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Official Proclamation
JIM McCOY
County Judge
Martin County, Stanton, Texas

GREETINGS:
Agriculture makes a vital contribution to the economy of Martin County, our State, and our Nation; and
The productive efficiency of our farmers and ranchers has helped stabilize food prices and the cost of living for all our citizens; and
This record of achievement has resulted from educational and technological advancements in agriculture under the free choice system; and
Farmers and ranchers have recognized the value of joining together in an organized effort to promote and protect their interests; and
Four out of five farm and ranch families in this Nation belonging to a general farm organization are members of Farm Bureau; and
Farm Bureau is a free, independent, non-partisan, non-governmental, voluntary organization of families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement, thereby promoting the national welfare.
I, Jim McCoy, County Judge of Martin County, do hereby designate January 13-18 as FARM BUREAU WEEK in Martin County, and urge our citizens to give due recognition to this observance honoring the Martin County Farm Bureau.
In official recognition thereof, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of January, 1969.
Signed: JIM McCOY,
Martin County Judge

Flower Grove School 1968-1969
Basketball Schedule
January 17, Loop, There — 7:00
January 21, Gail, There — 7:00
January 24, Dawson, Here — 7:00
January 28, Sands, There — 7:00
January 31, Klondike, There — 7:00
February 4, Loop, Here — 7:00
February 7, Gail, Here — 7:00

BSP City Council Supports Library
Beta Sigma Phi City Council met Tuesday and made plans to support the proposed library bill being sent to the state legislature. Resolutions stating their support will be mailed. The group met in the Martin County Library, and Mrs. John McIntyre, Jr. presided. The next meeting of the council will be at 5 p.m. Feb. 3, at the library.



THE FIRST FOUR—Lt. Governor Preston Smith (center) happily displays the first four tickets sold to the 1969 Democratic Victory Dinner. The dinner will be held in Austin on Jan. 20. Smith will be inaugurated as governor the next day. The \$25 tickets now are on sale throughout the state. At right is Dr. Elmer C. Baum, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, which is sponsoring the dinner. At left is former Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey, now on the Railroad Commission. Ramsey and Dr. Baum are general chairmen of the Austin Inaugural Committee.

Bible Comment—

Jesus Taught The True Worth Of Giving

When Paul was leaving Miletus after having called the elders of the Christian Church of Ephesus to hear his words of farewell. He bade these Christians to remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
No words could express more accurately the spirit of all that Jesus had said and exemplified in His life and death. Nor could any words express more pointedly the challenge of Jesus and His teaching to the ideas and actions of what He called "the world."
Getting and receiving is such a normal process of life and is so natural to happiness and welfare that we might well ask whether Jesus was right in declaring that it is more blessed to give than to receive.
We may ask but there is only one answer. And the answer is found not only in some spiritual blessedness that compensates for the giving or renunciation of some material possession or treasured thing.
Jesus offered men rest: "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest."
Yet rest is the thing that men, rich, poor, old, young, sick or well, cannot do without. That offer of rest by the Master was supreme in its insight into human need.
So, in this matter of the blessedness of giving in any large and spiritual reality, the assertion that it is more blessed to give than to receive is an extension of much that is true in normal living. The giving of parents to their children, the giving to loved ones, the innumerable acts of graciousness and self-sacrifice in which men and women find supreme satisfaction, bear witness to the testimony of Jesus.

Questions & Answers

(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. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.)
Q — Where can I get copies of the new tax forms?
A — Most taxpayers should receive their income tax forms in the mail early in January. Forms will also be available at local IRS offices as well as in many post offices and banks.
If you received a form in the mail, please use it when you file your tax return. It contains identifying information to help avoid mistakes that delay processing and refunds.
The Form 1040 tax package that you received in the mail has a two-part pre-addressed label that shows the taxpayer's name, address, and social Security number. If you do not use the form sent you, peel off the top label and put it on the form you file. The card Form 1040A is pre-printed with the taxpayer's name, address, and Social Security number.
Q — Were there any changes in the tax law last year I should know about when I file my 1968 return?
A — Adoption of a surtax in 1968 was the major change. This surtax will increase the amount of income tax most individuals will pay for 1968 by 7½ percent. A line has been added to the tax form to help taxpayers make this calculation and it is explained in the instructions that come with the tax form.
Q — Do I have to include Social Security benefits when I add up my income for the year?
A — Social Security benefits are not taxable. However, they do have to be included when determining if the support test has been met for a dependent.
For example, if a widow had no other income but Social Security benefits of \$1,200 during 1968 and she spent it for her own support, it will be necessary for anyone claiming her as a dependent to provide more than \$1,200 toward her support for the year.
Q — Where can I get a copy of the new Farmer's Tax Guide, Publication 225?
A — Contact your local IRS office or county extension agent for a free copy.
Q — I want to get my return in as soon as possible so I can get my refund. Do I have to wait until my boss gives me my W-2? I have my own record of wages and tax withheld.
A — A copy of your W-2 form must be attached to your tax return. Many taxpayers had their refunds delayed last year because they forgot to do this.
The law requires employers to issue W-2 statements to their employees by January 31. Many issue them sooner so you should have your W-2 Form shortly.
Q — I don't think my medical expenses were more than 3 percent of my income in 1968. Does that mean I can't deduct my Blue Cross payments?
A — One-half of your medical insurance premiums up to a maximum of \$150 may be deducted even though your total medical expenses do not exceed 3 percent of your income. Therefore, you may deduct part of your Blue Cross premium if you itemize.
Information to help you figure out your medical expense deduction is given on page 7 of the 1040 instructions. Mistakes in handling medical insurance premiums occurred frequently to tax returns last year. To avoid mistakes, read the instructions carefully.
Q — Last year I bought a bull at an auction. If I keep it for breeding purposes do I use its cost to figure depreciation?
A — Yes, generally the basis for depreciation of purchased livestock held for draft, dairy or breeding purposes is cost. However, special rules apply if purchased livestock are included in inventory.

