pickett, Gary Reid, Butch Robnett, Robert Roten, Buddy Shanks, (Continued on page 4)

## Special Film To Be Shown Here Feb. 6

The First Baptist Church will sponsor the showing of "World's Fair Encounter," a production based on the story of two young people who actually visited the Fair during the first season of operation at 7:30 p.m., February 6.

Pamela Baird, a Walt Disney national talent contest winner, whose career has included feature roles in a number of major studio productions, portrays a French-Swiss exchange student, who is enrolled as a graduate nurse from Montana.

Jean Luc Ray, making his debut, portrays a Swiss-French exchange student, who is enrolled as an architect major at a New York university. The story climax takes place in the Billy Graham Pavilion, where the wide screen motion picture, "Man in the Fifth Dimension," makes its impact on the film's principals.

# Courthouse Packed As Verdict Read



Daniel Odell McDonald

Daniel Odell McDonald, 19, drew a 99-year prison term for murder with malice in the slaying last June 12 of his 82-year-old grandmother, Mrs. W. S. (Delzee) McDonald.

A 118th District Court jury of 11 men and one woman deliberated three and one-half hours before returning its verdict to District Judge Ralph Caton at 10:30 p.m. before a crowded courtroom of spectators.

There was no indication immediately after the jury returned the verdict or today, whether the defense would appeal.

The 19-year-old McDonald appeared stunned by the verdict. He fastened his eyes on Sheriff Dan Saunders when he announced the jury ready with their verdict.

"What do you think about the verdict?" he was asked. "I don't think," he replied, breaking a silence of more than a week when reporters attempted to question him.

"Are you surprised," he was asked. McDonald just shook his head.

"Do you feel dejected about the outcome?" "I don't feel nothing," he answered.

The district attorney, with Martin County Attorney Roy Pickett at his side, read the indictment charging McDonald, with killing his grandmother, Mrs. W. S. (Delzee) McDonald, "by choking her with his hands and a plastic bag, and by stabbing her with a fork."

"Are you guilty or not guilty?" Judge Caton asked. "Not guilty, your honor," McDonald replied in a soft voice. John Davis, a Stanton farmer, was called as the first of 17 witnesses to be used by the state. He told of going to the small grocery store and filling station operated by Mrs. McDonald on that fateful day.

The small store is located on U. S. 80 five blocks east of the business district. Old Friend Visits Store "I had known her a good many years," Davis testified. "She was from the old school . . . got up early, so did I. It was the only place you could get milk or bread early in the morning."

He said he reached the store, where Mrs. McDonald lived in the rear, shortly before 6 a.m. He said he found the front door open and walked inside. "Did you see her inside?" asked Burns.

"No," he replied. He said he then checked her small room in the rear. "Did you see Mrs. McDonald?" asked Burns.

"Yes, I saw Mrs. McDonald lying on the bed. She was

on her back. He said he left the store and went to the home about a block away of Dan McDonald, Mrs. McDonald's son, and father of the accused slayer. The two of them returned to the store.

This time, he said, he noticed the plastic sack over her head. He described her as being about five feet-four or five feet-six and weighing 100 pounds.

Under cross examination by Thomas, Davis said he had known young McDonald "since he was a kid."

He said he saw the youth later that day. "Did you notice anything unusual?" Thomas asked. "Yes, I did," Davis replied. "What was it?"

"He . . . his expression . . . he didn't seem to be disturbed like the balance of the family was . . . his eyes were glassy."

"Did that appear unusual?" "Yes, sir, it did. I never saw the boy like that before."

He said he did not talk to McDonald, but he observed him for about 45 minutes. "He acted like a dog having a running fit," Davis added.

The second witness was Sidney Collins, an identification officer of the Big Spring police department, who identified two aerial photos taken of the area by him last Oct. 23. The jury then heard Deputy Sheriff G. B. Therwan-

## County 4-H Clubbers To Enter Animals In Shows

Martin County 4-Hers launch into ten days of exhibiting their county show champions and winners at major stock shows in El Paso and Ft. Worth this week.

County Agent Bob Johnson said he would take a group to Ft. Worth Wednesday. The clubbers will exhibit 15 lambs in the Southwestern Livestock Show on Friday, February 5.

Lambs will be shown by Marlene Long, James McNutt, Tresa and Trina Shoemaker, Ronny Johnson, Leslie Posey, and Johnny McIntyre.

Parents of the youthful ambassadors will also make the trip to Ft. Worth.

The El Paso Livestock Show will open on February 6 and continue through Feb. 13.

Johnny McIntyre will exhibit his county champion barrow, champion finewool lamb and champion crossbred lamb. Marlene Long will exhibit her champion medium wool and a Southdown.

Don Roper will seek to add more honors to the county string with his champion steer, Anthony II.

Guy Mabee will show his registered Angus heifer which placed second at the Pecos Fall Fair.

Ronny Johnson, Rosalind Welch, David Howard, and Trina Shoemaker will also show lambs that placed high in the local show.

The group will take 15 lambs, three barrows, the steer and the heifer to El Paso.

## Potential Gauges Filed On Sale Well

John L. Cox of Midland has filed potential gauges on No. 1 Sale as a 1/2-mile east extension to the Spraberry Trend Area in Southeast Martin County.

It is 1/2 mile south of Stanton, 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 23, block 36, T-1-S, T&P survey.

On the daily potential test, it pumped 184 barrels of 38-gravity oil plus eight per cent water from perforations at between 7,053 feet and 7,936 feet after treatment with a 60,000-gallon fracture. Gas-oil ratio was 625-1.

Vaughn Petroleum Inc. of Dallas has completed No. 2-A L. S. McDowell as a south-west extension to Middle San Andres production in the McDowell field of Northwest Glasscock County.

It is 15 miles southeast of Stanton, 330 feet from east and 1,650 feet from north lines of section 30, block 34, T-2-S, T&P survey. (Continued on page 4)

## Stanton Jr. High, Grade School Honor Roll

The Stanton Junior High and Grade School honor roll was released this week by J. M. Yater, principal. This honor roll is determined by a straight A semester average. Due to the grading system of the first grade, it is impossible to name an honor roll, states Yater.

The eighth grade: Linda Holder, Vickie Driggers, Cindy Davis, Frances Deavenport, and Mel Ray Angel.

The seventh grade: Judy Driggers, David Workman, and Stanley Louder.

The sixth grade: Stevie Fryar, and Cindy Avery.

Mrs. Epley's fifth grade: Lupe Padilla, Gary Posey, Doyla Doggett, Lynn Herzog, and Bob Jones.

Mrs. Hall's fifth grade: Diana Kelly, Robert Patterson, and Edna McKenzie.

Mrs. Bruton's fifth grade: Curtis Flanagan, and Leslie Jo Sebasta.

Mrs. Hall's fourth grade: Arlis Kennedy, Donna Ward, Duane Clary, and Kathy Lind. (Continued on page 4)

## It Was June In January Weather Here Last Month

Stanton and all of Martin County experienced real June in January weather here last month.

January, normally the coldest month of the year proved to be a comparatively mild month — the warmest in 12 years.

The highest temperature recorded last month was 77 degrees on January 7. The lowest was 21 degrees January 27.

Stanton and Martin County residents are not advised to put away their winter togs though. Somewhere down the line true, honest-to-goodness cold weather must arrive.

Even the groundhog appears mixed up this year.

Precipitation in January totaled only .8 of an inch. No snow fell in the county.

Blowing dust was with us for a few days. To be accurate the dust poured in for 47 hours off and on in January. That record compares to only four hours two years ago and just 24 hours last year in January.

To really get technical about our weather facts we submit two more. The sun was obscured by clouds approximately 100 hours in January, 1965 and the total hours of sunshine in January amounted to 310.

## Odessa Newsman Didn't Know Ralph Was Among Homelinks

A very fine young news reporter representing the Odessa American here at the trial of Daniel Odell McDonald apparently didn't know that the majority of people in Martin County know District Judge Ralph W. Caton as just plain Ralph.

In one story filed out of Stanton, the reporter started out like this: "District Judge Ralph Caton of Big Spring adapts himself to the local surroundings when he holds court in Stanton. Caton normally runs a taunt court. However, in the antiquated Martin County Courthouse it's nearly impossible. "Stanton is a farming

community of 3,000 in far West Texas. And it looks it, too. The people dress the part. The majority of men at the trial wore jeans and shirts open at the collar.

"Only a few women wore high heels.

"Caton allowed smoking in the courtroom in Stanton and at times it looked like someone had turned loose a smoke bomb."

What the reporter from Odessa didn't know is that Judge Caton's family roots run deep in this county and that the judge lived among the Martin County people, served as county attorney,

## Brief Summary Of Activities By Bob Smith

The following is a brief summary of the activities of the Stanton Police Department for the month of January, submitted to The Stanton Reporter by Chief of Police Bob Smith.

Traffic tickets issued 12, general arrests made 7, public services rendered 102, complaints answered 65, escorts made 3, and fires checked 2. (Continued on page 4)

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**Why Farm Bureau Needs Members**

The county-wide membership drive which the Martin County Farm Bureau is staging February 8 through 13 is of special importance this year. The efforts in this county are being matched in some 200 other counties over the state in a gigantic drive to enroll 100,000 members in the Farm Bureau in Texas.

Due to a number of factors, most important of which is the Supreme Court decision on reapportionment, rural areas in Texas stand to lose their former strong voice in the affairs of this state. A strong organization representing both the farmers' and other rural people's interest is the strongest bulwark against complete domination by urban areas.

The Texas Farm Bureau, the only general farm organization maintaining a full-time staffed legislative office in Austin, has compiled a commendable record in the State Capital. It has been a strong factor in promoting and protecting rural interests in legislation on items such as farm-to-market roads, animal health, agricultural research and education, egg law, insecticide and herbicide regulations, seed law, sales tax exemptions, water programs, annexation, and many others.

The policies which guide the organization originate in the counties. But, it takes a large organization with active support of its members to implement policies. With political power passing to urban areas, the need for a bigger and more active farm organization will become more urgent in the future. Thus, it behooves all farmers and ranchers to join and support an organization that can protect their common interests beyond the fence row.

**School Menu**

Menu For Week Of February 8 Through 12:

**MONDAY**

Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, buttered corn, vegetable salad, sliced fruit, hot rolls, butter, and milk.

**TUESDAY**

Chicken and dumplings, glazed carrots, cole slaw with

pepper, delicious peas, hot biscuits, butter, milk, and fruit gelatin.

**WEDNESDAY**

Chili beans, potato salad, mixed greens, beet pickles, fruit cobbler, cornbread, butter, and milk.

**THURSDAY**

Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, hot rolls, and butter.

**FRIDAY**

Hot dogs, steamed rice, tossed salad banana pudding, butter, potato chips, and milk.

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**The Exchange Desk**

MORTON TRIBUNE: "Morton's March of Dimes campaign has met with some success and several setbacks to the initial portion of its program this year. Cake auctions and coffee sale donations by several restaurants have netted significant amounts of money, and coffee parties sponsored by study clubs have been successful."

THE GRAHAM REPORTER: "Representatives from 34 Lions Clubs of District 2E-1 attended the annual Mid-Winter Conference held in this city Saturday with the Graham Lions Club serving as host for the one-day meeting."

THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS: "Open house for the D. D. Roland Nursing Home will be held at the Home at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Reeves Street in Loraine on Sunday, February 7. Citizens of the area are invited to call and see it on that day."

THE COMANCHE CHIEF: "A record number of entries, 331 head, representative of a \$6,000,000.00 Comanche County livestock industry, are expected for the 30th annual Comanche County Junior Livestock Show."

