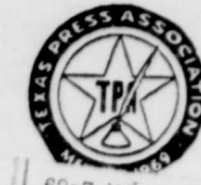


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VARIETY

By NEAL ESTES

"There goes LYNDON JOHNSON." Those were the words of DAVID BRINKLEY when JOHNSON and his family flew out of Washington, D. C. Monday about four hours after RICHARD NIXON was inaugurated as the 37th President of the United States. The JOHNSONS landed in Austin, LBJ, often called the "accidental president" following the assassination of JOHN KENNEDY in Dallas five years ago, says he will rest, write, and take it easy at the LBJ Ranch.

PRESTON SMITH, first native son of West Texas to win the governorship, took the oath of office in Austin Tuesday. SMITH succeeded JOHN CONNALLY, crony of JOHNSON. Both JOHNSON and CONNALLY left long chapters of advise for their successors in office. One thing is to be said for the ranchers, JOHNSON and CONNALLY, the transition from office and the smoothness in which they turned their jobs over to NIXON and SMITH, was in typical American taste.

The weather pattern has been a jigsaw puzzle for the past week. It seems like the cold hurts more this year than in a long time. Then the warm days, such as Monday, with the temperature climbing near 70 degrees, come along and the sudden change in climate causes the flu bug to linger on in the community. Speaking of flu, this community has really been hit with the stuff and the variety going around here is tough to shake.

Some of the deadlines are getting pretty close for taxpayers and those who desire to vote this year. January 31 is the last day to pay taxes without penalties and it is also the last day to sign up if one expects to participate in the elections this year.

I went to Stanton Variety to buy my dog a collar Monday afternoon and found the new owner, MRS. THOMAS, with a store full of customers. It is always nice to see the wheels of finance turning. When all of us make up our respective minds to patronize hometown institutions the community will start realizing basic dividends.

I gathered from PRESIDENT NIXON'S inaugural speech that he is going to attempt to put the W back in work. His policy will be to encourage individual effort and enterprise. He left the impression he does not intend to compel one segment of the population to support the other. There will be no monetary

Darrell Royal Chairman Of Cancer Crusade

Tom Angel, president of the Martin County unit of the American Cancer Society, announced today that the ACS Crusaders in Martin County have accepted Darrell Royal's challenge to "concentrate on methods to speed the victory over cancer."

Darrell Royal, coach of the University of Texas Longhorns, is the 1969 Texas Crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society.

ACS delegates from several counties will gather at the Holiday Inn in Midland on January 29, during a day long session to learn what can be done locally, to accelerate the society's cancer control program.

Delegates attending from Martin County are: Tom Angel, Mr. Marvin Standefer, Mrs. Jimmie Sawyer, Mrs. Bob Bryan, and Cecil Bridges.

The goal of the 1969 Texas Crusade is set at \$2,100,000. This goal roughly represents a dollar for every Texan now living who will have cancer, unless current trends are reversed.

The goal for the April Crusade in Martin County has been set at \$1,500.00, according to Tom Angel, president.

Historical Survey Committees Named

New members of the Martin County Historical Survey Committee have recently been appointed by County Judge Jim McCoy.

Heading the committee will be Mrs. Stanley Reid as chairman. Working with her on the committee will be: Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. R. S. Lewis, Mrs. Leo Turner, Mrs. James Eiland, Mrs. J. W. Sale, Mrs. Ralph Caffey, Mrs. Sam Wilkinson, B. F. White, L. C. Haz-

wood, Sr., Jimmy Wheeler, and P. M. Bristow, all of whom will serve for a term of two years, 1969 through 1970.

A meeting will be held in the near future to elect officers, appoint sub-committee chairmen, and plan the program for the year. The program, "See and Save Texas History," of the Texas Historical Foundation, is the overall aim of the 254 County Historical Survey.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Debora Holloway and her grand champion steer. Debora also received the steer showmanship award.

Phone Co-Op Shows Gains

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative finished 1968 with slight gains in every category except one where it wanted none — disconnects.

The system gained 14 members, added 12 miles of lines, increased the value of the system by \$26,000, gained 11 telephones and 17 extensions.

Wes-Tex serves members in Howard, Martin, Glascock, Borden, Reagan, Dawson, and Midland counties.

Here is a comparison for the past two years:

	1967	1968
No. of members	1,369	1,383
Miles of line	1,034	2,046
Value of system	\$1,412,452	\$1,438,934
Phones added	211	222
removed	230	208
Extensions in use	338	355



NAMED WINNER — Senior Linda Holder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holder, was recently named to All Region Band. She is a two year All District band member, and has served as Stanton High School drum major.

Lions Club To Purchase Glasses For Children

The Stanton Lions Club met Tuesday, with president Russell McMeans presiding. During the brief business session, the club voted to purchase glasses for seven needy school children. The club will also place copies of Lions history in Texas entitled, "50 Years of Service," the the Martin County Library, and high school library.

President McMeans presented to Bill Terry a certificate with the title, "Top Texas Club Builders Award." This award is given to members who bring in new members.

An announcement was made that Deputy District Governor John J. Wood, had received a membership development award for his participation as Zone Chairman last year.

A committee was appointed for the Valentine banquet, which will be headed by Chuck Elmore, and assisted by John Roueche and Tom Angel.

Program chairman Cecil Bridges, introduced Don Edwards of Midland's Southside Lions, who showed slides and told of his trip to Norway last April. He attended a sports event for the handicapped, which lasted six days. The event was sponsored by the Lions and the Norwegian government, located some 30 miles from Oslo. Although Don is blind, he revealed the entire trip with all its beauty and awesomeness. Several hundred people attended the ski races where each handicapped person was accompanied by a sighted person. Assisting Don at today's program was Larry Hyatt of Midland.

Twenty-one members attended the meeting.

Mothers Will March For Dimes On January 23

Stanton mothers will march for money to aid the annual March of Dimes Fund here on the evening of January 23, between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Elmer Long will be chairman of the march again this year, with Mrs. F. C. Wheeler, co-chairman.

Mrs. Long has requested the paper to say that the group of ladies would appreciate it if the occupants would turn on their porch light Thursday night, if they desire to make a contribution to the campaign.

Information furnished by an alien in making his annual address report to the Government is confidential.

According to District Director of Immigration and Naturalization Service office, the information furnished by aliens in reporting their addresses has been declared confidential by statute.

These reports must be submitted during January each year by all aliens in the United States, with few exceptions.

Tech Dean Speak Monday To Membership

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce annual membership banquet will be held Monday evening, January 27, at Cap Rock Auditorium.

The announcement was made this week and the principal speaker will be Dr. Gerald Thomas, dean of the School of Agriculture at Texas Tech.

Grady School Honor Roll Is Announced

L. R. Dunn, superintendent District, has announced the honor roll for the third six-week period, 1968-69.

Second Grade: Shirilla Sawyer, Jimmy Mitchell, Patricia Hewitt, and Leland Key.

Third Grade: Mark Tate, Donna Sue Hale, Donnie Dunn, Don Blake, Belinda Martin and Faye Welch.

Fourth Grade: Kathryn Springer, and Joe Lynn Dunn.

Fifth Grade: Tahita Blake, and Benny Butler.

Sixth Grade: Jackie Haggard, Vella Maldonado, and Billy Howard.

Seventh Grade: Leatrice Glaze, Mary Barrera, Nancy Pribyla, Darlyn Jo Stewart, Terry Tate, Rosalind Welch, and Jody Yates.

Eighth Grade: David Pribyla.

Honor roll for first semester, 1968-69:

Second Grade: Shirilla Sawyer, Jimmy Mitchell, Patricia Hewitt, and Leland Key.

Third Grade: Mark Tate.

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President Paige Eiland announced that new officers to be installed at the banquet



Dr. Gerald Thomas

are: Ira Clark, president; Jack Ireton, vice-president; and Charles Elmore, secretary-treasurer. Holdover directors include: Paige Eiland, Charles Elmore, Ira Clark, R. O. Anderson, Jimmy Stallings, and Gerald Hanson. New directors recently elected by membership ballot will be introduced. They include: Bruce Key, Owen Kelly, and Jack Ireton.

The banquet will start at 7:30 and tickets are now on sale in the county.

Dr. Thomas was raised on a combination farm and ranch operation in Idaho. He moved to Texas in 1950. He was educated in Idaho, California, and at Texas A&M. He holds a PH.D from A&M.

Dr. Thomas has worked with the Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, Texas A&M University, and Texas Tech. He is a World War II veteran, serving as a distinguished Naval aviator. He won the Air Medal with gold star, Distinguished Flying Cross with two gold stars, and other citations.

He has been at Texas Tech as Dean of Agriculture since 1958.

County Livestock Show Champions Are Chosen

Another successful Martin County Junior Livestock Show has passed into history. Combined in this event were the 4-H boys and girls, and members of the Future Farmers of America, Stanton and Flower Grove.

The event was staged Friday and Saturday at the county show barn. A large crowd attended Saturday, as Friday was devoted largely to bringing the exhibits and weighing in. Judging of the stock was held Saturday morning. The highlight came at the close of the event Saturday afternoon, when the auction was held and receipt hit a total figure of \$3,572.50, according to agricultural chairman, Chuck Elmore.

TOP HONORS

Deborah Holloway won top honors in the Steer Division, when her animal placed as Grand Champion, and received \$80 prize money, paid by Stanton Chemical and Seed Co. Reserve Champion Steer went to Morgan Cox, who received a rosette and \$60 prize money paid by J. D. Crawford Insurance of Midland.

Nine-year-old Jimmy Bri-

tton's heavyweight entry, was judged Grand Champion of Barrow Show and brought \$95 from James Jones Hardware. G. P. Harrell, Jr., showed the Reserve Champion Barrow, and Western Production Credit paid \$105 prize money.

In the Lamb division, Jerry Don McIntyre entered the the Champion Medium Wool Lamb, and received \$85 from First National Bank of Stanton. Jerry also won Champion with his Southdown Lamb, which brought \$50, paid by Stanton Walgreen Drug Company. Vicki Graves won both the Champion Cross Bred and Champion Finewool Lambs. She received \$95 from First National Bank, Stanton, and \$100 from Farmers Co-Op Gin.

Champion gilt was shown by Ricky Mims, and Reserve Champion was awarded to Mike Bridge.

Showmanship trophies went to Deborah Holloway, Steer; G. P. Harrell, Jr., Swine, and Steve Fryar, Lambs.

A total of 72 hogs, 36 lambs, and 11 steers, were entered by 85 boys and girls, who ranged in age from nine to eighteen

years old. Billy Reagor is the Martin County agent. 4-H members work with adult leaders, and Mr. Reagor. FFA members are sponsored by vocational agriculture teachers, Nolan Parker, Stanton, and Clayton Carroll, of Flower Grove.

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee, sponsored the annual show, and also a drawing for half a beef, which was won by Bob Haislip. Division superintendents, were: Steers, Owen Kelly, assisted by Jerry Hanson, Swine; Bob Kelly, Lambs; Craig Beckmeyer, assisted by Charles Butler.

Judges of the show were: Richard Spencer, Roby, Fisher County Agent, Steers; Gerald Oakes, Coahoma, Swine, and Charles Green, Midland County Agent, Lambs. Producers Livestock Company of San Angelo, bid the floor price on lambs at \$26.50 cwt., and Olan Wise Hog Yard of Lamesa, bid \$21.00 cwt., as floor price on barrows.

OTHER SHOW RESULTS

Heavyweight Steers: Brenda Holloway, third; Morgan Cox, (Continued on page 8)

Mahon Rates As Prime Mover In Search For Water To Import Into Texas

When the Texas Water Development Board announced its \$10-billion master plan in mid-December, it was evident that Washington and Austin had already been operating in tandem in trying to fill the state's water needs up to the year 2020.

And above all others, the key man on the national end will be Rep. George Mahon of Lubbock. Long interested in solving the need of arid West Texas, Mahon already rates as the prime mover in the search for water for importation into the state.

Cornerstone in the state

board's plan is the diversion to Texas of 12-13 million acre-feet a year, including 1.5 million of it for New Mexico, from the Lower Mississippi. That was hardly a surprise, for if the state project looked elsewhere, it would have spoken little for federal-state coordination.

Last May, the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers released a preliminary report in which they concluded that the most likely place for Texas to find water is the Lower Mississippi Valley. The two agencies said

hat further studies would aim in that direction.

Their decision grew out of earlier surveys when West Texas was casting its eye on all possible compass points for an available source. The Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest and the Missouri in the nation's heartland were among those mentioned.

During this look - and - see period, Mahon was making sure the exploration was financed with annual appropriations, including \$892,000 during the current fiscal year for the first major probe into the availability of surplus Mississippi River waters.

While the study at its inception was designed to overcome the long - haul water needs of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, the federal survey neatly dovetails into the state's overall plan.

The state board recommends construction of two canals to carry the Mississippi water and stored reservoir water from East Texas to both South Texas and West Texas. One conveyance system would run from Louisiana north of Dallas and Fort Worth into the South Plains of Texas and beyond. The other network would come out of the Louisiana and parallel the Gulf

Coast to the Rio Grande Valley.