PERSONALS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hall, Martha, Dicky, and Julie of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Houston and Kay, of Odessa; Mrs. Mary Ruth Hall, Leslie and Donna, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gooch of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox, Morgan, Robert, and Joanna, of Stanton.

Mrs. Fiji Brandt had a birthday dinner for her daughter, Mrs. Stewart Thompson, Sunday, January 12, at her home 501 West Second Street. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Webb and son, Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tucker, all of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Thompson, of Big Spring, J. D. Livingston, of Midland, and Mrs. Brandt.

Philosopher Says Scientists Need A Different Argument For More Space Trips

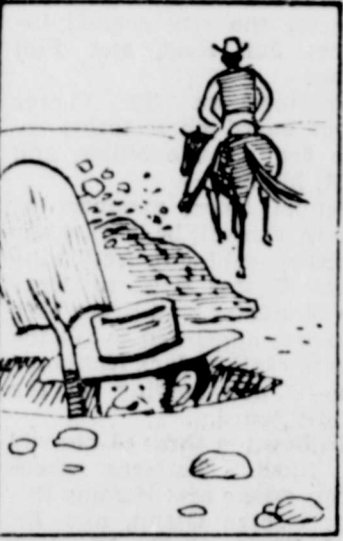
(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw takes a financial view of the moon trip in his letter this week.)

Dear editor:
I don't like to be considered as being against progress, as a matter of fact I've always wanted a tractor with disappearing headlights and a car that'd run for ten years on small block of atomic energy, with tires that grew thicker instead of thinner and a hood that'd re-shape itself every year to keep up with the styles, so don't get me wrong when I question a space scientist's peculiar argument in favor of exploring the moon.
According to his argument which I read in a newspaper last night, going to the moon is exactly as important as Columbus' discovery of America, and the people who are questioning the 24 billion dollars it took to get there are the same type of people who questioned the few thousand dollars it took to get Columbus across the ocean and back.
Understand, I think we ought to keep on exploring space and I think the three astronauts who made it to the moon and back are genuine heroes, but you reckon the human race will get the same return on the moon trip as it did on the Columbus trip?
Twenty thousand dollars to open up America was a good investment, but 24 billion to open up the moon? Have you seen the pictures of that airless ball of rock? Or, as one of the astronauts put it that "big bunch of nothing?" The moon has specious skies all right but it's short on fruited plains.
I'm afraid the space scientists are using the wrong arguments. They're going to have to go beyond the moon and find something better before they're up on the same financial level as Columbus.
If Queen Isabella had taken a mortgage on everything Columbus discovered and all his heirs and assigns, do you have any idea what she'd be worth today?
She failed to do it, though, and Washington wound up with the mortgage.
Yours faithfully,
J. A.



Ion Meter Is Being Used To Test Soil

Something new has been put into use at the Extension Soil Testing Laboratory, a part of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Center north of Lubbock.
A specific ion meter is now being used to determine the amount of nitrate nitrogen in West Texas soils, reports Jim Valentine, area soil chemist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "This promises to be of real value to West Texas farmers since the new test will lead to increased accuracy in predicting the amount of nitrogen fertilizer needed for the next crop," says the chemist.
Research shows that heavy clay loam soils are capable of accumulating nitrogen when fertilizer rates exceed crop removal, points out Valentine. Recent soil testing work done on these heavy soils shows many instances where relatively high rates of readily available nitrate nitrogen are present.
Most often higher concentrations of nitrate nitrogen are found where heavy rates of nitrogen were applied last year to crops having a low nitrogen requirement or where heavy rates were applied to high nitrogen requiring crops and, for some reason, the yield was low.
"The new test will be especially valuable in evaluating the amount of nitrogen needed for cotton and other crops where excessive nitrogen may be undesirable from the standpoint of lowering quality," adds Valentine.
In order for this new test as well as the basic soil test to be of most value, Valentine stresses the importance of collecting a representative sample for analysis. Inadequate or careless sample collection can bring misleading results. Suggestions for sample collection and mailing are available from the local county agricultural agent.



RECKON THE DEEPEST THINKER I KNOW IS JED DIGBY THE WELL DIGGER.

Read The Stanton Reporter for the latest news from your home county!

Twenty-Three Years Ago

Considerable interest is being aroused among eight of the rural schools in Martin County over the plan of consolidation. The schools are South Plains, Lenorah, Goldsmith, Moore Hill, Badgett, Wolcott, Myrick and Valley View. Within the boundary of the planned consolidated district are 400 sections of land creating a valuation of about a half million dollars. Plans are to build a \$150,000 school plant somewhere at the center of the district.

Electric service will be extended to many additional farms in Howard, Martin, Glasscock, and Dawson counties during the next three years. O. B. Bryan, manager of the Cap Rock Electric Co-operative, Inc., announced as the cooperative this week began its sixth year of operation. It now serves 1,100 consumers.

Lt. Marguerite Brothers Hauber has received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army at Fort Sam Houston. Lt. Hauber is a nurse and saw service in Iceland, England, Scotland, Germany, and France. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers.

C. V. (Cleddie) Shelburne has arrived home on a 40-day furlough. He is a radar man on a destroyer and has been in the Pacific.