STAMFORD AMERICAN: "A large number of local fans braved the muddy parking lot at the Stamford National Guard Armory Thursday night and provided a capacity crowd for the 1965 edition of the All-Sports Banquet."

THE EDEN ECHO: "Taxpayers of the county are reminded that this Saturday, January 30, is deadline time for taxes without the addition of penalty and interest being added."

MATADOR TRIBUNE: "The agriculture judging teams from Motley County placed first in competition with other schools in the area, Monday at the Amarillo Livestock Show."

THE FORT STOCKTON PIONEER: "Business tempo in Fort Stockton received further impetus in recent days with arrival of four new seismograph crews and a new drilling crew for McFarland Drilling Co."

THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT: "A variety program will be presented by the speech students of Reagan County High School for the benefit of the 1965 March of Dimes on Friday night, January 29, in the high school auditorium at 7:30. It will be under the direction of C. M. Dendy, speech instructor."

THE McCAMEY NEWS: "The McCamey local unit of the Texas State Teachers Association met at the Park Building, January 26, at 7 p.m. for a banquet. Mrs. Wilbur Harris, vice president of the local organization of teachers and administrators, gave the invocation."

WINKLER COUNTY BULLETIN: "Kermit City Council met in regular semi-monthly session Tuesday night for what turned out to be a fairly routine meeting. All councilmen were present, plus the mayor, city manager, city attorney, city secretary, and an unusually large number of spectators."

THE MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT: "The Board of Trustees of the Memphis Independent School District has obtained the services of the architectural firm of Rittenberry & Rittenberry of Amarillo to make a complete survey of the school district to determine the most economical solution to providing adequate facilities to meet Texas Education Agency requirements, it was announced today."

**Senior 4-H Club Meets**

The Senior 4-H Club met Monday afternoon. The pledge to the 4-H flag was given by Randy Huckaby. Cindy Pickett read the minutes of the last meeting.

Gary Reid gave the report over the concession stand at the County Livestock Show, Saturday, January 16.

Tim Bristow led the business meeting, and Mildred Eiland gave a program on picking your profession.

Wayne Woody and Gary Reid served refreshments to the 15 members that were present.

The next Senior 4-H Club meeting will be on February 1. All those interested in 4-H work are urged to attend.

Oliver Wendell Holmes called Baltimore the "gastronomic metropolis of the Union."

**Stanton Garden Club Met January 26**

The Stanton Garden Club met at the Willie Wirehand Room of Cap Rock Electric, January 26.

Mrs. Finley Rhodes was hostess. Bob Johnson had charge of the program. Johnson showed slides of flowers of the northwest, and the group compared them with flowers of West Texas.

The list of officers of the coming year were read and they are: President, Mrs. Bill Decker; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Lila Flangan; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. James Jones; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. C. Hazlewood; Treasurer, Mrs. Guy Eiland; Historian, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, and Parliamentarian, Mrs. W. T. Wells.

Coffee and doughnuts were served to Mrs. W. T. Wells, Mrs. Bill Decker, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. Finley Rhodes, Mrs. L. C. Hazlewood, and three guests, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Polly Talton, and Mrs. Elmer Long.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Powell Yates.

From Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI: "The moment has arrived when we must face realistically the startling fact that since 1958 crime in this country has increased five times faster than our population growth! Serious crimes — murder, forcible rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, automobile theft — have mounted steadily since the end of World War II. In 1951 these crimes for the first time topped the one million mark, and more than two and one-quarter million serious crimes were reported during 1963."

Trade at home and save!

**Bible Comment—**

**Love Helps To Bind The Christian Home**

Christian homes don't just happen. They have to be made and it takes all the members of the family to make them. They cannot be made by parents alone, no matter how good and well intentioned the parents may be. And a love which implies mutual relationships and obligations should bind the family together.

Children need discipline and training, as well as affection and devotion. They need to learn to bear the burdens and responsibilities that would be theirs when they grow up, and it is no kindness to shield them from everything hard or unpleasant.

Sharing ought to be the spirit and practice of home life. Children ought to be trained to understand, and do their part in solving the problems of the home. Helping ought to be a part of every well-regulated Christian home. Little duties should be assigned to all, hers, too training for the future is all important. The child who has not learned to do things is ill-prepared for life.

**Philosopher Comes Out, Almost, With A National Drive To Whip The Common Cold**

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw must have had a bad cold recently, his letter this week indicates.)

Dear editor:

I was at a complete standstill out here on this Martin County grass farm yesterday hoping that somewhere in the plans for the Great Society they include a battery for a car or tractor that won't ever go dead, draw its energy from the sun or a television tower or anything just so when you push the button something happens, not that dead silence that makes a man despair before his day starts.

Then I got to thinking. While I was at a standstill because of a dead battery, the President of the United States was at the same time at a standstill because of a bad cold, and I hope he used the situations to include a war on colds in his Great Society plans. As far as I'm concerned, there's no place in such a society for dead batteries or common colds, especially the latter.

For the price of one nuclear-powered submarine or one mis-fired shot at the moon we ought to be able to set up a bunch of scientists in a laboratory somewhere and tell them to forget the cost and not come out till they've found a vaccine for the common cold. It's my belief that any scientists with the brains to whip the whooping cough can whip the common cold. Somebody's just not trying hard enough.

In fact, if the bad cold had been fatal, we'd already have whipped it, but so long as it just makes people feel miserable, everybody seems to think it's something we have to endure from now on, like droughts and floods and nagging wives, but I don't agree. In fact, I'm half-toying with the idea of starting a national March of Pennies Drive to stamp the thing out, but since I won't have time to serve as chairman, I've got to get into town to see about this battery, I guess you could send your money to The Stanton Reporter and the Publisher Neal Estes send it on to President Johnson, earmarked for the War on the Common Cold.

There's nothing more ridiculous than a group of finely-honed scientists hovering at the base of a ten-story,

**Twenty-Two Years Ago**

The following telegram from Washington, D. C., was received Monday by Mrs. Viola Louder:

"Your son, Pvt. Tull R. Louder, Coast Artillery Corps, reported a prisoner of war of the Japanese government in the Philippine Islands, Letter follows."

Pvt. Louder enlisted in the Army and left for the Philippines February 13, 1941. Last letter his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louder received from Tull R. was November 22, 1941. He was stationed at Fort Mill when Corrigedor fell to the Japs. Pvt. Louder and Pvt. Curtis Heaton, joined the Army together and were on Corrigedor together when it was captured. No word has been received from Heaton, only missing in action.

A surprise birthday dinner was given for Miss Irene Barker on February 14 by her mother, Mrs. Charlie Barker. A delicious menu consisting of chicken, dressing with all the trimmings, with a big birthday cake was served to the following who remembered her with gifts: Misses Margie Richards, Erlene Peters, Kathleen McCreless, Joye Baker, and Mrs. Zelma Milam. Those sending gifts were Mrs. Mary Katherine Bristow, Mrs. Flora Morris, Mrs. John F. Epley, Misses Nina Holder, and Mary George Morris.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson has returned to her home in Fry, Arizona, after a visit with her sisters, Mrs. F. R. Peyton and Mrs. P. M. Bristow. She was accompanied by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Griffin, and their little daughter, Dewey Ann.

Registration for Ration Book Number 2 will take place next week. School will be dismissed for two days, Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26. Registration will cover three days, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Registration for Stanton and vicinity will take place at the Stanton Gummer School. The local teachers will act as registrars. Neither the Mexican nor the negro school will dismiss, but will have school as usual both Thursday and Friday. This order came from the office of O. C. Southall, superintendent of Stanton school.

From Snooter Knows: "Boys there is going to be some funny walking when the women folk go stumbling around in a shoe supported by a 2 3/8 inch heel. When they lower themselves from their stilts to the lower level, me thinks I'll see a parade of the lame and the halt."

multi-million-dollar rocket aimed at the moon having to postpone the flight on account of one of the astronauts has come down with a cold. Yours faithfully, J. A.

Travis Robeson, who has been working in Marble Falls, came home Thursday.



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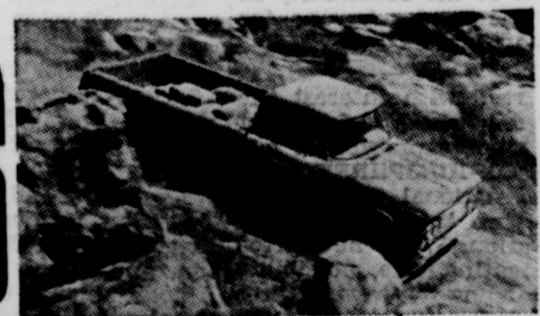
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## County Agent Says Nature Aids Pests To Beat Cold

Some bugs make their own anti-freeze! That's why cold weather doesn't kill many bothersome pests. When temperatures rise, they're ready to start giving you trouble again.

Although sub-freezing temperatures slow down insect activity, nature provides many pests with ways of beating cold, according to County Agent Bob Johnson. Some manufacture their own glycerol, an effective anti-freeze similar to the product made by man for the same purpose.

When temperatures drop below the freezing point, these insects — by some process not yet fully understood — gradually adjust to it. The glycerol they manufacture gives them the hardiness to withstand all but the most extreme cold weather. Among the insects that can make their own anti-freeze are certain species of ants, beetles, aphids, cankerworms, and flies.

Nature gives insects another protection from the cold, too. Most go through a metamorphosis which includes a

dormant period when they are completely inactive. If insects stay dormant — in the pupal or larval stage — during the winter, they often survive the cold weather. Some insects have been found frozen in solid ice and thawed to full activity.

Animal pests can withstand extreme cold, too. Mice simply grow thicker fur. Many species of squirrels and other warm-blooded animals hibernate when the mercury drops.

Insect and animal pests, like man, have learned to live with their surroundings. Very cold weather rarely controls these pests effectively.

Boyer City, Mich., Citizen: "The job of modernizing the postal system is probably the reason that the post office department needs so many new employees. These gold-darned automatic package smashing outfits are difficult to get into operation unless you have a lot of inexperienced help to get them started wrong."

Read the classified ads!

SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 5th, & 6th.



**Thrifty Will Be Open All Day On Sunday**

<p>S&amp;H Green Stamps AT Friendly Food</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 4em;">COFFEE</h1> <p>MARYLAND CLUB, 5c Off Label, 1 Lb. Can . . . .</p> <h1 style="font-size: 4em;">79¢</h1>	<p>S&amp;H Green Stamps AT Thrifty</p>
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### We Have A Large Assortment Of VALENTINES

- PIE MIX** WILD CHERRY No. 2 Can **29¢**
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- PUMPKIN** SHURFINE No. 300 Can **10¢**
- VIENNA SAUSAGE** SHURFINE 2 Cans, **39¢**
- PEACHES** HUNT'S No. 2 1/2 Can, 2 For **49¢**
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- CATFISH** BOOTH FILLET, FROZEN 1 Lb. Pkg. **59¢**
- TV DINNERS** MORTON'S, Beef, Chicken, Turkey **39¢**
- CANDIED YAMS** SHURFINE 12 Oz. Pkg. **29¢**



- PEARS** NICE FRESH, Lb. . . . . **19c**
- CARROTS** Celo Bag **10¢**
- TURNIPS, RUTABAGAS** Lb. **7 1/2¢**
- GRAPEFRUIT** RUBY KED Lb. **10¢**



- FRANKS** Armour Star, All Meat, Lb. . . . . **49c**
- BACON** WILSON 2 Lb. Thick Sliced **\$1.09**
- STEAK** LOIN, CHOICE BEEF Lb. **75¢**
- STEAK** ROUND, CHOICE BEEF Lb. **85¢**
- PRESSED HAM** Lb. **45¢**
- RUMP ROAST** Lb. **59¢**

## Friendly Food Store

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## Notice To Bidders

The Commissioners' Court will receive and open bids on one (1) new maintainer at it's next regular meeting on the 2nd Monday in February, the same being the 8th day thereof 1965, at the courthouse in Stanton, Texas.

