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VARIETY

By NEAL ESTES

EDITOR DOUGLAS MEADOR writes a column, "Trail Dust" that I always enjoy reading. This man is truly one of the great newsmen of our generation. His column is lacking of names of people because it is filled with short gems of wisdom of DOUG'S own. He has sold numerous items from his column to nationally circulated magazines. Here is a sample: "Truth is the power that drives words forward to achieve their purpose; the heat under the steam boiler that would otherwise be a prison for water."

PAUL (PULLEY) PETERS writes in from Gustine that he will be in town with some more of his fine pecans for sale on December 18. The former resident and one of the oldest cowboys in Texas is one of the editor's favorite individuals. The late JIM KELLY, PULLEY and your scribe used to have some real good dialogue up on "Capital Hill" the residence of the late Stanton editor. Glad you are coming home again before Christmas, PAUL, and you can bring along a sack of special pecans for us to pay for this free front page ad. We will have a nice gift for you just like in the olden days too friend.

We intend to write those folks in Houston responsible for sending in so many canned news releases about the Houston baseball team and see if we can get our name off the poop list. We used to run some of their stuff but we stopped when the organization of millionaires down there on the bayou failed to send us a couple of tickets for a local citizen who wanted to see the Dome. Besides, this kind of unsolicited mail causes postal workers to handle a lot of bulky mail. I couldn't care less when the baseball season is going to open in Houston next year and we don't feel like many persons out here plan attending the games down there.

Keep those cards and letters coming in little folks. We will continue to publish your Santa Claus letters in the next issue of the paper too. Be sure and write in. You still have time to get your letters received after December 23 will be forwarded on to the North Pole where they will be read by Santa or Mrs. Santa before he starts his trip to Texas on the night of December 24.

Telephone or bring your personals to The Stanton Reporter. A lot of people are going to be going visiting and have visitors during the holidays. Show your loved ones, friends and guests you appreciated their visit by having their names placed in the county paper.

Stanton stores are brimful You can buy about anything useful and new in the county. Trade at home and maintain the habit during the New Year.

Stanton is well decked out in the holiday trimmings. The downtown section looks mighty good. We are sending special salutes to the merchants who have arranged attractive window displays. It adds a lot to the Yuletide season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox were in Lubbock Monday on business and visiting Jerry Hall.

Sp. 4 Sherman McKaskle is in Stanton visiting with his family and friends for 30 days. Sherman is a medic in Germany.

Bill Collyns Stanton Lions Club Speaker

Midland Reporter-Telegram Editor W. H. (Bill) Collyns addressed the Stanton Lions Club Tuesday at their regular weekly noon luncheon meeting at Motel Belvue restaurant.

Collyns spoke about "The West Texas Chamber of Commerce."

Former Lions District Governor Cecil Bridges, manager of the Texas Electric Service Company in Stanton, introduced the speaker.

Lion John Wood opened the meeting by calling for F. O. Rhodes to lead the song service. John Roueche led the pledge to the flag and Rev. C. R. LeMond offered the invocation.

In introducing the visiting editor Bridges said: "Bill Collyns is editor of one of the finest newspapers in West Texas and is considered one of the state's leading newspaper men. He is not only a good editor but has been and is active in civic affairs in the West Texas area. He has long served the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in any capacity where his services were needed and is currently director for the chamber's sixth district. He has contributed much to his community and to the Midland Lions Club and is a member of the Downtown Club in that city."

In his address, Editor Collyns outlined the history of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, its purposes and aims and activities over a long period of years. He stated that the organization was founded in 1918 and one of the first projects of the chamber was to start working on the water problem. Collyns pointed out that the West Texas body is made up of 132 counties and is the largest and the oldest regional chamber in Texas. It was in business and operating splendidly before other similar groups were formed in other Texas areas.

The speaker revealed a new operation the West Texas Chamber will sponsor in January, 1966. It will be called "Sparkle" and the purpose will be to point out the many fine sights to be seen, many of real historical interest in the sweeping 132-county section. The project will be launched about the time the state begins featuring the merits of the tourist business in Texas.

Collyns said: "We have an abundance of wonderful creations of nature for tourists to view while passing through our cities and towns. We have the great year around weather and although we have enjoyed these things for years, we have not told the world and this we must do."

The Midland editor said the present membership of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce totaled 3,500 and all members must be members of local chambers of commerce before they can join the parent body. He stated that the West Texas group, under the leadership of Beeman Fisher of Ft. Worth, was screening every segment of the economic life of this area.

Collyns pointed out the significant fact that District Six, will probably be the first district out of ten to achieve the required membership goal by January.

Christmas Party Held Dec. 14 By Rotary Club

The Stanton Rotary Club held its annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 14, in the dining room of the Belvue restaurant at 7:00 p.m.

Mesdames Floyd Smith and Stanley Wheeler were in charge of decorations. Beryl D. Clinton, president, presided.

Woodford Sale was program chairman. There were three parts to the program. Mrs. Jones, Susan Brandt, Debbie Hazlewood, and Sheila Manning gave an interesting skit involving the Rotary Club's activities, accompanied by Beverly Clements, at the piano. Mike Springer sang two Christmas numbers, "Silver Bells," and "The Night Before Christmas." The third part of the program was a poem on friendship read by Woodford Sale.

Introduced as guests were, Mr. and Mrs. James Eiland, guests of the Coats Benteleys. Victor Ortiz gave the invocation. Coats Bentley lead the group singing, and Doyle Corder closed the meeting with prayer.

President Clinton announced the following committee to distribute the toys gathered by the club: Coats Bentley, chairman; Martin Gibson, Doyle Corder, Victor Ortiz, and C. R. LeMond.

The next regular meeting of the club will be December 22nd.

December 20 Deadline For Local Contest

Helen Thraillkill, chairman of the residential lighting contest, wishes to use the columns of the Ole Reliable to remind Stanton citizens to enter their homes in the lighting contest.

Mrs. Thraillkill informed The Stanton Reporter this week that the closing date for entering homes in the contest will be Monday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m.

Stanton Women Attend Workshop

Mrs. Zella Graves, administrator, and Mrs. Mamie Roten, medical records, attended a Blue Cross Workshop in Dallas December 1.

Fred Higginbotham director of public relations, discussed items of current interest in health care industry, Medicare, and old age assistance program.

Frank Henry, assistant manager, case department, Blue Cross, discussed case handling.

DPS Chief Appeals To Drivers To Use Caution On The Highways

"With 4,211 rural traffic accidents recorded during the first 11 months of 1965, and 211 fatalities reported in the 49 county region of southwest Texas, the Texas Department of Public Safety appeals to the driving public once again to join in an all-out effort to reduce this terrible toll," said Major Leo E. Gossett, Commander of the Midland DPS Region today.

"Past experience indicates that 110 persons will die in Texas traffic crashes during the Department's Operation Deathwatch, beginning at 12:01 a.m. December 24th and ending at 11:50 p.m., January 2nd. During this period all vio-

Christmas Holidays Announced

Stanton and Martin County merchants will observe Saturday, December 25, and Sunday, December 26, as holidays.

The announcement was made this week by the retail merchants committee of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

Stores will remain open Friday, Christmas Eve, and business as usual will be resumed on Monday, December 27.

In the past, December 24th sales have been the heaviest before Christmas. It can happen again this year.

Merchants will also observe Saturday, January 1, and continue to close on Sunday for another two-day holiday period.

The Stanton Reporter will publish the Christmas paper on December 23, in plenty of time for merchants to get in advertising copy two days before Christmas. The paper will also go to press again on December 30, just before New Year's Day.

Dr. J. M. Shy Has Surgery In Ft. Worth

Dr. J. M. Shy entered the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital for surgery last week and he is reported recovering nicely.

Dr. Thomas F. McGrath performed the operation. Dr. McGrath is president of the Osteopathic Academy of Protopedics, and is immediate past president of the Texas Society of Osteopathic Surgeons. He has one of the finest hospitals in Mineola, Texas.

Dr. Shy will resume his practice with Physicians Hospital and Clinic in Stanton shortly after January 1, 1966.

Please enter my home (apartment) in your 1965 Christmas Lighting Contest. I understand only those homes (apartments) in designated area, will be eligible to compete.

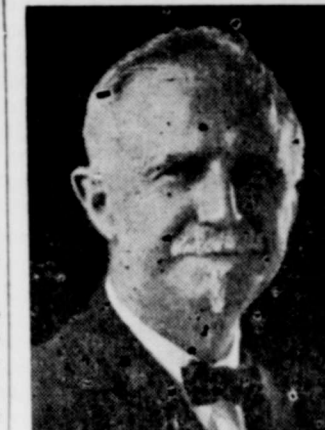
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Reporter To Publish Babson Report

The Stanton Reporter will publish Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1966 on Dec. 30. You will find it on page one.

We are calling this feature



Roger W. Babson

to your attention because 1966 will be a year of many changes.

This Babson Forecast will contain predictions covering such important topics as: Peace prospects, new power showdown in Russia, Red

Midland Man Badly Hurt In Accident

A Midland man was critically injured Friday at 10:05 a.m. when he was struck by a westbound Texas & Pacific Railway Co. freight train about seven miles west of Stanton, according to Stanton Deputy Sheriff G. B. Therman.

Billy D. Ward, 24, 1307 Terrell, Midland, and another man were surveying for the US Geographical Survey Mapping Division when the train struck Ward, hurling him 50 or more feet from the trestle where he was working. (Continued on page 8)

Bill Johnson Resigns Local School Post

Stanton High School Principal Bill Johnson has resigned and will accept a post as superintendent in Blanket, Texas, on January 15 at mid-term.