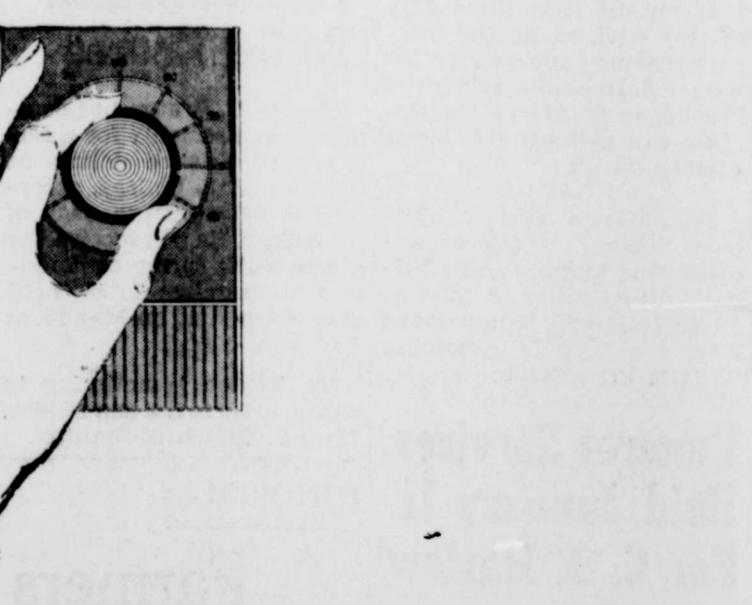
Traffic lights of Stanton have been ordered. The lights will be placed at the east and west approach to Stanton on Highway 80, in the center of the highway at the rail road crossing on Main Street and in the center of Main Street at the First National Bank corner.

John W. Turner of Stanton, has been discharged from the U. S. Army. He is the son of Mrs. Cora Turner.

R. K. Rogers has been discharged after serving four years in the U. S. Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Rogers.



ASTROWORLD CHIT CHAT . . . Singer Lesley Gore and one of the star Muppets, Rowlf, are two of the stars of a one-hour television special show, "Pied Piper of Astroworld", which will be shown on 259 ABC stations Saturday morning, 10-11 a.m. Soupy Sales stars as the Pied Piper in the show staged entirely in Astroworld, next to the Astrodome in Houston.



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Presidents Seek Ear Of Unflappable Mahon

Cong. George Mahon was visiting in Midland directly after last November's general election when a telephone message caught up with him.

"The White House is calling," the operator told him.

Such messages have a way of chasing Mahon when he is home traveling about his 19th district, which is a big chunk of West Texas.

He took the call, expecting it to be from his fellow Texan and long time friend, Lyndon B. Johnson. It was not from the current President but from the President-elect.

Already, the day after the election, Mahon found, President Johnson had White House communication facilities assisting Mr. Nixon. One of the early calls Nixon was making was to the West Texas congressman who will have much to do with the new Administration's programs.

The call was one Nixon would be expected to make because in federal government where power is the major medium of exchange, Cong. Mahon ranks as a multi-millionaire, even though he neither looks nor acts the part.

While others dicker for power, while others boast of it, Mahon is the personification of influence and strength. He holds a position which is a major center for power, the chairmanship of the House Appropriations Committee.

Typically the early call De-

moerat Mahon got from Republican Nixon was in response to congratulations already sent. The Texan had, as soon as election outcome was apparent, telegraphed his best wishes to the winner.

Typically, too, this phone conference between an incoming GOP President and a key Democratic legislator went unpublicized. Nixon may have to woo publicly some irascible Demo committee chiefs. Mahon, a modest and a fair-minded man, requires no such treatment.

And, typically, Mahon pledged during the phone conference to work with the new Administration to the best interest of the nation.

He has been doing such work since he went to the Congress in 1934.

Whether he agrees with an Administration program and seeks to promote it or disagrees, seeks to curb or curtail a project, he goes about his business calmly and intelligently. Unruffled and unflappable, Cong. Mahon remains quiet-spoken — up to a point.

Demagoguery, which is not unknown to Congress, can be the final straw which breaks the remarkable Mahon patience, as it was last session when lawmakers and President, all with an eye to the coming election, were haggling over who should take responsibility for spending cuts.

Mahon at last had his fill

of talk and took the podium for a biting speech in which he castigated his fellow lawmakers who were more willing to talk about spending cuts than to vote them.

"How can I bring in a resolution to rescind (spending) if I do not have the precision troops?" he asked the House. "I need to know, really, whether the economy drive is skindEEP or bonedEEP. That is the question now puzzling me."

If the new Administration is of a genuine mind to curtail spending, it should find an ally in the Democratic Appropriations chairman. It is ironic, for his position, that in this era of great federal spending Mahon is staunchly conservative in his personal attitude toward government costs. In an era of deficit spending, he has a passion for pay-as-you-go governments. His is the task of balancing personal philosophy with realism.

Mahon's black hair and vigorous mein and manner belie his 68 years, eble, too his congressional career which stretches back to FDR days.

He is more the mild-mannered, well-groomed West Texas cotton farmer than the Washington sophisticate. He neither drinks nor smokes. He and his wife avoid the social rat race—yet are among the most personally popular couples in the capital.

The overwhelming, unending duties which go with management of government appropriations keep Mahon trapped in his Capitol office most recesses but when he can make opportunity he is off to West Texas and to a back-breaking schedule of speeches and visits about his district.

He will find some time, however, any time he is in Texas, for his family. Mitchell County, which is no longer in his district, if full of kin-folk. Many a time those White House calls which chase him have broken up a domino game with a brother or cousin at some Mitchell farm home.

Mahon is a native of Louisiana, but his family migrated to West Texas when he was a child. He attended school at Lorraine, where he met Helen Stevenson, his wife) and Hardin - Simmons University, then Simmons College. After his Simmons degree he studied law at Minnesota and at the University of Texas law school where he was graduated.