### Specifications as follows:

engine, full hydraulic power control, cab heater, defroster fan, 14 foot sliding mold board, 1400x 24 10 ply tires all around, 10" rims all around, minimum weight fully equipped No. 25-500 without ballast power steering. Leaning front wheels. ballast power steering. Leaning front wheels. Offered as trade-in one Galion maintainer, model 118, Serial No. 118 — H.D. — 02770.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

**JIM McCOY**  
For The Court

# Classified Ads

## BUSINESS SERVICES F

### Building Services F-1

Plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, dirt hauling, ditching, air compressor, air hammer, fixtures, supplies, Walter Graves, phone SK 6-3468. Granville Graves, phone SK 6-2422 Master Licensed Plumbers.

Mattress new or renovated. High quality and low prices. Pick up and delivery. Made by Western Mattress Company of San Angelo. Leave name at Stanton Motel. e-o-w-11-5

### Instruction F-3

Will teach piano lessons in my home. Call Tom Angel SK 6-2217. 1-29-tnc

## WOMAN'S COLUMN G

### Child Care G-2

Will baby sit in my home for working mother in daytime. Mrs. Willard Turner. SK 6-2496. 2-4-2-tc

## EMPLOYMENT H

### Help Wanted H-1

Help Wanted: Man or Woman to serve consumers in Martin Co. or Stanton with Rawleigh products. Steady good earnings year around. No capital required. Write Rawleigh TX L 960 11 Memphis, Tenn. 12-10-17-1-7,23,pd.

Wanted: Ranch hand between age 20 to 30. Must be qualified to break horses, shoe horses, dig post holes, and do general ranch work. \$150 month, room and board. Phone GL 8-3404. 2-4-tnc

Help Wanted: Man or woman to succeed Rawleigh dealer in Martin County or Howard County. Over 25 preferred and car necessary. Can earn \$125 and up per week from start. See L. G. Bedwell, 2508 Seminoles Dr., Big Spring or write Rawleigh TXB - 960 - 1145, Memphis, Tennessee. 2-4-6-tpd

Irrigation hand wanted. Experience preferred. House and utilities furnished. \$1.00 per hour, 40 hours minimum. GL 8-3103, James Biggs. 2-4-1tc

## FINANCIAL I

### Insurance & Auto Loans I-1

For Sale: Non-Cancellable, Guaranteed Renewable for Life, Hospitalization Insurance. Why go out of town to buy your insurance? SK 6-3762. 12-31-tnc

## Variety - - -

(Continued from page 1) on the very streets of the town during prohibition. One was cracked: "There are so many 'leggers here that they are wearing badges to keep from seeing to each other." That's the way it is in Washington these days under the Great Society — so much security they are just about ready to put on badges for identification purposes. And LBJ don't walk on the outside around the White House either — no sir it's not like when HARRY TRUMAN was up there. The little man from Missouri took his walk every single day and without guards. This nation has truly lost something when the most important man in the world — the President — is forced to ride in bullet-proof cars — and not schedule visits to places in advance because of the changes apparently in thinking in our free society.

## Stanton Jr. - - -

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Mrs. Barbee's fourth grade: Cindy Wheeler, Mark Briggs, Tommy Deavenport, Bart Johnson, Elizabeth Flanagan, Mollie Adkins, Ronny Johnson, and Twila Stallings.

Mrs. Lankford's fourth grade: Nancy Matteson, Judy Henley, Steve Cline, and Deborah Turner.

Mrs. Middleton's third grade: Lynn Caffey, Vickie Glaser, Ramona Harvard, Dale Henson, Dennis Ireton, Roy McNew, Patricia Ramos, and Rhonda Roten.

Mrs. Berry's third grade: Michael Payne, Tom Sorley, Fawn Briggs, Nancy Glynn, and Mike Woodrow.

Mrs. Gray's second grade: Jimmy Jones, James Franks, Stacy Payne, Jerry Brumley, Phillip Bentley, Rusty Gray, Ann Saunders, and Cynthia Smith.

Mrs. Deck's second grade: Peggy Barnes, Bill Petree, Melinda Haislip, Gordon Elland, Karen Anderson, and Kevin Johnson.

## RENTALS L

### Houses L-2

For Rent: Two bedroom and bath house. 510 Burleson. Harry Billington. 12-24-1tc

### L — TWO

For Rent: Two bedroom house, 509 West 4th Street. SK 6-3682. 1-28-tnc

## FARM & RANCH J

### Farm Machinery J-1

For Sale: Irrigation pump, motor, pipe, complete system with 4 inch pipe and 15 h.p. electric motor. Lynn White. 2-4-tn-c

### For Sale: Two irrigation pumps, one 4-inch, 140 feet setting, 10 h.p. motor, one 5-inch, 140 foot setting, 20 h.p. motor. Call George Glynn. SK 6-3691. 2-4-tnc

## Farm & Ranch Supplies J-2

Ladybugs give almost perfect control of Aphid, thrip, fleahoppers, bollworm and many other cotton pest. For more information write or call Claud Senn, Jayton, Texas, Box 14, Dial 915 Central 7-2334. 1-24-4tp

Mr. Farmer, if you have any steel cots, folding type and would like to sell. Call 5639 in Lamesa. Call at night and ask for Mr. Isreal. Will pay up to \$2 each. 2-4-2t-p

## Feed, Seed & Grain J-3

For Sale 325 bales of Milo at \$1.00 per bale. Call SK 6-2112. 1-28-1tn-c

## MERCHANDISE K

### Appliances K-1

Have your GIFTS and PARTY FAVORS personalized with monogramming. We do it in all COLORS, NAPKINS, BILLFOLDS, STATIONERY and MATCHES. STANTON DRUG STORE.

FOR SALE — 10x18 Peerless Clasp Envelopes. 2 for 15c. The Stanton Reporter.

NEED CONCRETE? Call SK 6-2312. B and H READY MIX CO.

## Potential - - -

(Continued from page 1) It pumped 107 barrels of 27-gravity oil plus 20 per cent water per day on the potential test from perforations at 2,385-91 feet after stimulating with 250 gallons of acid. Humble Oil & Refining Co. is running casing in a prospective Ellenburger discovery, the No. 1-DD State-University, 34 miles northwest of Stanton in Northwest Martin County.

A drillstem test was conducted in that formation for one hour and 37 minutes at 13,184-231 feet with recovery listed as 570 feet of free, 33.6-gravity oil. No water or gas recovery was encountered.

Flowing pressure at bottomhole climbed from 47 to 233 pounds, one-hour initial shut-in bottomhole pressure was 3,044 pounds and two-hour final shut-in pressure was 2,988 pounds.

The project is bottomed at 13,231 feet and operator has run logs and is preparing to set 4 1/2-inch casing for the completion attempt. The wellhead tested the Ellenburger at 13,186-206 feet earlier with 3,200 feet of gas recovered from the drillpipe.

Location is 1,650 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 30, block 6, University Lands survey, 3/4 mile northwest of the opener of the MAK (Spraberry) pool, 4 1/2 miles northwest of the Block 7 (Devonian) pool.

## Barnes - - -

(Continued from page 1)

The 26 year old Barnes, youngest man to serve as Speaker in this century, said: "Each member has been judged on his own merit and ability. Long hours of study have gone into these committee appointments in an effort to do the best job possible for all the people of Texas. It will be a hard session and if we all work together, it will be a fruitful session. I look forward to working with Mr. Carpenter in the days and months ahead of us."

William W. Clements of Garden City, visited Saturday with the W. L. Clements.

Mrs. Perry Clements of Shreveport, La., visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clements Sunday. She was enroute home after attending funeral rites of her sister, Mrs. Mafcafe, in Odessa.

## REAL ESTATE M

### Acreage For Sale M-1

For Sale: Home sites, 5 acres or larger. Land joins Stanton Heights on the west. W. T. Wells. 12-24-tnc

### Farms & Ranches M-2

For Lease: Irrigated farm, 10 miles west Garden City. By year or long term lease. R. E. Heath. EL 4-2466. 1-14-tn-p

Farm For Sale, 320 acres, 5 miles east of Lenorah. \$235 an acre, cash or terms. James Bullard, Rt. 4, Hereford, Texas. 1-14-tn-c

80 acre irrigated farm for lease. See owner, M. I. Yell. GL 8-3231. 2-4-2tc

### Houses For Sale M-4

For Sale: Two bedroom house full of furniture and Mobil service station. Job changes. Must sell soon. Call SK 6-2441 after 6 p.m. SK 6-3400. 10-15-tnc

Houses For Rent. Call Coats Bentley, SK 6-3751. 10-29-tn

For Sale: My home at 404 2nd St. Come by and look or call Dan Saunders at SK 6-2264. 1-7-4tc

### Lots For Sale M-5

Buildings and Lots for sale with long terms. Trade or long term lease. Lynn White. 12-t

For Sale: 3 bedroom house with fenced back yard. 108 North Gray. Take up payments at \$40.41 per month. Call GL 8-3465. 2-4-tnc

## Stanton High - -

(Continued from page 1)

Mike Springer, Eunice Stephenson, Kathryn Stewart, Janelle Tate, Sherry Vest, and Cathy Workman.

Juniors: Beth Biggs, Wayne Bradshaw, Susan Brandt, Tim Bristow, Janis Burgess, Betty Glaspie, Larry Haggard, Mike Hall, Sandra Jones, Linda Long, Linda Manning, Jesus Perez, Brenda Standefer, Karen Therwanger, Lynda White, and Mike Wood.

Seniors: Carroll Anderson, Judy Barnhill, Hortensia Briseno, Nancy Graves, Leta Johnson, Charlotte Kuhlman, Norma Long, Shirley Ratliff, Reba Ringener, Claude Sorrells, Carolyn Springer, Dale Thompson, Mary Wilson, and Thomas Bruton.

### Semester Honor Roll

Freshmen: Scherry Avery, Kathy Biggs, Linda Glaspie, Robert Haggard, Steve Hall, Cathy Hazlewood, Karl Herzog, Johnny Louder, Bill Romine, Sandra Merrifield, Sue Walker, and Pam Williams.

Sophomores: Mark Bentley, Guy Brown, Beverly Clements, Linda Costlow, Brenda Hightower, Judy Kokel, Phillip Payne, Gary Reid, Butch Robnett, Mike Springer, Eunice Stephenson, Kathryn Stewart, and Cathy Workman.

### Brief - - -

(Continued from page 1)

City police officers investigated four accidents in January, with an approximate property damage of \$2,430.00. There were two personal injuries, and two were killed in the accidents.

Officer Bruton found a door open at Bentley's. The building was checked out and door locked.

Officer Posey found a door open at the Family Store. The owner was called and store checked out.

The police unit traveled a total of 3,346 miles and used 416.9 gallons of gasoline, with an average of eight miles per gallon.

Guests Sunday night of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bristow, were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hughlyn Todd of Lubbock, and Mr. Todd's sister and brother-in-law. Rev. and Mrs. David Hamblen of O'Donnell. They were enroute to San Saba to attend the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Todd, on Monday.