Johnson has served on the Stanton faculty for the past four and one-half years. He came to this city from Silver, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both natives of Brown County and Blanket is located near Brownwood in that county.

The Johnsons have four children, Katina 15, Bart 11, Kaven 8, and Mary six.

The Johnson family are members of the Baptist Church. (Continued on page 8)

Local School Holidays Start Dec. 22

Superintendent Beryl D. Clinton advised the newspaper this week that a change in the starting time for the annual Christmas holidays for students had been made. Clinton stated that all classes would be dismissed on December 22 instead of the planned December 23 date. He (Continued on page 8)

Santa Visit Appreciated By Children

Santa Claus sailed into town Friday for his annual visit with Martin County children.

A big crowd turned out. People arrived in the city early and parents spent most of the day shopping in local stores while their children attended school. At approximately 2:15 classes were dismissed and the elementary age boys and girls converged on downtown Stanton. (Continued on page 8)

Martin County Placed In New FHA District

A reorganization of Farmers Home Administration offices throughout the state has placed Martin County in a new district headed by Lee J. Bowers of Pecos.

Other counties in the new district are Midland, Ector, Andrews and Glasscock. Bowers title is "district supervisor."

State FHA Director L. J. Cappelman announced the statewide reorganization Saturday.

Main feature of the move (Continued on page 8)



Christmas Business Brisk Here

Christmas has really dropped in on Stanton and kind of sudden-like too.

Despite the lazy, warm, summertime weather, the spirit of the holidays has landed and brisk business is reported by most merchants in the business district. Extra help has been brought in several of the stores and the key clerks are busy wrapping holiday packages. More people have been visiting Stanton and more traffic seems to be moving through the streets of the city. Highway 80 is a busy four-lane highway indeed with people already beginning their holiday travel.

A. C. Fleming Rites Held In City Monday

Funeral services for A. C. Fleming, 59, were held at 2 p.m. Monday afternoon at the First Methodist Church in this city.

He died Saturday night in Seagraves of an apparent heart attack.

Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Fleming had been a resident of Martin County for approximately 30 years.

The deceased farmed in Martin and Gaines County and was a former school teacher and for a time served as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Dan Saunders.

Services were conducted by the Rev. C. R. LeMond, pastor of the First Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. L. W. Tucker of Clyde.

Survivors include the widow, a son, Jack Fleming of Midkiff; two brothers, Dave and Charlie Fleming of Emory, and two grandsons. (Continued on page 8)

Copy Of Stanton Reporter Recalls History In 1936

Peques Houston, now of Morton, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Houston, this city, and brother of Billie and Sam Houston of Stanton, brought a copy of The Stanton Reporter, dated April 24, 1936 to the office this week.

The copy was mailed to Henry Houston, 350 Men's Dormitory, Texas Tech. The late Henry Houston was a kinsman of Peques Houston. Possibly the reason Houston kept the 30-year-old copy of the Ole Reliable was because his sister, Merle Houston, had just won the salutatorian honors at Stanton High School and her picture appeared on the front page. Miss Jeanette Thornton was announced as the valedictorian in that year's class.

In the issue we found a notice concerning the senior play at Courtney. The title of the play was "The Wild Oats Boy." Some of the characters in the cast were Glenn Bickley, Mildred Wyatt, Ava Lue Munn, Martin Eckert, Pat Neff Howard, Elizabeth Rayford, Leta May Wilson, Sarah Ann Stewart, Robert Lee Campbell, Minter McReynolds, Charles Parks, and Roy Eckert.

Horace Blocker was the Chevrolet dealer in Stanton thirty years ago and O. B. Bryan was operating a grocery store. Some of Bryan's advertising items included: Bliss Coffee, 19 cents per pound; Armour's sliced bacon 29-cents a pound; fresh hot barbecue 25-cents per pound; cheese 18-cents per pound.

The Yucca Theatre had an ad featuring the Dionne quintuplets in "The Country Doctor." J. L. Hall Drug was advertising a 20-minute goodbye sneeze preparation for the relief from hay fever. Schell Mercantile Company was advertising Norge refrigerators. G. A. Smith was featuring Magnolia products in his ad. He operated a service station at Front and College streets in Stanton.

We found these interesting personals in the news columns: "Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Lawless of Colorado are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Powell. . . Mr. and Mrs. Phil Berry spent the weekend in Cisco, the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Berry; Mr. A. R. Houston and Mrs. Jim Tom went to Pecos last Wednesday; Mrs. J. Howard Hodge of Midland was in Stanton on her way out for a visit with her sister, Mrs. John Priddy; Mrs. S. D. McWhorter is visiting relatives in Waco." The present editor of The Stanton Reporter would like to thank Peques Houston for bringing in this interesting copy of the paper. Although the newspaper was only four pages weekly and six columns wide, it was and is a treasure of memory in the community history. The editor also observed that The Stanton Reporter of 1936 had something very common with the paper of today — both were (Continued on page 8)

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Ameleta Galli-Curci, famous singer, made her debut before taking a single vocal lesson.

State Police said 2,574 persons had died in 1965 traffic accidents as compared to 2,642 at this date in 1964.

The Exchange Desk

THE McCAMEY NEWS: "Speaker of the House of Representatives Ben Barnes, told McCamey High School students Monday morning, "Education is your number one problem if you are to attain your goal in life," when he opened Government week at the high school. Barnes spoke at an assembly of students from McCamey, Rankin, Iraan and Fort Stockton, as well as scores of interested adults."

THE WINK BULLETIN: "An outstanding coin collection owned by the City National Bank and Trust Company of Kansas City, Missouri, is now on display in the lobby of First National Bank of Kermit, according to Dalton Haines, president of the financial institution."

THE MUNDAY TIMES: "Munday's annual Farm and Ranch Day for Knox County people will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 1966."

THE COMANCHE CHIEF: "Three Comanche girls took honors in the District IV 'Make it Yourself With Wool' Contest Saturday, December 4, at San Angelo College. The girls were Vicki Pipes, Bette Cox, and Janice Welch."

MATADOR TRIBUNE: "Crowning of Miss Sandra Sander as Football Queen for the 1965 season was the highlight of the annual Matador Football and Pep Squad banquet held Saturday night in the American Legion building."

MORTON TRIBUNE: "The annual Christmas Charity drive for toys for tots and food baskets for the needy, is now underway, according to Fred Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist Church."

JAYTON CHRONICLE: "The Jayton Explorer Scout post which was recently reorganized, now has a membership of 20 boys of high school age, stated Robbie T. Gallagher."

THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS: "December 20 has been set for the initial work on the settlement of the estate of the late C. C. Gilroy, a Loraine merchant who died Oct. 5, 1964. Mr. Gilroy left an estate valued at over \$100,000, which is claimed by several would-be-heirs."

THE ALPINE AVALANCHE: "As a part of a nationwide program to streamline the ZIP code system, Postmaster Billy Vest announced that effective Jan. 15 a single five-digit zip code number will serve the entire community of Alpine."

LORENZO TRIBUNE: "The bale total at Lorenzo area gins jumped to more than 8,000 bales this week in the most intensive harvest activity of the season. 28,632 bales of cotton have been ginned in the county to date."

Towns Affected By Base Closings

Political and civic leaders in affected communities across the country say they are disturbed by Defense Department to close or downgrade 126 U. S. military bases.

The potential loss of military payrolls from the bases will cripple the economy of many communities, they said. The officials sought means to offset the impact, such as by attracting new industry.

"It is a terrific blow to this area," said Russell Glasgow, manager of the Clinton, Okla., Chamber of Commerce. The nearby Clinton-Sherman Air Force Base is among those slated to be shut down.

Representatives from nine western Oklahoma towns affected by the closing met Wednesday night and organized a political action committee to attempt to head off the action.

They were assigned the task of protesting the closing of the base and, if unsuccessful in that venture, to attempt to locate a federal agency that could use the facility.

Stewart Air Force Base in Tennessee is scheduled to be closed in 1970. And the fact that the closing is at least four years away has given some heart to leaders in nearby Smyrna. Gov. Frank G. Clement and other Tennessee political leaders protested the closing of Stewart in a telegram to Washington.

At Albany, Pa., Turner Air Force Base will be eliminated

and two Nike missile bases will be phased out, but a naval reconnaissance group from Sanford, Fla., is moving in.

Leaders in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., saw the present flow of money from adjacent bases as virtually irreplaceable. The closing of Kincheloe Air Force Base, with its 4,000 military personnel, 275 civilian workers and \$2.5 million annual payrolls, would be a catastrophe, said Mayor David E. Foster.

Cotton is a critical war item.



Peter Nero Tunes In On Christmas

Noted pianist displays a sheaf of U. S. Savings Bonds as a reminder to his fans that Bonds make fine Yuletide gifts.

Bible Comment—

Jesus Taught The True Worth Of Giving

When Paul was leaving Miletus after having called the elders of the Christian Church at Ephesus to hear his words of farewell, he bade these Christians to remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

No words could express more accurately the spirit of all that Jesus had said and exemplified in His life and death. Nor could any words express more pointedly the challenge of Jesus and His teaching to the ideas and actions of what he called "the world."

Getting and receiving is such a normal process of life and welfare and happiness and welfare that we might well ask whether Jesus was right in declaring that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We may ask, but there is only one answer. And the answer is found not only in

some spiritual blessedness that compensates for the giving or renunciation of some material possession or treasure.

Jesus offered me a rest. "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest."

Yet rest is the thing that men, rich, poor, old, young, sick, or well, cannot do without. That offer of rest by the Master was supreme in its insight into human need.

