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SS Boost Would Be In April

Christmas will come in April for the nation's 25 million Social Security recipients — assuming President Nixon signs the new tax law, including an increase in benefits.
The 15 per cent across-the-board increase is effective Jan. 1, but the mechanics of changing the payout are such that the retired workers, wives, widows, disabled, and others who receive Social Security payments will not actually get extra cash in hand until the March paycheck. This is received about April 3, and will carry a month's increase. A second check at the same time, will cover the retroactive raise for January and February.
Congress voted a 15 percent increase in all benefits. This means the average monthly payment to a retired worker, now slightly more than \$100, would go to about \$116. For couples, the average would go from \$170 to \$196.
The minimum old age payment would increase from \$55 to \$64, and the special pay-

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Catholic Church Holds Largest Membership

The Roman Catholic church is America's largest religious body by a wide margin.
Its present membership, approximately 48 million persons, is nearly one fourth of the total U. S. population.
The largest Protestant denomination is the Southern Baptist Convention, which is national in scope despite the regional implication of its name. Its membership is about 11.5 million.
It should be noted that most Protestant communions do not include children under 12

IRS Fixing New Tables

The Internal Revenue Service assured employers that preparations are being made to furnish, at the earliest possible date, the rates and tables to be used for withholding income tax form wages of employees paid on and after Jan. 1, 1970.
Computer runs have already been made to determine the rates and table which would be prescribed if Congress and the President approved the withholding provisions agreed upon by the House and Senate conferees on the Tax Reform Act of 1969 (H. R. 13270).
If these provisions become

ent for persons 72 and older not fully qualified under Social Security, would go from \$40 of an individual to \$46. In each case, eligible couples receive 50 per cent more than the individual rate.
Special provisions of the bill affect particular classes of Social Security recipients.
More than one million persons receive such low Social Security payments that their needs have supplimentated from federal-state public welfare funds.
Some states lower welfare payments by the amount of Social Security increases. The new bill requires that recipient get at last a \$4-a-month raise.

The new tax bill, as approved by the conferees, introduces a low income allowance and would reduce the surcharge portion of the withholding tax from 10 per cent to five per cent, between Jan. 1 and June 30. It also would eliminate the surcharge altogether from withholding starting July 1. Before that date employers will be mailed a completely revised Circular E, containing updated instructions as well as post-July 1 rates and tables.
The Internal Revenue Service recognizes that some employers may not have adequate time to prepare for the Jan. 1 changeover in withholding. Therefore, it urges employers to do their best in installing the new rates and tables as soon as possible. Good faith efforts to do so will be accepted as substantial compliance with the law.

FHA Club News

The Stanton Chapter of FHA held one of its monthly meetings on December 2. The meeting was a business meeting. After the discussion of chapter business, a quiz was held.
Questions were taken from the FHA newspaper, issued throughout the state. The question was "Who was the guest speaker at the 1968-69 Texas State FHA meeting?" The answer was supplied by Judy Mims, who attended the state meeting as a representative from the Stanton Chapter. The answer was Marilyn Van Derbur, a former Miss America.

law, the seven regional Internal Revenue Service Centers will, as soon as possible thereafter, mail individual copies of the rates and tables to each of the 4.5 million employers who withhold income taxes. The rates and tables will be issued at a 24-page supplement to the regular Employer's Tax Guide (Circular E.)

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Koonce were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Koonce, and two sons, Bryan and Aaron, of Lake Orion, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Thadd Koonce, and Kimberly Ann, of Lamonia, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Koonce, and Lee, Barbara, and Allen, of Iraan, and Mrs. Helen Lancaster, of Detroit, Michigan.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wheeler of Independence, Missouri, visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy

