

At Last, at Last!

The Banana Boat replaced the Hound Dog in musical popularity throughout the US this week. It's about time. Calypso music originated long, long ago in the Jamaican Isles of the British West Indies. Three years ago Harry Belafonte, one of the finest ballad stylists in America, recorded a full album of calypso music including the Banana Boat Song, Kingston Town, Mary Ann, and others—but record shops were forced to shelve the albums to the back of the shelf because they wouldn't sell.

And now, suddenly, America's teenagers have "discovered" calypso music. By the same token, Rock and Roll music, or "jig" music if you prefer, had been reeking from the cracks in Harlem walls up north for several years before Elvis Presley came along and made it outlandish enough to become popular. So our teen-agers "discovered" Rock and Roll.

The situation is the same in other fields as well. How many artists can you name, for instance, who are considered great today but who were condemned to die in obscurity during their time? Bach was known as a good church organist during his time, but the music he composed was only for church-service and teaching purposes, and was accepted as such. Not until much later did the world "discover" his greatness as a composer. William Faulkner had written novel after novel about the decaying South—all of which were excellent—before his "The Sound and the Fury" won the 1952 Pulitzer Prize for Literature. Then the American public "discovered" him.

So we adults are no different than the teen-agers when it comes to "discovering" art, music, and literature forms. It takes time. Happily, it took more time for our teen-agers to "discover" Rock and Roll than it did for them to become tired of it. Salts preserve us all if they had "discovered" it before they died. Whether knowingly or not, America's teen-agers have improved their taste in music: calypso is an art form, whereas Rock and Roll is little more than a vulgar corruption of music. Calypso probably will have its glorious moment of popularity, then it will again become obscure. Be that as it may, it is much better listening than Rock and Roll. We prefer even the "love at first sight, don't you tell me it wasn't inevitable, happily ever after" type of popular music to the "you ain't worth nothing but I need your love" because your lips are hot" nonsense we call Rock and Roll. At least with calypso and popular music you can tell whether you're listening to music or to a neighborhood cat-fight.

What will American teen-agers "discover" next? That is their business. In the meantime, we adults can only listen, hope, and fear.

Well, Why Not?

Many expert economists are presently harried about the national debt and how to solve it. In our own humble way, we believe we have the answer. Only three things are inevitable—birth, death, and taxes. So why not either (1) pass a mandatory tax of \$1,000 for every baby born, (2) make it illegal for a person to die before he has equaled his weight in gold to the Internal Revenue Department, or (3) tax the government on its tax earnings?

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Advertisement for Dimmitt City Directory listing various businesses and services in Dimmitt, Texas.

AND SCRIP

When a levy of Dimmitt people attend the state tournament in Austin, they don't gawk at the big city—the big city looks at them. For instance: On the newstand of the Stephen F. Austin Hotel were displayed some of the state's greatest newspapers—the Dallas Morning News, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the Austin American-Statesman, and the Castro County News.

Four Dimmitt High School students stood on the sidewalk in front of the Stephen F. Austin Hotel at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, wondering what had gone haywire with their 3 p.m. appointment to meet their chaperones there. "What'll we do?" asked one. "Dunno. We could take a cab," said another. "Aw, where would we take a cab to?" retorted the first. "We don't know whether we're going back to Dimmitt or out to eat!"

Dimmitt boys, as per custom, bought all the most outlandish hats and caps they could find. The hottest and manager of Hill's Cafe in South Austin were almost sent into shock when six cartons of Dimmitt people converged in the store, wanting to know where their steaks were and explaining that another husband of people would be there shortly. After a couple of frantic phone calls, they found that the post-game banquet reservation had been made at Roger's Hilltop in southwest Austin instead of Hill's, so they took off in a body to find Roger's Hilltop.

A six-car motorcade of Dimmitt people can look impressive while winding through southwest Austin, even if they don't know where they're going. Meanwhile, back at the bus, the entire girls' squad, their coaches, and a bevy of fans were having their own trouble with directions. They finally stopped the bus and Coach Johnny Ehrig got off and fared forth full of hope and enthusiasm about finding the banquet site. He had been away only a short time when a shot pierced the calm twilight. "La could our coach, only this year acquired, have been done in?" the people asked themselves. But Johnny returned shortly, unharmed, muttering something about the Austin pistol-shooting range not being the best of places to ask for information.

Further flight of a Bachelor Coach: "I don't care HOW you're here—you can't wear blue jeans. These people are giving you a hard time and paying for it, the least you could do is look pretty for them. Wear the best dresses you brought with you, and hurry—the bus is waiting."

All of which proves that when you take a girls' basketball team and a bunch of fans and place them in a city 50 miles away, anything can happen—and usually does.

STRATOSPHERE BALANCING ACT



State Capitol Highlights

ICT Investigation Continues; Probers Draw Bead on Others. BY VERN SANFORD, Texas Press Association. AUSTIN—Some observers now predict that legislative investigations will continue beyond the session's end. Panels in both houses are delving into circumstances leading to the bankruptcy of the ICT Insurance Co. of Dallas. The more they investigate the more widespread and complicated the involvements.