So, in this matter of the blessedness of giving in any large and spiritual reality, the assertion that it is more blessed to give than to receive is an extension of much that is true in normal living. The giving of parents to their children, the giving by lovers to loved ones, the innumerable acts of graciousness and self-sacrifice in which men and women find supreme satisfaction, bear witness to the testimony of Jesus.

Philosopher Wants Farmers To Have Same Protection As Wildlife In Game Preserves

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw sounds like he has his feathers ruffled.)

Dear editor:

I'd had this big Sunday newspaper around for a while but hadn't opened it on the theory a man shouldn't put off till tomorrow what he can put off till the day after that, this principle might never have produced color television but it wouldn't have produced the atom bomb either, and during a lull in things out here—you may wonder how I can tell between a lull and any other time, but I can do it—I opened it up and started reading.

Over on an inside page there was one of these long articles looking into the future of life on this earth a hundred years from now.

According to it, there are 26 million square miles on earth worth using, acussion deserts, polar regions, mountain tops, and possibly Red China, although it wasn't mentioned, and man is going to have to figure out how to handle this usable land. He

can't just keep on multiplying and letting cities expand and sprawl helter-skelter over the entire area.

The thing to do, the article said, is to divide the 26 million square miles into three equal parts: "a third for production of food, water and minerals; a third for natural preserves for wildlife and places of unusual beauty; and a third for people."

Now if I understood this, wildlife will have one third, people one third, and farmers and ranchers a third.

While I have never bothered to distinguish between people and farmers, this looks like somebody is coming close to it, and while I don't object to how I'm classified, what I want to know is why do they let wildlife go tax-free and keep us farmers on the rolls?

Since less than 10 per cent of the population in this country is now classified as farmers, a figure hardly worth bothering with, certainly not big enough to swing an election, why doesn't Washington go ahead and declare all rural areas sanctuaries for farmers and ranchers, who're entitled to the same protection as wild geese, mocking birds, and whooping cranes?

I'm sorry I opened that newspaper. Sometimes it doesn't even pay to put off some-

Nineteen Years Ago

In a meeting of the delegates to the county convention December 12, the following county AAA committee men were elected to serve in 1947: Wylie Clements, chairman; John C. Mott, vice chairman; William R. Dunn, regular member; Walter Kelly, first alternate, and William D. Howell, second alternate.

The Courtney PTA will sponsor a play "The Campbells Are Coming" on December 20.

Mrs. Bland Cross and Mrs. Robert Smith were hostesses to the members of the Friendship Class of the Methodist Church Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Clayton Burnam. Special Christmas music was provided by Mrs. Flora Morris. Guests played "42."

Mrs. Mabel Dingwall of New York City, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. T. S. Haynie. Billy Dingwall, a student at N.M.M.I., Roswell, N. M., is also visiting in Stanton with his mother and grandmother.

The Legion Club is making plans for a dance to be held on December 21, and a New Year's Eve dance to be held December 31. It will be held in the Bristow building.

Employees of Cap Rock Electric and Cap Rock Refrigeration Cooperatives were entertained with a dinner Friday night at the basement of the Methodist Church. Linda Bess and Bobby Bryan sang a duet, and O. B. Bryan served as master of ceremonies.

Texas Tech amazed more than 400 yards of total offense its last four football games—410 against Rice, 423 against New Mexico State, 414 against Baylor, and 439 against Arkansas. Another 400-plus production came in the season's fourth game, 428 with Texas Christian.

Although Jerry Shipley was a distant second to Donny Anderson among Texas Tech's pass receivers, catching 47 to Anderson's 60, he snagged more than any other Tech end has ever managed. Dave Parks caught 32 each in 1962 and 1963.

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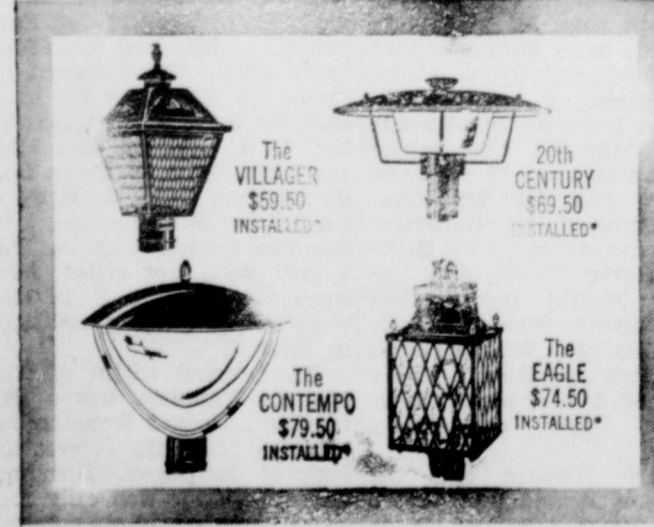
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"1966 Ford quieter than my Jaguar? Not jolly likely!" said Rob Walker . . . then he drove the Ford.



Ford's Quiet Man, who recently demonstrated the 1966 Ford to owners of some of the world's most expensive cars, here discusses the '66 Ford LTD with Rob Walker at his family's estate in Wiltshire, England.

"Astonishing . . . I believe this Ford of yours really is quieter!" exclaimed Rob Walker, famed British automotive sportsman. Ford's quiet ride is the result of built-in quality and overall engineering excellence. Other examples of this engineering magic from Ford are: ■ New Stereo Tape Player option with easy-loading cartridges. ■ New Magic Doorgate on wagons—swings out like a door for people and down like a tailgate for cargo. ■ Silent-Flo Ventilation, standard on Ford 4-door hardtops, gives open-window freshness with all windows closed. ■ Quiet-test a '66 Ford, at your Ford Dealer's.



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Sunday, the Nineteenth of December
Two until Five O'clock
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Stanton, Texas

Pay Day

An enormous amount of notice was given to the nominal tax reductions which have taken place at the federal level in the last two years. The question now is whether this moderate measure of tax relief is to be something of a snare and a delusion.

On Jan. 1, 1966, social security taxes are to be substantially increased. This for great numbers of people, will wholly or largely offset the past reductions.

Then, what will happen in the future is a subject of much speculation now. For example, in one of his recent columns David Lawrence wrote that the people know little about . . . what burdens for future years will result from the commitments made by the last Congress. Expenditures to fulfill these commitments will grow year by year in the various

fields in which the federal government has heretofore not entered. This will inevitably mean hereafter a bigger and bigger tax burden on the American people."

You may or may not favor medicare, the war on poverty, federal aid to education or any of the government's other ventures into uncharted areas of authority. But you and everyone else will have to pay for them—in increased taxes of one kind or another.

If the government continues to operate on a deficit basis, as is being planned right now for the coming fiscal year, a steady decline in value of the dollar can be expected to continue. Call it price increases, or inflation, or any other name, it means we all must pay.

1,475 Men Face January Call In Texas

Texas draft boards will induct 1,475 men in January, state headquarters said today.

This compares with 1,523 in December and 1,465 in November. The quota is Texas' share of a national call for 38,280 men, 28,300 for the Army and 8,980 for the Marines.

Pre-induction exams are scheduled in January for 9,575 men.

Col. Morris Schwartz, state draft director, said the January quota will be filled with single men and married men without children, 19 through 25, and volunteers under 26.

"Draft boards must have the information about children, of course," Schwartz said, "and an unborn child must be certified by a physician."

Stanton Lodge Chooses Officers

Mrs. Lewis Carille has been named noble grand - elect of Stanton Rebekah Lodge No. 287.

Other new officers are Mrs. C. E. Christopher, vice grand; Sammye Laws, secretary; Mrs. Mason Coggin, treasurer; Mrs. Jim McCoy, team captain; Mrs. Clayton Burnam, representative to the Rebekah Assembly, and Mrs. Daisy Wilkes, alternate representative.

More than 400 persons are killed or injured in the United States by lightning every year.

The Great Seal of the United States is affixed to a document only after it has been signed by the president.

Greuning Challenges LBJ's Viet Stand

Sen. Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska) has attacked American involvement in Viet Nam in New York, and contended that "we asked ourselves in."

He challenged President Johnson's contention that previous administrations had pledged aid to the South Vietnamese government to combat Communist aggression.

The senator was here to address a bill of rights day dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, commemorating the 174th anniversary of the first ten amendments.

In his prepared remarks Gruening quoted original correspondence between President Eisenhower and South Viet Nam's President Diem in 1954 to bolster his claim "that we did not make a solemn pledge" to support that government.

Rather, he said, it was a limited offer of economic assistance to be given if the South Vietnamese government gave "assurances as to standards of performance" and also undertook "needed reforms."

The Eisenhower letter went on to hope that a strong South Vietnamese government would emerge.

San Salvador, often called Bahia, was founded in 1549 and is the oldest city in Brazil.

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THE STANTON REPORTER

Santa Claus Letters

Dec. 8 1965

Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old. I am a pretty good boy sometimes. I would like to have a little red car I can ride in that has a real key and radio in it. Please bring me some surprises, too. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

I love you,
Lanny Hanson.

Dear Santa: Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year for Christmas I would like to have a Secret Sam, G. I. Joe, a Slinky, and some surprises. I have tired to be a good boy and make good grades at school. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

I love you,
Gary Hanson.

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 3, 1965

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl, except when my sisters bother me. I would like for you to bring me a "Baby Boo" doll, a remote control dog, a piano with a stool. I will leave some food for you.

I love you,
Leann Biggs.

Santa Claus letters from Mrs. Fleming's first grade at Grady.