From the Washington view, there are two principal aspects of the problem, one is economic and the other political.

The federal engineers have said transport of the water by canal and by use of existing rivers and streams is physically feasible. The justification of the Mississippi water plan on an economic basis is something still to come.

The political problem is even thornier, for every state looks with suspicion on neighbors who covet its water rights.

Arkansas officials didn't miss a step in declaring, a few days after the Texas plan was made public, that they intended to be present when any final decisions are made on diversion of Mississippi water. What the Arkansans really meant was that they expected to be there protecting their interests from the first. The other Valley states will do the same.

So last May it was natural for Mahon to speak with caution about the new direction of the feasibility study, and to emphasize that only surplus waters beyond the Valley states' needs would be ear-

marked for possible diversion. In all these considerations, Mahon's interest cannot be minimized, for he operates at a special advantage, the special advantage, the chairmanship of the House Appropriations Committee. In his committee room, all federal spending legislation is born to go forth through Congress or to die in a quiet way.

Mahon was once compared by a Washington pundit to the late Rep. Clarence Cannon (DM.), who chaired Appropriations before him, the writer said that Mahon, unlike his predecessor "seems" to be-

lieve in democracy."

Cannon was one of the old-school potentates of the House, who had a heavy hand and knew how to use it.

That is not Mahon's style, but that doesn't mean he doesn't achieve his objectives. The feasibility study has advanced from year to year without any measurable outcry, even as budgetary cutbacks were ordered elsewhere.

Just being chairman of a powerful committee is often enough to hold colleague criticism and opposition at a standstill.

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Mrs. T. D. Morgan Dies In Hospital; Services Tuesday

Mrs. Tillmon D. (Willie) Morgan of 3405 W. Storey St., Midland, died Monday, January 13 in a Midland hospital following an extended illness.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Newline W. Ellis Chapel with Bob Mize of the Forth Worth and Jax Streets Church of Christ officiating. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 17, 1908 in Alabama. She moved to Texas in her childhood and lived in Comanche County. In 1934 she moved to McCamey, where she married Morgan. They moved to Midland four years ago from Martin County.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Glyn E. Pitts of Houston, and Bruce B. Pitts of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Linda Smith of Big Spring; her mother, Mrs. Berta Daw-

son of DeLeon; four brothers, Hershel, Walter, and Houston Dawkins, all of DeLeon, and S. T. Dawkins of Goodwater, Ala.; six sisters, Mrs. R. D. Ross of Orla, Mrs. Hollis Head of Roby, Mrs. A. W. Thomas of Rotan, Mrs. Alvin Childress of Sweetwater, Mrs. Orlin Kelley of Fort Stockton, and Mrs. J. B. Shirley of Quanah, and seven grandchildren.

Palbearers were Jesus Galindo, Moses Flores, Cecil Sain, Corky Bosworth, Carl Wilson, and Ramon Manriquez. Honorary pallbearers were Dan Casbeer, Raymond Elliott, and Joe Moreno.

Recently visiting with her mother, Mrs. Eula Eubanks, was Mrs. Mildred Ballard of Santa Monica, California.

Read the Ole Reliable for the latest hometown news!

Flower Grove School 1968-1969 Basketball Schedule

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

Philosopher Thinks Up One-Platoon Mailing System But Doubts It'll Work For P. O.

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw ignores the international situation this week and concentrates on domestic issues.)

Dear editor:

Three items in one newspaper that turned up out here on this Martin County grass farm yesterday have convinced me that the saying, "Nothing succeeds like success," should be changed to "Nothing fails like success."

One item reported that the Saturday Evening Post, with largest circulation in its 175-year history, is closing down because it's busted. It had so many subscribers and such a shortage of advertising is couldn't make ends meet. It even tried cutting 3 million subscribers off, but still it didn't work.

Another item reported that college football, breaking all attendance records, at higher ticket prices, is losing money, and some coaches are arguing they ought to go back to one-platoon football, where one player plays on both offense and defense. Like it is, it takes four teams, two for offense, counting the No. 1 team and the No. 2 team to back up play-



vers who get hurt, and the same for defense. "It costs too much money for scholarships and equipment for that many men," some coaches argue. I don't know what the solution is, but those coaches ought to know that if they switch to one-platoon ball, they can't expect the boys to play double time for the same money, so the total salary bill would be the same. They might save a little on headgears, but I doubt it since they too would be used twice as much and last only half as long.

The third item reported that the U. S. Post Office Department is getting so much business it's in worse shape than football on the Saturday Evening Post. The more business it gets, the more money it loses.

I have thought of one-platoon mailing, where it's all right to get a letter but against the law to answer it, and while this would cut down on volume all right; some soreheads would object.

I don't know what the answer is, but Congress ought to get to work on the problems as soon as it gets its salary raised and other routine business out of the way. It's bad enough to lose the Saturday Evening Post, but we can't have the Post Office shutting down too.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

FFA Club News 4-H Club Leaders Sets Dates For Activities Here

The Stanton Chapter of Future Farmers of America, met Tuesday, January 14. Claude Straub presided over the meeting, as the chapter discussed the coming of the Martin County Livestock Show to be held January 18, at the county barn.

The chapter also discussed the coming of National FFA Week, which is from February 15 through 22, and decided to appear on radio and television, if possible, and to appear before some local civic group.

The chapter also discussed preparations for exhibitors and team members at the El Paso Livestock Show to be held February 1-9.

REBEKAH LODGE MEETS

The Stanton Rebekah Lodge met Monday, January 13, in the IOOF Hall, with Mrs. Henry Louder, noble grand, presiding. Twenty-three visits

were reported. Refreshments were served to 11 members.

Plans were also made to begin a public speaking unit group in February.

Mrs. W. T. Wells was elected as representative to the District Adult Leader Association, and Mrs. Bob Cox was elected as alternate.

Mrs. William McMahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Epley of Stanton, received her BA degree from the University of Maryland this week. The McMahan live in Vienna, Virginia, where he is employed by the government.

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FAIR LEADER NAMED TO TOP INDUSTRY POST



JOSEPH E. RUCKER, JR., executive vice president and general manager of the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, was elected president of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions at its 78th annual meeting in Chicago in December 1968. The huge organization is composed of the top fair industry leaders from around the world. Mr. Rucker also is acting president of the Texas Association of Fairs and Expositions.

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Bible Comment—

Bible Is Treasure Trove Of Expression

The Bible is a book amazingly rich in illustrations and figures of speech. There are literary devices to make meanings plain as well as to enrich the expression of thought. We are often given a statement of resemblance which may make vivid in a few words something that much explanation might only make more obscure.

Let us take, for example, one of the clearest and most effective figures in all Scripture, as recorded according to John. Instead of saying, "The disciple is one with me, we are from the same root, we have the same substance, we partake of the same beauty and we have a common part in the fruitfulness of good living," Jesus puts it all in a figure that appeals simultaneously to the eye, the heart and the mind:

"I am the vine, ye are the branches."

His listeners, all vineyard folk, grasp that fact better than if it had been expressed in a long sermon. They also understand that the vine is of no use unless it bears fruit.

Jesus thus links the lesson of the vine and of union with Himself with the matter of bringing forth the fruit of Christian character and good works.

God has a meaning and purpose for our lives. It is that these lives should be productive and He is glorified when His children fulfill this purpose.

The test of our union with Christ is this fruitfulness of our own lives.

"Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples."

Agronomist Offers Winter Grazing Tips

Winter pastures can be better utilized if they are grazed less, Dr. J. Neal Pratt, extension agronomist at Texas A&M University, reminds livestock producers.

Most winter pastures, such as small grains, contain high amounts of protein and other nutrients and continuous grazing is usually unnecessary for beef cattle. Approximately one or two hours of grazing per day is sufficient for a beef held on medium growth pastures, he adds.

"Grazing every third or fourth day is also a good practice to follow. Research has shown that limiting the amount of grazing for beef cattle can more than double the profits to livestock producers," Pratt says.

The agronomist points out that it is a different story for dairymen and in many cases stocker producers. In such enterprises where most of the animal product is marketed, winter pastures can be used to a greater extent.

Free choice feeding of high-quality hay is usually recommended and can mean extra days of grazing and profits from winter pastures.

Ample fertilization can help raise the usefulness of winter grazing land. Pratt advises producers to start thinking

Girl Scout News

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 109 met January 17, and went on a nature hike.

Members present were: Vicki Cox, Lanice Owens, Leticia Arguello, Rhonde Fried, Donna Rivest, Velma Villa, Sandy Blow, Rachel Thomas, Connie Barnhill, Tracie Williams, Dee Ann Cravens, Rena Koonce, and Bonnie Barnhill.

One new member, Selga Warren, joined, and two visitors, Trina Owens, Janna McAlpine, attended.

Refreshments were served by Donna Rivest and Velma Villa, with leaders, Mrs. Vernon Cox and Mrs. Wesley Williams, Jr., present.

A new hairpiece makes it possible for a woman to change her hair style in a dozen different ways. It can be worn as a flip, a short fall, a long fall, or pony tail, a page boy, a cascade of curls, a wiglet on a fall or as a complete wig, the manufacturer says. The hairpiece comes in 24 natural colors to match most shades of hair. The manufacturer says the hairpiece is simple to maintain. You wash it in cold water, using a mild shampoo. It is drip-dry.

now of topdressing if additional grazing is on the slate for the early spring. A soil test is the best way to determine fertilization and limestone needs," he concludes.

Twenty-Three Years Ago

As of December 1, a total of 9,194 bales of cotton were ginned in Martin County. In 1944 the crop totaled 12,162 bales of cotton. When the ginning is completed the total is expected to reach last year's total.

—23 YA—

Tull Ray Louder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Louder, and Helen Ruth Range, daughter of Chaplain and Mrs. N. L. Range of Dallas, were married Saturday, December 22. Miss Range formerly lived in Stanton, when her father was pastor of the Baptist Church in Stanton.

—23 YA—

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Estes have received a letter from their son, Tom Estes, serving in the U. S. Army. He said he has been promoted to Sergeant and has been awarded a good conduct medal.

—23 YA—

The Stanton A team defeated Ackerly in the finals Saturday night to win the Ackerly invitational basketball tournament. Stanton had previously defeated Loop and Courtney to advance to finals.

—23 YA—

After operating since January 18, 1942, the OPA office here was consolidated with Midland and the office moved to Midland last week. Clayton Burnam had served as chief clerk.

—23 YA—

Stanton Lions Club presented a variety show Friday night. The program included rhythm band numbers by members of the Lions Club, a one act play, readings, tricks by a magician, and other numbers.

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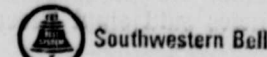


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With the 1968 cotton crop on the High Plains for all intents and purposes "in the barn," Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has issued its final computer compiled report on crop quality for the year.

Based on a total of 61,832 samples out of classings just under 1,470,000 bales, the PCG analysis shows an improvement in staple length that can only be described as spectacular, a significant increase in fiber strength (pressley), and a slight gain in micronaire, or fiber maturity.

Grade and color of the year's crop however, thanks to a siege of wet weather in the middle of the harvest season, was not so good as in 1967.

The report calls attention to the following points:

1. Staple length of the crop average 32.3 thirty-seconds of an inch, with 67.7 per cent stapling an inch or longer. Average length for 1967 was only 31.6 thirty-seconds, with just over 39 per cent pulling an inch or more.

2. Pressley for the 1968 crop averaged 82,400 pounds per square inch, and 90.2 per cent tested 75,000 pounds or above. The same figures, respectively for the 1967 crop were 79,100 pounds, and 67.1 per cent.

3. Micronaire readings averaged 3.4, up from last year's 3.3, with 36.4 per cent equal to or above the "tenderable limit" of 3.5. Last year's report showed 35.5 per cent in this latter category.

4. White cotton for the season accounted for 38.1 per cent of the crop, with only 5.9 per cent grading Middling White and above. This compares with 40.8 per cent, and 14.1 per cent, respectively, from the 1967 crop.

5. In the Light Spot class this year came 47.5 per cent of ginnings with 17.5 per cent going Middling Light Spot or above. Light Spots last year came to 46.4 per cent, and 32.5 per cent was Middling Light Spot or above.

6. The remaining 14.4 per cent of the harvest in 1968 was made up of Full Spot, Tinged, Light Gray, and Gray grades, as compared to only 12.8 per cent that fell to these lower grades in 1967.

The PCG quality report, widely used and accepted by textile mills and others as the most complete and accurate

analysis of each year's crop from the High Plains, cross-classes grade with staple, staple with micronaire, grade with micronaire, and micronaire with fiber strength.

It also contains a chart on fiber elongation frequency and one which correlates fiber strength and elongation, information not available to spinners and buyers from any other source.

PCG receives the results from Smith-Doxey classing on one sample from each sack delivered by gins to classing offices at Lamesa, Brownfield, and Lubbock For Pressley and elongation figures, PCG gets from the classing offices "pressley plugs," which are tested for strength and elongation by the Textile Research Center at Texas Tech.