On completion of work at U-T in 1925, he and his wife (they had married in 1923) returned to Colorado City where he went into law practice with his lifetime friend, C. C. Thompson.

Mahon entered public serv-

ice in 1926 when he was elected Mitchell County attorney. The next year he was appointed district attorney. He was re-elected to that office in '28, '30, and '32. He went to Congress, the 74th, the next election. He has been there since — most times without political opposition.

When Lubbock was added to his district he made a second home here. As the town grew to be the largest he served, this became home.

In 1962, shortly before redistricting moved Mitchell from his area, the people of that county, joined by neighboring West Texans and by a flock of Washington dignitaries, staged a mammoth "Mahon appreciation."

There was a big parade in honor of the congressman and his wife, a luncheon and a flock of speeches, some light-hearted ribbing, many serious tributes for magnificent services rendered.

Multi-starred generals were there, men who worked with Mahon during the decades he headed the military appropriation sub-committee before being elevated in 1964 to chairmanship of the whole committee.

Air Force Secretary Eugene Zuckert was in the Washington delegation in Colorado City for the day. So, too, was a Republican who served on the committee with Mahon, a man who came to voice his high estimate of the Texan, Melvin Laird, newly named Secretary of Defense for Nixon.

The Colorado City "appreciation" was an unusual event for Mahon because he does not go in for such affairs. Honors of all sorts have, however, come his way. His list of honorary degrees attests to the status he has achieved. Among the doctorates awarded him are degrees from his alma mater, H-SU, from Wabash College, Pennsylvania, from Wayland Baptist, from Texas Technological College.

Mahon, aside from his work as appropriations chief, is particularly active in agricultural legislation and for good cause. His district is one of the wealthiest agricultural areas in the nation. Among other things, it produces annually nearly 20 per cent of the nation's cotton.

While conservative in attitude toward spending, Mahon is noted for his far-sightedness in approach to the nation's problems.

EX-AF Secretary Zuckert, in that 1962 speech at Colorado City, said:

"Visionary" would be a fancy word to use of a man of George Mahon's simplicity, but, use the word or not, Cong. Mahon is a man of great foresight."

He was talking, in particular, of Mahon's work in shaping the American defense system.

His words would apply, too, to another project in which Mahon is keenly interested, a bold and imaginative program to solve water problems for the arid areas of West Texas and New Mexico.

Such a program has been lead out in the "new water plan which would move surplus water from the Lower Mississippi to the western areas.

For a fact, the idea is not so new. Mahon has been working toward it for a long time. "About 20 years ago," he told The Reporter-News. "I introduced a bill providing for an appropriation to survey the possibility of channeling water from the Missouri Basin to West Texas."

"This idea was looked upon by many as the height of folly and someone rose in a meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in San Angelo and ridiculed the idea."

"The thought of importing water into West Texas was not original with me. Several people in the area had urged me to look toward a long range solution of our water problems.

"Several years ago," he continued, "I talked with officials of the Bureau of Reclamation study. It was explained that there was nothing in the budget for such a study, but we put money in the bill which

- The Exchange Desk -

SEMINOLE SENTINEL: "Construction of the Permian Basin Railroad, finally cleared after eight years of legal battles, is scheduled to begin early this summer, it was revealed at an annual stockholders meeting in Odessa Friday night."

"Development of alternative methods of financing the \$10 million project was explained by president James Roberts of Andrews, legal counselor Brooks Harman of Odessa, and general manager, J. P. Kerr of Odessa."

"The railroad is a joint undertaking by Seminole, Andrews, and Odessa, and will cover a 78-mile long strip between Seagraves and Odessa."

THE MUNDAY TIMES: "Dr. Ayres R. Cremin announced this week that he will establish medical practice in Munday and shall be in offices at 613 Main Street on Saturday, January 11th."

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS: "Bank deposits here — for the third straight year — have taken a substantial increase over the preceding year."

ANDREWS COUNTY NEWS: "The local office of the Andrews Housing Authority is making a list of applicants again for houses for the elderly."

"The list being compiled at the office at 303 NW Ave. C. will be used for replacements for present occupants of the 35 homes here and also for a list of needs in studying the possibility of preparing additional homes, according to Charlie Ward chairman."

THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT: "Preliminary plans were made Tuesday afternoon for the Reagan County Historical Survey Comm. meeting here Jan. 19, when from 50 to 65 out-of-town members are expected."

THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS: "Ray Beights, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bond and Mrs. Berta Beights of Lorraine, a Navy Air Force mechanic, was on the recovery crew of the Yarktown that picked up the three members of Apollo 8 in the Pacific areas after their trip to the moon."

"Ray is crew chief in charge of mechanics on Helicopters. His squadron was chosen to take part in the Apollo pick-up."

THE McCAMEY NEWS: "The year 1968 proved to be a wet year for McCamey. A total of 17.40 inches of rain was recorded for the year at the West Texas Utilities official gauge. This above the normal precipitation for this area. The U. S. Weather Bureau has the normal precipitation for this area as 15.33 inches."

THE ALPINE AVALANCHE: "Weeds and grass need to be burned at many vacant lots in town, City Council members agreed Tuesday but they were undecided on just how to accomplish the job."

"Fire Chief Gordon Barrow requested the council to de-

signate two weeks for free burning of grass and weeds to remove the fire hazard. He said the fire department would have two or three men on standby duty in case the fires got out of control."

THE EDEN ECHO: "Four persons were hospitalized and five received emergency treatment as result of six one-car and one two-vehicle accidents due to icy road conditions here Friday."