Dear Santa: I want a watch, a baby bed, a doll with a bottle, and some shoes for my doll.

With love,
Karen Lucore.

Dear Santa: I want a ring and a Bible for Christmas.

Do not forget all the little children who are poor

Love,
Belynda Blake.

Dear Santa: I want a book, a ball, and a doll. I'm a good little girl.

With love,
Margarita Parra.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a baseball set. I would like to see you, Santa.

With love,
Stanley Feaster.

Dear Santa: I want a wagon, an airplane, some horses, and some army men. Thank you, Santa.

With love,
Brian Harris.

Dear Santa: Bring me a gun, and a G. I. Joe set. Thank you, Santa.

With love,
Leslie Wood.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a book, and a gun. I have been very good.

Love,
Amado Gonzales.

Dear Santa: I want a walking doll, and a bicycle. Bring J. T. and my Mommy and Daddy something, too.

Love,
Kathryn Springer.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a record player for Christmas. Thank you, Santa.

With love,
Lupe Perez.

Dear Santa: I want a doll, a ball, and a book. Thank you, Santa.

With love,
Mary Chavez.

Dear Santa: Bring me a truck, a gun,

and a bicycle. Thank you, Santa. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Tony Urias.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bike and a Skipper Doll. Bring Linda and Jimmy something.

With love,
Carolyn Woody.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bicycle and a walking doll. Thank you, Santa. I have been a good little girl.

With love,
Janet Davenport.

Dear Santa: Bring me a gun, some targets, a canteen, and a knife. I like you, Santa.

With love,
Joe Lynn.

Dear Santa: I want a car and a truck, please.

Love,
Manuel Campuzano.

Dear Santa: I want a Pebbles doll for Christmas.

With love,
Laurie.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl five years old so my mother is writing my letter.

Would you bring me a Baby First Step doll for Christmas, also a doll buggy and a baking set.

I have been a good girl, and I help my daddy work in his shop.

Be sure to visit all of the children everywhere.

Thank you,
Amy Hazlewood.

P. S. — I will leave you something to eat, but you won't have to eat it if you are too full.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bakery set and Nancy Nurse and Kanner's Bake-oven.

Love,
Faye Welch.

Tax Man Sam Sez:

We have reached the age of computers in handling our tax affairs. Internal Revenue has installed computers that are capable of making five hundred billion tax computation each year. Your tax identification or social security number tells the machine who you are.

To make sure that they know who you are when you write the good tax folks, send your social security number. They can always identify you if they have your number.

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

Three families have been twice represented in the White House: Adams, Harrison and Roosevelt.

Harry E. Ward of Fort Worth has been nominated as 1966 - 67 president - elect of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1965-3

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Gift Jacket For Bonds Available, Says Bette Davis

Madam please and all others who desire holiday cards with a Savings Bond and a colorful message. Get them at your bank's advice. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Congress Is Urged To Copy LBJ Tactics

Congress has been advised to copy White House tactics and put its own representatives in the executive branch.

The suggestion comes from a Washington attorney, Edward de Grazia, who participated in a study of congressional operations conducted by the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, a private organization.

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De Grazia said the corps of liaison men who contact Congress members in behalf of the executive branch is whittling down the role Congress is playing in making the nation's laws.

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We wish to thank our friends and loved ones for the kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Ada Hedrick. The families of Cecil Hedrick, Ralph Hedrick, Sam Hedrick, Carl Hedrick, Sam Evelyn Jackson, Mrs. Robbie Hedrick.

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NEED CONCRETE? Call SK 6-2312. B and H READY MIX CO.

Save that hall damaged asbestos or graveled roof. Let us make it into a beautiful plastic roof in snow white or color. \$150 and up. Ada Patterson, G L8-3145, Box 293, Stanton, Texas.

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Help Wanted

Man or Woman Wanted to serve consumers in Martin Co. or Howard Co. with Raleigh products. Steady good earnings year around. No capital required. See or write Rawleigh TX I 960 11 Memphis, Tenn. 9-15-5tc

Construction time keeper to work in Stanton. Ability to do good office work. Male age 18-23. Apply to B. F. W. Construction Company, Inc., field office, Oak Street and Hwy 80, Stanton, Texas. 12-51-1tc

Study Club Has Christmas Party

The Stanton Study Club met for its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. James Eiland on Thursday, December 9, at 3:00 p.m. In the absence of the president, Mrs. James Wheeler called the meeting to order and discussed the November Art Show.

Mrs. Wheeler introduced the program presented by Mrs. Eiland. She discussed Christmas decorating and candle making, and presented recipes for quick Christmas snacks.

Refreshments were served from a Christmas decorated table. Gifts were exchanged. Each member brought a small gift to be taken to the Big Spring State Hospital.

Those attending were: Mmes. Coats Bentley, H. R. Caffey, Bob Cox, George Dawson, C. F. Huling, Stanley Reid, Homer Schwalbe, B. F. Smith, Joe Stewart, J. O. Stuard, James Wheeler, F. W. Wheeler, Jack Woodrow, James Eiland, and Dr. Sue Fisher.

The next meeting will be in January in the home of Mrs. Stanley Reid.

FARM & RANCH

Farm Machinery

For Sale: One 44 Massey Harris, 4 row equipment. Two bottom moleboard flip over plow, 1,600 feet irrigation pipe, 3 inch, 29 sprinklers and risers. See John Martin at Wheeler Motor, Stanton, 12-50-2tc

Farm & Ranch Supplies

For Sale: 5 inch pump with gear head, 4 and 5 inch L's and T's, and sprinklers. Call GL 8-3397. 4-8-5tc

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WEST TEXAS ROOFING COMPANY. Free Estimates. Bonded roofers and insulation contractors. Acoustical ceilings and floor covering—all types. 1811 Scurry, P. O. Box 2, Big Spring, Texas. Ben T. Faulkner, AM 4-5101. B. T. Faulkner, AM 3-3113, Stanton SK 6-3367. 12-47-tnc

USDA Station Says Abilene Samples Light

Sample receipts at the USDA, Cotton Classing Office in Abilene were light during the first part of the week. Although most of the cotton was killed by frost, rain and humidity kept plants from drying.

Samples classed during the week ending December 10, totaled 25,400 which was 10,000 short of the previous week's total. The season total on Friday night was 243,909 compared to 161,834 at the corresponding date in 1964.

The quality of District 1 samples changed very little. White cotton totaled 55 percent and spotted cotton made up 2 percent of the total. The four county area of District 1 accounted for 5,350 of the Abilene office samples.

Predominant staple lengths were: 29/32, 20 percent; 15/16, 56 percent, and 31/32, 14 percent.

Mike readings were less desirable with 1 percent 2.6 and lower; 5 percent 2.7 - 2.9; 18 percent 3.0 - 3.2; 18 percent 3.3 - 3.5; and 58 percent 3.6 - 4.8.

Commodity Credit Corporation loan entries increased slightly during the week. Prices offered farmers were steady to slightly lower than for the previous week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Arkridge and Corky Blocker of San Diego, California, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Blocker, over the holidays.

Household Goods

K-3

Clean and nicely furnished two bedroom house for rent. Call Doris Stephenson at the court house at SK 6-3412. 11-47-tnc

Houses For Rent

Call Coats Bentley, SK 6-3751. 10-29-4tc

REAL ESTATE

Houses For Sale

M-4

For Sale: My mother's home at 206 N. St. Charles. See Robert Herzog. 8-19-tnc

For Sale: Three bedroom, one and 3/4 bath, large den, garage, patio and fenced back yard. 402 West First. 11-47-tnc

For Sale: three bedroom, two bath, large paneled den, Second and Boniface. Call SK 6-2391. 12-49-tnc

Petroleum Prod., Farms, Ranches

M-6

Texaco petroleum products, farms, ranches, commercial, and industrial. Roy C. Alford, Box 6326, Midland, Texas, LO 3-2620. 3-5-5tc

RENTALS

Houses

L-2

For Rent: two bedroom, living room, bath and kitchen. Call SK 6-3666. 2-11-tnc

Mattresses: New or renovated. Box springs. Choice, size and firmness. Guaranteed by Western Mattress Co., San Angelo. Call Stanton Motel, SK 6-3710. Leave name. 10-7-tnc

Women's Welcome Class Met Monday, Dec. 13

The Adult Women's Welcome class of Lenora Baptist Church, met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Lillie Mae Fryar, Big Spring, for their annual salad supper and Christmas party. Mrs. Ina Faye Kuhlman was co-hostess.

Each lady took a gift for her secret pal and a salad. Much fun was had guessing secret pals before they were revealed.

A short business meeting was held to elect class officers. They are: Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, president; Mrs. Donna Sawyer, secretary - treasurer, and Mrs. Wilma Odum and Mrs. Lois Madison, group captains. Mrs. Ruby Nell Greenhaw is the teacher.

Present for the occasion were: Mmes. Lillie Mae Fryar, Ina Faye Kuhlman, Dorothy Thompson, Donna Sawyer, Wilma Odum, Lois Madison, Ruby Nell Greenhaw, Lora Lou Springer, Sylvia Springer, and associate members, Gwen Sawyer, Ruth Springer, Mildred Franklin, Mary Murphy, and Ruth Feaster.

Teens 4-H Club Met Dec. 13

The Teens 4-H Club met December 13 in the Martin County Library at 3:30 p.m. The group played games and planned the Christmas party.

Members attending were Vicki Glynn, Toya Hull, Cindy Avery, Patricia Halslip, Lynn Herzog, and Jackie Cook.

Buy at home and save!