URGES NEW RESPECT FOR LAW

Price Daniel Voices Concern For '70s

Price Daniel, who wore the big white hat as governor of Texas at the start of the 1960s, looks back at the old decade with concern and forward to the 1970s with hope.
"The 'Soaring 60's' lived up to his expectations 'as far as growth, and material side of things' are concerned.
"And I see continued growth, economically and materially." Daniel said in an interview. "But I am quite concerned about the failure of our people to mature in other ways — spiritual and moral ways."
"I am concerned about too

much attention being given to material things. Our big need in the next decade is to try to achieve respect for the law, the morals that made this nation great."
Daniel served three terms as governor. He got out of politics in 1961, and lives with his wife in their ranch home on the outskirts of Liberty, Texas.
Raises Cattle
Now 59, Daniel raises Santa Gertrudis and Angus cattle on his 5,000 acres. All of his children are married, except two, and they stay in Austin while attending school.
Daniel returned to his law practice after leaving the governor's mansion. He resigned from the U. S. Senate to run for his first term as governor.
For 18 months during the Johnson administration, Daniel was a member of the president's staff, presidential assistant for federal-state relations.
Texas Attorney General Crawford Martin recently announced he had retained Daniel to prosecute before the U. S. Supreme Court a suit to determine how much of the bottom of the Sabine River Texas and Louisiana, respect-

Rubella Vaccine Recommended

Of the nation's 30 million women of childbearing age, an estimated 4.5 million lack a natural immunity to rubella, the ordinarily mild disease, also called German measles, that is frequently disastrous to unborn babies.
Although girls will be the primary recipients of the new anti-rubella vaccine, doctors will also be inoculating some of these 4.5 million susceptible women. But, as Medical World News reports, "They must also make certain that their patients are not pregnant nor will become pregnant for two months." A woman vaccinated and unaware that she is pregnant subjects her unborn child to the same terrible dangers as

PERSONALS

Mrs. Melvin Rittenhouse, and daughter, Lynn, of Woodward, Oklahoma, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hamm, and son, Bobby, of Lenora, for a few days.
Koonce, during Christmas and New Year.
Scholarship Miss Zuck Wins
Laura Zuck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Zuck, is among nearly 1,000 scholarship recipients at Abilene Christian College.
Miss Zuck as a freshman, majoring in dramatics.
Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, character, and need.

PERSONALS

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Swinson during the recent holidays were, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Dergen of Abilene, Mrs. Swinson's parents and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Swinson and family of Abilene.
The Homer Swinson family traveled to Eastland recently woman contracting the disease.
Some doctors believe that absolute protection should be obtained by prescribing five months of oral contraceptives for all post-pubertal girls scheduled to be immunized. The first birth control pill would be taken seven weeks before the injection.
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The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES

The majority of the exirations on our mailing list seem to occur in January. It is nice to watch the renewal checks from old subscribers come drifting in. Many of our out-of-town readers find time to drop a short note in the envelope with their renewals. Some this January simply said: "Happy New Year, NEAL." Another encouraged us to "keep the columns —The Pad and Variety—going great guns."

It is inventory time in Martin County and many merchants have been burning midnight power while crews counted the stock. The newspaper also goes through an inventory time. Our subscribers determine the success or failure of our distribution for another year by either renewing or cancelling their subscriptions. The editor finds out how the people feel about the newspaper. He learns by listening to the voices of the people who visit the office in person to sign up for another twelve months. It is heart-warming to have the long-time subscribers back year after year and in addition be privileged to add new names to our mailing list.

Friends of the DEE CRAVENS have been receiving New Year Letters from JANE, DEE, DeANN, MILINDA, and GEORGIE, who are living in Anchorage, Alaska. The letters showed a view of their home, shots of the children playing in the deep snow and of the entire family group. Their message was one of inspiration to those of us here in Stanton who sometimes get discouraged and think things are not working out exactly right for us. DEE, JANE, and their lovely children are made of the stock that conquered past frontiers and are now pushing on accepting the challenges of the future in one of our newest states. In part, their message reads: "The new way of life here has been thrilling to us. With all the new things to see and to do; our life has been busy. The girls have learned to ice skate and snow sled. Each has taken their share of tumbles but somehow the fun outweighs the hurt. Many hours are filled with the pure pleasure of enjoying one's self here in Alaska. The new found world of our has brought with it some wonderful experiences. Such as DEE'S job with A.V.E.C. to help make life in the Eskimo villages more worthwhile, and my volunteer work at the Ridgway Rest Home is most full filling." The editor was happy to be included on the list of friends of this fine young couple. Years ago, when I arrived in Stanton, JANE BLISSARD, daughter of MR. and MRS. DORIS BLISSARD and young DEE CRAVENS were carving careers in distinction out up at Stanton High School. They were sweethearts during their student days. DEE starred in football. JANE was one of the greatest basketball players ever to attend SHS. They graduated —married—and have three of the best looking children in all the fifty states. A postscript at the bottom of the CRAVENS letter had that traditional invitation—You All Come. Well, DEE, you would feel awfully funny and surprised if your editor walked in on you and the family sometime during the seventies for a visit. I never have completely forgotten DEE, that Halloween evening trick you played on me a few years back. I was discussing it with JANE before you fine people departed Texas for Alaska and about the only way I know to get my wet cotton back is to show up at your door in some wet snow knee-deep to a tall Indian.

