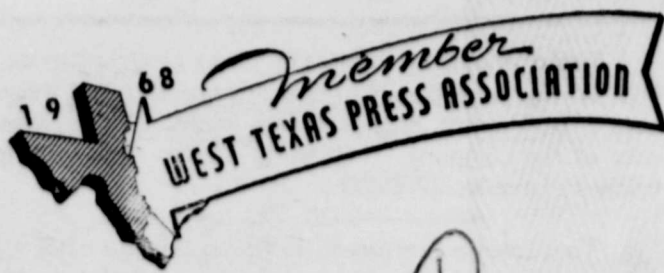


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By NEAL ESTES

Drive safely during the holiday season. Be courteous and careful in the operation of your car. Observe the stop signs and stay on the safe side. An accident sometimes occurs when only two cars are in a given neighborhood and a crash takes place because one of the drivers failed to observe a traffic light or stop sign.

The usual number of thefts and car pilfering have been reported in the area. For no good reason at all the Christmas season is the time of year the car prowlers go to work. When you plan to be absent for any length of time from your parked vehicle lock the doors. Be sure and take this precaution when you attend the church of your choice too. The car looters are no respecters of the religious codes either.

Get your letters and packages mailed this week and relax and enjoy the final week before Christmas. Despite the many words of encouragement written about early mailing, some people wait until the final day to get their correspondence off. Be an early bird this year—mail soon as possible and give the postal workers a break.

It is better to trade at home and keep the dollars in the community. If you just must go out of town to shop watch out for the traffic policemen. The Big Spring Herald reported fifty-two tickets were issued between Tuesday and Friday last week over there for traffic violations alone. Remember the old adage of the "country boy in town."

Only nine shopping days remain before Christmas. If you have delayed your Christmas gift buying up to now your selections could be limited because early buyers have availed themselves of the opportunity to shop while stocks were full. But several nice and practical gifts are still yours for the money in Martin County and go out today and get your holiday buying finished so you can truly enjoy the remainder of the holiday season.

Christmas lighting has lagged somewhat behind in Stanton this year. Not so many homes have been decorated as in years past but those we have observed while riding around at night have certainly done credit to the town. Get those prettily decorated homes in the Christmas lighting contest now. Mail your entrance to the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

JESS WOODY proved Sunday that he can still live up to the press clippings he has been gathering for years. JESS won the Masters class in the Permian Basin pistol shoot held Sunday at the club range. Martin County friends have long been familiar with the expert marksmanship of the local sportsman and businessman.

Stanton High School is looking for a football skirmish to take the place of Carver on the schedule next season. The Carverites will not be in existence next year due to recent Midland school board action. Any high school team wanting a game for next November 1 should contact BRYAN BOYD, Buffalo coach.

Santa Claus Sets Stanton Schedule

Stanton Tourney Will Open

Stanton High School will host the annual basketball tournament starting at twelve noon on Thursday, December 14.

The tourney will continue through Saturday night.

The playoffs will highlight the meet and the championship games will be held off Saturday night.

Food booths will be set up and the cafeteria will also be open for the convenience of the crowd. The public is invited to be in attendance.

Some of the participating teams will be Carver, Dunbar, Robert Lee, Flower Grove, Post, Christ King, Lubbock, Barstow, Stanton and Big Spring Soph.

Robert Lee Dam Reported Half Finished

The Colorado River Municipal Water District's new dam at Robert Lee is nearing the halfway mark.

Estimated on the amount of work completed through November show that almost half of the dirt work has been finished. The rock rip-rap and gravel blanket protecting the faces of the dam is little less than a third of completion, but it necessarily lags behind the embankment.

The \$2,875,000 concrete spillway is now estimated at 36.12 per cent complete. This work is emerging from some of the more tedious phases and may be expected to pick up in tempo.

O. H. Ivie, general manager for CRMWD, estimated that the project is running slightly ahead of schedule. So is the district's brush clearing operation in the basin.

Abilene Cotton Office Says Receipts To Increase

We're expecting very heavy receipts between now and Christmas, says B. B. Manly, Jr., in charge of the U.S.D.A.'s cotton classing office in Abilene. With the killing frost less than a week ago, receipts are already getting heavy. The classing office had processed 121,000 December 8, which is near half of the expected receipts. Last week, 25,000 samples were processed.

Grades improved a little last week, which represented cotton harvested before the last rain. Bark was not as evident as the two previous weeks, but still a high 10 per cent. Staple showed the greatest change with 65 per cent 31/32 or longer.

Mike readings were lower with 73 per cent in the premium 3.5 - 4.9 range compared with 81 per cent and higher in previous weeks. Five per cent miked below 3.0 compared to one per cent in previous weeks. The classing office received numerous complaints on low mike readings. According to Mr. Manly, they have drawn new check samples in various areas and they found no significant change in the readings.

Comparisons of grade, staple, and mike processed in the C&MS classing office last week are as follows, with the seasons percentages in parenthesis: Middling 3 per cent (11



TO MARK ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. Will S. Barnhill will mark their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 17, in Stanton. The Barnhills are long time residents of Martin County, having moved to Stanton in 1928.

Children To Honor Will Barnhills Here Sunday

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnhill will be held at the Cap Rock Auditorium December 17, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Barnhill will honor their parents on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and would like to extend an invitation to all their many friends and acquaintances, to join them on this happy occasion.

Will Barnhill and Lillie Paulene Boatman were united in marriage December 13, 1917, at Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Barnhill was a native of Fort Worth, with Mrs. Barnhill coming from Cisco. He was a farmer in Eastland County from 1917 until 1928, at which time they moved to Martin County, where they continued their farming operations until retirement in 1962.

Their children are: Mrs. Walter Blocker of Midland;

Roy Lee Barnhill, T. D. Barnhill, and Billy Barnhill, of Stanton; and the late W. E. Barnhill, who lost his life in World War II. The couple have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Editor's Mail

WEST VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Campbell, California 95008
December 5, 1967

Dear Neal,
It is a pleasure to send our check for a year's subscription to The Stanton Reporter. After having lived in Stanton for almost twenty years the paper is a welcome visitor each week. And I can assure you that it is read in this home.

We wish it were possible for us to visit our friends and loved ones in Stanton this coming Christmas, but conditions makes it unlikely at this time. We do, however, wish you the best for the holiday seasons and trust you will enjoy health — good health that is — for the year 1968.

Sincerely in Christ,
Eilmore Johnson.

Holbrook Plans Test In Grayburg

F. W. Holbrook of Midland plans No. 1 B. W. Golladay as a 4,150-foot test of the Grayburg in the Azalea multipay field of Midland County. Location is 660 feet from north and 467 feet from east lines of H. K. Ray survey, abstract 593, in block 38, T-1-S, 10 miles east of Midland. The project is 3/4-mile southwest of Holbrook's No. 1 King, recently completed Grayburg discovery in the Azalea area.

Connolly Oil Inc. of Abilene No. 1B McClintic is scheduled to drill to 9,450 feet in the Straberry Trend Area of Midland. It is 1,320 feet from north and 1,200 feet from west lines of J. R. Ray survey, abstract 974 and in a sector of the field which has several undrilled locations. The probe is 12 miles east of Midland.

U.S. House Votes To Trim "Fat"

Thanks to the gentlemen in the U.S. House of Representatives elected about fifty strong last November, the "fat" has been trimmed from federal boondoggling appropriations.

No telling what a majority Congress could do for this country. The people will determine the majority issue next November.

The House voted this week to force a cut of \$4.1 billion in government spending during the fiscal year ending next June 30.

It sent to the Senate a bill requiring federal agencies to trim personnel costs by 2 per cent and slash other controllable expenditures by ten per cent.

Christmas Concert Stanton Schools Musical Units

Musical units of the Stanton Schools will combine their efforts in presenting a Christmas Concert, which will be presented in the high school auditorium on December 22, at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

The high school mixed chorus will perform Fred Waring's arrangement of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," as their highlight on the program.

Of special interest will be the high school band performing "Christmas Round the World," and a fantasy on the "Twelve Days of Christmas."

The Cadet Band composed of sixth grade members, will feature "Greensleeves," and familiar Christmas carols.

The student council will be furnishing appropriate skits interspersed in the program, which will enhance the overall effectiveness of the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burman from Lake Leon are here. They plan to be here for several months.



Stanton Music Club Met In Woodrow Home

The Stanton Music Club met December 6, in the home of Mrs. Jack Woodrow with Mrs. Homer Schwalbe as co-hostess, for their traditional Christmas program.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson, president, presided, and announced that the music club and the Stanton School Choir, directed by George Walker, had each received from the National Federation of Music Clubs, an Award of Merit. This Honorable Mention, was for outstanding participation in National Music week for 1967.

The theme for the Christmas party, was "Christmas Around The World."

The Hymn of the month "What Child Is This?" by Dix, was narrated by Mrs. C. R. Welch, and sung by Mrs. Carl Leonard and Mrs. Roy Koonce. They were accompanied by Mrs. Welch.

A Christmas Story, "A Little More Time," was told by Mrs. Glenn Brown. Mrs. Roy Koonce sang: "O Holy Night," by Adam, and was accompanied by Mrs. Roy Pickett.

Carols from around the world, were sung by the entire group. They included: English—The First Noel, by Fletcher; Austria — Silent Night by Gruber; Welch — Deck The Halls, Welch Folk Song; Germany—O Christmas Tree, by Fletcher; United States—Go Tell It On The Mountain, Folk Song; and Scotland—Auld Lang Syne, by Burns.

Refreshments were served to: Dr. Sue Fisher, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Glen Brown, Mrs. W. E. Byrd, Mrs. Paige Eiland, Mrs. Roy Koonce, Mrs. Carl Leonard, Mrs. Roy Pickett, Mrs. Homer Schwalbe, Mrs. Edmond Tom, Mrs. C. R. Welch, Mrs. James Wheeler, Mrs. Arthur Wilson and Mrs. Woodrow.