Analysis of the data is accomplished through the Computer Center at Texas Tech, and a printed report is sent to members of the cotton trade, textile mills, researchers, seed breeders and others.

At the end of the season a county-by-county summary, plus complete figures on acreage, production and yields, is put together and distributed to interested parties.

While on the subject of quality, PCG's Executive Vice President Donald A. Johnson, has accepted an invitation to speak Sunday, January 19, to directors of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association on the producer's view of cotton classing by instrument. The TCGA Broad is meeting in San Antonio January 19 and 20.

Instruments that will scientifically foretell the spinning performance of a bale of cotton have long been a goal of the industry. Dreams of such instruments go back far enough to tax the memory of almost everyone now in the cotton business.

But only in very recent years has the development of such instruments reached the stage that they are being seriously considered as a replacement for the human hand and eye in the judgment of cotton quality.

Three "lines" of such instruments measuring the various quality characteristics of cotton are in operation on the Plains this year. One, located at Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, is in its third year of operation and is enjoying considerable success.

The other two were set up this year for the first time. One is operated at Texas Tech by Quality Fiber Control, Inc., a group of independent ginners, while the third line is being operated by USDA on an experimental basis at the Lubbock cotton classing office.

So Johnson says, "The time may well be just around the corner when he will have the possibility of all cotton classing done by instruments, and now is the time for us to take a hard look at the broad range of effects this could have on cotton producers."

The text of Johnson's address on instrument classing will be released after the meeting.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has just released a summary of the 1968 High Plains Diapause Boll Weevil Control Program showing a base control zone of 168,000 acres sprayed from one to six times for an aggregate total of 616,629 acres.

All cost figures have not yet been finalized, but the approximate total will come to about \$800,000 according to Ed Dean, PCG Field Service Director. The program is jointly financed by cotton producers on the Plains, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the Texas Department of Agriculture. Federal funds match, dollar for dollar, those supplied by producers and the Texas Department.

Primary objective of the program is to prevent the westward spread of boll weevils across the High Plains, New Mexico, Arizona, and on into California. And from this standpoint Dean states that the program can again be termed successful, as it has been since 1964.

However Dean pointed out that in terms of weevils remaining in control zone cotton when 1968 sprayings were terminated the "degree of effectiveness" fell short of the high standard set in previous years.

Each year since the program began in 1964, weevils left in control zone fields have numbered less than 10 per cent of those remaining in adjacent fields outside the zone.

Surveys to determine weevil numbers in both treated and untreated fields were conducted periodically throughout the spray operation, but the final inspection in 1968 came November 9 to 11, after "check fields" in Dickens and Motley Counties had been either desiccated or harvested.

Consequently the only figures available for compar-

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THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS: "The Mitchell County Soil Conservation Association's rental equipment, that for a number of years has been placed in the hands of farmers and ranchers of this area at a small rental fee, has been collected and is to be sold at auction."

THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT: "Three trees that will provide sturdy shade in future years in Reagan County Park around the swimming pool area, will be planted Tuesday afternoon in a memorial program honoring the late Mrs. A. H. Garner, and the late Mac and Indian McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McBride of Corpus Christi."

"The special ceremony for the public will commemorate Arbor Day in Reagan County."

THE FORT STOCKTON PIONEER: "The world of automobile racing gained a new world's speed record Tuesday afternoon, and that achievement was accomplished just a few miles west of Fort Stockton at the high-speed track of Firestone Test Center."

"Art Arfene, 42-year-old former holder of the world's land speed record, crawled into a sleek jet-powered racer early Tuesday afternoon at the Firestone track and streaked to a mark of 261.62 m.p.h. in the quarter-mile."

"That speed, officially registered by timers of the American Hot Rod Association, was good enough to beat the world's to a mark of 261.62 m.p.h. in the quarter-mile."

"The world-famous driver from Akron, Ohio, was earth's fastest land driver in 1965, when he steered another jet-powered vehicle to 576 m.p.h. on a much longer track."

MATADOR TRIBUNE: "The big cotton crop in 1968 is reflected at the Panhandle Compress Co. cotton yard at Roaring Springs. Manager Charlie L. Long said Saturday that he expected to handle about 15,000 bales this season. He said the yard had once handled 20,000 during a big crop year

son on the final check are those from fields in Kent County, representing the heavier infestations in the control zone and also the area where greatest reinfestation from outside the zone took place after each spraying.

Treated fields in Kent County at the end of the program were estimated to have an average of 2,360 potential hibernating weevils per acre, according to the report of Dr. Dale Bottrell, research entomologist with the South Plains Research and Experiment Station, and Lyndon Almond, Area Extension Entomologist.

The same report show 4,912 potential hibernating weevils per acre in Kent County fields outside the control zone, for a 52 per cent reduction.

But both entomologists and Dean agree that this percentage figure does not reflect the total effectiveness of the 1968 program because of the extremely heavy Kent County infestations and the reinfestation caused by migration from untreated fields.

Acreage in the weevil control zone had been steadily reduced each year until 1968, from almost 300,000 in 1964 to 118,000 in 1967. But the control zone for 1968 jumped back to 168,000 acres when heavy migration made it necessary to spray for the time about 50,000 acres in Dawson, Borden, and Lynn counties.

This unprecedented southern invasion, like the reduced effectiveness of spraying in the standard control zone, entomologist believe to be the result of excellent insect reproducing weather in 1968. Not only boll weevils, but greenbugs, screwworm flies, and other insects reached record numbers, creating pressure for migration not present before.

But now that the pattern has been set, Dean is of the opinion that this acreage in Dawson, Borden, and Lynn Counties will have to be included as a part of the 1969 control zone.

The producer's part of control program costs have been paid for at the rate of 50 cents per bale in 1964 and 65, 40 cents per bale in 1966 and 67, and 25 cents per bale in 1968.

"The per-bale amount that will be needed from producer to assure continued control of weevils in 1969, has not yet been determined," Dean said, "but any increase in the size of the control zone of course will have to be taken into consideration."

The past year also saw the heaviest weevil infestation in history in Midland, Glasscock, and southern Martin Counties, all to the south of the High Plains area.

In addition, very small weevil numbers were found late in the season as far west as Andrews and Gaines counties, but entomologists agree that these were purely migratory weevils and do not constitute an established infestation.

A line or pheromone or so-called sex traps, a proven tool for detecting extremely sparse weevil populations, will be placed all along the eastern edge of Dawson County, and along the southern borders of Dawson and Gaines counties, to the New Mexico line this year. According to Dean these traps, plus manual surveys, will keep a constant gauge on the danger to PCG counties from weevils that might come in from Martin or Andrews counties.

"The weevil is a very elusive and sometimes unpredictable insect and the moves he made in 1968 are a good indication of what he is capable of doing under favorable conditions even when we are fighting him with everything we have," Dean said.

"So we are going to maintain a constant alert on his every move. Otherwise we could not hope to keep him under control and protect our vast cotton acreage."

before there was any restriction on acreage. "Long said his compress handles cotton from East Afton, Roaring Springs, Matador, and Dougherty gins."

SEMINOLE SENTINEL: "Preliminary cost estimates of proposed improvements for Seminole schools were presented Monday night to the Board of Trustees, with the total figure placed at \$250,000."

THE MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT: "Plans are in the final stage now for the construction of a \$1 million Federal Housing Project for Memphis, Gene Hamill, chairman of the Memphis Housing Authority, announced this week."

THE ALPINE AVALANCHE: "Building permits issued by the City of Alpine during 1968, totaled \$1,295,882, according to City Secretary Marjorie K. Graham. This figure includes \$613,000 for three Federal housing projects."

THE EDEN ECHO: "As of Tuesday afternoon of this week, less than one-half—600—of Concho County's eligible electors had registered to vote. That was the report issued by Sheriff Marvin Peek early Wednesday."

THE MUNDAY TIMES: "Open House was held Saturday evening in the reception room of the Chamber of Commerce building honoring Munday's new doctor and his family, Dr. and Mrs. Ayres Cerman, Jeffery, Jonathan, Gretchen, and Gregory."

"Chamber Directors and their wives were hosts at Open House to introduce the new family to the area people. Approximately 150 people attended between the hours of 6 to 8 p.m. to welcome the newcomers."

Proposed Library Systems Act

A bill with the purpose of raising the level of library service in Texas and making adequate library service equally available to every citizen will be introduced in the Sixty-first Texas Legislature.

The proposed Library System Act, to be sponsored by the Texas Library Association, is an outgrowth of the 1966 Governor's Conference on Libraries, in which the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs played an important role as sponsor and in which federated club women from all over the state participated.

Texas spends \$5,700 to educate each child for twelve years in its public schools and then spend \$72 during the next fifty years to provide the public library materials to fully utilize and extend this education. Texas local governments spend an average of \$1.25 per capita annually on public library services. Based on the 1960 census, this county spends a little over 48 cents per capita which has been an increase of 25 cent in the past four years. By comparison California spends \$3.59, and Massachusetts \$4.61.

To help overcome Texas' library deficiencies, the proposed Act calls for the establishments of a state library system and state grants to aid in its establishment and development.

Without losing local autonomy, local libraries would link themselves together by contract to form Major Resource System, which collectively would serve the entire population of the State. Each of these Systems would consist of Community Libraries (small public libraries) linked to a Major Resource Center (a large public library) linked to Technical Information and Research Libraries, which would provide specialized resources and services.

Through reference referral service, the local library user could draw upon the total library resources of the State to find the information he needs. Besides improved reference service, system membership could offer the local library such services and materials as a book pool to augment its collection; audio visual materials; economical centralized book processing, which would free the local staff for public service; consultant service by specialists in adult, young people's and children's work, and borrowing privileges in all libraries belonging to the system.

To be eligible to participate in a system and receive state aid, local libraries would have to meet criteria for level of service and local support set by the Texas State Library and Historical Commission.

State aid would take the form of development grants, to strengthen services to member libraries; establishment grants, to help establish libraries which would qualify for system participation in communities without library service; and equalization grants, to help libraries in tax-poor communities qualify for system membership.

The money is available in the general fund and would not call for an additional tax raise. If you are interested in improving libraries, write your legislators: The Honorable R. G. Pendleton, Member of Assembly, Austin, Texas 78761, and The Honorable H. J. Blanchard, State Senate, Austin, Texas 78761. Any organization may pass a resolution supporting the bill and send it to the above-men.

Martin County Library, Mrs. Ralph Caffey, librarian, phone 756-2472 or Box 1078.

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THE MARTIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Stanton T.O.P.S. Club Has Meet

A film on beauty was shown by Tom Angel, when the Scale Steppers T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club met Tuesday night, January 14, in the Martin County Library.

Three new members were welcome, and Mrs. Virgie Johnson was crowned six-month queen. The club's queen for December was Mrs. Robert White.

The losing team in weight loss will entertain the winning team with a salad supper at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, in the library.

The club has extended an invitation for guests to attend club activities.

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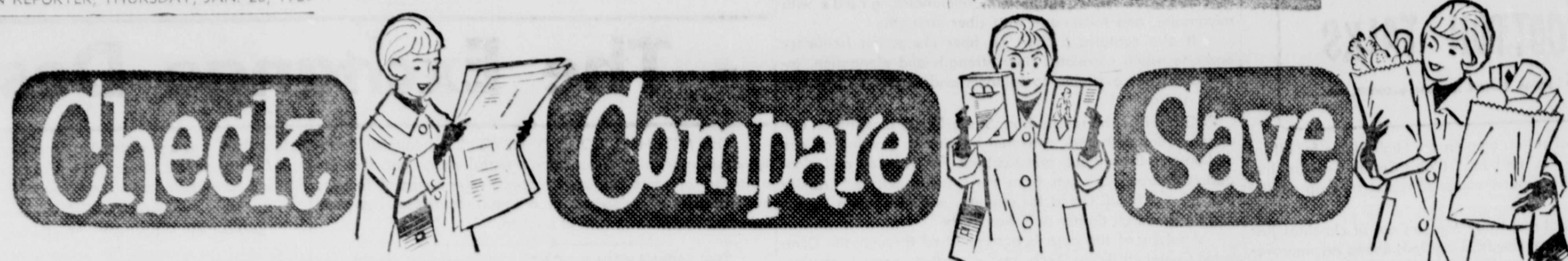
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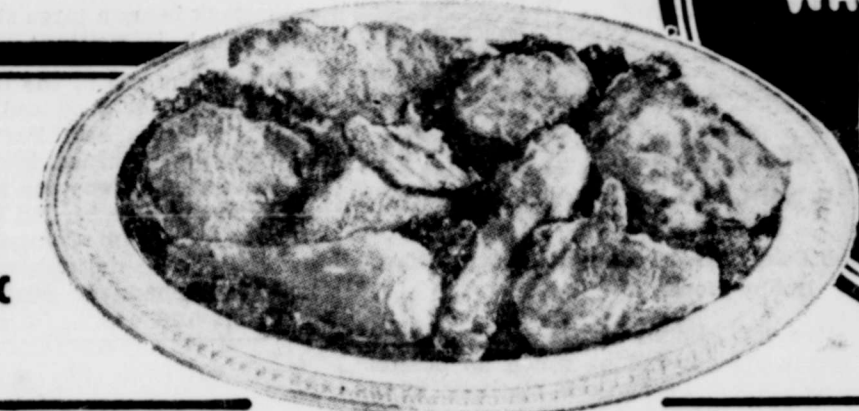
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PERSONALS

Stanton Study Club Met Tuesday, Jan. 14

The Stanton Study Club met Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14, in the home of Mrs. Jack Woodrow for a business session.