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(Continued from page 1) members of the state board of education, will all be running.

School board trustees elections will be held in April, with the filing date 30 days in advance of the election day. A city election will be April 11, to fill the position of mayor, and elect three city commissioners, currently held by Stanton White, and F. E. "Sammy" Houston, and the vacant position held by Bill Terry. Filing date for the municipal positions must be made within 30 days of the election day.

The Republican and Democratic parties will hold primary elections in Martin County again this year, and the newly organized American Party, formed in Martin County last year, is also expected to field a slate of candidates. The American Party candidate for president, George C. Wallace of Alabama, carried this county. G. B. Thewhanger served as county chairman of the American slave. Moran Hall is the Democratic chairman, and Joe Mabey, Jr., is the Republican county chairman.

County . . .

(Continued from page 1) elections. Voters are urged by the county tax office to beat the last minute rush to register, and to register early.

Oil . . .

(Continued from page 1) The Stanton Volunteer Fire Department sent a truck to the explosion scene, and two trucks were dispatched from

Original League
The original member cities of the American Baseball League were Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis.

Midland, but were turned back before reaching the Sale Ranch.

McGee, Tadlock, and Caddell were transferred to the burns clinic at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston Tuesday evening. A medical transport airplane from Scott Air Force Base arrived at Midland - Odessa Air Terminal at 7:20 p.m. to pick them up for the trip to Galveston.

Cynthia . . .

(Continued from page 1) March 23, 1964. Cynthia is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garza; a brother, Mark Edward Garza, of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Garza, of Stanton, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Laabs, of Midland.

Mason . . .

(Continued from page 1) primary election I plan to see and talk with as many residents of precinct two as possible.

"Thank you all a thousand times for the cooperation you have given me in the past and I pledge cooperation to continue to serve the people to the best of my ability in the future if returned to office."

Martin County Abstract Co. P. O. Box 766 Stanton, Texas 79782 H. Hilton Kaderli, Sr. Sole Owner.

Cotton Crop Harvest Held Up By Cold

The cotton harvest came to a standstill in Martin County last week, as the ice and snow of last weekend forced area farmers to again wait for dry weather before they can gather the few bales still in the field. At week's end, few gins reported processing any cotton not already on their lots by last Sunday.

The storm hit the area as farmers were recovering from one of the periodic spells of precipitation which have hampered the harvest from its beginning. Just prior to the storm, most gins reported increased activity, and ginners and farmers alike were hoping the harvest might be complete by the end of this week. Now, they estimate that it may take another two weeks to get the cotton in, and longer if good weather does not hold.

Divided Look

What's the look this season? It's divided, one by day, another by night. Angora dresses and slim persey sportswear are good daytime outfits. Try them in soft shades of pink or blue. For evening date dresses, metallic knit and velvet-teen will make you a shining success at any gala.

Fur Fling

Have a fling with fur this season. If you budget doesn't allow for the real thing, "fake it" with vests, bags, hats, skirts, dresses, pants, and coats in zebra, leopard, mink, rabbit, and lamb.

In The Irish Mood

Polish up your brogues girls. This year, Irish pipedup stripes, print-playe dtweeds, and heathery handmade knits are making the fashion scene. Irish-made accessories are "in" as well. Skirts, pants, sweaters, shirts, and coats all signal "Erin Go Bragh" in the world of fashion.