Local Stores To Give Treasure Hunt Tickets

Treasure Hunt tickets are now being distributed by twenty-one Stanton merchants, who are taking part in the annual Christmas activity.

Tickets are available for the asking at any of the stores, details are available at each store.

Treasure Hunt prizes will go on display in the store windows on December 16. Tickets for the Treasure Hunt will be given from now until December 20.

An ad listing the participating merchants appears in this week's Reporter.

10 Cities Pass One Percent Sales Levy

Ten more Texas cities approved the now legal one percent sales tax Saturday while two towns turned down the proposed new source for city income. Del Rio, on the Mexican border, and Rockwall, northeast of Dallas, both narrowly defeated the proposal. Rockwall by a vote of 134 to 132 and Del Rio by a vote of 580 to 535.

Passing the measure were San Angelo by 2,540 to 380, Denton, Balch Spring, Duncannon, Farmers Branch, Al-

Jolly Man In Red To Visit Several Times

Santa Claus is going to pay special attention to the children of Martin County this year and he has scheduled several visits.

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual visit of the jolly man in the red suit this year again and he will want to see and talk with as many of the youngsters as possible.

On Friday afternoon, Santa will make his first visit. He will be on the streets of Stanton and in the stores and is eager to see as many of the children as possible to find out their holiday wants.

Santa Claus will return to town on Saturday, December 16, and he will stroll the store aisles and streets again. On both trips St. Nick will have candy and gum for the small boys and girls.

On Thursday and Friday nights of Christmas week, December 21 and 22, Santa Claus will be downtown at nights until 9 p.m. when a great number of local stores remain open until that time to accommodate the Christmas shoppers.

Be sure and be in Stanton for one or all of Santa's visits. He will have goodies with him at all times and if you want to see the Jolly Santa in person and talk with him you are invited to shop in Stanton this week and next week.

Baptist Church Youth End Week

The Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church presented a special program, to end a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, the past Sunday during church services.

Speakers were Linda Holder, Jane Hodges, Melrae Angel and Margaret Uhlman. Mrs. Clyde Parnell, counselor, gave the meditation. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cruse sang. The lighting was under the direction of Eugene Byrd.

Stanton Lodge Held Christmas Party Monday

The Stanton Rebekah Lodge held their annual Christmas party at 7 p.m. Monday in the IOOF Hall.

Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged.

Officers-elect of the lodge include: Mrs. Henry Louder, noble grand; Mrs. C. S. Bevers, Jr., vice grand; Mrs. Mason Coggin, treasurer; Mrs. Ellen Morgan, secretary; and Mrs. Jim McCoy, team captain.

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RESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

To: STANTON GARDEN CLUB. Mail to: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Please enter my home (apartment) in your 1967 Christmas Lighting Contest. I understand only those homes (apartments) in Stanton will be eligible to compete.

Name _____

Address _____

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Philosopher Wants To See A Politician Cross A Bridge Before He Gets To It

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw is bothered by a phrase, his letter this week indicates. Guess it beats having nothing to worry about.)

Dear editor:

As I understand it from reading a string of newspapers over the past few days—the reason you can call them a string of papers is they were strung out several hundred yards along the road by my house out here where somebody must have thrown them out of his car one by one, in the future I'd appreciate it if he tied them up in a bundle—there are several possible candidates for President but only one or two so far have announced.

Some of the others say they are considering it, some say they aren't considering it but could be persuaded to change their mind, others are going around making speeches a long way from home but denying they're candidates.

There is one phrase that crops up every once in a while in all this that has me baffled.

A reporter will ask a non-candidate if he's running for

the nomination and he'll say certainly not, at least not at the moment.

Then the reporter will ask him if he got enough delegates to vote for him would he accept the nomination.

The answer almost invariably is: "I'll cross that bridge when I come to it."

Or ask another politician if he would accept an appointment to some higher office and the answer is: "I'll cross that bridge when I come to it."

Despite the fact what he means is "I'd like to have the job, I figure I'm fully capable of handling it, but it hasn't been offered to me yet," that phrase about not crossing a bridge before you get to it always throws me.

I would like one politician to cite just one example in the entire history of mankind where anybody ever crossed a bridge before he got to it.

I've seen bridges it was hard to cross after you got to them, but if you can find one politician who can cross one before he gets to it, let's get him under contract. We could make millions exhibiting him at bridges all over the country.

No use looking for him among those politicians who, when they get to their bridge, are going to find it's washed out.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.



Bible Comment—

Whosoever Believeth On Him Shall Not Be Ashamed

St. Peter wrote to the believers of the dispersion, some thirty years after the death and resurrection of Christ:

"Unto you therefore which believe He is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the Stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

"And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient..." (I Pet. 2:7,8).

It is true that Israel's builders, 1900 years ago, "disallowed" Christ as the cornerstone for their building, and that when He became the "Head of the corner," according to Psa. 118:22, it was for them an occasion for stumbling and embarrassment.

But Christ is a "stone of stumbling" to all who reject Him. In Rom. 9:33, St. Paul quotes from several Old Testament passages:

"As it is written, Behold, I

lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offense; and whosoever believeth in Him shall not be ashamed."

In Peter's day and Paul's, those who looked upon Christ as their cornerstone were never given cause to be ashamed. It was those who disallowed and refused Him; it was they who kept stumbling over Him and were constantly embarrassed by Him.

So today, those who put their trust in the crucified, risen Christ, are eternally secure and will never be but to shame for having done so. But those who reject Christ keep forever stumbling over Him. They hear him preached over the radio, they see Him offered as the One who died for their sins, they are constantly confronted with His claims and they are embarrassed. They keep forever stumbling over Him.

"Who so ever believeth in Him, shall not be ashamed."

Twenty-Three Years Ago

Two of the head officials of Texas Electric Service Co. of Fort Worth, were guests of Stanton one day last week. They were J. B. Thomas, president, and Beaman Fisher, vice president of the company. They spent a short time visiting Cecil Bridges of the local TESCO.

Tom Estes has returned to Camp Barkley after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Estes.

Lieutenant Poe Woodard writes his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Woodard in Stanton, that he has arrived safe in France.

Mrs. Otis Davidson was re-elected chairman of the Home Demonstration Council along with Mrs. Stanley Reid, vice chairman, Mrs. U. H. Butler, secretary, and Mrs. W. T. Wells, treasurer.

Clark Hamilton has sold his residence to Brick Eidson. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are moving to Denver City to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Elmore Johnson and little son of Graham, have moved to Stanton. He is the new minister of the Church of Christ here.

Pvt. Charles R. Deavenport, stationed in England, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Deavenport of Stanton, he visited London and saw many famous spots.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Blackerby and daughter, Mrs. Jack Bentley, came in from San Antonio to visit friends and relatives. Jack Bentley is serving overseas in London with the hospital corps.

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Highlights and Sidelights FROM THE State CAPITOL

Texas' veterans land program, derailed since late 1965, is back on the track again.

According to Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler, sale of \$30,000,000 in bonds is slated for December 19. Bonds are expected to be delivered around January 25. Money then will be available to buy land for state veterans.

At the November 11 election, Texans voted favorably for a constitutional amendment authorizing sale of an additional \$200,000,000 in bonds from the program. Amendment also expanded the program to include veterans who served in Vietnam, as well as Korea and World War II. Servicemen have spent \$242,000,000 to buy 3,000,000 acres of land under the program since it was first authorized in 1949.

Qualified veterans now can borrow up to \$10,000. Minimum amount of land that can be bought is 15 acres. Maximum interest rate on bonds is four and a half per cent. Purchasers of land have 40 years to repay state loans. A five per cent down payment and about \$150 in legal and appraisal fees is necessary to close a loan.

Draft Quota Up—Draft boards will have to provide 1,659 young Texans for the armed forces next month. This is the biggest monthly

quota since 2,012 were called in November, 1966.

January quota is Texas' share of the national call for 34,000 men for the army, says Col. Morris S. Schwartz, State Selective Service Director.

Tourist Conference Set—A network of 10 Travel Trials showing how local communities can help themselves by promoting San Antonio's HemisFair '68 will be unveiled at the third annual Governor's Tourist Development Conference here January 17.

Trials were chosen from among nominations in 154 counties and state tourism people will be pushing these routes to out-of-staters visiting Texas and HemisFair. State will erect "Travel Trail" markers and design and publish maps to guide and inform the tourists.

Two panels of travel experts will join Gov. John Connally in communities to step up their tourist promotion.

A total of 7,000,000 visitors are expected at HemisFair, says HemisFair's Chief Executive Officer James M. Gaines, who will keynote the conference. Two afternoon seminars are planned on developing special attractions and boosting them with publicity, photography, and brochures.

Noisiest room in the home is the kitchen, according to scientific tests.

Gunpowder, from the time it was first used in battle, was the most deadly military explosive until 1902 when TNT was introduced.

Representative John T. Myers of Indiana noted: "There are thousands of dedicated, conscientious employees in the postal system, but management has not provided the direction necessary for the type of mail service this country needs and demands. More - over, the ever - increasing number of complaints, misdeliveries, nondeliveries, delays and backups are a clear warning that even more serious trouble lies ahead unless corrective steps are taken. As long as the department remains a politically dominated agency where appoint-

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Refusing A Job

Two men, both out of work, put in claims for unemployment insurance. Each was asked if he had tried to find another job.

The first man said: "I was offered a job driving a taxicab, but I turned it down. The cab had an automatic transmission, and I happen to prefer a stick shift."

The second man said: "I was offered a job as a paint sprayer, but I turned it down. Although I could do the work, I am extremely allergic to paint."

Were these men, having refused to take jobs that were offered, thereby disqualified from collecting unemployment insurance? All states do disqualify, in varying degree, the person who refuses a job—but only if the job he refuses is "suitable."

In the above cases, the first man was indeed held disqualified. The cab driving job was suitable, because his only objection to it was petty and unreasonable. But the second man was held not disqualified. The painting job was not suitable, because it involved a real danger to his health.