### Buy in your home town!



## Outdoor Tips

### BUCKET HEATER

Take a light five gallon tin and punch holes in it every four inches. Invert over a flaming can of canned heat. You'll be amazed at the heat it throws. No smoke or fumes either.

### SLIP WORMS

You'll catch more fish than the next guy if you take the trouble to slit the end of your worm. Extra action earns extra strikes.

### SUCKER BAIT

Toss a pressurized biscuit tin in your bait box. Next trip you have sucker bait when and where you want it with no storage problems.

### KEEP WARM

Indian build little fire, keep warm. White man build big fire. Freeze. That used to be an Indian saying. Don't freeze. Build a little fire and sit between it and some reflecting surface (like a rock or big tree trunk). You'll stay Indian warm.

### OVERFED POINTER

Only time to overfeed a dog is before he goes hunting. This will sometimes help in slowing down an exuberant young pup who wants to roam far and wide.

### TIGHT FERRULES

Remedy for loose ferrules: rub beeswax on 'em. No wobble.

### NO STUFFED POCKETS

An Army surplus ammunition belt will hold thirty 12, 16, 20 or 410 shells and leave your pockets free to stuff with other things.

### CASE THE MOTOR

Case your outboard on top of an old auto tire casing and road shocks, quick stops, etc. will never harm it.

### SCALED DUCK

It's fact. Scald ducks or geese in boiling water and they're 100 percent easier to

son, Scott. Their son, Jim Sale, joined them there for a visit. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Driggers and family are moving to Georgetown, Texas, this week.

## Support Girl Scout Activities

Form No. 510-A



BUY GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

## New Arrivals

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cook a girl, Kimberly Sue, in Malone-Hogan Hospital in Big Spring January 27.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. J. J. Cook. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Polk, all of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henson are the proud parents of a son born January 26 at Physicians Hospital and Clinic. He has been named James Keith, and tipped the scales at seven pounds and one ounce.

## Odessa - - -

(Continued from page 1) was a civic leader, once serving as president of the local Rotary Club, and both Judge and Mrs. Caton and their children, have a warm spot in their hearts for the Stantontites and the other residents of Martin County.

For the judge to start barking orders to his friends and neighbors such as: "Put out that cigarette — don't light that cigar — don't drink that bottle of pop in here man—go home and take off those jeans, etc, would sound false, unreal, and pretty big-eye to the people here. They would go off wondering what happened to the real Ralph they once knew, admired and respected.

Yes, the women of Martin County are a little light on high heel shoes, but they are long on brains, culture, and beauty.

And the men do dress casually but a lot of those jeans-clad guys can write good checks in the thousands.

And our teenagers eat hamburgers and drink pop just like millions of other average, normal, fun-loving American lads.

Our people here in Martin County are a lot like our welcome signs say — friendly. They have no false illusions or fake standards. We have absolutely none of the new rich, oil patch variety of society in Martin County.

Mrs. Lucy Woods returned to her home in San Saba Saturday after a five week's visit here with her sister, Mrs. Frank Brandt. Mrs. Brandt and daughter, Susan, accompanied Mrs. Woods home and returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Sale visited their daughters last week end. In Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. David Baucum and daughter, Connie; in Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ward and



MARTIN COUNTY CHAMBER HONOREES — The Martin County Chamber of Commerce installed new officers at a membership banquet held in Stanton on the evening of January 26. Two leading citizens were also honored with presentations of citations. From left to right are Jimmy Wheeler, outgoing president, outstanding citizen award winner, Jimmy Stallings, outstanding farmer award winner Gene Clements, and new president, Dr. A. M. Fisher.



RECESS TIME — Defendant Odell McDonald, defense attorneys George Thomas and John Ferguson and County Attorney Roy Pickett keep a silent vigil during a courtroom recess. Jurors later sat in these chairs to deliver a 99 year verdict.

pick. Add a spoonful of any household detergent to water. Helps water penetrate under feathers.

### GRASSY BAIT PLACE

If bait is scarce obey an old fisherman's tip: Sound the Shore. Worms, frogs, crawdads, etc. usually concentrate within several feet of the shoreline of a lake or stream.

### How To Hook Crawdads

Hook crawdads in the tail. But to keep them alive don't hook down center where the nerve is. Always hook to right or left.

### Police Action

You'll have more action in your duck blind if you police

empty shells around it. Glitter or brass will spook birds every-time.

### Pheasant Hunt

In season, if you're driving down a road and see a pheasant, quick drop something to mark the place. (An empty shell will do.) Then you'll know exactly where to start the hunt for Mr. Ringneck.

### Hats Up For Crows

If crows sit in trees and caw at you, but won't fly over to investigate your call, throw you hat n the air. Keep the hat flying up and down. Soon crows' curiosity gets the best

of them and they'll fly over to see what's up.

### Hook Disgorger

You can make a handy hook disgorger from a dime store screw driver. Get the long-shanked variety and file a slot in the blade. Works great.

### Butt Length

Measure (in an emergency) with a cigarette butt. King size are 3 1/4 inches; standards 2 3/4.

### In The Dog House

A hollow tree trunk, found in the woods, and boarded up at one end makes a good home for a farm dog or wild pet.

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# Make your move to Mercury! Everything is all new but the name and the price!



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## Stanton High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Games	Where
Feb. 5	*Wink "A" & "B" Boys	.....	There
Feb. 9	*O'Donnell "A" Boys — Girls, "B" Boys	.....	Here
Feb. 12	*Plains "A" & "B" Boys	.....	There
Feb. 15	Colorado City "B" Team, 8th Grade & "B" Boys	.....	Here
Feb. 18, 19 & 20	O'Donnell "B" Team Tournament, Boys & Girls	.....	Here

\* Denotes District Games



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**THE JURY'S READY** — Daniel Odell McDonald, seated at left with his attorney, John Ferguson, listens intently as Sheriff Dan Saunders announces the jury is ready to report its 99-year verdict in the Stanton youth's murder case.

### Stitch And Chatter Club Met January 27

The Stitch and Chatter Club met Wednesday, January 27, in the home of Mrs. H. C. Burnam.

After a sewing session, refreshments of cinnamon apples, topped with whipped cream, open faced sandwiches, assorted nuts, and Valentine punch was served. Plate favors were Valentine candy hearts.

Members present were: Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. J. N. Poe, Mrs. Bess Herring, Mrs. Ed-dye Butler, Mrs. Ruth Holloway, Mrs. Charles Ebberson, Mrs. Oma Womack, Mrs. T. Y. Allen, Mrs. Hattie Estes, and Mrs. Burnam.

### 4-H Club Leaders Met February 1

4-H Club leaders met Monday, February 1, at Cap Rock Willie Wirehand Room. Plans were completed for the County Favorite Food Show to be held Saturday, March 27, and the County Elimination Contest to be April 24.

Clothing tips were discussed by those attending. Leaders attending were: Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. Glenn Holloway, Mrs. s. Charles Blake, Mrs. N. L. Rigan, Mrs. Harry Halslip, Mrs. Donnie Jones, Mrs. J. R. Williams, Mrs. Bob Johnson, and Mrs. Mildred Eiland.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Butler February 10.

### Mrs. L. Carlile Named Vice Grand, Rebekahs

Mrs. Lewis Carlile was installed vice grand of the Stanton Rebekah Lodge 287, Monday night, February 1, at the IOOF Hall. Mrs. John Wilkes, Jr., lodge deputy, assisted by Mrs. Clayton Burnam, deputy marshal, and Mrs. C. E. Christopher, deputy warden, had charge of the installation.

Due to illness Mrs. Granville Graves, noble grand, was unable to attend, and Mrs. Clayton Burnam presided in that station for the business of the lodge.

Plans were made to have a "Mexican Supper" for the public on Saturday, February 20, charging \$1 per plate for adults, and 50 cents for children. A cake and pie sale will be held at the Mexican Supper also.

The lodge voted to contribute \$5.00 to the IOOF Educational Foundation.

Mrs. Walter Graves served doughnuts and coffee to those attending: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnam, Mrs. John Wilkes, Jr., Mrs. Virgie Johnson, Mrs. Lewis Carlile Mrs. Mason Coggin, Miss Sammie Laws, and Mrs. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and family of Littlefield, visited his mother, Mrs. J. J. Cook and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Robnett and family visited relatives in Lubbock last week end.

Mrs. Glen Gates, and Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bistow visited in Lubbock the past week.

### The Real McCoys By H. C. BURNAM



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### Library Lines

MRS. RALPH CAFFEY, Librarian

Attention program chairmen!

Are you looking for ideas for programs in the future?

The library has a catalog that might be helpful entitled "Shell Films." Shell motion pictures are loaned free except for return postage to any group with a 16mm sound projector. To make certain that you receive the film on time you must order at least three weeks before the day on which you plan to use it.

The different divisions available are: Aviation, Engines, Food and Health, Petroleum Industry, and Science. One film-strip entitled Perception of Driving Hazards, and also 22 of the exciting television series of outstanding golf matches played on some of the world's most beautiful and most challenging courses, is now available on 16mm, sound, color films, each and hour long that you may get on free loan. For further information check with the library.

### Music Club Met January 13 At HS Band Hall

The Stanton Music Club of Texas Federated Music Clubs, held its January meeting at Stanton High School band hall on Wednesday afternoon, January 13. Hostesses for the event were: Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Glenn Madison, and Mrs. Roy Pickett.

Mrs. Jack Woodrow discussed the hymn of the month, "From Glory Unto Glory," and led the group in singing. She was accompanied by Mrs. Beryl Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton, program chairman, turned the program over to Jerry Banks, Stanton High School band director. He discussed bands in general and band instruments, and showed and discussed instruments the Stanton band uses.

Lynn Herzog presented a clarinet solo, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Banks; a flute trio, composed of Linda Holder, Cindy Davis, and Mary Ramos, played "Carnival of Venice." Linda Holder played "Mulberry Cottage," as flute solo. A brass sextet of Mike Wood, Gene Wheeler, Charlene Bevers, Rhonda Reid, Ernie Maker, and Lynn Herzog presented McDowell's "To A Wild Rose." A clarinet quartet made up of Rhonda Morris, Cindy Pickett, Tim Bristow, and Kenneth Owen, presented a short number.

The selected compositions played for the music club will be presented later in the district band contest.

The club voted and presented the band with \$25 to be used for the purchase of a new instrument.

Those attending were: Mrs. Bob Priddy, Dr. Sue Fisher, Mrs. Jack Woodrow, Mrs. Paige Eiland, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Edmund Tom, Mrs. Roy Pickett, Mrs. Glenn Madison, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. Bill Johnson, Mrs. Beryl Clinton, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Tom Newman, Mrs. Carl Leonard, and Mrs. Roy Koonce.

Mrs. Elmer Long went to Lubbock last week to take her daughter, Phyllis, back to school.

Thad Koonce of Graceland College, visited a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Koonce, during the mid-semester break.

Mrs. Geral Koonce and children of Midland, spent the weekend with relatives in Stanton.

Trade at home and save!