THE MATADOR TRIBUNE: "One of the two moon craters named by the three astronauts during the Apollo 8 lunar orbiting was for John Aaron, Jr., brother of Mrs. Reece (Grace) Timmons, Matador High School English teacher. The Tribune learned of this fact and the details, through the account in the January 2, Wellington News."

THE MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT: "The official Colorado State Farm Bureau tour stopped at the Hall County Farm Bureau office here for coffee Tuesday morning."

"Leon Helmand Clyde Collins of Hall County, along with Area Fieldman Tommy Klemcke of Floydada, and Joe Holmes of Tulsa, joined the tour in Amarillo and rode on the bus to Memphis."

"Eighteen Farm Bureau members from the State of Colorado earned the privilege of taking the tour during a membership contest program in that state."

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cox of Tarzan, over the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. V. L. McWhirter of Garden City, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cox of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sowders of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Cox and Shawn of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox, Robert, and Joanna, of Stanton.

Trade at home and save!

TIPS FOR OUTDOORSMEN

REMOVES RUST — Automotive valve compound is excellent for removing rust or corrosion from fishing tackle. Unlike sandpaper or steel wool, valve compound will not scar or scratch the metal. It is excellent for cleaning rod ferrules that stick.

ROD STORAGE—Never store fiberglass fishing rods in a room or closed car where the heat is likely to climb excessively high. Heat will cause the rod to take a "set."

DEFLATE TIRES FOR TRACTION—When driving down to beach to surf fish, carry along a hand pump or inflation cartridge. If you get stuck in soft sand, let most the air out of the rear tires. Extra traction will get you out. Then, of course, you'll have to use that pump or cartridge to bring tire pressure back to the normal driving level.

SEEPING SAND SERIOUS—When parking on the beaches, never stop with rear wheels of your car in the water, even though it may only be an inch deep. Wave action will cause tires to bury themselves in a matter of minutes... and you'll be stuck so tight, a two-ton truck will be needed to pull you free.

BBs FOR BREEM—Here's a trick to use to stir bass and bream into action when the lake surface is dead calm. Just surface. This tempt the curious fish into action. A few BBs striking the water is much like that of fish feeding on the surface. This tempt the curious fist into action. A few BBs at a time is enough. A handful all at once will cause too much noise and spook the fish.

MEASURING A FISH — If you are in doubt about the legal length of a fish and you don't have a ruler (just haul out a cigarette.) A standard-size filter-tip cigarette, unsmoked of course, is three and three-eighths inches long... maybe a little millimeter longer.

HANDY LIGHT-REFLECTOR—If you don't have a large white cardboard that will reflect the sun's rays to provide "fill-in" light for a photo of your trophy fish or game, try using aluminum foil. Carry along a roll of foil for this purpose. Have your partner hold the foil so that light reflected from it will brighten the subject of photo. The same foil that mama uses to wrap fish in will do the job fine.

BIRDS LURE BIRDS—When waterfowl, other than ducks and geese, light among your decoys, don't frighten them away. They lend realism to the rig and increase its drawing power. Even blackbirds and ricebirds perched on the brush around your blind lend an air of security... indicating that all is well for ducks and geese to come in.

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- * YOUTH PROGRAMS—citizenship training, talent find, discussion meet, queen contests and action program for young adults.
- * LOCAL AFFAIRS—voice in county government, schools, crop and livestock improvement, safety projects, etc.

THE MARTIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Music Club Met January 8 With Mrs. J. Woodrow

The Stanton Music Club met in the home of Mrs. Jack Woodrow, January 8, with Mrs. Roy Koonce, co-hostess.

Mrs. Paige Elland, president, presided over the business session. The theme of the musical program was "A World of Music in the Home." A group of young people performed the following selections: "Let There Be Peace on Earth," sung by Suzanna Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Glenn Brown; a piano solo, "In the Evening," by Kathy Woodrow; clarinet and coronet duet, played by Betty and Karen Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Pickett, a piano solo, "Evening Chimes," played by Betty Anderson; a piano duet entitled "Coming 'Round the Mountain," played by Julie Britton and Mrs. James Jones, and the concluding number, "Mozart Third Movement Concerto," played by Don Leonard, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Hugh Dickson.

Refreshments were served to three visitors Mrs. Hugh Dickson, Mrs. Joel Adcock, and Mrs. Tommy Hursh, and members Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. Paige Elland, Mrs. Claude Houston, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Carl Lenoard, Mrs. Roy Pickett, Mrs. C. R. Welch, Dr. Sue Fisher, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, and the hostesses, Mrs. Woodrow, and Mrs. Koonce.

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Prison Inmates Aiding State In Computerizing Auto Data

Inmates of the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville, this month are expected to complete the first phase of a sweeping modernization of Texas motor vehicle records.

The Corrections unit was "hired" by the Texas Highway Department to help with the computerization of millions of vehicle records. Inmates are learning new skills and the taxpayers are netting a substantial savings in the course of the work.

Involved in the project are the matching of approximately 6.5 million 1968 vehicle registration records with current certificates of title, and converting the combined records by a typing operation into a format suitable for electronic input into computer storage.

Conversion to data processing will increase the efficiency of vehicle registration. By late in 1969, owners of more than seven million vehicles in Texas will receive computer-printed registration renewal forms. One copy of the

form will be validated by the local county tax assessor-collector and returned to the Highway Department's Motor Vehicle Division. This copy will then be placed in a document scanner that "reads" the information and automatically updates registration data in computer storage. Another copy will serve as a receipt for the vehicle owner, and a third will be filed in the county tax office.

Also, late in 1969, the Division and other authorized agencies will be able to retrieve any current registration or title record electronically in a matter of seconds. This capability particularly will be valuable to law enforcement personnel. While following a vehicle a patrolman will be able to identify the owner by means of his radio and the police teletype keyed to Motor Vehicle Division's computer storage. Ultimately, the system will be coordinated with similar equipment in other states in a nationwide network for clearing title and tracing

stolen cars.