Another factor that may affect the suitability of a job is the distance the person must travel to get there. For example:

A man was held disqualified for unemployment insurance because he refused a job located only 1- miles from his home. Good transportation was available, and hundreds of other employees were making the same trip every day. But an older man was held justified in refusing a job 34 miles away. In his case, the only way he could have gotten there was by driving an old ailing automobile.

Hours and wages, too, may be taken into account. Thus: A stenographer who refused a 9 to 6 job, because she preferred 8 to 5, was held too finicky—hence disqualified for unemployment insurance. But a man was held not disqualified when he refused a job at wages substantially below those prevailing in the community.

In this way, weighing individual factors, the law seeks to carry out the basic philosophy of unemployment insurance—to draw a reasonable line between those who do want to work and those who do not.

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. Written by Will Bernard.

Gasoline Tax Credit Due On Incomes

The Federal Gas Tax refund of 4 cents per gallon on gasoline used on a farm for farming purposes will now be claimed as a tax credit on the annual income tax report and must be filed before the end of the tax reporting period, which is April 15. Gas tax credits will not be allowed on late reports.

The tax credit has been extended to include the federal tax on lubricating oil at 6 cents per gallon, and on diesel fuel and special motor fuels used other than in highway vehicles, according to James Mallett, extension farm management specialist at Texas A&M University.

Formerly the gas tax refund period was July 1 to June 30, and claims were to be filed by September 30 according to Mallett. Since this change was initiated in 1966, this will be the first full year for the new filing system. Farmers will claim the federal tax credit on qualifying fuels and lubricants purchased during the 1967 calendar year.

For more information, Mallett suggests that a copy of IRS publication number 308, be obtained from the district director of the Internal Revenue Service or from the local county agricultural agent.

Spell Quiz

Which of the following is Spelled Correctly?
Agressor Aggressor Aggresor
(Meaning: One who attacks.)



DRILLING THE DEEPEST
Humble Oil & Refining Company's Rig 32 is shown here in the Gomez field of West Texas drilling the world's deepest producing well. The new ultradeep producer—the Henry Willbanks No. 11—was completed in the Ellenberger formation at 21,883 to 22,610 feet. The well, located in Pecos County about 10 miles northwest of Fort Stockton, flowed gas at a calculated open flow rate of 14 million cubic feet a day.

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Midland Man Named Deputy District Masonic Official

Martin G. Browne of Midland has been named District Deputy Grand Master of Ma-



Martin G. Browne

sons for Masonic District No. 81, which includes five Ma-

sonic Lodges and Glascock, Midland, and Upton Counties.

Browne, who is general marketing manager with American Coldset Corporation, is a Past Master of Acacia Lodge 1414, and is active in other Masonic organizations. He has served on various committees and is an active member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Midland.

His appointment was made by the newly-elected Grand Master of Masons in Texas, J. W. Chandler of Houston, as the 132nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was concluded in Waco December 7.

District Deputy Grand Masters are appointed for each of the 132 Masonic Districts of Texas. They are the personal representatives of the Grand Master, head of the state's largest fraternal organization with nearly 250,000 members.

Martin Rules On Elections

To clear up confusion over school trustee elections in some small independent school districts — specifically Lamesa — Attorney General Crawford Martin Monday issued an opinion on the way to designate candidates for board vacancies.

The effect of a 1967 law on the procedure for filling a vacancy on a school board that administers a district of less than 500 scholastics, Martin held, is to require the vacant position be specifically designated on the school board ballot.

The philosophy behind the new law was to allow voters to fill any school board trustee vacancy without calling a special election at the time the vacancy occurs. Then, at the next general election, the board appointee would have to run for the time remaining in the vacancy while other candidates would run for a full term of office.

El Paso Pastor To Head Baptist Commission

Texas Baptists meeting Friday in Dallas, named a West Texas pastor to head the Christian Educator Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) and at the same time approved loans totaling \$3.7 million for their institutions.

The occasion was the quarterly meeting of the 192-member executive board of the BGCT.

Dr. Woodson Armes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, was unanimously elected secretary of the education commission, one of four key commissions of the 1.8 million member Baptist convention. The commission's responsibility is to correlate the convention's program of Christian education.

The education program consists of two main phases; institutional and student work. Texas Baptists have nine colleges and universities and one academy; they also have 32 Baptist Students Centers on non-Baptist campuses.

Armes, 55, is a former instructor at Baylor University. He has pastored Texas churches since 1943. He is active in Texas Baptist denominational affairs as well as Southern Baptist Convention activities.

Taxpayers Urged To File Form 1040-A

Taxpayers who received a 1967 preaddressed Form 1040A are urged to file that form if it fits their needs and they are eligible to use it.

Ellis Campbell, Jr., district director of Internal Revenue for Northern Texas, said today that substantial savings will be realized if the form provided is used because fewer key-punch operations are necessary to process the return. "It also helps us utilize the full capabilities for which the Automatic Data Processing system was designed," he said.

If your name or address has changed make the necessary corrections and strike through lightly the preprinted information. If you have a refund due, this will help insure delivery of the check to the correct address.

Taxpayers should also verify that their correct social security number is entered on the return they file.

Confederate Brigade To Be Re-activated

The Confederate Research Center of Hill Junior College, Hillsboro, Texas, has re-activated Hood's Texas Brigade Association, a famous Confederate Veteran's group that meet annually from 1872 to 1933. Any direct descendant (over eighteen) of a member of Hood's Famous Texas Brigade is eligible for membership. Each member will be presented with a two-color parchment facsimile of the Certificate awarded to the original members of the association at their annual reunion in Waco in 1889. All of those applicants received and verified by December 31, 1967, will be considered for charter membership. Hood's Texas Brigade was composed of the 1st, 4th, and 5th Texas Infantry Regiments, the 3rd Arkansas Infantry Regiment, the 18th Georgia Infantry Regiment and the Infantry Companies of Hampton's South Carolina Legion.

It is planned to publish an annual newsletter and hold bi-annual reunions as much as the original association did. Two types of memberships have been designated, regular and honorary. The former is reserved for direct descendants of members of the Brigade, and the latter, (of which no more than five will be awarded annually) is reserved for those individuals who have made a worthwhile contribution to Texas Confederate History or have contributed to the Confederate Research Center, either materially or promotionally. Honorary memberships will be confined to 25 at one time. Requests for applications

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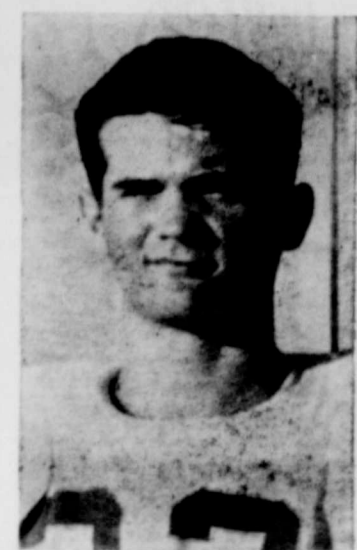


Ginger Rogers, eternally young and always amazing, will bring her entertaining talent to Dallas Dec. 26-30 in Broadway's smash hit "Hello Dolly." The State Fair Music Hall in Dallas will be one of the few places in which producer David Merrick will present Miss Rogers, who has starred in the famed musical in New York and comes to Dallas direct from Las Vegas and the West Coast. Tickets may be obtained by writing to the State Fair Box Office at Titcher's, P. O. Box 895, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Two Stanton Players Make District Team



David Jones



Bert Decker

Stanton placed two men on the District 4-AA football team after coaches met in Frenship to vote their selections. Seven schools were represented by coaches at the meeting.

From Stanton, David Jones, a 156-pound junior, was named to quarterback, while Bert Decker, a 197-pound senior, was named as an interior lineman.

Denver City, district champ, placed five men on the 11-man offensive unit and four on the 11-man defensive unit.

OFFENSE
LE — Willie Nathan, 155 junior, Carver; LT — Lloyd Bingham, 211 senior, Denver City; LG — Dwayne Young, 182 senior, DC; C — Allen Arnold, 215 senior, DC; RG —

Billy Smart, 200 senior, Morton; RT — Dick Vanlangingham, 192 senior, Morton; RE — Larry Allison, junior, Slaton; Backs — Doyle Etheridge, senior, Slaton; John Powell, 175 junior, DC; Gary Hatfield, 146 senior, DC.

DEFENSE
Ends — Claude Stricklin, 160 senior, Slaton; and Jimmy McKee, 182 junior, DC; Linebackers — Young, DC; and Smart, Morton; Interior Linemen — John Smith, 170 senior, Carver; Bert Decker, 195 senior, Stanton; Dale Harris, 175 senior, Slaton; and Dave Emler, 165 junior, DC; Backs — Donnie Harvey, 165 senior, Morton; Robert Hernandez, 132 junior, DC; Richard Washington, 150 senior, Slaton.

Farm & Ranch Review

Turf Business in Texas — A recent survey indicates that more than \$200 million is spent each year in Texas for establishing and maintaining turf areas. A. C. Novosad, extension pasture specialist, says most of the expenditures represent cost and maintenance of home lawns, golf courses, parks, athletic fields, and other turf areas.

Pricklypear — Pricklypear is a severe problem on 20 million acres of Texas rangeland and a lesser problem on an additional 55 million acres, reports G. O. Hoffman, extension range brush and weed control specialist. It can be controlled by mechanical and chemical methods and a higher quality forage can be grown in its place, says the specialist. Local county agents can supply information on control methods.

for membership and general inquiries should be addressed to the Confederate Research Center, Hill Junior College, Post Office Box 619, Hillsboro, Texas, 76645. There are no dues or other charges involved in membership.