Presiding was Mrs. Jimmy Wheeler.

A report was on the completion of a place mat sale project, and Mrs. Stanley Reid, new chairman of the Mart in County Historical Society, reported on progress being made for the formation of a historical museum. She also said a charter is being prepared for the society.

A discussion of the departments of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was held, and the club voted to support the Departments of Education and Community Improvement.

The next club meeting will be Feb. 11 in the Cap Rock Auditorium.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Stanley Reid, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. S. W. Wheeler, Mrs. Jimmy Wheeler, Mrs. J. Alex Haggard, Mrs. C. F. Huling, Mrs. Henry Watson, Mrs. Bob Cox, Dr. Sue Fisher, Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. J. O. Stuard, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Dee Cravens, and Mrs. Jack Woodrow.

Co-Op Ceases To Operate

Cap Rock Refrigeration Cooperative ceased operations at the end of 1968, a victim of the rise of home freezers and a fall-off in farm product processing.

At the end, officials found out that one worry they had harbored all these years was without foundation, namely

Government Leaders Set A&M Meeting

The Eleventh Annual Conference for County Judges and Commissioners will kick off here Feb. 5 with programs designed for all concerned with county government. It will be held at the Ramada Inn, and attendance is expected to range from 150-200.

The Feb. 3-7 conference is sponsored by the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas and the Agricultural Extension Service. In announcing the conference Extension Director John E. Hutchison said the program would feature speakers and panels on subjects of primary importance to the conferees.

Judge J. C. Davis, Jr., Assistant State Attorney General, will address the group, along with Dr. Kenross Wright, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Retardation and Mental Health. Wright will present new information regarding the treatment and admission policies.

Hutchison also said the personnel from Texas A&M University's Transportation Institute will discuss soil stabilizers road base material and other topics of interest to members of County Commissioners' Courts.

County agricultural agents have been supplied with other information and registration material for those planning to attend the annual three-day meet.

the spectra of a power failure with a house full of frozen foods. When the vaults were cleared, the door was left open to ventilate and thaw the facility. Two weeks later, under these conditions, the inside temperature was still slightly below freezing.

Mrs. Johnnie Zimmerman from Lamesa, visited her daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Beth Stockstill, and her granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Yates, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pickett visited friends in Elkart last week-end.

Mrs. Bessie Chapman returned to her home in Nacogdoches last Saturday, after spending three weeks here with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Eiland.

Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Holder visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Butcher and family, in Artesia, New Mexico, last week-end.

Mrs. Bob Wilhite and chil-

dren of Odessa, visited her mother, Mrs. Lottie Avery, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bridgeman attended a Lion Club meeting in Sweetwater, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander and three sons of El Paso, visited her mother, Mrs. Annie Thomason, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelly of Hereford, visited relatives here last week-end.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Williamson last week-end, were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jamison from Iowa. The Jamisons are former residents of Stanton, and he worked for the soil conservation here.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

MARTIN-HOWARD-MIDLAND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Depletion of vegetative cover on the land is the basic cause of soil erosion by wind or water, reports Jake Hodges, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service.

Little erosion occurs under natural conditions. Restoring the vegetative cover comparable to natural conditions is the most logical solution for erosion control. However man must till the soil to produce crops, graze land to produce livestock, and cut trees for other needs. All of these practices tend to deplete the vegetative cover on the land.

During normal farming or ranching operations on the high plains, care should be taken to keep the soil covered as much of the time as possible. When our medium textured soils are exposed to high winds for a very long period of time, they have the tendency to blow or shift. This can lead to serious damages, both to the soils and to the crops growing on them. Crops are often destroyed by abrasive action of blowing soil particles.

Silt clay and organic matter are lost from the surface of the soil, which in turn may carry insects and weed seeds to clean fields. Mounds of sand may smother grass, shrubs and trees. Drifting sand often buries and ruins fences. Farm families and livestock also experience discomfort from dust storms. These are just some of the reasons why we

should try to keep our soils covered as much as possible.

Permanent methods of controlling wind erosion on the High Plains, include stubble mulching, cover crops, strip cropping, and crop rotation, proper choice and use of tillage, planting and harvesting equipment, wind breaks, and etc. All help to do a better job of trying to conserve the soil. Farmers may need to adopt some of all of these practices, but sometimes they may have to fall back on emergency methods when a period of several climatic conditions may cause poor crops and inadequate production of residue.

Emergency methods include tillage to bring clods to the surface. The tillage should be done before the soil begins to blow, if possible. Soil becomes more erodible under abrasive action of moving soil particles. This means as the soil begins to blow, soil particles pounding against other particles, help to toss them into the air, which causes an avalanche so to speak.

Although individual efforts are usually very effective in controlling wind erosion, much more can be obtained where groups of farmers promote community action against the problems that exist in their areas.

Farm & Ranch Review

Grazing Systems For Profitable Ranching — That's the title of a new publication recently released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. A good system of grazing system, say the authors, can be defined as manipulating animals to obtain maximum sustained livestock and forage production at a low cost. Considerations for a grazing system are divided into categories based on the use of natural forage and include degree of use; flexibility of grazing; combination stocking and planned use. Each is discussed in detail by the authors. Copies are available from local county agents.

Hay Quality In '69 — It depends mainly, says Neal Pratt, extension agronomist, on two factors — ample fertilization of the hay fields and harvesting the crop before it reaches the mature stage. Too, he added, adequate rainfall, as was the case in 1968, would materially aid production. He suggests a soil test now to determine fertilizer and lime needs.

Dairy Herds Larger And Milk Production Per Cow Up — J. W. Davis, extension dairy specialist, says Dairy Herd Improvement Association records show that the size of dairy herds in Texas have almost doubled in the past 10 years from 57.5 cows to 97.4 cows per herd. Milk production has climbed from 8,113 pounds to 11,154 pounds per cow per year.

Trade at home and save!

Red's Corner

By RED GIBSON

As noted in this corner before, I have made the trip between Dallas and Stanton a thousand times, give or take a few, and have always noticed something new along route.

It is probably inborn laziness, but for some reason I never stopped at the smokestack at Thurber until one sunny day not long ago. The stop was edifying, and it led to a number of greater revelations about Thurber.

That big smokestack (it's 148 feet tall, and it once served the electricity plant that produced power for 10,000 people in the city of Thurber) is the main remnant of a golden area, writers are prone to say. I don't know how golden the era was, but Thurber was quite a town in its day—the largest between Fort Worth and El Paso in 1910. It even had an opera house that was used for traveling opera companies and for untraveling badger fights, which makes for a pretty good mixture of frontier culture.

Anyway, the base of the smokestack bears a large sign, upon which is written:

"This is the site of the first commercial coal produced in Texas by Texas and Pacific Coal Company, mined in 18-88. The company was the forerunner of the Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil Company, now one of the nation's substantial independent producers of oil and gas."



New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Mullins, Jr. of Stanton, announce the birth Sunday in the local hospital of a daughter, Tracy Glyn, weighing seven pounds and five ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Treadway, 1800 Belmont St., Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Mullins of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bizzell of 510 West Third Street, are the parents of son, Troy Don, born Wednesday, January 15, in a Big Spring hospital. He weighed six pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Madison of Stanton. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Bizzell, Sr., of Odessa.

"The transition from coal mining to petroleum production was accelerated in 1917 by the discovery of oil and gas in the great Ranger Field 16 miles to the west. It was a natural evolution of an American enterprise dedicated to developing natural resources to supply the nation's growing needs for abundant energy."

"Beneath this ground lies part of the 127,000,000 tons of coal still owned by Texas Pacific, which may be mined in the future. This is Texas' only known deposit of bituminous coal, and occurs from the surface to a depth of 450 feet."

The sign was erected in 1963. In 1963 the company was bought by the Seagram's distillery people, and company headquarters were moved to Dallas, with the new name of Texas Pacific Oil Company.

The good people of Texas Pacific are now trying to get a museum started in the old town. Two groups, the Thurber Ex-Students and Teachers Association and the Thurber Old Settlers, have merged as the Thurber Historical Association and plan to rejuvenate the place. They met earlier this month to plan for the museum and for the June 7-8 reunion that is expected to draw about 1,000 old Thurberites back to town.

I can only wish them luck. This business of bringing ghost towns back to life is a tricky proposition. As I understand it, the association isn't trying to build a profit on the ruins of Thurber; instead, the main attraction will be a museum showing Texans and visitors what went on in the formation and growth of this state's industry.

Thurber, in addition to being the main coal supplier for five states at one time, was a major source of bricks. Indeed, Thurber brick can still be found on many streets, it was a heavy brick, particularly suited for roadways. If you scraped the asphalt covering off a large number of Fort Worth streets you would find Thurber brick (I remember well when those bricks didn't have a covering.) The old highway (U. S. 80) around Ranger has many miles of Thurber brick in it.

The Texas Pacific people will wind up spending a lot of money on this project, I suspect, and I don't know what they will get out of it except perhaps some good will — and the knowledge that they and the Thurber Historical Association have helped people understand some of their state's history.

That's reward enough.

EDITORIAL—

It's Up To Congress

President Johnson's proposed budget for the 1970 fiscal year, beginning next July 1, quite naturally is causing a lot of conversation, pro and con.

The farewell budget totaling \$195.3 billion represents the highest spending figure in history. It is up \$11.6 billion over the present year.

But the President envisions a \$3.4 billion government surplus if Congress approves his tax proposals, including continuation of the 10 per cent surcharges on individual and corporation income taxes.

Further study and analysis of the budget proposals in and outside as Washington will bring much more discussion — praiseworthy and otherwise.

The largest single item of spending, of course, is for defense. Johnson recommend that \$81.5 billion be appropriated for defense, up \$500 million from this year. The defense figure represents 41 per cent to the total budget. Vietnam alone accounts for almost one-third of the proposed military spending.

And when it comes to interest payments, higher rates will send this figure zooming upward to \$16.9 billion, an increase of \$800 million.

The total budget averages out to \$995 for every man, woman and child in the nation, based on a population figure of 204.5 million. The estimate this year is approximately \$905 per person, and last year it was \$878.

This brings it down to where the man on the street has a somewhat better idea of just how much money is involved in the staggering figures mentioned by the President.

Wage earners also will know more about his proposed \$1.7 billion increase in payroll taxes to finance higher Social Security benefits when increased deductions show up on their paychecks.

The tax rate, for instance, would increase from 4.8 to 5.2 per cent on both employees and employers, and the amount of income subject to tax would increase from \$7,800 to \$9,000 a year. Payroll deductions on persons earning \$9,000 or more per year would increase from \$374.40 this year to \$468 next year.

Increased spending is recommended in the areas of federal housing, crime prevention, health, air safety, and education.

The whole business now is up to Congress . . . and the members of that august body may be depended on to take the proposed budget apart and rebuild it to their liking.

—Midland Reporter-Telegram

School Menu

Stanton High School Lunch Menu

January 27 Thru January 31:

Monday: Meat loaf, green beans, buttered corn, carrot salad, fruit gelatin, rolls, milk, and butter.

Tuesday: Chicken and rice with gravy, buttered peas and carrots, cole slaw, rolls, milk, butter, and cookies.

Wednesday: Bean chalupas and tocca sauce, seasoned spinach, fruit cobbler, corn bread, butter, and milk.

Thursday: Pizza, potato in jacket, brussell sprouts, sliced fruit, rolls, butter, and

Wren Promoted

Ft. Richardson, Alaska (AH-TNC) — Glen A. Wren, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Wren, Route 1, Stanton, was promoted to Army specialist five Dec. 14 at Ft. Richardson, Alaska, where he is serving with the 214th Army Band, as a musician.

His wife, Mona, lives at 5324 Sharon, Anchorage, Alaska.

Mrs. Charles Ebbersol is home after spending several week in Dallas, with her daughter, Lela Boyd, Miss Boyd brought her mother home Saturday, and returned to Dallas Sunday.

Friday: Ranch burgers, tater tots, tomato relish, banana pudding, and milk.