However, the chief concern is to simplify the renewal of vehicle registrations and applications for title, or to provide more efficient service for vehicle owners in Texas.

More than 500 inmates at Huntsville are working on the records. They were selected on the basis of aptitude, and they received special instruction to prepare them for the work.

Spokesmen for the Motor Vehicle Division say the bulk of the 1968 records were converted ahead of schedule. What remains now is only miscellaneous "clean up" work. Early in February, with receipt of the first 1969 registration data from county tax offices, work will begin to update the master records, using the 1969 data.

Vehicle owners should make certain that their correct residence mail addresses appear in 1969 registration records. This will make renewal of registration for 1970 simple and virtually automatic, officials said.



Ft. Hood, Texas, (AHTNC) Army Captain Jefferson G. Kilgore (right), son of Mrs. Arville Keele, Stanton, received the Bronze Star Medal during ceremonies Dec. 6.

Presenting the award is Colonel Gerald A. Champlin, commander, U. S. Darnall Army Hospital.

Capt. Kilgore received the award for outstanding meritorious service while serving in Vietnam, from September

1967 to September 1968.

An optometrist at Darnell Army Hospital, Capt. Kilgore entered the Army in July 1966.

The 28-year-old captain graduated from Big Spring High School in 1938, and received his degree in optometry from the University of Houston, College of Optometry, in 1966.

His wife, Sue, lives at 660 W. Hallmark Street, Killeen, Texas.

Bob Bullock Joins Preston Smith's Staff



Bob Bullock

Bob Bullock of Austin, former member of the Texas House of Representatives, was chosen by Gov.-elect Preston Smith to be an administrative assistant in the new governor's administration.

Bullock will have responsibilities for gubernatorial appointments, and assist in legal counsel and travel.

An attorney, Bullock joined the lieutenant governor's campaign in February after working for the State Attorney General's Office, as chief of the Anti-Trust and Consumer Protection Division. Previously, he was general counsel for Wanda Petroleum Company in Houston.

Bullock was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1956 until the time he resigned in 1959. He represented his hometown of Hillsboro.

He was graduated from Texas Tech College with a bachelor's degree in 1954, and from Baylor Law School in 1956. Bullock served as an officer in the U. S. Air Force in Korea.

He is a member of the Texas Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Houston Scottish Rite Bodies 32nd degree Mason and Shriner, the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Austin, the American Legion, and the Lions Club.

Bullock and his wife, the former Amelia Hooks of Itasca, and their two children live in Austin.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. James Doyle, Mrs. Roger Fleckenstein, Mrs. D. H. Hopper, Mrs. Harold Henley, Mrs. Herman Lander, Jr., Mrs. Bill Morrow, Mrs. Nolan Simpson, Mrs. L. D. Snell, Mrs. John Webb, Jr., and Mrs. James Jones.

Girl Scout News

Brownie Girl Scout Troop No. 109, met January 3, and elected officers for January. The group played games and sang songs. Present were: Vickie Cox, Tracie Williams, Dee Ann Cravens, Rena Koonce, Bonnie Barnhill, Connie Barnhill, Rachel Thomas, Sandy Blow, Donna Rivest, Lanice Owens, and Cheryl Dickerson.

Leaders present were Mrs. Vernon Cox, and Mrs. Wesley Williams, Jr.

The troop met again January 10, in the basement of the First United Methodist Church. The group played games, and made puppets, after which the girls divided into groups and presented a puppet show.

Refreshments were served by Rhonda Fried and Lanice Owens. Present were Vickie Cox, Tracie Williams, Dee Ann Cravens, Rena Koonce, Bonnie Barnhill, Rachel Thomas, Sandy Blow, Donna Rivest, Lanice Owens, Cheryl Dickerson.

They will meet regularly at the Parrish Hall from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, with leader, Mrs. Santos Villa.

NAMED RUBBER

Rubber, which is obtained from a milky liquid known as latex, was given its name by Joseph Priestly, discoverer of oxygen, when he observed that the substance could be used to rub out pencil marks.

son, Velma Villa, and Letricia Arguello. Leaders, Mrs. Cox, and Mrs. Williams.

West Texas Council Girl Scout Troop, No. 122, met January 10, at the Parrish Hall, and elected the following officers: Rhonda Gilbreath, president; Jeanne Ramos, treasurer; Elsa Arguello, Gloria Arguello, and Maria Villa, scribes; Yolanda Romero, and Jesusa Rubio, ushers; Mary Louise Perez, announcer and reporter, and Trina Owens, court of honor.

Plans were made for going on a hike next week, and work was done on the badges. The group repeated the Girl Scout Promise and Laws.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McReynolds visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Red Owens in Hobbs, New Mexico, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnam from Lake Leon, visited relatives in Stanton a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Durham are visiting his daughter, in Indiana, who is critically ill.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Bassham last Thursday, were her daughter, Mrs. Jay Moore and daughter, Carla, and Mrs. Dick Campbell, all of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. June Graham and children of Alpine, were here this past week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Rhodes.

Herman Lander has returned after six weeks in the Methodist Hospital, Lubbock. He returned home Tuesday, Jan. 7. He is doing very well, but will have a long recuperation at home.

The family of the late O. B. Overby met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cox, Saturday, January 11. There were 38 present. Twelve of Mrs. Overby's fifteen children were present.

Patricia Haislip Wed To J. Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Haislip announced the marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ruth, to James Robert Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wilson, Jr., on January 10, in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Harry Haislip.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard Payne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Stanton.