## Community Calendar

- LIONS CLUB—Each Tuesday at noon.
- ROTARY CLUB—Each Wednesday at noon.
- ORDER OF EASTERN STAR — First Tuesday night of each month.
- REBEKAH LODGE—Each Monday night.
- ODDFELLOW LODGE—Each Thursday night.
- MASONIC LODGE — Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- AMERICAN LEGION—Third Tuesday night of each month.
- MEN'S DEPARTMENT First Methodist Church—Third Monday night of each month.
- BROTHERHOOD, First Baptist Church — Third Thursday of each month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI CITY COUNCIL — First Monday of each month.
- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY—Third Tuesday of every other month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI—
  - Preceptor Mu Chapter—First and third Thursdays.
  - Xi Epsilon Delta Chapter — First and Third Thursday of each month.
  - Rho Xi Chapter—First and third Thursdays.
  - Mu Lambda Chapter—First and third Tuesdays.
  - Xi Theta Nu Chapter—First and third Thursdays.
- BAND BOOSTERS CLUB — Fourth Tuesday night of each month.
- STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB—Every other Wednesday.
- STUDY CLUB—Second Thursday of each month.
- GRADY PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION—Third Tuesday of each month.
- GIRL SCOUT NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS — First Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. of each month.
- STANTON PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION — Second Tuesday night of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—First Methodist Church each Monday afternoon.
- YOUNG LADIES DEPT. OF WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—First Methodist Church each Tuesday morning.
- STANTON MUSIC CLUB—First and third Wednesday of each month.
- WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—First and third Thursday mornings of each month
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Courtney Baptist Church— Each Tuesday.
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Lenora Baptist Church— each Monday afternoon at 4 p.m.
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Tarzan Baptist Church — each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the church.
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Lakeview Baptist Church — second and fourth Thursday afternoon at the church
- STANTON GARDEN CLUB—Fourth Tuesday of each month.
- WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, First Methodist Church — Second Monday evening of each month.
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, First Baptist Church—
  - Mary Stamps Circle—Third and fourth Mondays.
  - Vivian Hickerson Circle — Third and fourth Tuesday mornings.
  - Jody Towery Circle—Third and fourth Tuesday mornings.
  - Blanche Grove Circle—First and third Monday night of each month.
- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ALTAR SOCIETY—Second Wednesday.
- LEGION OF MARY, St. Joseph's Catholic Church—Each Monday night.
- HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS—
  - Stanton HD Club—First and third Wednesday.
  - Courtney HD Club—First and third Thursday.
  - Courtney Morning HD Club—Second and fourth Thursday.
  - Valley View HD Club—Second and fourth Thursday.
  - Tarzan HD Club—First and third Wednesday.
  - Lakeview HD Club—First and third Thursday.
  - Koffee Kup Kraft HD Club—Second and fourth Thursday mornings.
- QUARTERBACK CLUB—Every Tuesday night at the Stanton High School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT—First and third Monday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- CANCER SOCIETY—First Monday night of each month at Cap Rock Electric Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
- GRADY LIONS CLUB—First and third Monday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Grady School.
- HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL MEETING—Third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Cap Rock Building.
- BROTHERHOOD, Lenora Baptist Church, first and third Monday at 8:00 p.m.
- MARTIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEETING—Third Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. at Production Credit Assn. office.

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# Notice Of Public Hearing

**TO ALL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF STANTON AND ALL PERSONS HAVING ANY INTEREST IN THE SOUTHWEST URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. TEX-R-81**

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Stanton, Texas, has designated the 15th day of February, A. D., 1965, as the date and 7:00 o'clock P. M., as the time when it will hold hearings on approval of the Urban Renewal Plan for the Southwest Urban Renewal Area, dated December 15, 1964, as prepared by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton, and will hold, at the same time, hearings on the acquisitions of land within such Project area to be acquired by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton. All persons having any interest in this hearing are invited to attend and be heard at that time. The Project will be undertaken and carried out by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton. Such hearing shall be in the **District Court Room County Court House, Stanton, Texas.**

The Project Area in which the Southwest Urban Renewal Project is located is described as follows:

- Beginning at the intersection of the west side of College Street and the extension of the north side of the east-west alley in Block 34, Original Townsite, Stanton, Martin County, Texas;
  - Thence east along said north side of the east-west alley in Block 34, to the east side of the north-south alley in Block 38;
  - Thence north along said east side of the north-south alley in Block 38 to the intersection of its extension and the north side of St. Anna Street;
  - Thence east along said north side of St. Anna Street to the intersection of the north side of the east-west alley in Block 39;
  - Thence east along said north side of the east-west alley in Block 39 to the intersection of the east side of the north-south alley in Block 41;
  - Thence north along said east side of the north-south alley in Block 41 to the south side of St. Anna Street;
  - Thence east along said south side of St. Anna Street to the east side of St. Mary Street;
  - Thence south along said east side of St. Mary Street to the north side of the east-west alley in Block 42;
  - Thence east along said north side of the east-west alley in Block 42 to the intersection of its extension with the east side of Convent Street;
  - Thence south along said east side of Convent Street to the north side of North Front Street;
  - Thence east along said north side of North Front Street to the east side of St. Theresa Street;
  - Thence south along said east side of St. Theresa Street to the south side of St. Michael Street;
  - Thence west along said south side of St. Michael Street to the east side of Convent Street;
  - Thence south along said east side of Convent Street to the south side of Bell Street;
  - Thence west along said south side of Bell Street to the east side of St. Francis Street;
  - Thence south along said east side of St. Francis Street to the south side of the east-west Street between Blocks 4 and 7 of Billington Addition;
  - Thence west along said south side of the east-west street between Blocks 4 and 7 of Billington Addition to the City Limits west of Blocks 1 and 2 of Billington Addition;
  - Thence north along said west City Limits to the north side of South Front Street;
  - Thence east along said north side of South Front Street to the west side of College Street;
  - Thence north along said west side of College Street to the Point of Beginning.
- Such hearing shall be held for the purpose of considering a proposal for the undertaking of a Project under state

## PM General Gronouski Says Machines To Facilitate Mail

Postmaster Leta B. Eidson said today she has received word from Postmaster General John A. Gronouski in Washington, D. C. that a big "breakthrough" has now been made on electronic machines to "read" "ZIP-coded" addresses on mail.

"The Postmaster General said he expects to begin installing these sophisticated new machines in major post offices starting in about a year," the postmaster explained.

Mrs. Eidson said each machine will be able to sort, as well as read, at the rate of 35,000 letters and hour.

The offices to get the address readers have not been announced, but the local postmaster said they will have significant effects on the mail in and out of each community regardless of whether it gets the new machines.

This is because they will speed incoming mail to smaller offices from major cities and step up the dispatch of mail deposited in smaller communities but which must be processed enroute at major mail massing points.

The postmaster emphasized, however, introduction of

the "seeing eye" device next year does not mean ZIP Code isn't useful already.

"ZIP code," she explained, "is important in mail handling under the system of mail processing already in use which will continue to be in use as the basic system at most points. These machines will be just another step — in conjunction with the mechanical mail sorting machines we have developed — to help keep pace with the growing volumes of mail. Neither will the machines endanger jobs — they will only help us meet mail expansion with minimum manpower expansion."

Mrs. Roberta Johnson, District Home Demonstration Agent; Ray Siegum, District County Agent, both from Fort Stockton, and Dr. Edd Schlutt, associated state 4-H Club leader from College Station, were here last week working with Mrs. James Eiland, Martin County Home Demonstration Agent, and Bob Johnson, Martin County Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Roberson and daughter, Connie, visited in Odessa Sunday.

Clements went to Lubbock Saturday to meet Mrs. Clements, daughter, Mrs. T. J. Poindexter, from Bee Heights, South Dakota. Mrs. Poindexter will visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clements, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burman spent last week end in Iran with their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burman and family.

Mrs. Dewey Williams, Mrs. Bess Herring, and Mrs. W. L. and local law with Federal financial assistance under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended to acquire land in the Project Area; to demolish or remove buildings and improvements; to install, construct or reconstruct streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds and other Project improvements; to make land available for development or redevelopment by private enterprise or public agencies as authorized by law; and to carry out plans for a program of repair and rehabilitation of buildings or other improvements.

The proposals of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton with respect to relocation will be available for examination by any interested person or organization prior to the hearing at the Office of the Agency, located at 401 North St. Peter Street in the City of Stanton, Texas, and will be open for discussion at the hearing.

Any person or organization desiring to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at such public hearing.

WITNESS MY HAND at the City Hall in Stanton, Texas.

M. H. WHITE,

City Secretary

## Question For Celler

Rep. Manny Celler, the Brooklyn liberal who heads the House Judiciary Committee, has branded as "unfair" and "a grievous injustice" Sen. John J. Williams' question of how come Celler's law firm passed a \$2,500 cut of a piece of legal business to Bobby Baker's law firm in 1961. The 10Gs come from the Sweet Water Development Co., of Dallas, a Murchison enterprise which is concerned with desalinating sea water.

Whether or not Celler's charges of unfairness and injustice are true remains to be seen. Nevertheless, it does seem unusual for a Dallas concern to be doing business with a Brooklyn Congressman's law firm, which, in turn, was aided in its services by Bobby Baker, who, at the time, was Secretary to the U. S. Senate.

Senator Williams, Delaware's famed prober whose diligence has brought to light a number of unusual goings-on in Washington, says he didn't perform any injustice to the Brooklynite. He does say, however, that Baker, while a Senate employe, got that \$2,500 from Dallas and he is simply curious about "how come" of it.

Now that the matter has been brought out in public, so, no doubt, are a good many other people.

## Bob Johnson Says Healthy Plants Best

Home owners can head-off later troubles by purchasing only disease-free and healthy plants, advises County Agent Bob Johnson.

He offers the following suggestions to those who may soon be buying transplants or nursery stock. If at all possible, check the roots systems to see they are free of such diseases as rots, galls or knots. Avoid buying any plant that does not have a healthy appearing root system.

Also, make sure the stems of the plant or plants are healthy in appearance. Dead areas or cankerous-type lesions often found on stems may later develop and kill the plant, he warns. Then too, he adds, diseases can be carried to healthy plants already growing through the planting of those with disease.

When purchasing bulbs, make sure they are not discolored and do not have scab type lesions on the surface. Healthy bulbs will have smooth surfaces free from spots and pittings, the agent says.

Watch for signs of leaf spot on evergreens and check their color for uniformity and a healthy growing condition. It may be money well spent to buy the top grades of nursery stock, says Johnson.

Because some ornamentals are extremely susceptible to diseases which occur in a given area, the county agent suggests that only plants with resistance to these diseases be selected. Cotton root rot, for example, is very common over much of Texas and should be considered when plants are being selected. A list of plants which show the most tolerance for this disease is available at the county extension offices. Ask for a copy of L-390, "Cotton Root Rot" and also for other publications dealing with plant diseases.

Most plant diseases, explains Johnson, can be prevented and the logical starting point for a disease control program is the planting of disease-free stock.

Snap clothes pins have so many uses in camp (besides holding laundry on the line) it's hardly necessary to list them. But we will: Holding corners of tablecloths; keeping magazines from blowing; tying down small lures; holding shaving mirror; in-tent rod holders; temporary trail markers. How many more can you think of?

## Postmaster Eidson Appeals To Rural Boxholders For Aid

Postmaster Leta B. Eidson today appealed to postal customers on rural routes to help their rural carriers make mail deliveries during bad winter weather.

Mrs. Eidson said that at the same time she hopes all authorities concerned with rural routes where snow, sand and other bad weather hampers the carriers will continue to cooperate to help the mailmen get through.

The Postmaster listed these points of particular concern:

1. Approaches to rural mail boxes must be kept open by customers.
2. Obstructions to delivery of mail on rural routes should be removed or minimized to the fullest extent possible.

Where rural boxes pose a problem, the carrier may leave form 4056, "Your Mailbox Needs Attention," a notice to keep box approaches clear by promptly removing all obstructions, including snow and sand, which may make mail delivery difficult or impos-

sible. Unless approaches are cleared, it may be necessary to temporarily withhold delivery of mail, the Postmaster pointed out.