Food From Farm Ponds — The 500,000 acres of private water in ponds and lakes represent an almost untouched resource for the production of food and fun in Texas, believes Wallace Klussman, extension specialist in wildlife conservation. He says the state has more than 250,000 private ponds and lakes and enough water to produce a million pounds of fish each year. Poor fishing in ponds is usually the result of overpopulation of sunfish or bullheads, aquatic weed (moss) problems, muddy water, low fertility or a combination of one or more of these problems.

Home Landscaping — Plants should enhance and not hide the house. Too often landscape plants are allowed to grow up and completely engulf the home, says Everett Janne, extension landscape horticulturist.

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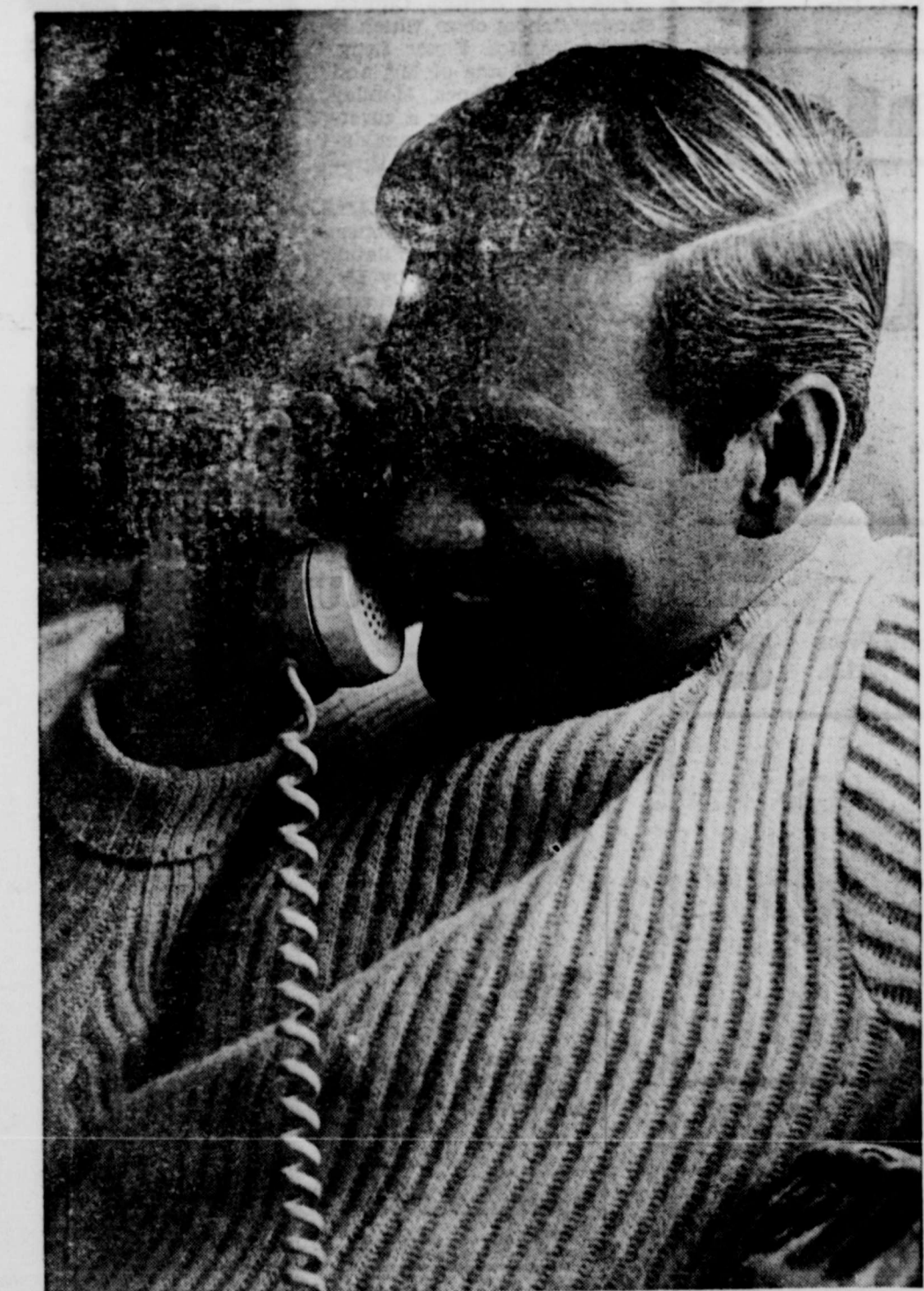
At one time in America, anthracite was thought to be useless and, in some places, the sale of anthracite was declared a fraud punishable by law.



SAN ANTONIO—Millions of Texans will be licensed to publicize HemisFair 1968 next year. All private passenger cars and trucks will carry a license plate similar to the one being held by Miss Danielle Hutchinson, 20-year-old secretary with the international exposition. The plates, which go on sale February 1, must be on vehicles by April 1, five days before the opening of the 184-day Texas World's Fair. Reduced priced tickets and bonus books are now on sale in 280 cities throughout Texas.

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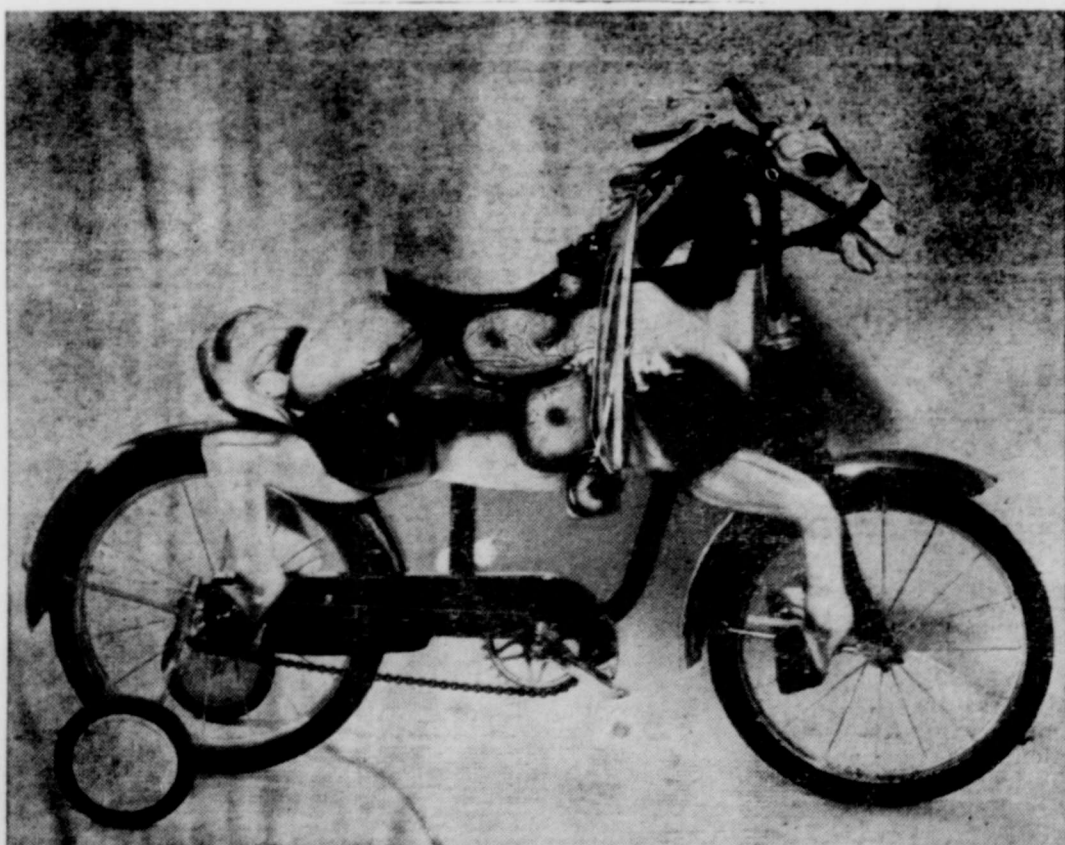
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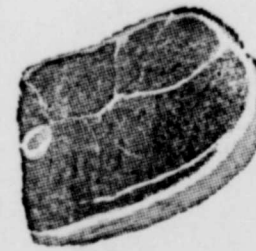


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Memorial Forest To Honor Estes

The Texas Press Messenger, official publication of the Texas Press Association, carried a story on page 16, December issue, announcing the news that a memorial forest would be dedicated to the late Longview publisher, Carl L. Estes.

Mrs. Ray Collins of Odessa, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, who recently suffered a broken foot, is reportedly doing fine.

Land. David A. Bergman, Longview business and civic leader, is chairman for the memorial which is sponsored by the congregation of Temple Emanuel of Longview.

"Such a living memorial will be a tribute and a symbol of our regard for this man who did so much for our area, the committee announced.

The forest would sit among the Gallean hills, covering 30 acres of land with a type of pine tree that grows well in the Holy Land. A dedication marker will be erected when the planting is completed.

The late publisher was a long time member of the Methodist Church, but numbered his friends in all denominations by the legions.

Baptist Church Activities

The Primary III Sunday School department of the First Baptist Church, met December 5, for a Christmas party, which was held in the Fellowship Hall.

Sponsoring the party were Mrs. D. E. Ory, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Mrs. Donald Barrett, and Mrs. Hubert Jones. The group enjoyed singing Christmas carols and playing games.

Each child and worker brought a Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This offering is taken each year at this time, to help support foreign missions.

Punch and cookies were served to Dee Ann Cravens, Christy Walker, Tammy Trimble, Ronna Caffey, Debra Webb, Danny Ireton, David Anderson, John Cruse, J. Reed Thomas, and Andra Underwood.

The Primary I Sunday School Department of the First Baptist Church had their annual Christmas party Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., in the department. The refreshment table was laid with a white tablecloth, with Christmas card decorations. The table display was a miniature lighted church house with figurines choral, angel choir, and three wise men on camels. The Christmas story that we recorded on record, was played. A Lottie Moon Christmas offering was given. Mrs. L. P. Adams gave the invocation.