- NOTICE - JANUARY 31st IS THE LAST DAY

to pay 1968 state and county taxes without penalty

— AND —

JANUARY 31st IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

IN 1969 ELECTIONS

If you are 21 years of age or older you MUST register to vote

Persons may register to vote at the Martin County Tax Collector's Office

NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS 1969 PLATES GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 1

Owners should bring to the tax collector's office the 1968 license receipt and certificate of title

DAN SAUNDERS Martin County Tax Assessor-Collector

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF STANTON

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1968, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	2,768,520.16
United States Government obligations	1,608,865.13
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	117,719.75
Securities of Federal agencies and corporations	1,234,250.00
Other securities	12,000.00
Loans and discounts	2,466,313.11
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	39,500.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
Other assets, including direct lease financing	2,512.76
TOTAL ASSETS	8,249,681.91

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	4,949,397.66
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,734,114.43
Deposits of United States Government	63,194.51
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	745,256.79
Deposits of commercial banks	26,616.19
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	40,769.06
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$7,559,348.64
(a) Total demand deposits	\$5,636,284.42
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$1,923,064.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,559,348.64

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Common stock—total par value	200,000.00
No. shares authorized 20,000	
No. shares outstanding 20,000	
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided profits	150,000.00
Reserves	140,333.27
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	690,333.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	8,249,681.91

MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with the call date	7,066,282.66
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	2,529,845.96
Valuation reserves, as deducted from loans shown in asset item 7	20,010.00

I, W. H. Terry, Jr., Cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. TERRY, JR. Cashier

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Directors
H. S. BLOCKER
O. B. BRYAN
R. O. ANDERSON

Classified Ads

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Notices

"We buy producing Oil and Gas Royalty interest. Reply held in confidence. Rotary Oil & Gas Company, Box 451, Hobbs, New Mexico." 88240.

Wanted a two bed room house to be moved. Clyde Geurin, GL 8-3325.

CARDS OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for remembering me during my illness. Your prayers, visits, flowers, gifts, and cards, made it much easier. I will long remember your kindness. May God bless each of you.
Mrs. C. E. Barker.

AUTOMOTIVE

Autos For Sale

Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

With a little cash and good credit you can buy 2 bed room home near school, worth the money, owner will carry the paper at six per cent.
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1-267-8938
Big Spring

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Appliances

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

Household Goods

WELL kept carpets show the results of regular Blue Lustre spot cleaning. Rent electric shampooer \$1. James Jones Hardware.

REAL ESTATE

Business Property

Ideal building site for sale corner Broadway and St. Francis St. Block 32 lots 7, 8, 9, 10. Phone 756-3477, Box 535, Stanton, Texas. 1-9-16-23 3tc

Houses For Sale

For Sale House To Be Moved

3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat, carpet in living room and hall. Larke kitchen with nice eating bar. Insultated. 1176 sq. ft. 3111 W. Front St. (Midland, Tex.) Phone OX 4-7707.

National Building Centers, Inc.

1-2-8tc

Mrs. R. Louder Honored With Dinner Jan. 19

Mrs. Raymond Louder was honored at her home, with a surprise barbecue birthday dinner Sunday, January 19, by her husband and family.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Louder and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Louder and family, with the daughters - in-law furnishing the traditional birthday cake.

Lou Ann presented her grandmother with a corsage.

You will find the classified ads pay off on anything you might want to rent, buy, or sell!

Martin County Abstract Co. P. O. Box 766 Stanton, Texas 79782

Farm Council Hunting Rural Hero

Texas is looking for a rural hero! This person will receive the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's Rural Heroism Award during the Texas Safety Association meeting, March 31, in Houston. The award is presented annually to a deserving person, living in a rural community of 2,500 or less, who has risked personal life or injury in performing a heroic act.

While it specifically honors one individual for exceptional bravery at a time of crisis or disaster, the safety program up this high important objective: the continuing need for improved safety conditions in our rural areas — at work, at home, and at play.

The award may go to a person credited with pulling another from a flaming building, saving a drowning person, or any other such feat of heroism. Anyone knowing of the performance of such an act during the past 12 months is urged to submit a nomination for this important award.

Nominations should include a narrative of the heroic incident, giving complete details. It should include the names of all persons involved, and should be accompanied by clippings and pictures, if they are available. The award recipient will be chosen by a panel of judges, based on the material submitted by the nominee.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Kent County pursuant to its resolution of the 15th day of January, 1969, entered upon the minutes of said court, will sell for cash to the highest and best bidder at a public hearing to be held by said court in the Commissioner's courtroom at Jayton in Kent County, Texas, at 10:00 A.M. on the 10th day of February, 1969, a lease for oil and gas development covering the entire mineral estate on oil and gas in any of all of the following land in Martin and Dawson Counties, Texas:

Labor 4, 7 and 8 in League 263, Labor 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 in League 264, Labor 4, 7, 14, 17, 24, and 25 in League 265, and Labor 14 and 17 in League 266, Kent County School Land in Martin and Dawson County, Texas, each labor containing 177.12 acres more or less.

All bids shall be upon the understanding that Kent County will retain at least a one-eighth (1/8) royalty on oil and gas; that in no case shall the primary term of any such lease be for longer than five years from the date of the lease; and that the Commissioners' Court may reject any and all bids if in its opinion same do not represent the fair value of such lease.

Bids shall specify the labor on which the bid is made and no lease will be executed covering more than one labor.

Only cash bids will be considered and a cash deposit in amount of five per cent (5%) of bid will be required of successful bidder as security during reasonable time for his title investigation.

Bobbie T. Gallagher, County Judge, Kent County, Texas.

1-23-30

Stanton High School News

By PUG DEAVENPORT



Monday marked the beginning of the second semester of the 1968-69 school year. Teachers were busy this week grading theme tests, and notebooks, while counselor Joe Cruse, was besieged with students who needed transfers to different classes.

On Wednesday, the new form of report cards were issued. There cards do not have to be signed or returned. A copy of the student's grades will be kept, however, in the office.

Drop everything you're doing Friday evening, and run, do not walk, to the Stanton High School gymnasium. What's the important event? It's Stanton High's Mighty Buffaloes versus Crane and their superstar, Tommy Jones, in a very important 5-AA basketball game; Be prepared to yell the Buffaloes on to victory! The "B" game starts at 6:15.

The Stanton High School fens clinched a 43-39 victory over Class AAA San Angelo Lakeview in a battle on the home court Monday night. Sandy Chandler set the pace with 25, and Doris Howard hit 17, before she fouled out.

The "B" girls lost a close one, 34-29. High point was Deborah Holloway, with 12.



SHOWS CHAMPIONS — Champion Fine Wool, and Champion Fine Wool Cross owned by Vicki Graves. Shown helping her is Dena Holcomb. Vicki also received a silver medalion on the champion Fine Wool.

RUSSELL SPRINGS, KY., TIMES JOURNAL: "It is plain to see that evil politicians figure that by doling out more and more welfare to millions of recipients that they can control the government forever. What professional welfare recipient would not vote for more?"

JANUARY CLEARANCE

3 PC. SECTIONAL, 2 LAMP TABLES, 1 ROUND COCKTAIL TABLE, 2 LAMPS \$189.95

5 PC. VIRTUE DINETTE SUITE, Reg. \$79.95 \$59.95
7 PC. SUITE — Only One of These \$69.88
SEVERAL GOOD REPOSSESSED DINETTES.

EARLY AMERICAN HARDROCK MAPLE BED ROOM SUITE With New \$139.00. BOX SPRING and MATTRESS Regular \$353.90, Save \$100.00 Now with Trade \$253.90

7 PC. LIVING ROOM GROUP — ALL NEW
2 PC. SOFA BED SUITE, 3 TABLES, 2 LAMPS, One At \$169.50, Another at \$176.95, With Trade.

REPOSSESSED ITEMS:
1 RICCAR SEWING MACHINE. GOOD REPOSSESSED REFRIGERATOR, \$39.95 UP. GAS RANGES, \$49.95 UP. RECONDITIONED T. V. SETS, \$69.95 UP. BEDS — CHESTS — ROLLAWAY BEDS.

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Lamesan Elected District Farm Bureau Director

A Lamesa farmer, Bill Reid, was elected Farm Bureau Director of District VI in Big Spring Saturday by the presidents of the 19 county Farm Bureaus of the district.

Reid will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of C. H. DeVaney of Coahoma.

The new director farms grain, sorghums, and cotton on 800 acres in Dawson County. Before coming to Dawson County in 1952, Reid worked with the Texas Livestock Marketing Association in Kansas City, Mo.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Reid served two years in the Army. He is a graduate of Goddard High School and received his degree from Texas Tech in 1949 in animal husbandry.

Before his election Saturday, Reid was president of the Dawson County Farm Bureau. He will resign that position to assume the duties of director of the district. He also served on the resolution committee of the 1968 state convention of the Farm Bureau in Dallas.

Reid is president of the Dawson County Community Action Program, and a member of the Lamesa Independent School District board of trustees.

He is married to the former Miss Alice Joy Barrow of Lamesa. They have four children, Spencer 14, Cody, 12, Katrina, 11, and Randy, 5.

DeVaney resigned as a district director to accept appointment as assistant legislative director of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, D. C. He and Mrs. DeVaney were to leave this week-end to make their home in Alexandria, Va.

DeVaney lacks just a few months serving 25 years as the state Farm Bureau director from this district. He started under the late Walter Hammond of Tye, and continued under Harold West of Bisli hop. Then he himself served as state president, and this year has served under Sidney Dean of Victoria. He has been a delegate many years to the American Farm Bureau meetings.

Buff's Overcome Tahoka 90-66

Tuesday, Jan. 10

The Stanton Buffaloes rolled to an easy 90-66 victory over the Tahoka Bulldogs in Tahoka Tuesday night, January 10. Coach Phil Stovall's charges were never pressed, as all the squad contributed to the scoring. Six of the Buffs were in double figures.

In the opening game, the girls' "B" unit, coached by Ruth Lewis, took a 29-21 win over the Tahoka team. The girl's varsity under Tommy Blackwell, did not fare so well, as they dropped their game by a 31-55 bargain. The local girls could not find the range and managed to score only 10 points the first half, to trail 31-10. The two teams played on even terms in the last half, but Stanton could not overcome the early Tahoka lead.

Boys' Varsity: Stanton — 20 27 17 26—90
Tahoka — 11 13 17 25—66
D. Jones 10-0-20, Dean 1-0-2, Posey 1-0-2, McCallister 5-4114, Franklin 4-2-10, Harrell

It was announced that the county food show will be held March 1, and the 9th annual competition will be March 2. Mrs. W. T. Wells was elected representative to the district leader association, and Mrs. Bob Cox will be alternate.

Patronize your home town merchants and save!

BIG SAVINGS ON BIG FAVORITES!
PRICES GOOD FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY, And SATURDAY, 23rd, 24th, And 25th
And MONDAY, TUESDAY, And WEDNESDAY, 27th, 28th, And 29th

Cake Mix	BETTY CROCKER, White, Yellow or Devil	3 FOR \$1.00
Pancake Mix	AUNT JEMIMA	33
FLOUR	LIGHT CRUST	\$1.98
Cleanser	COMET	2 FOR 35
LYSOL BOMB		7 oz. can 79c
Orange or Grape Drink, Hi-C		46 oz. can, 3 for 89c
VIENNA SAUSAGE, Van Camp		5 for \$1.00
SALMON, Gold Standard Chum		No. 1 Tall Can 69c
COFFEE	FOLGER'S	59
KOTEX		12 Count Box 39c
SNOWDRIFT		3 lb. can 79c
FABRIC FINISH, Faultless		13 oz. can 39c
GRAPE JELLY, Bama		18 oz. glass 29c
FLOUR, Gold Medal		5 lb. bag 49c
DR PEPPER, King Size		6 bottle ctn. 39c
COCA COLA, King Size		12 bottle ctn. 43c
FROZAN, Gandy's		1/2 gal., 3 for \$1.00
PURE LARD, Wright's		3 lb. ctn. 39c

VEGETABLES FOR EASY TO DO SALADS	MEATS
APPLES DELICIOUS 3 Lb. Bag 29c	PICNIC HAMS Canned, Gooch 3 Lbs., Ea. \$2.09
GREEN CABBAGE Lb. 4c	SIRLOIN STEAK CHOICE BEEF Lb. 89c
CARROTS 1 Lb. Cello Bag 10c	PORK STEAK LEAN Lb. 59c
TANGERINES CALIFORNIA Lb. 15c	PORK ROAST BOSTON BUTT Lb. 55c
FRENCH FRIES 2 Lb., Crinkle Cut 29c	PORK SAUSAGE Market Made Lb. 49c
CREAM PIES BANQUET Each 29c	BACON SLAB SLICED, GOOCH Lb. 59c

Stanton Food Market

BOB COSTEY And DWAIN HENSON — Owners
— WE DELIVER —
GET YOUR OHMER KELLY MILK HERE!
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PERSONALS

Stanton Study Club Met Tuesday, Jan. 14

The Stanton Study Club met Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14, in the home of Mrs. Jack Woodrow for a business session. Presiding was Mrs. Jimmy Wheeler. A report was on the completion of a place mat sale project, and Mrs. Stanley Reid, new chairman of the Martin County Historical Society, reported on progress being made for the formation of a historical museum. She also said a charter is being prepared for the society. A discussion of the departments of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs was held, and the club voted to support the Departments of Education and Community Improvement. The next club meeting will be Feb. 11 in the Cap Rock Auditorium. Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Stanley Reid, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. S. W. Wheeler, Mrs. Jimmy Wheeler, Mrs. J. Alex Haggard, Mrs. C. F. Huling, Mrs. Henry Watson, Mrs. Bob Cox, Dr. Sue Fisher, Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. J. O. Stuard, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Dee Cravens, and Mrs. Jack Woodrow.