Rural carriers are not required to perform service on foot when roads cannot be traveled with the vehicles normally used, but they are expected to make every reasonable effort to serve as many of their patrons as possible without physical exertion or added financial cost, she explained.

If excessive detours are necessary to effect delivery of mail, customers should temporarily relocate their boxes on the new line of travel, arrange to receive their mail through other patrons' boxes, or make other arrangements for their mail until travel on the roads affected can be resumed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blocker and Euel spent the weekend in Hillsboro with relatives.

## Hospital News

Physicians Hospital And Clinic

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Mrs. Nancy Henson and baby, Stanton; Mrs. Clara Summers, Midland; Raymond G. DeBerry, Odessa; Mrs. Linda Padilla, Stanton; Mrs. Alina Smith, Stanton; Mrs. Catalina Gonzales, Stanton; Mrs. Vera L. Weeks, Midland; Mrs. Eldon Welch, Stanton; Leonard Brown, Stanton; J. C. Greenhaw, Lenoir; Mrs. Ruby Wright, Midland; Mrs. Jendo Turner, Stanton.

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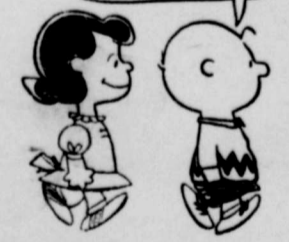
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# Treasurer's Report

Annual Report Of Elmo Reed, County Treasurer Of Martin County Texas, Of Receipts And Expenditures From January 1, To December 31, 1964

## JURY FUND

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 9,649.41	
Current Ad Valorem Tax	3,387.16	
Jury and Court Stenographer Fees	32.00	
Jury Commission	\$ 75.00	
Grand Jury	210.00	
Pettit Jury	\$ 1,330.00	
Special Venire	545.00	
Court Reporter's Salary	1,096.30	
Miscellaneous	20.80	
Treasurer's Commission	153.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 3,430.10</b>	<b>\$13,068.57</b>
Balance December 31, 1964		\$ 9,638.47

## ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT FUNDS

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 71,040.80	
Current Ad Valorem Tax	22,523.72	
Automobile License	67,204.61	
State Gasoline Tax	19,921.13	
Fines	5,850.15	
Miscellaneous	824.89	
Salary — Commissioners	\$ 9,134.46	
Travel Expense — Commissioners	3,751.85	
Salary — County Judge	3,012.87	
Salary — Machine Operators	32,911.39	
Fuel, Oil, Tires and Repairs	20,566.48	
Payments on Equipment	27,211.24	
Insurance	3,501.20	
Right Of Way Clearance (1953)	11,466.82	
Social Security	1,900.00	
Road Construction Supplies	5,957.30	
Miscellaneous	719.36	
Treasurer's Commission	5,108.47	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$125,241.44</b>	<b>\$187,365.30</b>
Balance December 31, 1964		62,123.86

## GENERAL COUNTY FUND

Balance January 1, 1964	O. D. \$ 43,366.20	
Current Ad Valorem Tax		61,907.09
Miscellaneous		516.13
Salary — Janitor	4,015.40	
Salary — Veteran's Service Officer	2,467.83	
Office And Travel Expense — Veteran's Service Officer	948.50	
Salary — County Agent	1,645.00	
Office And Travel Expense — County Agent	3,771.58	
Salary — Home Demonstration Agent	1,497.44	
Office And Travel Expense — Home Demonstration Agent	700.00	
Salary—Librarian (Martin County Library)	941.95	
Library Building And Equipment	89.52	
Salary—Secretary To Dist. Atty.	420.00	
Courthouse Building Repairs	650.07	
Utilities And Janitor Supplies	3,389.84	
Board And Expense For Prisoners	2,322.05	
Audit And Property Valuation	5,269.68	
Election Expense	708.03	
Insurance And Social Security	1,408.94	
Hospital Building Repairs	5,799.52	
Hospitalization And Medical — Treatment for Indigent Persons	4,819.14	
Charity — Food, Transportation and Burial	894.25	
Child Welfare	2,225.81	
Treasurer's Commission	2,778.82	
Miscellaneous	2,442.70	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 92,572.27</b>	<b>\$ 62,423.22</b>
Balance December 31, 1964	O. D. <b>30,149.05</b>	

## OFFICER'S SALARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 14,154.95	
Fees — Tax Collector	16,274.32	
Fees — Sheriff	1,957.90	
Fees — County Clerk	6,816.60	
Fees — District Clerk	917.60	
Fees — County Judge	392.90	
Fees — County Attorney	7,366.00	
Fees — County Treasurer	11,974.47	
Trial Fees — Justice Of Peace, Precinct No. 1	586.75	
Trial Fees — Justice Of Peace, Precinct No. 2	1.50	
State Fees	616.73	
Salary — County Judge	3,000.00	
Office Expense	414.70	
Salary—Secretary To County Judge	1,009.43	
Salary—County and District Clerk	6,001.90	
Salary—Deputy County Clerks	7,803.49	
Office Expense	3,813.63	
Salary—Sheriff-Tax Collector	6,127.15	
Salary—Deputy Sheriffs and Tax Collectors	12,414.16	
Tax Collectors Office Expense	4,049.71	
Travel And Automobile Expense	4,020.86	
Salary — County Attorney	6,007.50	
Office Expense	469.89	
Salary — County Treasurer	6,013.80	
Office Expense	389.86	
Office Expense—J. P. Prec. No. 1	339.75	
Office Expense—J. P. Prec. No. 2	.25	
Social Security And Insurance	2,275.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 64,151.08</b>	<b>\$ 61,059.72</b>
Balance December 31, 1964	O. D. <b>3,191.36</b>	

## MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 498.48	
Donations	258.00	
Books And Supplies	85.45	
Building Repair And Furniture	127.27	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 212.72</b>	<b>\$ 756.48</b>
Balance December 31, 1964		\$ 543.76

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 2,463.22	
Current Ad Valorem Tax		2,238.95
Hospital Equipment	504.00	
Treasurer's Commission	82.25	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 586.25</b>	<b>\$ 4,702.17</b>
Balance December 31, 1964		\$ 4,115.92

## ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANT SINKING FUND

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 20,258.56	
Current Ad Valorem Tax	11,986.78	
Payment On Principal	12,000.00	
Payment On Interest	905.00	
Bank's Handling Fee	15.00	
Treasurer's Commission	428.24	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$13,348.24</b>	<b>\$ 32,245.34</b>
Balance December 31, 1964		\$ 18,897.10

## COURTHOUSE AND JAIL BOND SINKING FUND

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 22,484.31	
Current Ad Valorem Tax	11,104.89	
Principal Paid	5,000.00	
Interest Paid	875.00	
Bank's Handling Fee	15.00	
Treasurer's Commission	313.18	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 6,203.83</b>	<b>\$ 33,589.20</b>
Balance January 1, 1964		\$ 27,385.37

## ROAD BOND SINKING FUND OF 1951

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 54,874.83	
Current Ad Valorem Tax	40,531.29	
Principal Paid	51,000.00	
Interest Paid	9,855.00	
Bank's Handling Fee	46.05	
Treasurer's Commission	1,611.35	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$62,512.40</b>	<b>\$ 95,406.12</b>
Balance December 31, 1964		\$ 32,893.72

## ROAD BOND SINKING FUND OF 1952

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 21,494.38	
Current Ad Valorem Tax	20,265.63	
Interest Collected	2,160.00	
Sale Of Investments	36,000.00	
Principal Paid	8,000.00	
Interest Paid	5,875.00	
Bank's Handling Fee	27.00	
Treasurer's Commission	974.79	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$14,876.79</b>	<b>\$ 79,920.01</b>
Balance December 31, 1964		\$ 65,043.22

## HOSPITAL BOND SINKING FUND

Balance January 1, 1964	\$ 19,932.80	
Current Ad Valorem Tax	17,420.44	
Principal Paid	1,000.00	
Interest Paid	1,632.50	
Bank's Handling Fee	20.00	
Treasurer's Commission	423.72	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 3,076.22</b>	<b>\$ 37,353.24</b>
Balance December 31, 1964		\$ 34,277.02

## OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1964

Courthouse And Jail Bonds	\$ 30,000.00
Road Bonds Of 1951	267,000.00
Road Bonds Of 1952	182,000.00
Hospital Bonds	61,000.00
Road And Bridge Warrants	14,000.00
Machinery Lease — Purchase Agreements	34,150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$588,150.00</b>

The foregoing report is true and correct.

ELMO REED,  
County Treasurer of Martin County

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 26 day of January, 1965.

(SEAL)

ALTA STRAUB,  
Notary Public in and for Martin  
County, Texas.

## Home Demonstration Club Activities

The Koffee Kup Kraft home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Reatha Morris January 28.

The group voted on THDA recommendation, and the program was brought by Mrs. Albert Pittman on "Citizenship."

Members present were: Sarah Barnes, Jo Jon Cox, Jean Doyle, Doris Hull, Reatha Morris, Gracelyn Snell, Harriett White, Kay Simpson, and one guest, Mrs. Albert Pittman.

The Courtney Morning Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Donnie Jones Thursday, January 28.

Mrs. Norwood Holloway, president, called the meeting to order and roll call was answered "Have You Paid Your Poll Tax?"

Mrs. Donnie Jones gave the council report, and members had an oral discussion on the subject of "Citizenship."

Refreshments of coffee and cake was served to Mrs. Wieland Atchison, Mrs. Bobby Campbell, Mrs. G. P. Harrell, Mrs. Homer Henson, Mrs. Norwood Holloway, Mrs. Burnell Howard, and the hostess, Mrs. Donnie Jones.

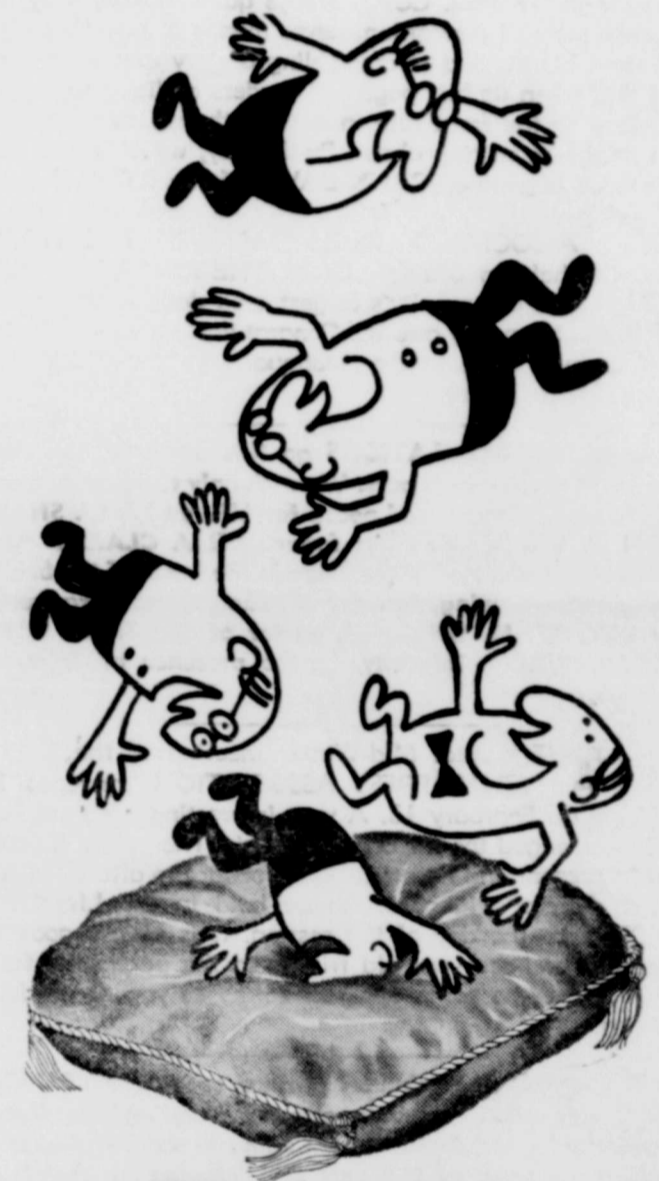
The Valley View Home Demonstration Club met at the Lenora club house in regular session on January 28.