The couple will live in Lubbock, where he is attending Texas Tech, and she will attend a Lubbock high school.

Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Mrs. P. M. Bristow, II, 506 West Fifth Street, was hostess for the first semi-monthly meeting in January of Precursor Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Mrs. Juil Reid, president, conducted the business meeting.

Mrs. Leo Turner introduced Mrs. Bristow, who presented the program, "Changing Your Inner Life for Your Emotional Comfort." The hostess, Mrs. Bristow, served refreshments to: Mr. Bob W. Latimers, Mrs. Stanley Reid, Mrs. John Wood, Mr. John Roueche, Mrs. Helen Dawson, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Leo Turner, Mrs. Glen Gates, Mrs. Louis Roten, Mrs.

Library Lines

Mrs. Ralph Caffey, Librarian

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

In completing the library yearly report, we find some very interesting facts. The total operating income for the year was \$3,685.04, compared with \$1,705.84 in 1964. Of the total operating income for the year \$812.17 was spent for books, which is quite an increase over the previous years. Based on the 1960 census, this county spends a little over 48¢ per capita, which has been an increase of 25¢ in the past four years.

Libraries in this electronic era are undergoing an unprecedented change. The stuffed owls and musty silence have been replaced by brightly lit glass and aluminum buildings, bustling with activity. Yet, behind it all, the library is essentially a place for young and old — for reading and renewal. Are we not glad that we do have such a lovely building? Let's use it more and all the new books in it.

Juil Reid, and Miss Sammy Laws.

Trade at home and save!

Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Mu Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met January 6, at the home of Dorothy Pinkston. Gene Nowlin gave a program on "Let's Talk on the Radio and Over Television." She concluded her program by recording the members' voices on a tape recorder and playing them back.

Members present were: Polly Atchison, Maxine Kelly, Dorothy Smith, Peggy Sorley, Judy Thompson, Buelah Mae Hall, Mozelle Davis, Gene Nowlin, and Dorothy Pinkston.

Rho Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Les Terry, with President Elaine Blackwell, presiding. Several things were discussed, one being that Rho Xi will handle the arrangements of the dinner for the Chamber of Commerce banquet on January 27.

Also, plans for the Founder's Day banquet were discussed. Rho Xi is hostess chapter.

Elaine presented Les Terry, who presented programs on "Pleasure of Possession," "The Collector," and "The Connoisseur."

Members present were Linda Bess Angel, Elaine Blackwell, Janie Boyd, Wanda Bryan, Mona Elmore, Peggy James, Marilyn Newan, Judy Regar, Les Terry, Margaret Stovall, Carolyn Stone, and Janelle Watson.

Read the Ole Reliable for the latest hometown news!



New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall of Ackerly, are the parents of a new baby girl, born January 13, at 2:30 a.m. at a Big Spring hospital. She weighed five pounds, 13 ounces, and has been named Michelle Renee.

The Halls have another daughter, Jacquelyn Dawn, age 3½.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yater of Stanton.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Hall of Ackerly.

HD Club News

The Koffee Kup Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, January 9, at the home of Mrs. Harold Henley.

Mrs. Herman Lander, Jr., presided, and named her committees for the new year. They were: parliamentarian, Mrs. Fred Bowlin; yearbook, Mrs. Roger Fleckenstein and Mrs. R. P. Odom; safety and health, Mrs. Henley and Mrs. Homer Swinson; 4-H, Mrs. Bill Marrow and Mrs. James Jones; citizenship, Mrs. James Doyle and Mrs. John Webb, Jr.; finance, Mrs. D. H. Hopper and Mrs. L. D. Snell; recreation, Mrs. Bob Cox and Mrs. Nolan Simpson, and telephone, Mrs. Roger Flecken-



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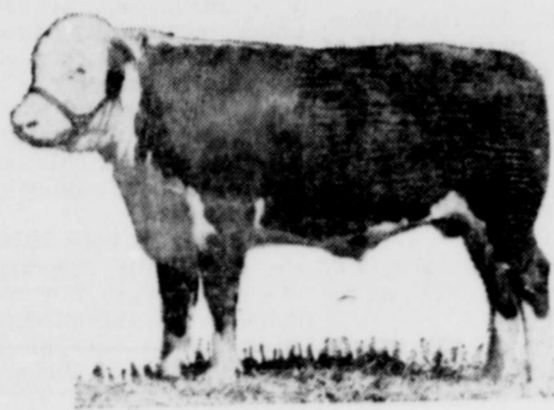
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Stanton High School News

By PUG DEAVENPORT



Time flies! The 1968-69 school year is already half over! On Thursday and Friday, semester tests will be administered to all high school students. Classes will be dismissed at 2:30 on both days, and buses will run at 2:35.

The Future Farmers of America held a business meeting Tuesday, January 14, during activity period. Claude Straub presided over the group. Plans for the Martin County Livestock Show were finalized. The annual event will be held Saturday, January 18, in the county barn.

National FFA Week will be February 15-22, this year. The Stanton FFA Chapter is planning radio and television appearances during this period. The upcoming El Paso Livestock Show scheduled for February 1 through 9, was also discussed by the members.

Seniors Nancy Hursh and Clude Straub, have been named citizens - of-the-month for December. They were guests of the Lions Club at noon Tuesday.

On Monday, January 13, another program in the series of Southern Assembly programs, was presented to high school students. Eddie Motter, blind since childhood, kept the mood suspenseful with his acrobatic and balancing act.

The members of the student council met January 8, to review profits and expenditures of the Christmas party. David Adkins, president, briefed the council on officer elections procedures. The 1969-70 officers will be elected in February. Plans are being made for both old and new officers to attend the state student council meeting in Amarillo later this year.