New Water Board. Another phase of the water conservation program has reached conference committee stage. Bills to create the Texas Water Development Board passed both houses. Senate version calls for a five-member board; House, three members. Board's responsibility would be to administer the proposed \$200,000,000 bond issue. Money is to be loaned to local districts for conservation projects.

Truckers Seek Increase. A bill to increase truck-load limits has stirred the perennial controversy between the motor freight and railroad industries. "Truckers are pushing a bill to increase the limit, now \$8,420, to 72,000 pounds. Truckers contend that putting the increased weight on an extra axle would mean no more wear and tear on roads than present loads. Truckers, they add, paid \$97,000,000 or 41 percent of state highway tax in 1956. A new bill would create a Department of Mental Health, and would shorten the lives of Texas truckers. A railroad spokesman warned that truckers large enough to blame the insurance commission.

LETTERS to the Editor

What Do You Think? To the Editor: It is natural for us to shy away when we speak of taxes. But of all the good things we have today, is there any one of them we would want to give up? And where could we get so much for so little cost as we would from a county exposition building?

We all know that the base of our economy in Castro County has always been—and I suppose will always be—based on agriculture and livestock. We spend money to procure the best men and women we can get to teach us how to raise more and more economically; to teach our wives and daughters how to do better sewing, better cooking, and make better homes. I am 100 percent for this.

There isn't a business or farm in the county that can stay in business and not stay modern. So let's give our people a modern show place. As you know, we do not have a place in the county for a very large crowd. When we do have a meeting of any size, we have to either some church or school or business that already has a full schedule.

Our local people can go other places and take first place awards in the bigger shows, so why not have a decent place right here at home? This letter was signed "A Tax-paying Resident of Castro County." The News will furnish the writer's name on request.

The News agrees that this county definitely needs a county exposition building. One for such a building are almost limitless; stock shows, the Castro County Fair, 4-H and FFA gatherings, county club meetings, conventions, and many other activities could be held there. At present, Castro County has no full-time building which can accommodate all these activities.

Across the Desk Let's Do Some Cotton Selling

From the Plainview Daily Herald: Almost half of the 1,622,000 bales of the 1956 cotton crop of the High Plains of Texas classed at Lubbock was light spotted. Growers know full well the market appraisal of the difference between white and light spots midding. That one-fourth of the High Plains' 1,622,000 bales that was midding light spotted would have been worth \$20 a bale more in the loan and about \$15 per bale on the open market, had it been white cotton. This is six to eight million dollars' difference.

The 1956 percentage of spots cannot be taken as an average thing, because of the variable climatic conditions on the Plains. More genuinely healing to the growers' pains than the sale of market support by the government is the increase in a consumptive market demand for our cotton. The growers' association is doing a very constructive thing in setting forth facts about High Plains cotton and in circulating them among the trade, the spinners, and the growers themselves.

For example, if light spotted cotton of the High Plains can be bleached for 7 of one percent of its value, and the trade and the spinners can be convinced of that, it looks reasonable that this kind of cotton would be acceptable on the market at a lesser discount than presently. Undoubtedly, the loan value should be realistic, and if the spotted cotton is penalized too heavily, adjustment should be made. The data sheet being distributed include grade and staple data, micronaire and Presley measurements, new factors that have been given recognition in the cotton markets of the world. This kind of promotion would pay off, if we have cotton that is desirable to spinners. It can do no harm. If our cotton is not acceptable, what harm is done? We would still have every market now available to us. Everything that can be done to make our growths of cotton wanted by the spinners is to our advantage. Study includes improvement and standardization of the most constant average market demand. After all, we raise cotton to sell—not to put in the loan.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE grid with clues for Across and Down.

ANSWERS to the crossword puzzle.

Meats advertisement listing prices for Pork Chops, Ground Beef, Round Steak, Loins, Sausage, and Bacon.

Vegetables advertisement listing prices for Cabbage, Lettuce, Turnips & Tops, Apples, Oranges, and Red Spuds.

Fresh! Economical! Frozen Food advertisement listing prices for Charlotte Freeze, Perch Fillets, Bar-B-Q, Lemonade, Lima Beans, and Cut Okra.

Large advertisement for Gunn Bros. Stamps featuring 'Best Buys' in Meats, Flour, Coffee, Eggs, and Cigarettes, along with Tide detergent and various other products.

Large advertisement for Dimmitt Merchants for Needed Merchandise and Service, listing various businesses like Manning's, Taylor-Harrison Agency, C & S Equipment Co., and others.

Congratulations Cast, Crew, Director Of "Gloria Mundi" District Winners



THE BOBCAT TALES



Congratulations Bobbies Third in State Tournament

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Students See One Act Plays

DHS students saw the presentation of the contest play of Friona High School and the district winning play by the Dimmitt cast in the Dimmitt Auditorium last Tuesday morning.