Co-Op Ceases To Operate
Cap Rock Refrigeration Cooperative ceased operations at the end of 1968, a victim of the rise of home freezers and a fall-off in farm product processing. At the end, officials found out that one worry they had harbored all these years was without foundation, namely

Government Leaders Set A&M Meeting

The Eleventh Annual Conference for County Judges and Commissioners will kick off here Feb. 5 with programs designed for all concerned with county government. It will be held at the Ramada Inn, and attendance is expected to range from 150-200. The Feb. 3-7 conference is sponsored by the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas and the Agricultural Extension Service. In announcing the conference Extension Director John E. Hutchison said the program would feature speakers and panels on subjects of primary importance to the conferees. Judge J. C. Davis, Jr., Assistant State Attorney General, will address the group, along with Dr. Kenross Wright, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Retardation and Mental Health. Wright will present new information regarding the treatment and admission policies. Hutchison also said the personnel from Texas A&M University's Transportation Institute will discuss soil stabilizers road base material and other topics of interest to members of County Commissioners' Courts. County agricultural agents have been supplied with other information and registration material for those planning to attend the annual three-day meet.

the spectra of a power failure with a house full of frozen foods. When the vaults were cleared, the door was left open to ventilate and thaw the facility. Two weeks later, under these conditions, the inside temperature was still slightly below freezing.

Mrs. Johnnie Zimmerman from Lamesa, visited her daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Beth Stockstill, and her granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Yates, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pickett visited friends in Elkart last week-end.

Mrs. Bessie Chapman returned to her home in Nacogdoches last Saturday, after spending three weeks here with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Eiland.

Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Holder visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Butcher and family, in Artesia, New Mexico, last week-end.

Mrs. Bob Wilhite and children of Odessa, visited her mother, Mrs. Lottie Avery, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bridges attended a Lion Club meeting in Sweetwater, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander and three sons of El Paso, visited her mother, Mrs. Annie Thomason, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelly of Hereford, visited relatives here last week-end.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Williamson last week-end, were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jamison from Iowa. The Jamisons are former residents of Stanton, and he worked for the soil conservation here.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH
MARTIN-HOWARD-MIDLAND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Depletion of vegetative cover on the land is the basic cause of soil erosion by wind or water, reports Jake Hodges, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service. Little erosion occurs under natural conditions. Restoring the vegetative cover comparable to natural conditions is the most logical solution for erosion control. However man must till the soil to produce crops, graze land to produce livestock, and cut trees for other needs. All of these practices tend to deplete the vegetative cover on the land.

During normal farming or ranching operations on the high plains, care should be taken to keep the soil covered as much of the time as possible. When our medium textured soils are exposed to high winds for a very long period of time, they have the tendency to blow or shift. This can lead to serious damages, both to the soils and to the crops growing on them. Crops are often destroyed by abrasive action of blowing soil particles.

Silt clay and organic matter are lost from the surface of the soil, which in turn may carry insects and weed seeds to clean fields. Mounds of sand may smother grass, shrubs and trees. Drifting sand often buries and ruins fences. Farm families and livestock also experience discomfort from dust storms. These are just some of the reasons why we

should try to keep our soils covered as much as possible. Permanent methods of controlling wind erosion on the High Plains, include stubble mulching, cover crops, strip cropping, a no-till rotation, proper choice and use of tillage, planting and harvesting equipment, wind breaks, and etc. All help to do a better job of trying to conserve the soil. Farmers may need to adopt some of all of these practices, but sometimes they may have to fall back on emergency methods when a period of several climatic conditions may cause poor crops and inadequate production of residue.

Emergency methods include tillage to bring clods to the surface. The tillage should be done before the soil begins to blow, if possible. Soil becomes more erodible under abrasive action of moving soil particles. This means as the soil begins to blow, soil particles pounding against other particles, help to toss them into the air, which causes an avalanche so to speak. Although individual efforts are usually very effective in controlling wind erosion, much more can be obtained where groups of farmers promote community action against the problems that exist in their areas.

Assistance in these problems is available through the Soil Conservation Service, assisting the Martin-Howard Soil and Water Conservation District.

Grazing Systems For Profitable Ranching — That's the title of a new publication recently released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. A good system of grazing system, say the authors, can be defined as manipulating animals to obtain maximum sustained livestock and forage production at a low cost. Considerations for a grazing system are divided into categories based on the use of natural forage and include degree of use; flexibility of grazing; combination stocking and planned use. Each is discussed in detail by the authors. Copies are available from local county agents.

4-Hers Live in Town, Too — Tom Davison, assistant state 4-H leader at Texas A&M University, says that out of the current state enrollment of more than 83,000 4-H members, approximately 36 percent have urban addresses. Another 34 percent live on farms or ranches, and the remaining 30 percent are rural non-farm youths. Projects have been

Trade at home and save!

Red's Corner
By RED GIBSON

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New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Mullins, Jr. of Stanton, announce the birth Sunday in the local hospital of a daughter, Tracy Glyn, weighing seven pounds and five ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Treadway, 1800 Belmont St., Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Mullins of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bizzell of 510 West Third Street, are the parents of son, Troy Don, born Wednesday, January 15, in a Big Spring hospital. He weighed six pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Madison of Stanton. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Bizzell, Sr., of Odessa.

"The transition from coal mining to petroleum production was accelerated in 1917 by the discovery of oil and gas in the great Ranger Field 16 miles to the west. It was a natural evolution of an American enterprise dedicated to developing natural resources to supply the nation's growing needs for abundant energy."

"Beneath this ground lies part of the 127,000,000 tons of coal still owned by Texas Pacific, which may be mined in the future. This is Texas' only known deposit of bituminous coal, and occurs from the surface to a depth of 450 feet."

The sign was erected in 1963. In 1963 the company was bought by the Seagram's distillery people, and company headquarters were moved to Dallas, with the new name of Texas Pacific Oil Company.

The good people of Texas Pacific are now trying to get a museum started in the old town. Two groups, the Thurber Ex-Students and Teachers Association and the Thurber Old Settlers, have merged as the Thurber Historical Association and plan to rejuvenate the place. They met earlier this month to plan for the museum and for the June 7-8 reunion that is expected to draw about 1,000 old Thurberites back to town.

I can only wish them luck. This business of bringing ghost towns back to life is a tricky proposition. As I understand it, the association isn't trying to build a profit on the ruins of Thurber; instead, the main attraction will be a museum showing Texans and visitors what went on in the formation and growth of this state's industry.

Thurber, in addition to being the main coal supplier for five states at one time, was a major source of bricks. Indeed, Thurber brick can still be found on many streets, it was a heavy brick, particularly suited for roadways. If you scraped the asphalt covering off a large number of Fort Worth streets you would find Thurber brick. (I remember well when those bricks didn't have a covering.) The old highway (U. S. 80) around Ranger has many miles of Thurber brick in it.

The Texas Pacific people will wind up spending a lot of money on this project, I suspect, and I don't know what they will get out of it except perhaps some good will — and the knowledge that they and the Thurber Historical Association have helped people understand some of their state's history. That's reward enough.

EDITORIAL—

It's Up To Congress

President Johnson's proposed budget for the 1970 fiscal year, beginning next July 1, quite naturally is causing a lot of conversation, pro and con.

The farewell budget totaling \$195.3 billion represents the highest spending figure in history. It is up \$11.6 billion over the present year.

But the President envisions a \$3.4 billion government surplus if Congress approves his tax proposals, including continuation of the 10 per cent surcharges on individual and corporation income taxes.

Further study and analysis of the budget proposals in and outside as Washington will bring much more discussion — praiseworthy and otherwise.

The largest single item of spending, of course, is for defense. Johnson recommends that \$81.5 billion be appropriated for defense, up \$500 million from this year. The defense figure represents 41 per cent to the total budget. Vietnam alone accounts for almost one-third of the proposed military spending.

And when it comes to interest payments, higher rates will send this figure zooming upward to \$16.9 billion, an increase of \$800 million.

The total budget averages out to \$995 for every man, woman and child in the nation, based on a population figure of 204.5 million. The estimate this year is approximately \$905 per person, and last year it was \$878.

This brings it down to where the man on the street has a somewhat better idea of just how much money is involved in the staggering figures mentioned by the President.

Wage earners also will know more about his proposed \$1.7 billion increase in payroll taxes to finance higher Social Security benefits when increased deductions show up on their paychecks.

The tax rate, for instance, would increase from 4.8 to 5.2 per cent on both employes and employers, and the amount of income subject to tax would increase from \$7,800 to \$9,000 a year. Payroll deductions on persons earning \$9,000 or more per year would increase from \$374.40 this year to \$468 next year.

Increased spending is recommended in the areas of federal housing, crime prevention, health, air safety, and education.

The whole business now is up to Congress — and the members of that august body may be depended on to take the proposed budget apart and rebuild it to their liking.

—Midland Reporter-Telegram

School Menu

Stanton High School Lunch Menu

January 27 Thru January 31:

Monday: Meat loaf, green beans, buttered corn, carrot salad, fruit gelatin, rolls, milk, and butter.

Tuesday: Chicken and rice with gravy, buttered peas and carrots, cole slaw, rolls, milk, butter, and cookies.

Wednesday: Bean chalupas and tocca sauce, seasoned spinach, fruit cobbler, corn bread, butter, and milk.

Thursday: Pizza, potato in jacket, brussell sprouts, sliced fruit, rolls, butter, and

Wren Promoted

Ft. Richardson, Alaska (AH-TNC) — Glen A. Wren, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Wren, Route 1, Stanton, was promoted to Army specialist five Dec. 14 at Ft. Richardson, Alaska, where he is serving with the 214th Army Band, as a musician.

His wife, Mona, lives at 5324 Sharon, Anchorage, Alaska.

Mrs. Charles Ebborsol is home after spending several weeks in Dallas, with her daughter, Lela Boyd, Miss Boyd brought her mother home Saturday, and returned to Dallas Sunday.

Friday: Ranch burgers, tater tots, tomato relish, banana pudding, and milk.

- NOTICE -
JANUARY 31st IS THE LAST DAY

to pay 1968 state and county taxes without penalty

— AND —

JANUARY 31st IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

IN 1969 ELECTIONS

If you are 21 years of age or older you MUST register to vote

Persons may register to vote at the
Martin County Tax Collector's Office

NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS
1969 PLATES GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 1

Owners should bring to the tax collector's office the 1968 license receipt and certificate of title

DAN SAUNDERS
Martin County Tax Assessor-Collector

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Directors
H. S. BLOCKER
O. B. BRYAN
R. O. ANDERSON

W. H. TERRY, JR.
Cashier

Classified Ads

ANNOUNCEMENTS A

Special Notices A-2

"We buy producing Oil and Gas Royalty interest. Reply held in confidence, Rotary Oil & Gas Company, Box 454, Hobbs, New Mexico." 88240. 12-51-6tc

Wanted a two bed room house, to be moved. Clyde Geurin, GL 8-3325. 1-2c

CARDS OF THANKS B

I want to thank everyone for remembering me during my illness. Your prayers, visits, flowers, gifts, and cards, made it much easier. I will long remember your kindness. May God bless each of you. Mrs. C. E. Barker.

AUTOMOTIVE D

Autos For Sale D-1

EMPLOYMENT H

Help Wanted H-1

With a little cash and good credit you can buy 2 bed room home near school, worth the money, owner will carry the paper at six per cent. Call 1-267-5593 1-267-8938 Big Spring

Applications are being taken for parks and maintenance man. City of Stanton. 1-3-1tc

MERCHANDISE K

Appliances K-1

Have your GIFTS and PARTY FAVORS personalized with monogramming. We do it in all COLORS. NAPKINS, R.I.L.L.F.O.L.D.S., STATIONERY and MATCHES. STANTON DRUG STORE.

Household Goods K-3

WELL kept carpets show the results of regular Blue Lustre spot cleaning. Rent electric shampooer \$1. James Jones Hardware.

REAL ESTATE M

Business Property M-3

Ideal building site for sale corner Broadway and St. Francis St. Block 32 lots 7, 8, 9, 10. Phone 756-3477, Box 535, Stanton, Texas. 1-9-16-23 3tc

Houses For Sale M-4

For Sale House To Be Moved 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat, carpet in living room and hall. Larke Kitchen with nice eating bar. Insulated. 1176 sq. ft. 3111 W. Front St. (Midland, Tex.) Phone OX 4-7707.

National Building Centers, Inc. 1-2-8tc

Mrs. R. Louder Honored With Dinner Jan. 19

Mrs. Raymond Louder was honored at her home, with a surprise barbecue birthday dinner Sunday, January 19, by her husband and family.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Louder and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Louder and family, with the daughters - in-law furnishing the traditional birthday cake.