Methodist Church Activities

The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Men was held in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church Monday evening, December 13, with J. C. Sale as the speaker. The supper was covered dish style. Among other things the club did, they voted to make a contribution to the Laymen's Building at the Ceta Canyon camp ground. The next meeting of the group will be the second Monday evening in January.

The Wesley Service Class of the First Methodist Church

held its Christmas party in the basement of the church Thursday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m.

A covered dish supper was served to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Moore, Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fleckenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox, Tom Ed Angel, Randy Nichols, and Scotty Fisher.

Kid gifts were exchanged and kid games were played.

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Mrs. Martin Gibson called the meeting to order, and a few items of business were discussed.

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The group sang Christmas carols and gifts were exchanged.

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Mrs. E. Tom Hostess To Garden Club

The Stanton Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Edmond Tom, December 14, for the Christmas tea. The home was beautifully decorated and gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Harry Halslip, president, presided over the meeting.

The program, "Christmas Legends of Other Lands," was given by Mrs. L. C. Hazlewood.

Plans were completed for the Home Pilgrimage to be held the afternoon of December 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to make the tour. Tickets may still be purchased from club members. Refreshments will be served at the Martin County Library at the conclusion of the tour.

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Cindy Britton's Buffalo Bananza

Deck the hall with boughs of holly!

This was a familiar tune hummed by many students as they decorated the class room doors for Christmas at dear ole SHS. Every year each class and organization decorates a door, and prizes are awarded to the winning doors. There are many beautifully decorated doors, so everyone come up by the high school and take a look at the good job done. Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Saturday night, December 11,

marked the opening of Stanton's Youth Center in the Courtney gym. Many attended and it was reported a big success. The fact that it is new to Stanton doesn't mean that the programs will not be well planned. Extensive plans are being made for each activity. The dances will be sponsored by parents of SHS students. We have all been wanting something like this in Stanton for a long time now, so let's go all out and support our Youth Center.

The SHS choir and band

will present a Christmas program Wednesday, December 22. Many old and beautiful

selections will be sung.

Everyone is invited to attend and there is no admission charge.

Thought For The Week:

"Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value." Copied.

School Menu

Menu for the week Dec. 20 Through Dec. 23:

Monday — Ground beef and spaghetti, English peas, cole slaw with apples, prune spice cake, rolls, butter, and milk.

Tuesday — Beef stew with vegetables, lettuce wedge, cookies, corn bread, and crackers.

Wednesday — Turkey with dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, fruit salad, pumpkin pie, rolls, butter, and milk.

Thursday — Tuna fish and pimento cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, orange juice, cake, and milk.

Friday — NO SCHOOL!

Merry Christmas to all!

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HD Club Activities

The Koffee Kup Kraft Home Demonstration Club had a dinner for their husbands in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox on Friday, December 3. The house was decorated in the Christmas tradition. The group played 42 dominoes, and match.

A covered dish dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Petree, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fleckenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny White, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox.

The Stanton High School football banquet was held Monday night in the high school gymnasium. Guest speaker was Mr. David Slaughter, head coach at Sul-Ross State College. Mr. Benny Welch was presented a football signed by the football team and named "Fan of the year." Congratulations, Benny!

The Stanton Public Schools will be dismissed Wednesday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Everyone drive safely and have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you next week. Cindy Britton.

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Mary Pickergill's fame lies in the fact that she stitched the American flag which flew over Ft. McHenry and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the American national anthem.

Cut a piece of plastic and fit it under your hat in rainy weather. Water runs down the plastic, not your neck.

The earth rotates as a whole while the sun rotates as a gas or liquid, with its rotation being more rapid at its equator than at higher altitudes.

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Beta Sigma Phi Activities

The Rho Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Thursday, December 2, in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Conner for a business session.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Chuck Elmore, chapter president. Mrs. Jimmy Conner reported on the executive council's meeting, and Mrs. Corky Blocker gave the treasurer's report.

Plans were made to hold a bake sale Saturday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m., at Thriftway Grocery. Each member is responsible for two cakes or four pies. An appointed committee, consisting of Mmes. Rufus Tom, Jimmy Conner, and Bobby Bryan, planned a schedule for each member to participate at the bake sale.

After the conclusion of business, a program was presented by Mrs. Nolan Sorrels on Poetry Into Music.

Fresh apple cake and punch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Conner, to Mmes. Butch Cain, Chuck Elmore, Rufus Tom, Bobby Bryan, Tom Ed Angeli, John Calvin Jones, Fiji Brandt, Stanley Bergstrom, Corky Blocker, Nolan Sorrels, and Miss Patricia Miller.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party and gift exchange in the home of Mrs. Rufus Tom on December 16. It will also be a salad supper.

Wright, Mahon

Statements Interpreted By A Pundit

Reading between the lines of politicians' statements can be fun, if you know what you are looking for. A person of that breed gives this explanation of Congressman Jim Wright's statement in Fort Worth last weekend that he wants Texans to help him make up his mind whether to run for the U. S. Senate next year.

"He has probably already made up his mind to run,"

Bumper Pecan Harvest Is Due For This Year

A bumper pecan harvest, continuing almost to Christmas, is likely and the Agriculture Department says the big supply may drive prices down. It is distributing brochures telling housewives how to prepare pecans for breakfast, lunch and supper. And snacks, too.

There are no government support prices on pecans.

The department said, however, it would buy shelled and packaged pecans on the open market for school lunch programs and possibly to include in surplus food packages for welfare recipients.

This year's crop is expected to reach nearly 250 million pounds, compared to 173.6 million pounds in 1964. About a fifth of that total, according to the Agriculture Department, will be harvested in Texas, where the pecan is the state tree.

Texas native pecans brought 15 to 22 cents a pound in Southwest markets last year. The improved, paper shell variety sold for 25 to 30 cents.

In 1959, the average national price for pecans was 32½ cents a pound and Texas growers took in \$10 million. Growers' income slumped to \$3.5 million in Texas in 1961, when the average national price was 18.1 cents.

In 1919 the per capita consumption of pecans was 24-100th of a pound each year. The per capita figured increa-

sed 49-100th of a pound in 1964.

Only one other state gathers more pecans than Texas—that's Georgia with an estimated 1965 harvest of 66 million pounds to Texas 50 million. Other top producers are Oklahoma 34 million pounds, Louisiana 19 million, Arkansas 10.5 million and New Mexico, 6.5 million.

Pecans grow most everywhere in Texas. Counties producing the most native pecans are Matagorda, Brazoria, Lavaca, Wharton, Fort Bend, Comanche, Uvalde, Dewitt, Austin, and Marisol. Those producing the bulk of the paper shell pecans are Mills, San Saba, Wharton, Tarrant, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Bastrop, Hood, Midland and Smith.

NRA To Push Own Gun Bill

The National Rifle Association has decided to sponsor gun control legislation of its own, after battling an administration-backed bill introduced by Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn.

Frank Daniel, NRA secretary told a reporter the organization's executive committee decided last weekend "to propose some positive, forward looking legislation as a substitute" for Dodd's measure.

With the NRA leading the opposition, Dodd's bill to ban mail order gun sales and to require records on sales has been stymied in a Senate judiciary subcommittee.

Dodd, however, has vowed to get action on it at the next session of Congress.

Daniel said the NRA will take "a reasonable approach that will work." He said since long before President John F. Kennedy's assassination with a mail order rifle the NRA has been attempting to meet the problem.

Details of the NRA measure will not be available until next month, Daniel said, but he outlined it in general terms. He said the executive committee voted to support mandatory penalties for use of a firearm in a crime.

Another amendment to the Federal Firearms Act would make it illegal for a licensed dealer or manufacturer to ship firearms into a state where receipt would be contrary to state law.

Daniel said that while this would apply to mail orders for all kinds of firearms, including shotguns and rifles, most state laws apply only to wea-

pons that can be concealed. Daniel said the legislation also will attempt to do something about the sale of cannons, bazookas, and other weapons of this type.

He said, however, that unlike Dodd's bill the NRA measure would not ban the import of foreign military surplus firearms.

J. T. King's Texas Tech Red Raiders led the Southwest Conference in passing offense this season after pacing the league in rushing last year.

Dub Malaise, who stands 5-11, paced Texas Tech in both scoring, with 15 points, and rebounding, nine, points, and Raiders' 86-77, loss to University of Colorado at Boulder in the basketball season opener.

The third Texas Tech footballer to make a major All-America first team, Centerlinebacker E. J. Holub, now with the Kansas City Chiefs, broke the ice for the Red Raiders in 1959, repeated in 1960. End David Parks, now a San Francisco 49er, made All-America in 1963. Anderson was chosen on several teams last year, will probably make every selection this season.

Italy's population at the end of October was 52,829,000 government figures showed this week. This was an increase of more than a million over 1964.

Use the Ole Reliable classified ads to sell anything you have for sale!



Tree-Trimming Hint from Banking Leader
Archie K. Davis, President of the American Bankers Association, shows how attractive U. S. Savings Bonds can make a Christmas tree—especially for the recipients. Mr. Davis is Board Chairman of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Lack Of Funds To Delay WT Youth Corps Plans

At least 17 Texas projects for the federal Neighborhood Youth Corps have been turned down because the money has run out.

Included are those of Lamesa and Hobbs in West Texas.

Snake Flunks Fishing Test

Luther Owens of Woodville was outfished by a snake, but the fish probably had the last laugh.

He watched a large water moccasin vainly try to swallow a 12-inch catfish.

The snake started at the tail end, and when the fish was down to the fins, the trouble began.

Owens didn't see the final outcome because the moccasin slithered away into a drift of logs and could only assume it ended in a tie.