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Height: Linda Gladman
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Wittiest: Marilyn Campbell
Car: Charlotte Mears
Walk: Donna Woodell
Personality: Sandra Glenn
Laugh: Dera Cartwright
Best All Around: Sue Bagwell
Most Athletic: Judith Maples
Most Likely to Succeed: Sandra Leath

DHS Enters Literary Events

Nine Dimmitt High School students will enter literary events in the Texas Interscholastic League contests in Tulla today (Friday) beginning at 1 p.m.

The Capital City

Austin, "the capital city," is a city of beautiful homes, history, and hills. The homes and hills are everywhere; the history and romance are not so easily found by the visitor.

There is a legend that the moon never shines in Austin, France's gift to the city was artificial moonlight which looks very beautiful, but so does the real moon shining overhead.

In the capitol one can see the pictures of the government of Texas around the walls. Also, in various places, there are pictures of Texas heroes (one of which is Audie Murphy) and famous battles. The offices of the various officials are there along with the Senate Chamber and the House of Representatives.

Across the street is the governor's mansion. It is a southern colonial house with six columns, white brick, and green shutters. It is very beautiful inside with its thick carpets, crystal chandeliers, velvet, antique furniture, marble-topped tables, and nine fireplaces.

This was the third year for a Dimmitt girls team to enter the Interscholastic State contest, which is seven years old.

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Bobbies Win Third In State Tournament

The Dimmitt Bobbies withstood a last minute surge to defeat the Angleton girls 63 to 58 Saturday night in Austin and win third in the girls' AA State Basketball finals.

Accurate shooting in the first quarter gave the Bobbies a 21 to 6 lead. At the end of the second period they led 32 to 19, and at the end of the third 46 to 36.

In field goal attempts Mickey connected on 5 and Dovie on 6. Guards Kaye Killingsworth and Myrna Finch were picked by sportswriters for their playing against Angleton.

In their first game, on Friday night, the Bobbies were not hitting so well. Dovie, with two guards still made 20 points from field goals.

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Betty Hargrove's Ideal Boy

Most Handsome: Keith Lowe
Wittiest: Mike McRee
Most Likely to Succeed: Morris Westberry
IQ: Ronald Fortner
Meanest: Wilmer Studer
Car: Danny Bruton
Cutest: Ronnie Elder
Most Popular: Leon Crum
Personality: Donald Curry
Sweetest: Howard Smithson
Best all around: Monty Boozer
Best Dressed: Don Gregory
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DHS One Act Play Wins First In District

McElroy and Lowe on All Star Cast

Dimmitt High School's one act play "Gloria Mundi" won first place in the district over five other schools last Friday night at Tulla.

Charlotte McElroy, who played the role of Miss Jebb, was named the best actress in the district, and Keith Lowe, who played the part of Dr. Cartwell, was named on the all star cast.

Dimmitt's win Friday night entitles them to compete in the regional meet which will be held at Texas Tech in Lubbock the first week end in April.

The Bobcat Tales congratulates the cast, crew, and director on this new success.

Members of the cast are: Charlotte McElroy, Ann Gollehon, Ann Smith, Morris Westberry, Karen Bell, and Keith Lowe.

Keeping pace with the cast is the back stage crew composed of Jonalyn Aldredge, Joy Walker, and Gary Wyatt.

Directed by James W. Bates, dramatics instructor.

Senior Boy of the Week

Early in the morning of September 12, 1938, the stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Troy Stine and left them a baby boy who is now known as Darrel. Darrel has been in the Dimmitt Schools for as long as he can remember.

Let's take the case of Joe for instance. Joe is an easy going, nice boy. He gets excellent grades and is a good athlete.

Like all normal teen-agers, Joe appreciated the things that make a car, not just a car, but a sleek rod. Joe then proceeded to make his Chev that kind of car.

Why? Because his car purred instead of sounding like a cement mixer? Because it was lower in the back? Joe hadn't changed. Somewhere they had been misinformed about teen-agers.

This mistake is made every day by millions of people, and so to all adults we say this, "Give the teen-agers a chance. The biggest percentage of them are good."

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Heard in Austin Last Week

All the hotels and motels were filled.

In every store where we went there was someone from Dimmitt.

The capitol was filled with tourists.

The people on the UT Campus were friendly.

The swimming pools were crowded.

The bleachers of Gregory Gym were well filled.

No one could give us directions through the city, because everyone we asked was a visitor in Austin.

The trees and grass were green.

F.H.A.

The Dimmitt Chapter of the F.H.A. went to Amarillo for the meeting Saturday March 2.

The F.H.A. met March 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the F.H.A. building in Amarillo.

It rained Saturday night and the road to the water, in a Castro traction for the tourists.

The climate is mild and weather was pleasant.

Everybody wanted to visit the Capitol and the Government.

Lake Austin and the dam, with its 750 foot drive.

The road to the water, in a Castro traction for the tourists.

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