Lou Ann presented her grandmother with a corsage.

You will find the classified ads pay off on anything you might want to rent, buy, or sell!

Martin County Abstract Co. P. O. Box 766 Stanton, Texas 79782

Farm Council

Hunting Rural Hero

Texas is looking for a rural hero!

This person will receive the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's Rural Heroism Award during the Texas Safety Association meeting, March 31, in Houston. The award is presented annually to a deserving person, living in a rural community of 2,500 or less, who has risked personal life or injury in performing a heroic act.

While it specifically honors one individual for exceptional bravery at a time of crisis or disaster, the safety program up this high important objective: the continuing need for improved safety conditions in our rural areas — at work, at home, and at play.

The award may go to a person credited with pulling another from a flaming building, saving a drowning person, or any other such feat of heroism. Anyone knowing of the performance of such an act during the past 12 months is urged to submit a nomination for this important award.

Nominations should include a narrative of the heroic incident, giving complete details. It should include the names of all persons involved, and should be accompanied by clippings and pictures, if they are available. The award recipient will be chosen by a panel of judges, based on the material submitted by the nominee.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Kent County pursuant to its resolution of the 15th day of January, 1969, entered upon the minutes of said court, will sell for cash to the highest and best bidder at a public hearing to be held by said court in the Commissioner's courtroom in the courthouse at Jayton in Kent County, Texas, at 10:00 A.M. on the 10th day of February, 1969, a lease for oil and gas development covering the entire mineral estate on oil and gas in any of all of the following land in Martin and Dawson Counties, Texas:

Labor 4, 7 and 8 in League 263, Labor 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 in League 264, Labor 4, 7, 14, 17, 24, and 25 in League 265, and Labor 14 and 17 in League 266, Kent County School Land in Martin and Dawson County, Texas, each labor containing 177.12 acres more or less.

All bids shall be upon the understanding that Kent County will retain at least a one-eighth (1/8) royalty on oil and gas; that in no case shall the primary term of any such lease be for longer than five years from the date of the lease; and that the Commissioners' Court may reject any and all bids if in its opinion same do not represent the fair value of such lease.

Bids shall specify the labor on which the bid is made and no lease will be executed covering more than one labor.

Only cash bids will be considered and a cash deposit in amount of five per cent (5%) of bid will be required of successful bidder as security during reasonable time for his title investigation.

Bobbie T. Gallagher, County Judge, Kent County, Texas. 1-23-30

Stanton High School News

By PUG DEAVENPORT



Monday marked the beginning of the second semester of the 1968-69 school year. Teachers were busy this week grading theme tests, and notebooks, while counselor Joe Cruze, was besieged with students who needed transfers to different classes.

On Wednesday, the new form of report cards were issued. There cards do not have to be signed or returned. A copy of the student's grades will be kept, however, in the office.

Drop everything you're doing Friday evening, and run, do not walk, to the Stanton High School gymnasium. What's the important event? It's Stanton High's Mighty Buffaloes versus Crane and their superstar, Tommy Jones, in a very important 5-AA basketball game. Be prepared to yell the Buffaloes on to victory! The "B" game starts at 6:15.

The Stanton High School feds clinched a 43-39 victory over Class AAA San Angelo Lakeview in a battle on the home court Monday night. Sandy Chandler set the pace with 25, and Doris Howard hit 17, before the fouled out.

The "B" girls lost a close one, 34-29. High point was Deborah Holloway, with 12.



SHOWS CHAMPIONS — Champion Fine Wool, and Champion Fine Wool Cross owned by Vicki Graves. Shown helping her is Dena Holcomb. Vicki also received a silver medallion on the champion Fine Wool.

RUSSELL SPRINGS, KY., TIMES JOURNAL: "It is plain to see that evil politicians figure that by doling out more and more welfare to millions of recipients that they can control the government forever. What professional welfare recipient would not vote for more?"

JANUARY CLEARANCE

3 PC. SECTIONAL, 2 LAMP TABLES, 1 ROUND COCKTAIL TABLE, 2 LAMPS \$189.95

5 PC. VIRTUE DINETTE SUITE, Reg. \$79.95 \$59.95
7 PC. SUITE — Only One of These \$69.88
SEVERAL GOOD REPOSSESSED DINETTES.

EARLY AMERICAN HARDROCK MAPLE BED ROOM SUITE With New \$139.00. BOX SPRING and MATTRESS Regular \$353.90, Save \$100.00 Now with Trade \$253.90

7 PC LIVING ROOM GROUP — ALL NEW
2 PC SOFA BED SUITE, 3 TABLES, 2 LAMPS, One At \$169.50, Another at \$176.95, With Trade.

REPOSSESSED ITEMS:
1 RICCAR SEWING MACHINE. GOOD REPOSSESSED REFRIGERATOR, \$39.95 UP. GAS RANGES, \$49.95 UP. RECONDITIONED T. V. SETS, \$69.95 UP. BEDS — CHESTS — ROLLAWAY BEDS.

J. W. Atkins / BENTLEY'S

Phone 756-3751

Lamesa Elected District Farm Bureau Director

A Lamesa farmer, Bill Reid, was elected Farm Bureau Director of District VI in Bif Spring Saturday, by the presidents of the 19 county Farm Bureaus of the district.

Reid will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of C. H. DeVaney of Coahoma.

The new director farms grain, sorghums, and cotton on 800 acres in Dawson County. Before coming to Dawson County in 1952, Reid worked with the Texas Livestock Marketing Association in Kansas City, Mo.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Reid served two years in the Army. He is a graduate of Goddard High School and received his degree from Texas Tech in 1949 in animal husbandry.

Before his election Saturday, Reid was president of the Dawson County Farm Bureau. He will resign that position to assume the duties of director of the district. He also served on the resolution committee of the 1968 state convention of the Farm Bureau in Dallas. Reid is president of the Dawson County Community Action Program, and a member of the Lamesa Independent School District board of trustees.

He is married to the former Miss Alice Joy Barrow of Lamesa. They have four children, Spencer 14, Cody, 12, Katrina, 11, and Randy, 5.

DeVaney resigned as a district director to accept appointment as assistant legislative director of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, D. C. He and Mrs. DeVaney were to leave this week-end to make their home in Alexandria, Va.

DeVaney lacks just a few months serving 25 years as the state Farm Bureau director from this district. He started under the late Walter Hammond of Tye, and continued under Harold West of Bishop. Then he himself served as state president, and this year has served under Sidney Dean of Victoria. He has been a delegate many years to the American Farm Bureau meetings.

Bufs Overcome Tahoka 90-66 Tuesday, Jan. 10

The Stanton Buffaloes rolled to an easy 90-66 victory over the Tahoka Bulldogs in Tahoka Tuesday night, January 10. Coach Phil Stovall's charges were never pressed, as all the squad contributed to the scoring. Six of the Buffs were in double figures.

In the opening game, the girls' "B" unit, coached by Ruth Lewis, took a 29-21 win over the Tahoka team. The girls' varsity under Tommy Blackwell, did not fare so well, as they dropped their game by a 31-55 bargain. The local girls could not find the range and managed to score only 10 points the first half, to trail 31-10. The two teams played on even terms in the last half, but Stanton could not overcome the early Tahoka lead.

Boy's Varsity:
Stanton 20 27 17 26-90
Tahoka 11 13 17 25-66
D. Jones 10-0-20, Dean 1-0-2, Posey 1-0-2, McCallister 5-4114, Franklin 4-2-10, Harrell

4-2-10, Brown 0-2-2, Evans 0-4, L. Jones 7-0-14, and 5-0-10.

4-H Leaders Plan Speech Program

A meeting of adult 4-H leaders was held Wednesday afternoon in the office of county home demonstrator agent, Mrs. James Ellard. Included in the discussion of 4H activities for 1969 was a proposed public speaking group to be formed in February. Registration for the group will be accepted at the agent office until Jan. 24.

It was announced that the county food show will be held March 1, and the quarterly competition will be March 28. Mrs. W. T. Wells was elected representative to the district leader association, and Mrs. Bob Cox will be alternate.

Patronize your home merchants and save!

BIG SAVINGS ON BIG FAVORITES!
PRICES GOOD FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY, And SATURDAY, 23rd, 24th, And 25th And MONDAY, TUESDAY, And WEDNESDAY, 27th, 28th, And 29th

Cake Mix	BETTY CROCKER, White, Yellow or Devil	3 FOR \$1.00
Pancake Mix	AUNT JEMIMA	33
FLOUR	LIGHT CRUST	\$1.98
Cleanser	COMET	2 FOR 35
LYSOL BOMB		7 oz. can 79c
Orange or Grape Drink, Hi-C		46 oz. can, 3 for 89c
VIENNA SAUSAGE, Van Camp		5 for \$1.00
SALMON, Gold Standard Chum		No. 1 Tall Can 69c
COFFEE	FOLGER'S	59
KOTEX		12 Count Box 39c
SNOWDRIFT		3 lb. can 79c
FABRIC FINISH, Faultless		13 oz. can 39c
GRAPE JELLY, Bama		18 oz. glass 29c
FLOUR, Gold Medal		5 lb. bag 49c
DR PEPPER, King Size		6 bottle ctn. 39c
COCA COLA, King Size		12 bottle ctn. 43c
FROZAN, Gandy's		1/2 gal., 3 for \$1.00
PURE LARD, Wright's		3 lb. ctn. 39c

VEGETABLES	FOR EASY TO DO SALADS	
APPLES	DELICIOUS	3 Lb. Bag 29c
GREEN CABBAGE		Lb. 4c
CARROTS		1 Lb. Cello Bag 10c
TANGERINES	CALIFORNIA	Lb. 15c
FRENCH FRIES	2 Lb., Crinkle Cut	29c
CREAM PIES	BANQUET	Each 29c
MEATS		
PICNIC HAMS	Canned, Gooch	3 Lbs., Ea. \$2.09
SIRLOIN STEAK	CHOICE BEEF	Lb. 89c
PORK STEAK	LEAN	Lb. 59c
PORK ROAST	BOSTON BUTT	Lb. 55c
PORK SAUSAGE	Market Made	Lb. 49c
BACON	SLAB SLICED, GOOCH	Lb. 59c

Stanton Food Market
BOB COSTEY And DWAIN HENSON — Owners
— WE DELIVER —
GET YOUR OHMER KELLY MILK HERE!
We Give Frontier, And S&H Green Stamps. Double Stamps On Wednesday With Purchase \$2.50 Or More
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PRESCRIPTION LENS LABORATORY
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The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES

U. S. REP. GEORGE MAHON represented GOV. PRESTON SMITH at the inauguration of RICHARD NIXON in Washington, D. C. The governor was unable to attend due to participation in his own inauguration the day following the Washington festivities. His judgment in selecting MAHON was good and it was appropriate for the Congressman to fulfill the role. After all, MAHON'S District went heavily for NIXON and WALLACE. But that's getting into politics and politics has very little purpose tied in with the atmosphere of inaugurations.

Silly conversation or attempt to say witty things about Cuba when boarding a commercial airliner these days is not in the best taste. Twice this week, once at Houston and Tuesday afternoon in Midland, passengers were removed from planes and questioned after "popping off" about hijacking and Cuba. A couple was seized by the FBI after asking the stewardess before the plane was airborne if the flight was going to Cuba. That's all it took.

The Captain of the Pueblo offered some interesting testimony to a board of inquiry made up of five admirals Tuesday morning. He recited facts for the record how he ordered communication lines opened that could be heard directly in the White House in Washington at the very time his ship was being chased. It was several hours before WALT ROSTOW, an aid to LBJ, reported the information to the President. This testimony will undoubtedly get more attention. Not that it will do much good at this late hour but it will reflect some of the possible laxity in the handling of important affairs in critical times of this country.

Long tenure of power possibly caused LYNDON, JOHN, and HUBERT to attempt to push their personal whims and respective choices off on both NIXON'S administration and that of PRESTON SMITH in Texas. CONNALLY appointed persons to office as fast as he could in the closing hours of his term. He wanted to be sure and stack the deck before he left office. JOHNSON was mighty mad when the U. S. Senate rejected ABE FORTAS as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. And of course LBJ's crony, HOMER THORNBERRY was nominated for the court spot too but his nomination never was discussed. HOMER has already been as near the Supreme Court as he will ever get again. In a flurry of appointments during the last 24 hours in office, JOHNSON named a whole flock of Texas buddies to good places in Washington. Whether they will be confirmed or not is another thing. The point is the final power thrust was used extensively by CONNALLY and JOHNSON. HUBERT HUMPHREY, the Minnesota clown, attempted to change the rules of the U. S. Senate in the final session he preside over. Anybody from Texas or the

Cap Rock Scores Another Good Year

Rain during the growing season put a crimp in Cap Rock Electric Cooperative revenues for 1968, but nobody minded. The co-op had another good year, adding 29 miles of line and beefed up another 10; added 222 new members and put another \$364,158 value to the system to cross the \$29 million mark; refunded \$189,410 in capital credits (comparable to dividends) to members; and grossed \$1,811,207. Cap Rock had 39 employees at the end of 1968, a gain of three for the year. It paid \$289,354 on principal and \$100,809 in interest, as well as \$25,406 in ad valorem taxes. At the end of 1968, there were 6,688 members connected with the system that serves Midland, Martin, Howard, Borden, Dawson, Andrews, Ector, Upton, Reagan, Glascock, Irion, Sterling, and Tom Green counties. Timely rain affected the demand of irrigators whose 1,533 wells are connected with Cap Rock, and this cut revenues by \$136,886 from the previous year. On the other hand, the co-op had to purchase only 1093,43,810 KWH of power, 13,393,140 less than the previous year. The capital refunds marked the 12th consecutive year that Cap Rock has made there, which now aggregate \$1,692,593.