Ultimatum For Drinking Drivers

Alcohol-related car accidents are killing more than 25,000 Americans per year. To help catch the drunk driver, science has come up with new and improved chemical tests for sobriety. These tests, which check blood, breath, urine, or saliva, are far more accurate than such old standbys as walking a straight line, or pronouncing "Mehtodist Episcopal."

But there has always been one big problem; what to do about the motorist, after being stopped by a policeman, refuses to take the test. To force him to submit is to raise some touchy questions of constitutional rights.

Now, however, a growing number of states are finding the answer by passing an "implied consent" law. This law

says that a motorist, just by using the public streets, gives his implied consent — in advance — to a sobriety test. Then, when he is halted, he faces a kind of ultimatum; either take the test or lose your driver's license. True, he cannot be put to this choice without reasonable grounds. An arresting officer may not insist on a test unless there are visible signs that the driver really is intoxicated.

Furthermore, it does not count as a refusal to take the test if the motorist is simply unable to carry out the officer's instructions.

In one unusual case, a motorist was unable to blow into a testing balloon because of difficulty with his dentures. A court ruled afterward that, under these circumstances, the state had no right to revoke the man's license.

On the other hand, a refusal to take the test is not excused by the fact that the motorist is later acquitted of having been intoxicated. His license can be revoked anyhow, not as a penalty for drunk driving but as a penalty for refusal to obey the officer's lawful request.

"It must be remembered," said one court, "that it is a privilege to operate a motor vehicle on our highways and not a right. The state may prescribe conditions on which that privilege is exercised."

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

Sleep

Psychiatrists say that if the hypnotist could not awaken his patient the patient would simply go on sleeping for an hour or two and then would awaken by himself.

Union

There states were admitted to the Union during the Civil War — Kansas in 1861; West Virginia in 1863; Nevada in 1864.

Howard Jury Called For Study Of Drugs

The Howard County Grand Jury has been called back into session to study narcotics in Big Spring.

118th District Judge Ralph Caton issued the order late Friday afternoon directing the grand jurors to reconvene at 10 a.m. Jan. 12.

John Currie, forman of the jury, requested the session and said its sole purpose will be to discuss narcotics problems and, more specifically, the six Big Spring people charged Dec. 18 with the sale of mari-

juana and LSD.

"Something has got to be done, Currie said. "We've got to bring attention to the fact that drugs are a problem in Big Spring, and we've got to get full community support to do something about it."

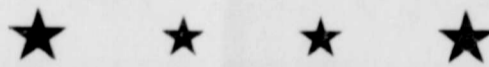
James Reed is charged with the sale of marijuana; James Toon, Jr., Gary Jeter, Brenda Mesker, Edward Mack Payne, and Marshall Miller are charged with selling LSD. All expect Toon have posted bond on the felony charges.

There is a list of 57 persons to be subpoenaed for testimony before the grand jury. A new grand jury is scheduled to be called the fourth Monday in January.

Members of the present jury include Currie, Wilson Edwards, Ernest Byrd, Charles Tompkins, Curt Mullins, R. C. Thomas, Mrs. Ralph Gossett, Mrs. Bennet Brooke, Don Newsum, E. O. Brown, Mrs. Walter Slate, and Mrs. James Johnson.

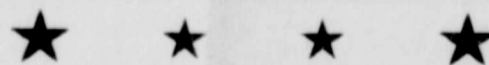
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Bentzen Will Oppose Ralph in Senate Race

Former Texas Congressman Lloyd Bentzen of Houston, will run for the U. S. Senate seat held by Ralph Yarborough on the Democratic ticket.

The winner of the Yarborough-Bentzen race will face U. S. Representative George Bush in the November election.

Bentzen climbed into the race against Yarborough with an announcement Tuesday. His official statement in

part follows: borough, who has been senator 12 years, has been unable of furnish for Texas or the nation the effective leadership demanded by the position of Senator from Texas.

"The Senate is in need of a new kind of leadership," Bentzen said. "Texas in particular no longer receives in the Senate the kind of respect it deserves, and has lost much of the political influence it held at one time."

Bentzen charged that Yar-

"Hooverism" During World War I, the term "Hooverise" meant doing without some articles of food for patriotic reasons.



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