The Future Homemakers of America met January 14, in the auditorium. Cindy Davis presided over the meeting, and Dianna Mims called the roll. The meeting began with the FFA opening ceremony.

Glenda Adams, chairman of the point committee, recognized the high point members for the first semester. The September - October high point officer was Debbie Hazlewood. Carla Perry and Judy Mims tied for the high point girl award. Dianna Mims and Liana Payne were high point officer and high point girl, respectively, for the months of November and December.

Betty Anderson, chairman of the TURFRIM committee, announced that FFA members should begin collecting cancelled stamps and have them ready to turn in on January 24.

The chapter historian, Merlae Angel, urged all girls who

have taken pictures at FFA meetings or activities, to turn them in for use in the chapter scrapbook.

Dianna Mims, Mary Bradshaw, and Debbie Hazlewood, led the group in a few "relaxers" before the meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Try outs for the junior play were held last Thursday and Friday. Miss Wilma Martin, play director, announced that these people will have parts: Darla Dowden, Mary Merrille, Jerry Smith, LaWanda W. Glaspie, Nelda Wells, Scotty and Fisher, Johnny McMeans, Deborah Holloway, Debbie Lins, Alene McMillan, Andrew Gregston, Debbie Hazlewood, Randy Nichols, Stanley Louderer, Rusty Hicks, Faye Ringers, Doris Allen, Steve Stallings, Debra Robinson, Deborah Hogard, Becky Fryar, Jennifer Geurin, Cassandra Brides, Lindsay Jones, and Tooter Harrell.

The play, "I Remember Ma," will be presented in late February.

The boys "B" team traveled to McCamey last week-end for the McCamey "B" team tournament, and brought back the consolation trophy. The boys lost only to Pecos. Their first game of the tournament, they went on to defeat McCamey "C," Raining "B," and Ozona "B."

Congratulations go to these boys!

The SHS Buffaloes started off their district play on the "wrong foot" Friday, January 10, when they fell to the Reagan County Owls in a game played at Big Lake. Before the final buzzer rang, proclaiming a 56-69 Bison defeat, four Stanton boys had fouled out. Debra Howard, Tooter Harrell, Roger McCallister, and Larry Frank were definitely missed during the waning minutes of the game. David Jones led all scorers with 27 points.

The "B" team boys, led by Gary Kitchens' 14, and Dennis Jones' 13, ran up a 51-41 score on the Reagan Jr's.

While the boys were playing Big Lake Friday, the girls teams were competing at Iraan. Both teams fell to the Braves.

In the "B" game, Debra Robinson sank 11 in the 18-25 loss.

Doris Howard had 14, and Sandy Chandler had 17, as the varsity girls were overcome 53-41.

On Tuesday, January 17, the Bisons travel to Coahoma, and clinched two games from their arch-rival. Both boys teams won, and the girls lost a heart-breaker, 48-47.

On Tuesday, January 14, both girls teams and the varsity boys teams traveled to Tahoka.

Only girls games are on tap Friday, as the SHS feds travel to Slaton.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



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MARTIN-HOWARD-MIDLAND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Jack Buchanan, Bob Cox, Bernard Houston, Larry Shaw, Bobby Howard.

A Texas ranch family — the Solon Higgins of near Dalt — is one of four families featured in a new U. S. Department of Agriculture movie released recently.

The film depicts the experiences of the four landowners as they plan and carry out a complete soil and water conservation program on their holdings under the Great Plains Conservation program. Featured with Solon Higgins, his son, Rusty, and grandson, Ted, are the Art Pember family of Ness City, Kansas; the Darl Hacker family of near Torrington, Wyoming, and the Hall brothers, Don and Wallace, of near Beach, North Dakota.

The four owners, all with problems typical of the Plains, with its recurrent drought high winds, dust storms, intense rainstorms, and other emergencies, began their work under the federally sponsored program in 1958.

The four developed full-scale farm or ranch conservation plans with technical help from the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service, and used federal cost-sharing from SCS, to push ahead faster with the needed work. They repaired damaged cropland and range areas, switched hazardous cropland to grass, fenced for better grass management, developed stockwater and performed other needed

soil and water conservation work. The Higgins ranch was infested with yucca, which restricted the grass cover. Control of the yucca was a major objective in Higgins plan.

Grandson Ted Higgins, was a 3-year-old "hand" when the first filming was done, with special saddle and stirrups to fit. In the closing scenes he is an experienced member of the outfit.

Pembers is the third generation of Pembers on the Kansas farm, homesteaded by his grandfather. He had begun conservation work, but the special Great Plain program helped him to complete the job. Darl Hacker was developing a ranch made up largely of unsuitable cropland on farms abandoned in the 19-30's. The Hall brothers had enough grass for a stable ranching operation, but much of it was too far from water.

The Great Plains Conservation Program, which was authorized by Congress in 1956, with \$150 million to be spent on sound conservation work, is being used by soil and water conservation district co-operators in 421 big risk counties in the 10 Great Plains states. More than 30,000 landowners have entered the program and have planted nearly two million acres of cropland to grass. Nearly 10,000 have completed all needed conservation work. The program ends in 1971.

Farmers Can Deduct Gas Tax Credits

Farmers and ranchers can deduct 4c per gallon of gasoline used in farming or ranching from their income tax report for 1968, says County Agent Reager.

The Federal Gasoline Tax refund is now claimed as a tax credit on the annual income tax report if the report is filed on time. The gas tax credit will not be allowed on late reports.

In addition, a tax credit of 6c per gallon on lubricating oils and 2c per gallon on diesel and special motor fuels not used in highway vehicles are deductible.

Farmers and ranchers will need accurate records of fuel purchases and IRS Form 4136 as they prepare to file their 1968 Income Tax Report.

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

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