Five Classers Closing Out Abilene Office

"Our classing force is down to five classers, but we're easily keeping up with daily receipts as the harvest is drawing to a close," says B. B. Manly, Jr., officer in charge, U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office, Abilene. 8,500 samples were classed last week, compared to 1,000 for the same week last year. This brings our seasons total to 450,000 samples classed, compared to 199,000 for a season's total at this time last year. Grades were down last week with 24 per cent in the white category, 60 per cent in the light spotted category, 12 per cent in the spotted category, 2 per cent in the tinged category, and 2 per cent were below grades. This is the lowest grades have been since the beginning of the season. Staple length was down slightly, with 30 being the predominant length, at 52 per cent. Other lengths were: 29, 5 per cent; 31, 31 per cent; 32, 7 per cent; 33, 2 per cent, and 34, 2 per cent. Micronaire readings were also down, with 77 per cent in the 3.5 - 4.9 or premium range, compared to 82 per cent for the previous week. Two per cent were 2.6 and below; 5 per cent, 2.7 - 2.9; 8 per cent 3.0 - 3.2; 6 per cent 3.3 - 3.4; and 2 per cent 5.0 - 5.2. Strength readings were down, with 62 per cent reading 80,000 PSI (pounds per square inch) and better. The Consumer and Marketing Service, Abilene, reports that the market was slow and

Variety - - -

(Continued from page 1) premiums on idleness. In other words the nation is in for some old-fashioned, plain vanilla Americanism. The kind of communities most of us were brought up in where every kid on the block had a job after school and on Saturdays. Our neighborhoods were beehives of activity not dole centers.

James B. - - -

(Continued from page 1) unity, where Yell had lived since 1904. Survivors include his wife of Stanton; two brothers, M. I. Yell of Stanton, and Clint Yell of Midland, and several nieces and nephews.

Southwest who would ever again support the egghead from the cold country for any public office ought to be bored for the hollow horn.

A few items had to be left out of this issue of the paper because the material was submitted late. When a paper gets a quota of type ready it is useless to continue to accept late copy for the current issue. It simply delays the entire publication operation and the staff don't cherish the thought of working late Wednesday night just to get an article in the paper that should have been submitted three days before.

NEAL'S NUGGET: The lowest prices in Martin County are found in advertisements in this newspaper every week.

Notice

Public Notice is hereby given in accordance with Art. 3912g of the revised Statutes of the State of Texas, that the Commissioners' Court of Martin County, Texas, intends to change the salaries of the following county officials:

- Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector from \$6,720 per annum to \$7,200 per annum.
- County Judge from \$6,600 per annum to \$6,900 per annum.
- County Attorney from \$6,600 per annum to \$6,900 per annum.
- County and District Clerk from \$6,600 per annum to \$6,900 per annum.
- County Treasurer from \$6,600 per annum to \$6,900 per annum.
- County Commissioners from \$3,600 per annum to \$4,200 per annum.

Which action will be considered at the next Regular Meeting of said Court to be held at the Courthouse in Stanton, Texas, February 10, 1969.

Commissioners' Court
Martin County, Texas.

1-16-23-30

Aliens - - -

(Continued from page 1) ions. Forms on which to submit the report are available at any post office or office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Persons who are unable to pick up a form because of illness, or other reasons, may have a relative or friend obtain a card for them. The card should be returned to one of these offices. Parents or guardians of aliens under fourteen years of age submit reports for such children.

Grady - - -

(Continued from page 1) Donna Sue Hale, Dennis Dunn, Belinda Martin, and Faye Welch.

Fourth Grade: Kathryn Springer, and Joe Lynn Dunn. Fifth Grade: Tahita Blake, and Benny Butler. Sixth Grade: Jackie Haggard, Vella Maldonado, and Billy Howard.

Seventh Grade: Leatrice Glaze, Nancy Pribya, Darlyn Jo Stewart, Terry Tate, Rosalind Welch, and Jody Yates. Eighth Grade: David Pribya, and David Chandler.

Livestock - - -

(Continued from page 1) fourth; Judy Yates, fifth, and Rosiland Welch, sixth. Lightweight Steers: Jerry Holloway, first; Mogan Cox, second; Tanna Yates, third; Fay Ann Welch, fifth.

Heavyweight Barrows: Steve Fryar, third; Theodore Wells, fourth; Jody Yates, fifth; Ricky Mims, sixth; Gary Webb, seventh; Montie Foster, eighth; James Seely, ninth, and Mike Bridge, tenth. Lightweight Barrows: Jimmy Epley, third; Wesley Henson, fourth; Johnny McIntyre, fifth; Ronnie Mims, sixth; Claudie Cantrell, seventh; G. P. Harrell, Jr., eighth; Steve Fryar, ninth, and Mark Hursh, tenth.

Medium Wool Lambs: Mike Bridge, second; Vick Graves, third; Dena Holcomb, fourth; Steye Fryer, fifth; Gaye McIntyre, sixth; Steve Fryar, seventh; David Adams, eighth; Marty Douglas, ninth, and Mike Douglas, tenth.

Cross Bred, Lambs: Vicki Graves, second Mike Bridge, third; Dena Holcomb, fourth; Johnny Miller fifth; Marty Douglas, sixth Mike Douglas, seventh, and Bobby Odom, eighth. Southdown Lambs: Vicki Graves, second; Johnny Miller, third and fourth.

Fine Wool Lambs: Marty Douglas, second; Mike Douglas, third; Vicki Graves, fourth; Marty Douglas, fifth; David Adkins, sixth; Stanley Louder, seventh; Bobby Odom, eighth, and Stanley Louder, ninth. Eddis Owen of Big Spring, was the auctioneer at the sale, which was a success due to the wonderful response and cooperation of the many buyers, who locally support the sale each year. A special note of appreciation is extended to: Wheeler Motor Co., Martin County Farm Bureau, Texas

Mobil Oil Corp. Potentialed No. 1 Nail In Martin County

By JAMES C. WATSON Mobil Oil Corp. potentialed No. 1-A Nail as a small pumping discovery from the Spraberry-Dean, seven miles northeast of Midland in Martin County.

It yielded 39 barrels of 41.6-gravity oil and 129 barrels of salt water in 24 hours with a gas-oil ratio of 1-282-1 through shot holes extending from 7,565 to 9,281 feet.

The upper and lower Spraberry perforations between 7,565 and 8,462 feet were stimulated with a rupture of 60,000 gallons of fluid mixed with 180,000 pounds of sand and washed with 500 gallons of mud acid.

The Dean-Wolfcamp casing notches at 8,893-9,281 feet were injected with 40,000 gallons of fracture fluid and

Historical - - -

(Continued from page 1) torical Survey Committees of Texas.

The comprehensive heritage program covers, Recording, Appreciation, Marking, Preservation, and Surveys of Texas History, and is called "RAMPS." This program is designed for Texas, and is broad enough to cover the activities of all interested individuals and organizations.

The RAMPS program includes erection of historical markers, preservation of old historical buildings, history of the county and pioneers by memorials, museums, etc., the recording of such, and appropriate programs and dedications.

The first of these goals that the Martin County Survey hopes to attain, is a county museum.

Various organizations have shown an active interest in the project, among them: The Stanton Study Club, who already has a committee appointed to help. It is a project to capture the interest and help of all Martin County.

Electric Service Co., Guitar Gin, White Motor Co., O. B. Cave Implement Co., Ector Thornton Implement Co., Eldon, Welch, Glibbreath Funeral Home, Blocker Oil Co., Alsop-Nolin Chevrolet Co., West Texas Compress and Warehouse, Planters Gin, Lenorah; Holcomb Supply Co., Tarzan; Lomax Gin Co., Lomax; Furr's Super Market, Malone and Hogan Clinic, Medical Arts Hospital - Clinic, Hall-Bennet Hospital - Clinic; Big Spring Locker, Big Spring Livestock, Jack Lewis Buick - Cadillac, Smith & Coleman Oil Co., First National Bank, Keaton McCarty Cotton, H. K. McGibbon Oil Co., State National Bank, and John Davis Feed Store, all of Big Spring.

At the completion of the show, it was announced that 14 metal panels had been donated for use at the barn by Holcomb Supply Co., Tarzan; Sammy Yates, Tarzan, and J. D. Crawford Insurance Agency of Midland.

120,000 pounds of sand and 550 gallons of acid.

The new strike is also 11 miles northwest of Stanton, 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 38, block 38, T-1-N, T&P survey, 1 1/4 miles southeast of the Fran-Glass (Spraberry) pool and 2 1/2 miles west of the completed Ellenburger opener in the former Stanton multizone area.

Drilled to 12,568 feet in barren Ellenburger, No. 1-A Nail is plugged back to 9,502 feet with the 5 1/2-inch production pipe set at the point.

Murphy H. Baxter of Midland was making hole below 7,144 feet in lime at No. 1 Currie Cattle Co. after recovering oil and gas shows on a drillstem test taken in an unidentified horizon, four miles southeast of Garden City in Glascock County.

The interval between 6,920 and 6,993 feet was checked for an unreported length of time and recovered 1,100 feet of gas in the drillpipe, 15 feet of formation crude plus 20 of water - source undisclosed - there were no pressures listed for the investigation.

It is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 28,

block 33, T-4-S, T&P survey, 3/8 mile northeast of the discovery and lone producer in the Garden City, Southeast (Strawn) pool.

No. 1 Currie has a projected destination of 9,600 feet to explore the Strawn.

John L. Cox of Midland staked sites for two stepout projects in the Martin County sector of the Spraberry Trend Area.

Both operations are scheduled for 8,500 feet and are in block 35, T-1-N, T&P survey.

Drillsite for No. 1-C Allar is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 39, 4 1/2 miles northeast of Stanton and a location south of a producer in the region.

No. 1-B Chandler locates 5 1/2 miles northeast of Stanton, 660 feet from north and east lines of section 38 and is 1/2 mile east of the nearest well in the field.

Poden Oil Co. No. 1 Glass is to be an 8,300-foot Wolfcamp searcher 11 miles northeast of Garden City in Glascock, 9 1/2 miles northwest of the Credo (Wolfcamp) region.

It is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 218, block 29, W&NW survey.



THE CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN and the Champion Hampshire shown by Jerry Don McIntyre and his brother, McIntyre.

NOTICE Mrs. Roy Koonce and family, Girl Scout Troop 122 met January 17, and went on a tour of the Dr Pepper plant, conducted by Mr. Brumley. Mrs. Villa, leader, accompanied the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright and children of Lubbock, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Koonce. Mr. Wright is assistant professor of range management, there.

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Legal Notice

The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Stanton, Texas invites and will, receive offers for the purchase of two (2) lots zoned residential in the Central Urban Renewal area, Project Tex R-45 on or after February 1, 1969.

The following disposition Parcels are offered:

- Disposition Parcel No. 73-A 1 F2
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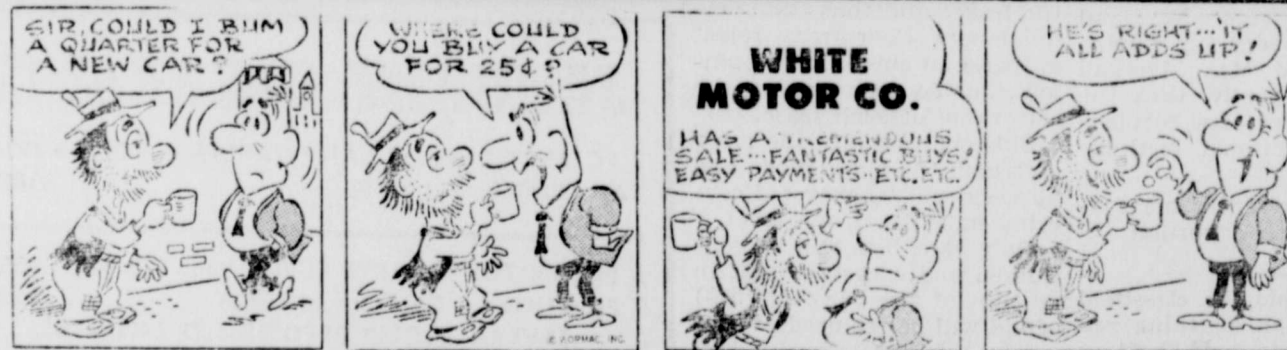
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