Mrs. U. A. North, led the group in Christmas choral singing, with Mrs. Walter Graves, pianist. The white Christmas tree was decorated in gold Christmas balls. Gifts were presented to the members. Refreshments of pineapple punch, cookies, and candy was served. Napkins had the Christmas motif.

The First Baptist Church Sunday School class, which is taught by Mrs. Elmer Long, met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Jones, Monday evening, Dec. 11, for a covered dish supper. Christmas decorations were featured throughout.

Hosting the affair were Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Paige Eiland. Games were played by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Long, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Paige Eiland, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Hightower, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cravens, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hanson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin Jones.

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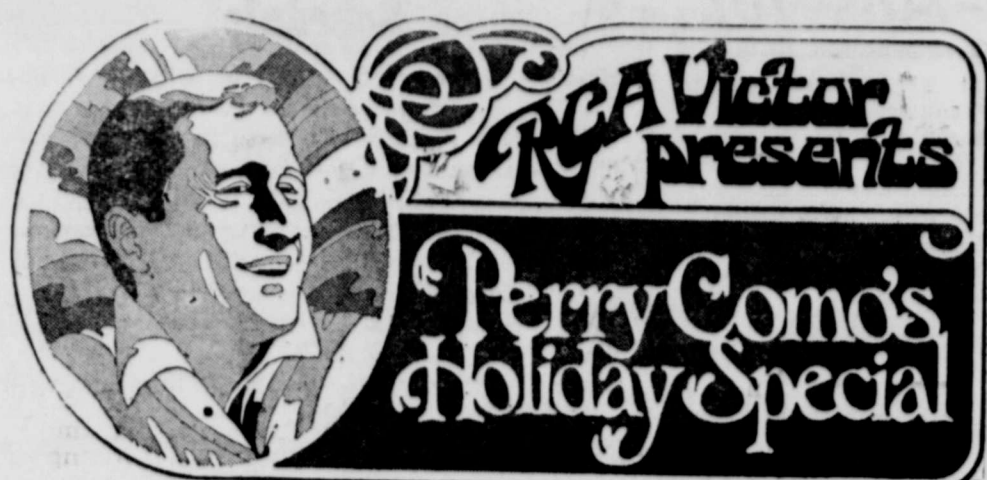
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Rebekahs Hold Christmas Party Monday, Dec. 11

The Stanton Rebekah Lodge 287 had their annual Christmas party Monday night at the Oddfellow hall, with 20 attending. The refreshment table was covered with a Christmas table cloth. The center piece was a holly arrangement with choral singers. Lime jello punch was served from the chystal punch bowl. Assorted dips, fritos, potato chips, fruit cake, and hot cranberry punch were served.

Judge Jim McCoy acted as Santa Claus, passing the gifts from the lighted Christmas tree. Mrs. C. E. Christopher, noble grand, presented appreciation gifts to her officers, as her term in the noble grand chair. The refreshment and Christmas tree committee for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Christopher, Mrs. Henry Louder, Mrs. Lewis Carille, Mrs. Travis Robeson, and Mrs. Walter Graves.

Out of town members, were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnam, of Lake Leon.

4-H Club News

The Grady 4-H Club held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Sammy Yates December 11, and exchanged gifts, and played games.

Refreshments of Christmas tree cookies, punch, and candy was served.

Those present were Rosalind, Leslie, Gay, and Kara Welch, J. C. Windy, and Brad Tunnell, Brenda, and Jerry Holloway, Jody, Tanna, and Judith Yates, Mrs. Mack Tunnell, Mrs. Eldon Welch, Mrs. Glenn Holloway, and Mrs. Sammy Yates.

Sherry Vest visited Becky Long and other friends in Lubbock last week.

Spell Quiz

Correct Answer is: Aggressor

School Lunch Menu

Menu for Monday, Dec. 18 Through Friday, Dec. 22: Monday: Southern fried chicken, rice au gratin, cream gravy, fruit gelatin, rolls, milks, and butter.

Tuesday: Meat suce and spaghetti, blackeyed peas, carrot sticks, milk, and butter.

Wednesday: Corn dogs, pin-to beans, corn bread, fruit cobbler, turnips and greens, milk, and butter.

Thursday: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberry salad rolls, milk, and butter.

Friday: Pimento and cheese and ham salad sandwiches, banana pudding, potato chips, and milk.

NOTICE

The Stanton Assembly of God Church, will present a Christmas play Saturday night, December 16, at 8:00 p.m., by the young people of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Hospital Notes

Physicians Hospital And Clinic

Patients admitted Dec. 4 Through Dec. 10:

Mrs. Eula Kelly, Mrs. Lillie Harvard, Norman A. Klink, Ralph Gonzales, Leslie Marvin Blake, Mrs. Elizabeth Rose and baby, T. J. Smith, and Ted Vaughn.

NOTICE

Beginning immediately, there will be a Driver License Examiner in Stanton each Friday. He will be in the Commissioners Court Room each Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Snow of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cook of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayfield of Midland.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STANTON, TEXAS AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in and throughout the City of Stanton, Texas on the 9th day of January, 1968 on the question of the adoption of a One Percent (1%) Local Sales and Use Tax within said City, in keeping with the following ordinance adopted by the City Council of said City, as follows, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF STANTON, TEXAS, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY; DESIGNATING THE DAY OF THE ELECTION AND THE POLLING PLACE; APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS THEREFOR; PROVIDING THAT ALL DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO VOTE; PRESCRIBING FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Article 1066c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes (Acts 1967, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 36, Page 62) authorizes the governing body of any city, town or village in Texas to call an election for the purpose of adopting a local sales and use tax within such city, town or village; Now Therefore, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON:

Section 1. That a special election shall be held in and throughout the City of Stanton, Texas, on the 9th day of January, 1968, at which election there shall be submitted to the resident qualified voters of said City, for their action thereupon, the following propositions:

"FOR adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city."

"AGAINST adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city."

Section 2. That said election shall be held at one polling place for all qualified voters of said City, and the polling place and presiding officers for said election shall be, to-wit: Polling Place: Basement of First Methodist Church; Presiding Officers: Presiding Judge T. W. Haynie, Alternate Presiding Judge Mrs. James Jones. The Presiding Judge at such election shall appoint two clerks.

Section 3. That said election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and all duly qualified resident electors of the City of Stanton, Texas shall be qualified to vote.

Section 4. That the ballots of said election shall conform to the requirements of Section 2. Section 5. of Article 1066c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes (Acts 1967, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 36, Page 62), and to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Election Code of the State of Texas, as amended, and the language to be printed thereon shall include the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS: Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

() FOR adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city. () AGAINST adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city.

Section 5. That election judges and clerks are directed to comply with Article 6.06, Election Code of the State of Texas, as amended (Section 2 of House Bill 181, Acts 1967, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 452, Pages 1026, 1028) which provides that a square shall be placed beside each proposition in which the voter is instructed to place an "X" or other clear mark to indicate the way he wishes to vote; but which also provides that failure of a voter to mark his ballot in strict conformity with the directions on the ballot shall not invalidate the ballot, and the ballot shall be counted if the intention of the voter is clearly ascertainable, except where the law expressly prohibits the counting of the ballot. It is specifically provided that the

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ANNOUNCEMENTS A

Special Notices A-2

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CARD OF THANKS B

We want the individual members of the Stanton Volunteer Fire Department and those fine friends and others who rushed to help attempt to save our home when it caught fire on the afternoon of December 2, to know that your combined efforts will always be appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. George Glynn and Family.

FARM & RANCH J

Livestock & Poultry J-4

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RENTALS L

Houses L-2

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REAL ESTATE M

Farms & Ranches M-2

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Houses For Sale M-4

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Buildings and Lots M-5

For Sale: 3 bedroom stucco house, 2 baths, fully carpeted, fenced, well landscaped, fruit trees, 2 car garage, large utility, large kitchen. Call 756-3481 Paige Eiland. 11-47-tnc

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Texas 4-H'ers Win Recognition For Outstanding Achievements



Darlene Pyle John Cherry

Southeastern Texas has two 4-H'ers of whom it can be justly proud. Both have recently been honored by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Darlene Pyle, 18, of Conroe, was awarded an expense-paid trip to the recent National 4-H Club Congress.

Miss Pyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pyle, received the award in honor of her outstanding work in the 4-H Horse program.

Another state winner is John Cherry, 16, of Houston who was honored for his over-all 4-H achievement. Cherry received a \$150 educational scholarship from the Ford Motor Company Fund.

While in Chicago Miss Pyle had an opportunity to hear the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and tour the Art Institute. All of the Texas delegates were treated to gala meals, fine entertainment and social affairs.

During her six years in the horse program, Miss Pyle compiled an enviable record. She has been a winner at several county horse shows and received a registered Quarter Horse in 1962 as high point winner in the county show.

She has been a member of the high point team in a four-county competition and a member of the state championship team in the AA class at the Texas 4-H Horse Show.

During her stay in Chicago she was the guest of Merck & Co. Inc., sponsor of the national 4-H Horse program.

This is the second year that Cherry has been picked a state 4-H winner. Last year he won a trip to congress for his work in the dog care and training program and was named one of six national winners in the program.

In addition to his dog project, Cherry has been active in working with dairy cattle, swine, beef and public speaking projects.

In 1967 he showed two grand champion dairy cattle and in the All-American Jersey Show in Ohio. He also has shown the grand champion dairy cow at the South Texas State Fair.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cherry.

Holiday Time Theme Used At Tech Museum

"Holiday Time" is the theme of the current exhibit in the Rotunda Gallery of West Texas Museum on the Texas Tech campus. Assembled by the Fine Arts Committee of the Women's Council of the West Texas Museum Association, the exhibit features Christmas decorations, paintings, wall hangings, and other works of art with a holiday motif.

A colorful tree festooned with giant paper flowers is part of the display. A larger tree, hung with Hopi Kachina dolls and Indian "God's eyes" greets visitors upon arrival at the rotunda.