Terrell Blodgett, executive director for the Texas Office of Economic Opportunity, said Tuesday still more applications from "15 or 20 now pending" may be declined.

OEO aides explained allocated funds were exhausted, but that a few of the pending applications already had Washington approval and were figured in total funds.

Definitely rejected are nine projects involving 1,167 students and \$560,533 in federal aid. Another seven projects were also turned down, but figures were not available on how many students or how much money.

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COTTON TALKS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

ASCS personnel should now have the information needed to answer most producers questions on the new cotton program.

From Washington they have received Handbook 1-CN (Revision 1) — 132 pages of instructions, definitions and regulations on administering the cotton section of four-year Agriculture Act of 1965. There's another 72 pages of sample forms and pointers on how to fill them out.

It's called a "Short Reference." There's a similar document for feed grains and wheat, cropland adjustment etc, so don't push county ASCS managers too fast.

Dale Carter, District ASCS Supervisor, Plainview, confesses that the regulations pertaining to landlord-tenant relationships may prove the most ticklish to administer.

The law itself states: "The Secretary shall provide adequate safeguards to protect the interests of tenants and sharecroppers, including provision for sharing diversion payments on a fair and equitable basis . . ."

Handbook 1-CN sets rather lengthy guidelines for those safeguards, but leaves final decisions up to county ASCS committees. Generally, it is the intent of the Secretary that landlord and tenant are to share in both price support and diversion payments in the same proportions as they share in the crop.

Payments may be withheld if the county committee determines that the landlord has, "in anticipation of or because of participating in the program," reduced the number of tenants or sharecroppers on the farm.

A county committee may also disapprove payments if it determines that any "scheme or device" has been adopted to deprive a tenant or sharecropper of payments to which he would otherwise be entitled under the program.

Carter said both tenant and landlord would in all probability be asked to appear before county committees to help them in rendering decisions where disagreements occur.

The cotton handbook also revealed that only half of the diversion payment (10.5 cents times projected yield on acres diverted) will be made at the time producers sign-up. The Secretary has authority to make half of both diversion and price support payments (9.42 cents times projected yield from domestic allotment) in advance. He is declining to exercise that authority on the grounds that sufficient funds will not be available at sign-up time.

The final half of diversion payments and the price support payment will be made at a later date yet to be announced by the Secretary. Most expect, and certainly hope, that total payments will be made on proof of compliance.

Additional investigation of the poor micronaire situation which has developed this year on the Plains substantiates the theory that September rains and warm fall weather — in some instances on top of late August irrigation — caused plants to develop an abnormally large and immature top crop.

On Monday of this week Paymaster Seed Farms ran separate "mike" tests on the bolls from the top and lower half of plants of two different varieties planted on May 6 and May 21. The four tests, cotton from top half miked on average of 2.4 while cotton from the lower half of the stalk miked 4.2.

Dr. Harold Loden, director of the seed farms, is convinced that this is the most logical explanation for the high percentage of low micronaire cotton.

Some 30 cotton leaders from over Texas met in Dallas December 8 for a "Cotton Weather Conference" sponsored by the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association.

Bill Harris of the Cotton Economic Research Committee, Austin, explained the development of weather data based on statistical records for the past 31 years and centered around "probability of occurrence." These records, he said, when used in conjunction with cotton production research findings can lead to increased yields quality and profits for producers.

The weather data is presented in charts showing average, maximum and minimum temperatures and precipitation for

Hospital News

Physicians Hospital And Clinic

Hospital patients admitted the week of Dec. 6 through Dec. 12:

James Zimmerman, John David Hodges, Domingo Hinojosa, Tom Sorley, Laymon Lankford, Victor Holiday, Humberto Clarke, and Phillippe Cortez, all of Stanton. Virginia Paulene Carnes of Odesa, and Mrs. Edith B. Arms of Midland. O. R. Rich of Colorado City.

Mrs. Ward C. Parks of Eldorado, is visiting this week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lois F. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sadler and Cindy of Brownfield, were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snodgrass, Sr., of the Courtney community.

each week in the year. In addition the probability of occurrence of precipitation during the week, the 31-year average accumulated total precipitation for the year and the probability of occurrence of certain minimum and maximum temperatures are shown. Separate charts are compiled for each weather station in Texas.

The object of all such temperature and precipitation information is of course to determine optimum planting date, taking advantage of the best available weather for the various stages of cotton growth.

Olivier Newton, Agricultural Meteorologist with the Specialized Agricultural Weather Service in Lubbock, says "we are just kidding ourselves when we rely on weather predictions made months in advance. Using these probability of occurrence figures in planning is simply a matter of playing the odds — the best we can do for the present."

Newton went on to say that this weather data, properly used, can certainly be a valuable production tool.

Use of these weather charts in planning cotton operations was given a test this year in Jones County on the Rolling Plains with highly satisfactory results. All but about 30 acres of that county's 100,000 acre cotton allotment was planted within a few days after May 24, which was determined to be the optimum planting date for that area.

Meetings were held in 10 Jones County communities beginning on April 15 to sell farmers of the idea, and some farmers who had already planted plowed up their cotton and started over.

Under the uniform optimum planting date system, Jones County produced over 50,000 bales in 1965 as compared to 42,000 in 1964. And some observers state that, generally, 1964 was a better cotton year than 1965.

Also, this is reported to be the least costly crop produced in the county in years, with costs for insect control, weed control and other factors down. Further, while there are no quality records kept in the county, observers believe this to be the best quality crop ever produced there.

Roland Kelly of Stamford Cotton Oil Company said he believed producers in Jones County had saved about \$1 million in costs and increased the value of their crop by another \$1.5 million through use of the optimum planting date. Blooms were recorded in some fields only 42 days after planting, bolls showed up after 60 days and some crops were completely made in 120 days according to reports.

Complete weather data for any of the four weather stations on the Plains is available on request from the office of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., 1720 Avenue M, Lubbock. Stations are located at Lamesa, Lubbock and Seminole.

Donald A. Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers said that such weather information might not be applied on the Plains exactly as it was in Jones County, but nevertheless would be valuable information to any producer who would use it.

Methodist Church Activities

The children's division of the Methodist Church will have special Christmas activities Sunday afternoon, which will include caroling, an exchange of gifts, and a dinner in the church.

There is to be a special musical worship program Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the First Methodist Church. There will be a fellowship afterward in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

(O. B. Bryan, Jim McCoy, and Brother LeMond were in Big Spring Monday night for a district meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Long and Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bristow attended the carol of lights at Texas Tech College last week.

Fuzz from cottonseed is used in making synthetic fibers.

Baptist Church Activities

Creath Davis of the Northside Baptist Church of De Leon, will speak to the Baptist youth at a youth rally in Big Spring Saturday night. The rally is to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Baptist Temple.

The Naomi Sunday School class held a Christmas Coffee Sunday, December 12, in the home of Mrs. J. E. Angel. Members exchanged gifts. Cake and coffee were served to Mrs. Tince Ory, Vi Glenn, Bonnie Faye Sorley, Gene Nowlin, Helen Ruth Louder, Leo Adkins, Chuck Beavers, Obera Angel, and guest, Sissy Harvard.

The Mary Elizabeth Truly Circle met Thursday, December 9, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Harold Matteson, Jr., was elected vice-president. Members present were: Mmes. U. A. North, Clyde White, Harold Matteson, Jr., Jimmy Henson, Jack Cowan, and John Cagel.

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 1966.

The Primary III Sunday School Department of the First Baptist Church held its annual Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall, Saturday, December 11, with the superintendent, Mrs. W. T. Wells, and all department workers as hostesses.

The highlight of the party was decorating a red tree with blue envelopes containing the Little Moon Christmas offering each person brought. Mrs. Wendell Thomason directed the games. Mrs. Roy Martin read the poem, "The Night Before Christmas." Mrs. Clyde Miller led the singing of Christmas carols. Gordon Eiland and David Holder sang a duet, "We Three Kings of Orient."

Refreshments of fruit punch and Christmas cookies were served from a table covered with a white Damask cloth. The centerpiece was a large white lace wax candle, mounted on a white base decorated with greenery and a poinsettia. Runners were formed at the candle with Santa Claus mugs filled with greenery extending to each end of the table.

Mrs. Gaylon Hightower and Mrs. Herbert Jones passed out gifts from the lighted Christmas tree to everyone present. Members attending were: Dianna Hull, Sharon Graves, Laura Holder, David Holder, Sammy Jones, Gordon Eiland, Larry Butler, Sharon Tenney, Deanna Wells, Joanna Haggard, and hostesses, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Mrs. Clyde Miller, Mrs. Wendell Thomason, Mrs. Herbert Jones, Mrs. Roy Martin, and Mrs. Gaylon Hightower.

The famous English long-bow was from five to six feet in height and an archer could shoot six aimed shots a minute at an effective range of 200 yards.

High School Activities

Stanton High School will be host to a basketball tournament December 16 through December 18. There will be two sessions Thursday, beginning at 12:30 p.m., two sessions Friday, beginning at 12:30 p.m., and three sessions Saturday, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Finals starting at third place, will begin at 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

The drama class will present a one-act play entitled "The Brute" Tuesday, December 21. It will begin at 9:25 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

Tuesday, December 21, the Stanton High School basketball team will play Colorado City there.

The choir and band will present a Christmas program during activity period in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, December 22. There will be no admission fee. The public is invited.

Library Lines

MRS. RALPH CAFFEY, Librarian

Library Hours: Monday 1 - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Today we shall visit the juvenile fiction shelf of the library. Here we find books for the advanced second grader on up through the Junior High School level.