With Mrs. O. D. Green presiding, the meeting was brought to order and the club prayer was repeated in unison by 12 attending members.

The program on "Citizenship" was given by Mrs. L. C. Morris, and the refreshments were served by Mrs. Gib Madison.

Members present were: Mrs. Charles Blake, Mrs. George Cathey, Mrs. O. D. Green, Mrs. Delmar Hamm, Mrs. J. M. Hursh, Mrs. Jack Kuhlman, Mrs. Kenneth Large, Mrs. Gib Madison, Mrs. J. T. Mims, Mrs. L. C. Morris, Mrs. Leo Phelan, Mrs. Jimmy Sawyer, and two visitors, Mrs. G. D. Sawyer, and Mrs. Buddy Howell.

Writing in the Oregon Voter, Ralph T. Moore says: "... how can the worker profit from a wage-raise beyond the reasonable ability of his industry to pay, particularly when the raise induces an inflation that quickly and inevitably destroys the benefit of such raise and imposes a perpetual necessity for frequent repetition of the vicious cycle? How can the present standardization of wages be economically justified when costs and conditions are at such variance as among divergent industries?"



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## The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES

WE wish to extend a special salute to members of the STANTON GARDEN CLUB for a splendid job achieved by the women in making the attractive table decorations for the recent CHAMBER OF COMMERCE annual banquet. The handmade paper pennants marking merchant members places was a clever and time-consuming endeavor and one that the public appreciated.

OUR personal congratulations go this week to JIMMY STALLINGS on his nomination for the Chamber's "Outstanding Citizens Award," and to GENE CLEMENTS for his "Outstanding Farmer Award." Both men are community leaders who have helped hack the trail of progress through the community forest. CLEMENTS won his award for work in the field of conservation. He is a farmer who has consistently improved his land and increased his crops. STALLINGS has been active on the civic front.

MANY men, women, and students of the local schools were in attendance nearly all week at the McDONALD trial. The courthouse was really the town stage for eight days. The old temple of justice was full and running over in the aisles with people. Some attended for lack of a better place to go. Some of the students were observing in an effort to improve their understanding of government and civics in action. Some of the spectators attending the trial were there out of sheer curiosity. Some ladies in the audience appeared to be getting their kicks from the trial testimony. Some individuals were present in the courthouse to listen to the evidence because this was the first capital case tried in Stanton in many years.

COPE ROUTH, one of the best reporters in the state, covered the trial for the MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM. It is interesting to watch a master writer work. COPE, always quiet-spoken, easy in movement and disposition, never misses a cue. You can observe his method of assembling a story and be assured that when its hits page one readers realize they have a place on the front seat in the courthouse, or whatever he might be writing about. By-the-way, we also had the pleasure of seeing FRANK DAVIS of the RT staff over Monday night. Both FRANK and COPE won honors at the recent ASSOCIATED PRESS MANAGING EDITORS meeting held in Orange, Texas. THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM, this community's largest area daily, won a total of five outstanding awards. Congratulations to all of you fellows over there in the Headquarters City of the Permian Basin Empire.

CONGRATULATIONS go this week to two fine friends of ours. We wish only the best in happiness, joy, success, and peace for MR. and MRS. SHELTON C. BASSHAM. The former LELIA CLARDY and SHELLEY were united in marriage in the home of the bride on Monday evening, January 25. The ceremony was read by REV. W. H. UHLMAN, pastor of the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, this city, in the presence of selected friends.

THE annual Mid-Winter meeting of the WEST TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION convenes in Odessa on February 13. A very interesting program has been arranged for the one-day affair. The editor expects to be present and we are looking forward to attending our first director's luncheon to be held in the LINCOLN HOTEL on the day of the session. It is always good to get out and see your old friends in the publishing field who share the same ups and downs as you do in daily living.

TUESDAY about noon we spotted ROY PICKETT, county attorney, leading an electric sweeper he had brought from home to the courthouse to clean up some of the dust still hanging in chairs, on the woodwork, and even around the books in his office, following the big duster last week. MRS. PICKETT serves as her husband's secretary and they cleaned their office spic and span after the courthouse crowd cleared out from listening to testimony in the McDONALD trial. SHERIFF DAN SAUNDERS almost "fell out" from supervising and assisting in the cleaning of the dust-filled jury room in the courthouse last week. DAN worked around the clock, along with his able and efficient deputies, G. B. THERWANGER, KATHLEEN LEWIS, and ALTA MAE STRAUB to make the jurors comfortable. We might add that the entire sheriff's staff answered many questions—questions proposed by spectators of all ages—and not one time did we observe a single one of them lose their tempers. And sometimes the questions asked were downright silly.

GEORGE THOMAS was well known in Martin County before he served as the court appointed attorney for DANIEL ODELL McDONALD. But now almost everyone knows GEORGE. His father, CLYDE THOMAS, is one of the finest men I ever knew. During one session of the recent trial the distinguished Big Spring attorney visited the historic courthouse to observe the proceedings. GEORGE THOMAS constantly chomps on a cigar or puffs a pipe. When Martin County Sheriff DAN SAUNDERS took the stand, he was asked several formal questions by DIST. ATTY. WAYNE BURNS. "Will you tell the jury your name please," BURNS asked the sheriff. When SAUNDERS had answered, BURNS asked: "And are you an elected official of this county?" Before SAUNDERS could answer, THOMAS said: "Why DAN has been sheriff here for a hundred years, MR. BURNS."

NEAL'S NUGGET: A rumor reached Stanton this week that the rating on the show GUN-SMOKE fell to almost zero Saturday night. The people were witnessing a real, live drama in the courthouse.

Mrs. Mildred Elland attended a three-day clothing workshop in Midland. The workshop was in children's clothing, fitting and tailoring tips, was conducted by Mary Routh, clothing specialist from College Station. Rev. and Mrs. Bill Morris of Rotan, visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Udell Morris.

## Odell McDonald - - -

(Continued from page 1) ger describe what he found when he went to the little store on the day of the slaying.

He said he found Mrs. McDonald lying on the bed with a plastic bag over her head. "There were four stab wounds in the left breast, blood on the upper lip and blood smeared across her forehead."

"Do you recall how she was dressed?" asked the district attorney.

"She had on a pajama bottom, a T-shirt and another shirt over the T-shirt."

He said he searched the store and the living quarters and could find only some change in the cash register.

It was then that he identified the plastic bag which he said was found over Mrs. McDonald's head at the time.

He said the bag was turned over to Wayne Merritt, chemist in the Department of Public Safety laboratory in Midland.

**Strong Box Missing**

Mrs. Myrtle Thomas of Tenynson described how she arrived in Stanton on the afternoon of her mother's death. She said she searched the room, looking unsuccessfully for a "strong box" which she knew her mother kept.

"I found this fork on the floor and wondered why it wasn't on the table." She then identified the fork, which had two tines three inches long.

As Mrs. Thomas left the stand, she paused momentarily beside her nephew, squeezed his hand affectionately, and hurried from the courtroom.

Dan McDonald, father of the charged youth, followed his sister on the stand. He testified that his mother, the slaying victim always closed the grocery store around 8 or 9 p.m. and would not open the door again, when there was a knock unless she knew who it was.

He said he had been with his mother the night before the body was found and estimated she had \$200 or \$300 in the store when it was closed for the night.

Under cross examination by George Thomas, counsel for defense, he said his first wife had died when Odell was a small boy. He had married again in 1962.

"Odell was always slow in his grades," he said under the attorneys questioning.

"Did he seem like a pretty bright boy?" asked the attorney.

"Yes," replied the father, "I always thought so."

Prior to joining the Army, he said, his son quit school and "began drifting away from home."

Another principal witness Friday was Dr. Jarrett E. Williams, Abilene pathologist, who testified an autopsy disclosed Mrs. McDonald's death had been caused by choking, with four stab wounds in the chest as a contributing factor.

"If it had been punctured lungs alone," he said under cross examination, "I doubt if it would have caused death."

**Other Witnesses**

Other witnesses included Clarence Airhart and Vernon Cox, both of Stanton, who told of seeing the red-and-white automobile parked a block from the store during the rainstorm on the night of June 11. Dr. James Shy of Stanton, who made the first examination of Mrs. McDonald's body; Maj. Leo Gossett of Midland, regional commander of the Department of Public Safety, and Wayne Merritt, chemist and toxicologist in the DPS office; Police Chief Smith and police patrolman Posey.

Jake Bruton, Stanton patrolman, former Howard County sheriff and veteran of 41 years of law enforcement, was the first witness for the state Saturday morning. Bruton had testified one hour and ten minutes on Friday and was on the stand one hour and fifty minutes Saturday. Bruton testified of finding tracks which were credited with a large degree with breaking the case. He told of finding the tracks in the dirt leading from the McDonald store on the afternoon of the day Mrs. McDonald's body was found.

It had rained the night before and the ground still was soft.

He first found the tracks made by cowboy boots, near the east side of the grocery store and track them down one block east and one block north to a point where two other witnesses had testified of seeing a parked car. The car was described as a 1953 red and white Chevrolet. It was seen parked at the spot the night of the murder. He said he and police offi-

cer Arthur Posey went to the Stanton home of M. J. McDonald — Odell McDonald's brother — who had a red and white Chevrolet. With the brother, they drove back to the initial site of the tracks and made a comparison of the two sets of tire tracks.

"My opinion then and now is that they were made by the same tires," Bruton said.

He said officers later returned to the scene with a pair of black cowboy boots found in the brother's home, where Odell McDonald had been visiting during an Army leave.

"Mr. Smith (Police Chief Bob Smith) took the right boot and placed in one of the tracks found at the scene," he related, "and in my opinion they appeared to be the same."

The first witness Friday night, M. J. McDonald, had testified that his brother had appeared in Stanton on June 11 and that he asked him to spend the night at his home with his wife and two small children.

Under questioning he said he owned a red and white 1953 Chevrolet and that he had loaned it to his brother on the night of June 11.

After going to the scene of the tracks, he returned to his house and took his brother's boots from a bedroom closet.

After giving them to officers, he stated he returned to the bedroom and searched a small traveling bag his brother had with him.

He said he found over \$100—all of it currency except for several silver dollars—stuffed in a glove. He added that when officers returned to his house a short time later, he turned it over to them.

Sheriff Dan Saunders, 39, and for the past 12 years head of the county's law enforcement battalion, was the star state witness most of Saturday. Saunders detailed the path the investigation took and participated in the legal proceedings, including a special two-hour hearing, conducted outside the presence of the jury. He was the last witness Saturday night when District Attorney Wayne Burns rested the state's case against the 19-year-old Daniel Odell McDonald.

The admission of McDonald's signed confession was ordered by District Judge Ralph Caton following the separate hearing on the statement, believed to be the first in West Texas courts. It is required under a ruling last June by the U. S. Supreme Court and its subsequent adoption to Texas law.

The signed statement was then read to the jury of 11 men and one woman.