The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Holiday hours begin Friday, December 22. The museum will be open daily from 2-5 p.m. until January 2, with the exception of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Our word "vaccination" comes from the Latin "vacca," which means "cow."

Cancer Society Met December 4

The Martin County Unit of the American Cancer Society met at the Cap Rock building Monday night, Dec. 4, for a regular meeting.

Mrs. P. M. Bristow, president, presided at the business meeting, and showed a new film, "A Time For Decision."

The January and February meetings will be held together on Jan. 29, at the Cap Rock building.

Mr. Roscoe Haynie, president of Wilson Packing Company, is quoted as saying: "It disturbs me that so many young people respond to surveys saying that the business community is too much of a rat race... too competitive. It is not by accident that the United States has gone ahead of other countries but because of the free enterprise system. I suggest that most of the welfare advances... are in large part made possible by business and the capitalistic system. Free enterprise has done more to create more wealth for more people than any other system in the world."

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Dear Santa,
I want a incredible edible, coke machine, and some surprises.
I am a good boy.
Bring the other boys and girls some presents too.
I love you,
Lanny Hanson.

Dear Santa,
I want a walkie talkie, and a doctor kit, and a teddy bear.
I am 3 years old.
Gregory Graves.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some cars and trucks to play with, an airplane, a tricycle, a music box, and another toy stuffed monkey to sleep with.
Thank you very much.
Love,
John Parker.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, and a tape recorder.
Glee Ann Henson,

Cotton Quota Vote Nears

Martin County farmers were reminded today to return their ballots on marketing quotas for the 1968 upland cotton crop — by mail or in person — to the ASCS County Office.

Bob Hill, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, emphasized that the referendum starts on Dec. 4 and ends on Dec. 8. Marked ballots are to be postmarked no later than the closing date.

Chairman Bob Hill explained that every effort has been made to inform farmers fully about the allotment - quota program, so that the outcome of the referendum may represent the considered opinion of all the voters. At issue also are the "domestic allotment" diversion program provisions under which growers may qualify for price - support and diversion payments — in addition to loans — by diverting their cotton acreage to last 5 percent (up to a maximum of 35 percent) below the farm's allotment, putting the diverted acres into a conserving use, and meeting other program provisions. This part of the program can be used only if marketing quotas are approved.

The lease or sale of cotton allotments is included in the 1968 cotton program, regardless of the outcome of the marketing quota vote.

Those eligible to vote are all producers who shared in the 1967 cotton crop or its proceeds and the owners and operators of allotment farms where no cotton was planted in 1967. Approval by at least two - thirds of the voters is necessary if the quotas and the upland cotton program are to be effective for the 1968 crop.

Growers who elect not to participate in the diversion program, may apply for a share of an export market acreage reserve and grow and export all their cotton without government assistance and without marketing quota penalties.

If the vote is not favorable, there will be no quotas or penalties applicable to the 1968 upland cotton crop, no price - support or diversion payments, no export market acreage reserve, and price-support loans to growers who do not exceed their acreage allotments will be at 50 percent of parity, as directed by law.

Growers who have questions about any particular part of the cotton program are urged to get in touch with the ASC County Committee.

Veterans Administration

(Editor's note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.)

Q — I entered military service last year before completing high school. When I get out of service will the Veterans Administration pay me any educational allowance while I complete high school? If so, how much?

A — Yes. The VA will pay you an educational assistance allowance while you complete high school. If you are a single veteran, you will receive \$130 a month educational allowance; more if you have dependents. Public Law 90-77, which the President signed last August 31, entitles you to this allowance to complete high school without deducting anything from your entitlement to higher education. Contact your nearest VA office for further information and assistance.

Q — I have recently been honorably discharged from the Army. While stationed in the U. S. I received a service-connected disability. Since I was not injured while serving in a combat zone, will I be paid the wartime disability compensation rate or the peace time (80 percent of wartime) rate?

A — Public Law 90-77, signed by the President on August 31, grants wartime compensation rates for service-connected disabilities for Vietnam era veterans, those serving in the Armed Forces after Aug. 4, 1964. It makes no difference where you were serving when you received the service - connected disability. Contact your nearest Veterans Administration office for information and assistance in applying for disability compensation.

Q — I was married to a World War II veteran for only three years before his death. When I applied for a widow's pension in 1962, following his death, the Veterans Administration said I was not eligible for a pension because my husband in I were married less than five years. It this still the law?

A — No. The Veterans Pension and Readjustment Assistance Act of 1967, which went into effect, for pension purposes, on October 1, 1967, changed the five-year minimum to one year.

Tax Man Sam Sez:

Most farmers have practically finished the harvest for 1966. There is still time to reap a tax deduction or two for January 1. This is a good time to get down to your county agent's office or to the nearest Internal Revenue Service office and pick up the 1968 Farmer's Tax Guide. A few hours spent plowing through this down - to - earth Internal Revenue Service farm tax booklet could yield a reduced tax bill and, at least, you will face up to your tax situation.

Giraffes sleep only a few hours a night and usually with their heads held erect.

Argentina's 22-834 - foot Mount Aconcagua is the highest point in the Western Hemisphere.

Question-And-Answer

(This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. This column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.)

Q — I don't have a maid anymore but you're still sending me the Social Security tax form I used to fill out for her. How can I get this stopped?

A — If you do not expect to be paying any taxable wages to household help in the future write "final return" on the bottom of the Form 942 you received in the mail and send it back. Your name will then be removed from the mailing list.

Q — I've been renting a house to my parents at less than I usually would get. Can I deduct as a loss on my tax return the difference between what they pay me and what I would otherwise receive?

A — No. The difference is really a contribution to your parents' support and is not deductible. In addition, depreciation and other expenses of property rented to a relative or friends at less than fair rental value may only be deducted to the extent of the rent received.

The contribution you are making to your parents in the form of reduced rental can be counted as a contribution to their support. If you provide over half their support for the year, and other tests are met, you may claim them as dependents for tax purposes.

Q — I'm a recent widow. Is there any change I should make in my withholding?

A — No. You need not make any change in your withholding in the year of your husband's death. However, if your husband was claiming withholding exemptions for you, your dependents (if any) and himself, you may file a new Form W-4, claiming such withholding exemptions yourself.

Q — Is there any penalty for not paying your estimated tax?

A — Yes. There will be a charge of 6 percent per year on the unpaid amount of any installment.

Q — Our church is having a special offering this Thanksgiving and is asking for contributions in food as well as money. Will either be tax deductible?

A — Yes. Contributions of food or money to a qualified organization such as a church will be deductible. Gifts to individuals are not deductible.

Q — My return was audited and the agent wouldn't accept checks made out to cash as proof of some of my deductions. Why?

A — To substantiate a deductible expense your records must indicate, among other things, the purpose of the expense, and to whom paid, as well as the amount.

A check made out to cash or to yourself gives no indication by itself of the nature of the expense. This kind of check must be supported by other records, such as receipts, to be useful in proving any deductions you claim.

A check made out to a specific organization or person, a charity or a doctor for example, may well be sufficient to establish that a deductible expenditure has been made.

Q — I'm working part-time to earn some extra spending money this Christmas. Can I stop Social Security withholding on the second job since my regular employer already withholds the full amount?

A — No. Each employer is required to withhold Social Security taxes on the first \$6,600 of income paid each employee during 1967.

If as you say, more than \$290.40 is withheld from your wages for Social Security in 1967, because you worked for two or more employers, then the excess should be taken as a tax credit on your 1967 income tax return.

Q — I was left some property by an uncle. Is there any federal income tax on this?

A — There is no federal income tax on gifts, bequests, or inheritances. However, if property so received later produces income of a taxable nature, interest, dividends or

Applications For Allotments To Be Filed By Jan. 2

Farm operators in Martin County were reminded today that applications for the transfer of cotton allotments for the 1968 crop should be filed no later than Jan. 2, 1968.

Bob Hill, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, explains that notices of the cotton allotment and the projected yield for individual farm have already been mailed to county farmers, so farm operators now are in position to make their production plans for next season.

In Martin County, growers voting a special referendum, earlier this year, failed to approve transfer of acreage allotments — by sale or lease — out of the county, so the transfer of allotments locally may be made from on farm to another only within Martin County. Allotments may be transferred from another county.

Transfer of allotments from one farm to another within the county and the transfer of allotments between farms which are owned or controlled by the same owner are both authorized by law and not subject to approval in a referendum. However, it is necessary that such transfers of allotments be filed with the ASCS county office before the January deadline.

The Jan. 2, 1968, deadline, therefore, applies to all transfers of 1968 cotton allotments for Martin County farms — whether by sale, lease, or the owner.

Flower Grove 1967-1968 Basketball Schedule

Here — December 5 — Garden City — A Boys and Girls 6:30 P. M.

December 7, 8, 9 — Garden City Tournament

There — December 12 — Garden City A Boys and A Girls — 6:30 P. M.

December 14, 15, 16 — Stanton Tournament

Here — December 19 — O'Donnell A and B Boys — A Girls — 6:00 P. M.

There — January 2 — Ira, A Boys and A Girls, 7:00 P. M.

Here — January 5 — Sands, A Boys and Girls 7:00 P. M.

Here — January 9 — Sterling City, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M.

There — January 12 — Dawson, A Boys and A Girls — 7:00 P. M.

Here — January 16 — Gail, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M.

There — January 19 — Sands, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M.

There — January 23 — Loop, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M.

Here — January 26 — Klondike, A Boys and A Girls — 7:00 P. M.

Here — January 30 — Dawson, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M.

There — February 1 — Gail, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M.

Here — February 6 — Sands, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M.

Here — February 9 — Loop, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M.

There — February 1 — Gail, A Boys and A Girls A Girls — 7:00 P. M.

FAIR SKIES PREDICTED

Dry December Weather Will Enhance Cotton

Dry weather has been forecast for the South Plains during December, enhancing the area's cotton harvest which is running slightly behind the pace set in 1966.