Some of the new ones just received will be of interest to these various ages. For the second and third grades, Mr. Twitmyer and the Poodle (whose name is called Noodle) will keep readers chuckling and laughing out loud, and the unexpected solution to his problem will delight dog lovers of all ages; Johnny - up and Johnny - down takes the readers back in time when the ways were very different and also offers understanding of a little known religious group, the Quakers; a big jump forward takes us to tomorrow with Sprockets, A Little Robot, a truly science fiction book that would be enjoyed by a wide age group. For grades 4-6, the classic

tale of Peter Pan, the boy who didn't want to grow up is still as readable as ever; three generations of children have enjoyed the favorite orphan story entitled, A Little Princess; The Wheel On The School tells of storks returning to a Dutch fishing village through the strenuous efforts of the six school children on the island, and gives insight into children of another land; a young girl finds fun and excitement one summer on a farm in Thimble Summer; Dan And the Miranda, is a lively story about a boy whose love for living things prevents him from putting the Miranda spider in the science fair; in Blue Willow, a migrant child attains her heart's desire; in Rabbit Hill, the new folk share their garden with the small animals; All - of - a - Kind Family, is a warm story of a Jewish family life in New York City a generation ago, and Little House on the Prairie, and On The Banks of Plum Creek, is from a satisfying series about family life in pioneer America.

PERSONALS

J. C. Crane is visting in the home of his daughter and son - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Moore and daughter, Carla of Midland, visited Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Bassham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Herndon and Pete were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kovey Powell and Amy.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Wright were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Lois F. Powell.

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BILLY BARNHILL

RLDS Church Activities

A Christmas Cantata, "The Son of God," by John F. Wilson, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday evening, December 20, at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This service of worship will be in charge of the Pastor Douglas Church.

The cantata is in five parts, the introduction, the annunciation, the birth, the shepherds and the congregational participation: "Joy To The World" playing the organ will be Bobby Hamm, with Mrs. Roy Koonce directing the choir. Soloist will be: Soprano, Mrs. Fred Church; Alto, Mrs. Carl Leonard; Tenor, Thadd Koonce; Baritone, Roy Koonce and Bass, Gearl Koonce. The quartet will be Mrs. Gearl Koonce, Mrs. M. L. Koonce, Roy Koonce, and Fred Church.

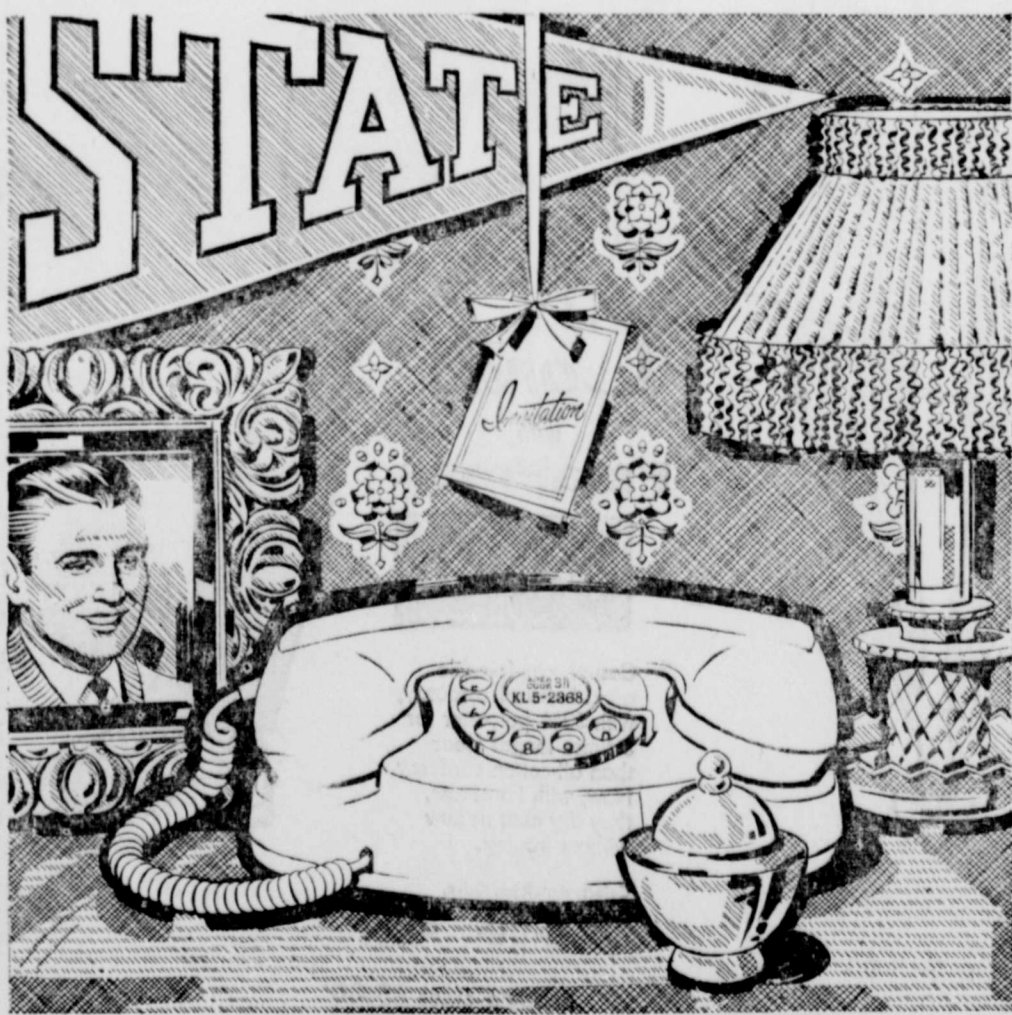
The theme of the cantata might be stated as contained in the quote from it: "More than a teacher, or a good example, He's the Son of God, the living word!"

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drake of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. John Blocker, Jr. and Jennifer of Jal, New Mexico, were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blocker.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bristow and Tim went to Fort Sumner over the weekend.

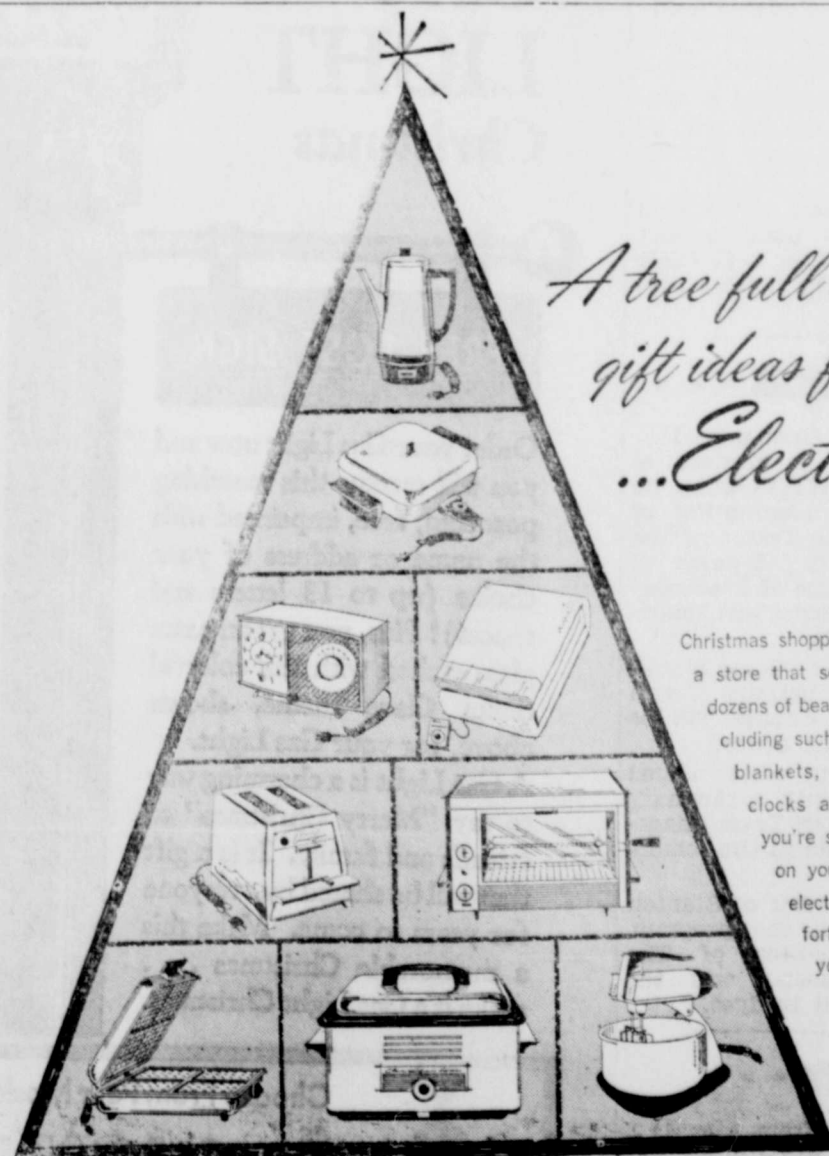
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Angel were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Angel and children.