The somber defendant sat quietly with his eyes toward the floor as the prosecutor read the confession before stony-faced jurors and hushed spectators crowding the courtroom.

McDonald told of drinking beer and wine, then going to the small grocery store where the grandmother, 82-year-old Mrs. McDonald, lived.

**Asks For Money**

He knocked on the rear door and told her he wanted some money.

"She asked me what for and I told her I was in trouble. She then opened the door and let me in. I told her I needed \$200. She asked me what I had done and I didn't answer."

"I just grabbed her around the mouth and turned the light off."

"She put up a fight, and I pushed her on the bed and

held my hand over her mouth and nose real tight."

At this point, the statement continued, he sexually attacked her.

"She was making an awful lot of noise so I grabbed the plastic bag and put it over her mouth."

**Stabbed 'Several Times'**

Later he put the bag over her head and stabbed her "several times," finally leaving the place after taking more than \$170 in bills, the statement added.

It was during the special hearing that Saunders first disclosed details of the arrest and confession of McDonald who, he said, he had known for many years.

"Do you remember when he quit school?" Thomas asked him under cross-examination.

"I don't remember the year, but I remember when he quit," replied the sheriff.

"Was Odell alert and intelligent?"

"I'd say he was normal."

**Case Starts Breaking**

Saunders said the case broke late in the afternoon of the day Mrs. McDonald's body was found sprawled on a half-bed in her living quarters, her head bound in a plastic bag and four stab wounds in her chest.

Evidence began pointing toward the youth, on leave from the U. S. Army, as officers centered their investigation at an intersection a block and a half north of the McDonald store where boot tracks and tire tracks had been found.

Saunders said he drove to the spot about 6 p.m. and found McDonald with several other city and sheriff's officers.

McDonald got into the sheriff's automobile.

"When he got in the car," Saunderson related, "I didn't say anything."

"Before I could ask a question, he said: 'Take me to the courthouse and I'll tell you all about it.' He asked me not to drive by his father's house on the way to the courthouse. I said I would not and I did not."

**Drive To Courthouse**

As they drove to the courthouse, Saunders continued, McDonald said he had one more request.

"He did not want to see any of his folks, and I think he put it: 'I mean any of my folks.'"

"At the time he asked you not to drive by his father's house, did he appear to be suffering any type of emotional stress?" asked Thomas.

"Not that appeared to me," answered the sheriff.

He said they went into the commissioners' courtroom and, after obtaining a typewriter, began taking McDonald's statement.

"Did you ask any questions to keep up the continuity?" asked Thomas.

"The only time I said anything was when he started talking faster than I could type, and I asked him to slow down," Saunders replied.

The sheriff said he read to McDonald the standard statutory warning that he did not have to make a statement and that any statement made by him could be used in evidence against him.

As Saunders continued his testimony, the calm-faced McDonald sat in his chair, continually rubbing his hands with his handkerchief — when he wasn't smoking a cigarette.

He appeared more interested Saturday in the proceedings around him and, during recess periods, chatted with a cousin, pretty 19-year-old Wanda Waldrop of Midland, who walked up to his chair

at the counsel table.

**Youth Signs Statement**

Saunders said that after typing the statement, he read it to the youth, who read it himself and then signed it in front of three witnesses.

"Was he just as calm as when you picked him up?" asked Thomas.

Attorneys for Daniel Odell McDonald, restudied their case abruptly Monday just before 1 p.m. without calling a single witness.

The formal charge to the jury was prepared and final arguments started at 3:20 p.m.

Roy Pickett, Martin attorney was first to speak for the state. He was followed by John Ferguson, Big Spring, and George Thomas, chief defense counsel, District Attorney Wayne Burns closed for the state.

Roy Pickett, in his summation address to the jury for the state demanded the death penalty for McDonald.

"Because of the enormity of this crime," Pickett said, "we believe the death penalty

"She was a trusting grandmother and there that night he violated her trust — he brutally murdered her and then ravished her body."

John Ferguson, former attorney in Stanton, now of Big Spring, presented the first argument for the defense. He described the state's case as "only the flimsiest sort of circumstantial suspicion," adding that it depended entirely on a confession.

McDonald, he continued, went to his grandmother's store needing money—"badly in need of help as he had been all of his life."

"The environment that was his struck back at the family that had raised him without love."

Ferguson said: "This poor, desperate boy was pushed beyond the limits of his endurance."

"He was a nice young kid except for this one mistake—this one act — and the state cries for death," the former Martin County attorney and defense attorney concluded.

George Thomas, chief defense counsel appointed by the court, described McDonald as "one of society's mistakes."

"Odell McDonald," he said, "is now getting more attention than he ever got since he was a babe in arms."

Both Thomas and Ferguson asked for a short term for the 19-year-old McDonald.

District Attorney Wayne Burns wound up the state's case.

He read McDonald's confession to the jury and halfway through it, the DA paused dramatically and remained silent for several minutes — regained his composure and then said: "If he is capable of this terrible crime, without justification or reason can he ever be trusted again?"

"If this is not the proper case for the jury to vote the death penalty, what case would ever be the proper case?"

Judge Caton had given the jury only two choices in his formal charge.

The jury could, he said, return either with a verdict of guilty of the crime of murder with malice or a verdict of not guilty.

The jury got the case at exactly 7 p.m.

Thirty minutes, more or less, after the jury took the case for deliberation, jury foreman James Biggs sent in a request for two copies of statements signed by McDonald made after his arrest. He called for no more of the evi-

## Methodist Church Activities

Circle I of WSCS met Monday, January 25, at 3:30 p.m. in the First Methodist Church Chapel.

Mrs. Cecil Bridges, president, presided over the meeting. Study was given by Mrs. Bob Bryan on "Spanish-American."

Mrs. Bryan announced that Rev. Victor Ortiz would speak to the group February 15 at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. James Biggs.

Those present were: Mrs. Calvin Jones, Mrs. Bob Bryan, Mrs. Edmund Morrow, Mrs. John Poe, Mrs. Cecil Bridges, Mrs. James Biggs, M r s. James Jones, and Mrs. Jess Burns.

Circle I of WSCS of the First Methodist Church met in regular session Monday, February 1.

Mrs. Cecil Bridges, president, presided over a short business meeting, then Mrs. A. J. Stallings led the opening prayer. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Bob Bryan, who discussed the need and characteristics of the Spanish people. She also gave an interesting discussion on influence of the Spanish-American people on the Anglo-Americans. A group discussion followed pointing out definite means or ways better conditions might be brought between the two races.

The meeting was dismissed by the reading of the "Lord's Prayer" in Spanish by Mrs. James Jones.

The Women's Society of Christian Service, Circle II, met Tuesday morning at the First Methodist Church. Also meeting with the group were some of the executive officers who are members of Circle I. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Cecil Bridges, president of the Stanton WSCS. Mrs. Martin Gibson, vice president, gave a report on the four studies to be given during the year, plus additional programs to be given throughout the year. Mrs. Jess Burns, treasurer, gave a report on finances plus a "run-down" on the budget for 1964-1965. Mrs. James Jones, secretary of Membership Cultiva-

tion, also was present to give a report.

The group was reminded that on February 15, there will be social which will climax the study on Spanish-Americans for Circle I. Both Circles, however, will be present to hear the guest speaker, which is to be Rev. Victor Ortiz. As a result of our study on Spanish-Americans and as a gesture of appreciation to Rev. Ortiz, the WSCS is going to help a couple of needy families. The committees were appointed, one to gather food for one family, and one to gather clothes for another family.

Those on the food committee are members of Circle I: Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Cecil Bridges, Mrs. Martin Gibson, and Mrs. Jess Burns.

Those on the clothing committee are from Circle II: Mrs. Billy Morrow, Mrs. Jack Woodrow, and Mrs. Tom Ed Angel. All members are asked to help contribute to both needs.

The meeting was dismissed with a closing prayer by Mrs. Gibson.

Others present were: Mrs. Nolan Simpson, Mrs. L. D. Snell, Mrs. Bill Rhodes, Mrs. Bob Cox, and Mrs. Bob Bryan.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Schroeder of Monahan, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gibson last Wednesday.

Mrs. G. R. Bridges was a patient in the Howard County Foundation Hospital, has returned home.

## Baptist Church Activities

The Vivian Hickerson Circle of the First Baptist Church, met in the home of Mrs. W. H. Uhlman Tuesday, January 26.

The group had a mission study presented by Mrs. Bob Johnson.

Those present were: Mrs. Windell Thomason, Mrs. Bob Johnson, Mrs. Bill Johnson, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Gene Butler, Mrs. Bob Priddy, and the hostess, Mrs. Uhlman.

The Mary Stamps Circle of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, met in the home of Mrs. W. H. Yater for their regular meeting Monday, February 1.

Mrs. W. H. Yater, Circle chairman, conducted the business meeting and read the prayer calendar. A prayer for missionaries was worded by Mrs. Eula Eubanks. The devotion was given by Mrs. Guy Elland. Mrs. Paul K. Jones gave the study on the book, "Winds of Change," by Gerald B. Palmer.

Refreshments were served to those attending.

Members attending were: Mrs. John Pinkston, Mrs. Alice Stribling, Mrs. Paul K. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Yater, Mrs. H. R. Caffey, Mrs. Guy Elland, Mrs. Eula Eubanks, and the hostess, Mrs. W. T. Yater.

The Big Spring Baptist Association Youth Rally was held in the First Baptist Church in Stanton January 30.

The program was presented by Mt. Bethel Baptist Church negro choir. The rally was attended by 125 youth from this area.

There was a fellowship held after the program with skits being presented by each church represented.

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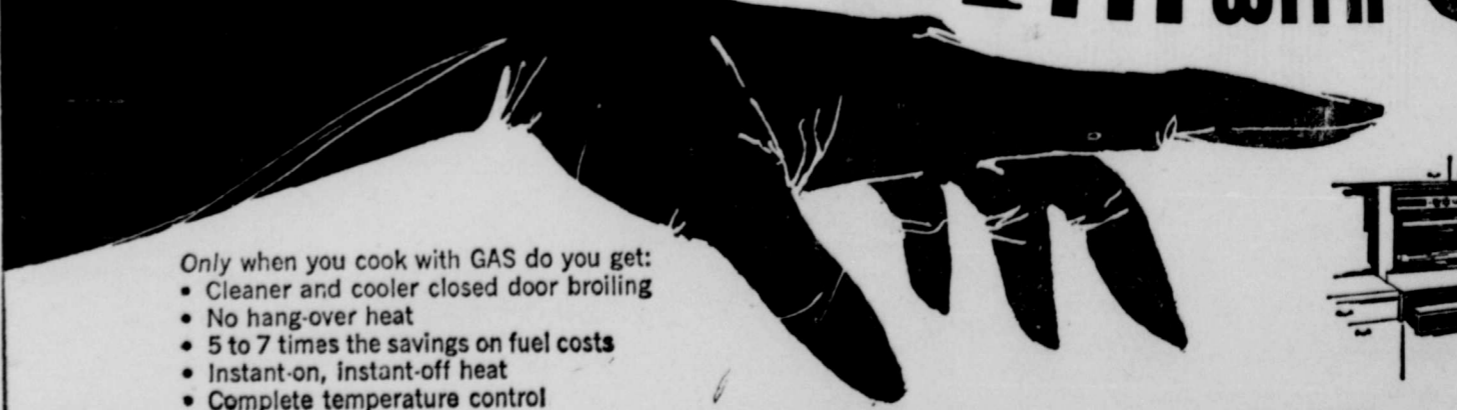
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