The forecast, issued by the Weather Bureau Agricultural Service Office of the South Plains Research and Extension in Big Spring, indicated that once crops have been harvested, the fair weather pattern will allow rapid land preparation for next year's crops.

The 30-day outlook called for temperatures to average slightly above established normals and precipitation to dip below the mean. It noted that high pressure systems will dominate the circulation flow, with most low pressure systems developing too far east to have a significant effect on the South Plains.

Minimums In 20s

Normal temperatures for December show that minimums, for example, the income is taxable to you.

November weather was characterized by nearly normal temperatures and below normal rainfall. Weather changes were rather frequent, especially during the early and latter part of the month as cold fronts — mostly of Pacific origin — moved southeast across the area every 48 to 72 hours.

Except for two spells of mainly light precipitation, dry predominated. Heaviest precipitation was noted in Gaines, Lynn and Borden counties southward. Some snow was reported in northern counties.

Cold Weather Noted

Coldest weather occurred during the first and last weeks, while mild weather dominated mid-November. Although all other towns had earlier freezes, the mercury didn't hit the 32-degree mark in Big Spring until Nov. 30.

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The Exchange Desk

THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS: "There will be a meeting the the Lions Club Building Monday night, Dec. 11, at 7:30 for all farmers in this area, to discuss the organization of a farm fuel co-operative."

MATADOR TRIBUNE: "Reception of the new book Trail Dust, published by Douglas Meador, continues to increase in enthusiasm, as more newspapers announce its release. Meador is both the author and publisher. The printing was done by a firm in Washington, D. C. Copies are mailed promptly at \$3.85 each, plus 15c postage and 8c state tax (\$4.08 total)."

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS: "The Bottle Swap, Rock and Hobby Show sponsored by the Foard County Hobby Club last Saturday and Sunday attracted over 400 visitors from a wide section of the nation. The two-day event also was the formal opening of Pitillo's Hobby Shop, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pitillo."

"Items on display were hand craft, arts, china painting, driftwood, and special displays by Hobby Club members and others. The bottle swap attracted a great deal of attention also, and it was reported Monday by Mrs. Pitillo that at least one bottle sold for \$35.00. She also stated that a Jacksboro woman reported selling over \$200.00 worth of bottles."

THE MERKEL MAIL: "The fate of Merkel's city sales tax will be decided this Saturday, when voters go to the polls to cast their ballots for or against. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and voting will be held at the Merkel City Hall."

THE HOUSTON COUNTY COURIER: "The announcement last week that the Nuclear Corporation of America would build a \$1 million plant at Grapeland, employing an initial 100 employees, culminated several years of work by the Houston County Development Foundation, though little directly with Nuclear Corporation."

"Initial work on the project was with M&S Steel Company in Ft. Payne, Ala. Negotiations with this firm had progressed to the point that they took options on land for a plant site, and it looked reasonably certain that the plant would be built. In the early part of 1967, however, M&S Steel Company was sold to Nuclear Corporation of America."

"J. A. Rector, project chairman, and C. N. Sullivan, chairman of the industrial committee, called F. Kenneth Iverson, president of Nuclear Corporation. He told them that Nuclear Corporation was still interested in expanding into this area."

THE EDEN ECHO: "A group of some fifty business and civic leaders of the city and county were on hand Wednesday

at a luncheon at Morocco Cafe to extend 'welcome' to representatives of the Texas Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists Church, who had been invited here to consider operation of Concho County Hospital."

"Following introductions and the luncheon, the church representative, members of the Commissioners' Court and the Hospital Board of Managers convened to the City Hall banquet room where various phases of the plants operation and plans were discussed. There was a general meeting of minds at the meeting and early action in regards to the organization's operation of the hospital here is expected."

THE MUNDAY TIMES: "The Grant Agreement for Rural Area Official Comprehensive Water or Sewer Planning, was culminated, by signing of the agreement, last Thursday morning when Mr. L. B. Patterson, of Munday, and Mr. James R. Nichols, of the firm of Freese, Nichols, & Endress, consulting engineers of Fort Worth, met with Mr. Joe Boone, local representative of the F. H. A., in Knox City."

THE FT. STOCKTON PIONEER: "Newest addition to the eastern skyline of Fort Stockton is an impressive trio of grain storage towers, connected to the second major feed mill to be built here—290 Mill, Inc. Area distribution to feed dealers in a 15-county area make 290 Mill, Inc. an important addition to the industrial economy of Fort Stockton."

"The mill, which was constructed through the past summer, has been operating about 10 weeks, and is the culmination of months of planning and preparation by its three stockholders."

STAMFORD AMERICAN: "City governments now spend much time in planning because planning probably is the most important means by which we can control our own destiny, City Manager Kerry Sweatt told Rotarians Tuesday. He chided his audience for fussing about what goes on in city affairs and for not letting their opinions be known at the right place. He reminded those present that not one person showed up at the public hearing on the budget."

"If you care where your city goes, it is important that you make your ideas known at the right place," the city manager said. City government, the speaker said, probably is one of the oldest institutions in the United States. Basically the idea is the same today as it was in of the day the cave man. People band together to do collectively what they cannot do individually."

DENVER CITY PRESS: "Texas Attorney General Crawford Martin has commended Yoakum County Sheriff Olen Heath and his department for diligence in helping Yoakum County reduce its crime rate. In a letter to the sheriff, the

Holiday Traffic Deaths May Exceed Last Year

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said today that DPS Statistical Services has estimated 55 persons may die in traffic mishaps over the Christmas weekend.

Garrison said that the combined efforts of state and local police agencies and private traffic safety support organizations will be directed toward keeping the traffic toll below the estimate.

"Operation Deathwatch will be in effect from 6 p.m. Friday, December 22 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 25," said Garrison. "During this period we will make every effort to inform each motorist of the need for attention to safe driving. For the first time in many years the uniformed services of the Department are at almost full strength, and every highway patrolman will be on duty as much as possible. In addition, we will have about 250 men from other uniformed services of the DPS who will supplement the highway patrol force doing patrol duty."

Traffic deaths will be tabulated and the totals announced three times daily to the news media from DPS headquarters in Austin. It has also been estimated that 45 persons will be killed in traffic accidents over the New Year's weekend. The "Deathwatch" will resume at 6 p.m. Friday, December 29 and continue through 11:59 Monday, January 1, 1968.

Last year 50 persons lost their lives in traffic over the Christmas weekend, and 39 were killed over New Year's weekend. Cooperating with the DPS in its efforts to hold down traffic mishaps are the Texas Safety Association, the Texas

Highway Department, the Texas Motor Transportation Association, the Texas Railroad Association, and the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

"Traffic deaths are terrible tragedies at any time of the year," Garrison said, "and they are made even more terrible by the fact that they don't have to happen . . . at Christmas or any other time. We can each do a great deal toward cutting down on the numbers of mishaps by using a little common sense in our driving and showing a little courtesy."

"We issue each driver a personal challenge at this special time of the year. This Christmas let's all go out of our way to show a little consideration for our fellow man, both on and off the road. We can prove in a short while that traffic tragedies can be avoided."

Nancy Glynn Honored With Shower Dec. 7

Nancy Glynn was honored with a miscellaneous shower Thursday afternoon, Dec. 7, given by a group of her sixth grade girl friends, in the home of Debbie Payne.

Cakes and donuts were served to the following: Jackie Jones, Barbara Trimble, Rhonda Roten, Patricia Ramos, Tricia Shoemaker, Pam Hazlewood, Joni Latty, Denis Klein, Fawn Briggs, Romona Hayward, Karen Cruse, Cheryl Bradshaw, Debbie Payne, Nancy Glynn, and Mrs. Richard Payne, Diana Payne, and David Payne.

Trade at home and save!

state official pointed out that Yoakum County has one of the lowest crime rates of any county in the state. The county crime rate has dropped 20 per cent since the first of the year, Sheriff Heath said."

THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT: "Reagan County Owls won a thriller over the Stanton Buffaloes, 56-54, in a non-conference basketball game here Tuesday night. The Owls trailed one point at the end of the first quarter 14-13, then were down three points at the half, 29-26, and at the end of the third period were behind five points, 47-42. However, they caught the taller Buffaloes by the middle of the final quarter and applied a fine defense and partial stall in the final minutes to take a 2-point win, outscoring Stanton 14-7 in the final quarter."

THE MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT: "With favorable weather prevailing most of the past week, farmers were able to gather nearly 6,000 bales of cotton. This brings the season's total for Hall County to 39,320 bales. A telephone survey by The Democrat this morning revealed that exactly 5,987 bales had been processed by gins in the county during the past seven days. As of Dec. 8, 1966, the record shows that 30,303 bales had been ginned in Hall County."

The McCAMEY NEWS: "The Official Texas Historical Marker for 'The Little House on the Corner' will be erected on December 15, today, announced Miss N. Ethie Eagleton of the Upton County Historical Survey Committee."

"The marker will be placed at Highway 305. Dedication plans will be announced by Miss Eagleton. The cast aluminum marker with Swedish steel effect, measures 18 by 28 inches and is sponsored by the Upton County Historical Survey Committee and C. W. Brown. This is the 16 Official Texas Historical Marker to be erected in Upton County."

Grassroots Opinion

ONTARIO, ORE. ARGUS-OBSERVER: "What is a hippy? Well, a couple of weeks ago a group of young people in Ontario discussed this and came up with the following: 'there have always been hippies but by different names, they can range in age from teens to social security age, come from poor, average and rich families, are usually pretty intelligent, are rebellious to their own society but lack the initiative to do anything to improve it, are searching for something meaningful in life but from the wrong sources such as drugs, and they're not happy people.' That's the evaluation of them by their own peers, and I think it's a realistic, honest one. Confucius, the famous Chinese philosopher, over 2500 years ago bemoaned the long-haired youth of his day who criticized their elders and society but offered no constructive alternatives. So, hippies are not new, but the publicity and glamour given them by the news and entertainment media is, that's all!"

BROOKINGS, S. D., REGISTER: "... the Air Force has demonstrated the use of plastic foam as a lining for fuel tanks in aircraft. . . . The Federal Aviation Administration has acknowledged that the foam has far-reaching implications for the use in preventing explosions aboard commercial and private aircraft. The development of this safety measure is but another step taken by the aviation industry to make flying the safest way to travel."

WARRENSBURG, MO., STAR - JOURNAL: "Chairman Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee calls for spending cuts before taxes are raised. Sounds like good business; also like optimism."

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., NEWS: "Communist North Korea has only 10 million inhabitants. But it has more war planes than all Latin America. The same applies to two other current Communist areas of influence, Egypt and Iraq."

Talent for Public Speaking Earns 4-H Honors for Two

"Have you ever heard a teenager bark? They're going to the dogs, you know."

In the speech that won state 4-H Public Speaking honors, Clara Borcherding, 16, of Texarkana, followed up the above remarks by reminding her listeners that people were decrying the faults of the younger generation as early as 4,800 years ago.

She asked her audience not to judge all young people by the acts of a few but to have confidence in her generation.

Joe David Berg, 16, of Amarillo, who was the boy public speaking winner, called upon Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Borcherding of the United States to join hands with other abundant nations to share American technical know-

ledge with the "have-not" nations. He emphasized that only by teaching malnourished and starving nations to help themselves could a lasting solution to the urgent problem of hunger be found.



Berg Miss Borcherding

Berg has made three television appearances in behalf of 4-H. He is a junior in high school and has been in 4-H six years. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Berg.

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FURNITURE SURVIVED

The Shakers who settled in central Kentucky in the early 1880s were more successful in manufacturing furniture than at experimenting on communal living. Their Shaker town folded after the Civil War but their unique "Shaker" furniture lives on.

Oldest On Beacon Hill

The Massachusetts State House, built in 1795, is the oldest structure on historic Beacon Hill.

All U.S. paper money is engraved and printed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D. C.

Social 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 — First Tuesday night of each month.
- MEN'S DEPARTMENT First Methodist Church — Second Monday night of each month.
- BROTHERHOOD, First Baptist Church — Second Thursday of each month.
- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY—Third Tuesday of every month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI CITY COUNCIL — First Monday of each 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. Xi Theta Nu Chapter — First and third Thursdays. Mu Lambda Chapter — First and third Thursdays.
- STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB — Every other Wednesday.
- STUDY CLUB — Fourth Thursday of each month.
- GRADY PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION — Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, Circle I — First Methodist Church each Monday afternoon.
- WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, Circle II — 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 Thursdays of each month.
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Lenora Baptist Church—each Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 p.m.
- GA'S, Lenora Baptist Church — Wednesday night at 7:45.
- BROTHERHOOD, Lenora Baptist Church — Fourth Monday of each month at 8 p.m.
- WYA, Lenora Baptist Church—Each Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.
- STANTON GARDEN CLUB — Fourth Tuesday morning 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 — First, third and fourth Tuesday mornings. Mary Elizabeth Truly Circle — First and second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- WMS GENERAL MEETING — All circles, second Tuesday morning of each month.
- BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS — Meets last Thursday of each month.
- YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARY — Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.
- 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 Wednesdays. Courtney HD Club — First and third Thursdays. Courtney Morning HD Club—Second and fourth Thursday.
- Valley View HD Club — Second and fourth Thursday. Lakeview HD Club — First and third Thursday. Koffee Kup HD Club — Second and fourth Thursday mornings.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT — First and third Monday night of each month 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 Tuesday night of each month at Grady School.
- HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL MEETING — Third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Cap Rock Electric auditorium.
- MARTIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEETING — Third Tuesday night of each month.
- STANTON PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION — Second Tuesday night of each month.

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Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old. I would like a Creepy Crawler Thing-maker, and a bicycle with a light that works. I have been a good boy.
My brother, Daryl, is two, and would like a wagon, a truck, and a pater pillow. He is a pretty good boy.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Denby,
(Denby Snell.)

Dear Santa:
I am 5 years old, and my name is Shandal. I would like a GI Joe, and any thing else you want to bring me for Christmas. I have kept my bedroom clean this year and

will try to do better next year. I love you,
Shandal Todd Lander.

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I want a Walkie Talkie, and a Baby First Step.

Very truly yours,
Janet Davenport.

Star Rt., Box 69
Stanton, Texas
Dec. 5, 1967

Dear Santa,
I am 10 years old. I want an Edible Credible for Christmas.

Very truly yours,
Teena Davenport.

Dear Santa,
I want a pudin doll. With a

checked blue dress, and a palimeno thunder-bolt, and a incredible etable set. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Leann Biggs.

Dec. 10, 1967

Dear Santa:
Our names are Larry and Leah Johnson. We live on the Lamesa Hwy, three miles north of Stanton. Will you please tell Rodolph the Red-nosed Reindeer hello from us and all of the other reindeer, too. Also the elfs.

For Christmas this year we would like for you to bring for Leah, a Tubsey, and a manicure set. For Larry, please bring a flash camera, and some walkie-talkies.

We wish for you, your elfs, your reindeer, and your wife, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love to you all,
Larry and Leah.

Try our classified ads to sell, buy, or trade anything you may want to buy or sell!

SHS News

By PUG DAVENPORT

Two members of the SHS football team have been named to the all-district squad. David Jones, a junior, was named offensive quarterback, and Bert Decker, a senior, was chosen as defensive lineman. Coaches from the schools in district 4-AA were allowed to nominate their boys, but not to vote on them.

Both boys' and girls' basketball teams participated in tournaments over the week-end.

The boys won their first game against Ballinger in Colorado City's Lone Wolfe Tournament, then fell to Ector and Colorado City.

Carl Holloway was named to the all-tournament team.

The girls team went on to win consolation, after falling to Iraan in the first round of the eighteenth annual Lakeview Maiden Tournament in San Angelo. The girls defeated teams from Rankin, Bangs, and Mertzon, to earn their trophy.

Kay Harrell, forward, and Scherry Avery, guard, were named to the all-tournament team.

Excitement is reaching its peak, while final plans and preparations are being made for the Stanton Invitational Tournament, to be held this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

In the boys bracket, first round games show Carver meeting Stanton "B" Thursday at 1:30; Dunbar versus Big Spring sophomores on Friday at 1:30 Post meets Flower Grove on Thursday at 5:00, and Stanton meets Robert Lee

All-District - - -

(Continued from page 1) at Hereford. His band will be featured this year at the state music convention in Austin.

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(Continued from page 1) vin, Merkel, Beeville, Van Alstyne and Gilmer. Denton also approved a \$2.5 million bond issue for a municipal power plant and other city improvements. The number of cities and towns now that have voted on the city sales tax totals 101.

HD Club News

Members of the Lakeview Home Demonstration Club, enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Doc Bryant, Thursday, December 7.

Gifts were exchanged from beneath a beautifully decorated tree, which revealed identity of secret pals.

A gift was presented Mrs. E. P. Madison, outgoing president. Two packages containing toasters for the Ski High Girls Ranch were there, which will be delivered to the ranch Dec. 13, when the members

Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. In the girls' bracket, Barstow and Flower Grove, square off first on Thursday at 12:00. Robert Lee meets Post at 3:00 Thursday afternoon. The Stanton "A" teams meets Christ the King at 6:30 Thursday night. The Stanton "B" team meets Lakeview at noon Friday.

Miss Love is in charge of decoration.

Members of the Math Club met last week to discuss money-raising projects. The group decided to hold a bake sale before Christmas. A committee was also selected to plan the door decoration.

FTA met Thursday, December 12. Plans were made for door decorations, bulletin boards, teacher - aid program, and selection of delegates to the state convention.

Classes and organizations at SHS have been busy decorating the doors for the annual decoration contest. The doors will be judged and cash prizes given to first, second, and third place winners.

The band and choir, along with the cadet sixth grade band, are planning a Christmas program for December 22.

Pictures were made Monday of personalities, librarians, office workers, and basketball teams.

Congratulations go to Cindy Davis and Linda Holder. The two junior girls were named to the all - district band last Friday. The contest was held at Lee High of Midland. They performed with the band Saturday night.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Bassham Sunday, were her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stahl of Odessa.

June Graham of Alpine, visited Mr. and Mrs. Finley Rhodes last week-end.

make a visit and view the new units that have been constructed.

New secret pals names were drawn for the coming year. Refreshments of coffee, cokes, and cookies were served to Mrs. E. P. Madison, Mrs. Bill McIlvain, Mrs. Bob Vaughn, Mrs. Horace Tubbs, Mrs. Alfred Franks, Mrs. W. J. Harlow, Mrs. Ray Russell, Mrs. Bryant, Doc Bryant, and Russell.

The Koffee Kup Home Demonstration Club members honored their husbands December 9, with a Christmas supper and a 42 party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haner, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fleckenstein, Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lander, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. R. P. Odom, and Mrs. Delbert Hopper.

The next meeting will be a salad luncheon December 14, in the home of Mrs. Roger Fleckenstein.

The Future Homemakers of America met Tuesday, December 5. Don Youngblood, American history, speech, and drama teacher at Stanton High School, presented a program on stage manners. He gave the girls several pointers on how to conduct themselves on the stage. The program was introduced by Dianna Mims, chapter vice-president.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Plainview, over the week-end. They drove up there

in a snow storm. Mrs. Rufus Banks and Mrs. Sands of Midland, visited Mrs. Vera Osman Sunday.

Christmas Treasure Hunt

Treasure Hunt tickets are now available at the following Stanton merchants.

Prizes will be displayed in the store windows from December 16th thru Christmas eve.

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| Berry Lumber | Reid's Barber Shop |
| Blocker Oil | Rhodes Motor |
| Deavenport's | Rouche Printing |
| Eiland Insurance | Sheila Dress Shop |
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