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The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES

A UPI press survey revealed a significant statement concerning WEBB AIR FORCE BASE in Big Spring. The recent military base cutback announced by SEC McNAMARA has the 331st fighter interceptor squadron at Big Spring being inactivated by 1967. Of course, MR. McNAMARA'S idea about the close-ups and cutbacks it that he favors missiles over SAC. By 1967, McNAMARA just might not be around to handle the closing of WEBB. A lot of opposition should face him when Congress convenes again in January, but if the next session is as rubbery as the first one in 1965 there is little hope. However, since the members of Congress have returned to their home districts and found out just exactly what the majority of people are thinking, maybe when they go back to Washington they'll take a grass roots opinion back with them and stop being wood and water carriers. We want the United States Congress to mean more than the Russian Presidium — we want no meek, fear-ridden, trembling, members in this nation's most august body of lawmakers, now or ever. Our constitution guarantees the sacredness of three branches of government—the executive, legislative and judicial. Let us all work to keep the constitution firm by insisting that each branch of our government be free and independent, from undue persuasion, duress, or threats.

A. C. FLEMING, one of the best known and most highly admired men in Martin County died late Saturday afternoon while on a business trip to look after his farming interests near Seagraves. FLEMING, 59, retired from teaching school a few years ago. He had recently been engaged in farming both in Martin County and near Seagraves. He was also a former deputy under SHERIFF DAN SAUNDERS. The editor knew MR. FLEMING well, having attended the same college with him in Commerce, Texas a number of years ago. Just the other day, A. C. brought us some newspaper copies printed in Emory, Rains County, the county of his birth. He was a clean living, exemplary citizen, a devoted husband and a good father. We will all miss A. C. because he was such a fine person to know and to be associated with.

It is indeed a sad thing when the Supreme Court of these great United States refuses to hear a petition to allow children to repeat a simple prayer in school. Think of it friends and then realize that there is little wonder that respect for The Creator is dwindling in the high councils of this nation. Why don't the Congress do something to curb this tendency of anti-God as has been and is being evidenced by nine mere human beings on the Supreme Court? Why didn't the Presidents who appointed these men take into consideration their qualifications? God-fearing persons as well as their judicial qualifications? Here is a copy of the words of the mislaid childrens prayer the high court said NO to. "Thank You for the world so sweet. Thank You for the food we eat. Thank You for the birds that sing. Thank You God for everything."

We received a Christmas card and a short holiday note from TONI LEE BREWER, mother of one of Stanton's all-time great football stars, BUZZY BREWER. She sent us BUZZY'S address and he has so many friends who read the paper we are printing it here. PFC. JON A. BREWER, RA-18660731 65th M.P. Company, APO-09046 — New York, N. Y. Young BREWER has been stationed in Germany for the past two years and he always writes of his high regard for Stanton and Martin County people.

Holiday - - -

(Continued from page 1) in December. The Lions have a fine food feast to look forward to early in the New Year when Dr. Allen Fisher will play host to fellow members at a venison dinner.

Nearly all the active merchants in Stanton have authorized advertisements for the Christmas issue to be published next week. If you have not been called on yet and want to send a holiday message to your friends and customers call the newspaper at SK 6-3344.

Copy - - -

(Continued from page 1) really short on advertising. We might add that many editors in West Texas have long been amazed by the generous amount of column space devoted to local news and the amazingly light amount of advertising carried locally from those doing business in the Stanton area.

Bill Johnson - -

(Continued from page 1) ch and have been active in the religious, civic, and cultural affairs of the city in addition to their activities both on and off the campus with the school system.

Johnson stated that he was resigning because he felt he could not turn down an opportunity of advancement in the teaching profession.

Martin - - -

(Continued from page 1) was to consolidate 21 area offices into fourteen new district offices.

Further information about the change is available from Delton M. Costlow, Martin County Supervisor.

Local - - -

(Continued from page 1) stated that the school authorities felt the students needed a little more time to get ready for Christmas. The holidays will embrace a two-ive-day span. Classes will be resumed on January 3, Clinton stated.

Many members of the local school faculty plan to visit relatives and friends in other cities during the holiday period.

Bill Collins - - -

(Continued from page 1) new feature is interest to members of WTCC when he outlined the nominating of the first West Texan of the Month recently Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Ben Barnes was honored last month.

Collins said: "Some month in the future perhaps a man from Martin County will be tapped for this honor."

The Midland editor closed his remarks with a summary of what the West Texas Chamber plans to do in the tomorrows.

A large number of Stanton Lions enjoyed the program. Neal Estes, editor of The Stanton Reporter was the guest of Cecil Bridges.

Reporter - - -

(Continued from page 1) China and the United Nations, soaring production costs, tightening profits pinch, attractive opportunities in bonds, danger of a stock market stumble, inflation blow-off, discord in the Great Society, and foreign doubt about the dollar.

First U. S. mail cars were placed in service on July 28, 1862.



Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelly

Mr. And Mrs. W. E. Kelly Observe Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelly of Stanton, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on December 22. The celebration will be in the Cap Rock auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Walter and Stella came to Martin County with their families in 1907. They met soon after coming here, for both attended the same church and school. They did their courting in the horse and buggy days. They were married in the home of Stella's parents on the 22nd of December, 1915. Brother G. A. Merrick performed the ceremony, with several friends and relatives attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly had two sons and raised one adopted son. Grady, the oldest passed away when he was little past three year old. Owen, with his family, one daughter and three sons, live near Stanton. Benny and his wife live in Houston. He has twin step-daughters.

Walter and Stella live four and one-half miles west of Stanton on the farm they purchased in 1922. At that time most of the land around them was not in cultivation, and they had only a few

close neighbors. Walter has farmed and stock farmed practically all of his life. His son, Owen, and grandson, Bobby, are doing the farming now.

Their family numbers four grandchildren, two great-granddaughters, and twin step-granddaughters.

Midland - - -

(Continued from page 1) Ward was taken by Ellis Ambulance Service to Midland Memorial Hospital.

Ward suffered head injuries, broken bones and severe lacerations Midland hospital spokesmen said.

The train's engineer from Big Spring, told sheriff's officers he had the whistle on "full blast," attempting to warn the man when the train struck him. At the time of the accident, a gusty wind was blowing in the area. Deputy G. B. Therwanger told the press that Ward and his companion told him they did not see the train approaching.

Cotton fabrics do not cling.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa: I would like for Christmas a record player, a doll that cries, a set of dishes, a play stove, and a sink and ice box, a chest with shelves, a Barbie doll set, and a stuffed animal. I have been a good girl all year and say yes sir and yes mam.

Love always,
Mary Anita Franklin.

P. S. — Why does everybody sit in your lap?

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a Baby First Step, and some nuts and fruits, and candy for my stocking, and my sister and brother. She is 6 years old. This is for my sister, Baby First Step. And for my brother, Mutli - Pistol 09, and gun holster. He is 3 years old.

And my sister wants more toys. She wants a bottle, and I want a Barbie Fashion Shop, and my brother wants a gun to go with his gun holster. I love you.

Love,
Kim Underwood.

Dear Santa: I'm getting to be a big girl. I'm almost 6 years old. I need two front teeth, but hope you bring me a creepy crawlers and so excited about the surprises you have in store for me. Remember all the other little boys and girls who might not be as lucky as me.

Love,
Lisa Bess Angel.

Dear Santa: I have tried to be a good girl. Would you please bring me a "Baby Boo" doll, a sink and stove for my playhouse.

Remember all the other good boys and girls. I love you,
Fam Holcombe.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a "Big Bertha" and a airplane and heli-

Miss Woodard Is Midland Shower Honoree

Miss Sandra Woodard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Poe Woodard of Midland, former residents of Stanton, was honored with a kitchen shower and coffee Saturday with Mrs. E. Ed Pritchard and Mrs. Hastings Pannell as hostesses.

The party was in the Pritchard home at 2608 Lockheed Street in Midland.

Red and white, the honoree's chosen colors, were featured in the decor. Decorating the coffee table was an arrangement of white spider chrysanthemums and red glass candle holders on a white stand. A brass samovar and copper chafing dishes also were used on the table.

Some 50 guests were registered in the bride's book.

Miss Woodard will be married to Ronnie Joe Rasure on December 20 in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland.

I have been a pretty good boy.

I love you,
Kerry Holcombe.

Dear Santa: I'm just a little boy and sometimes not too good, but I'm trying harder and harder. As you know I'm only 2½. Would you please bring me a train, building blocks, and some surprises.

Love,
Bryan Thomas Angel.

Dear Santa: We are two very good boys, who live in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and would like you to bring us a nice sled for the snow, a bike, and a small train. Please visit our cousin, David Mashburn, and bring him lots of toys for a baby. Merry Christmas to our friends at the North Pole.

Thank you,
Keith Schlosser, 3½
Frank Elmer Schlosser, 1½.

Beta Sigma Phi Activities

The Xi Theta Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its annual Christmas dinner for husbands Friday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Bob Cox.

Barbequed h a m, salads, beans, breads, and deserts were served. Christmas music was played during the meal. Christmas decorations and favors were used to carry out the Christmas theme. Recreation followed.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Edmiston, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gilbreath, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hopkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox.

GS Fund Drive Nears Finish

The Girl Scout Fund Drive is very near completion, Delton M. Costlow, head of the drive informed the paper this week. Approximately \$550 has been collected.

Costlow wishes to thank all the workers and contributors who helped to make this drive a success.

Texas Tech has been to the Gator Bowl once previously, downing Auburn 35-13 in January, 1954. The Red Raiders meet Georgia Tech at Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.

Texas Tech has 16,305 students, including 10,138 men and 6,167 women. The largest enrollment is in the School of Arts and Sciences, where 6,982 are registered. Next is Business Administration, with 3,486.

Texas Tech was voted into the Southwest Conference in 1965, first scheduled a full conference football schedule in 1960.

Exotic Birds Need A Break From Hunters

John M. Carlisle, regional director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, urged upland hunters to spare exotic game birds released in several areas of the State.

His plea got authority from a Limestone County field report that a quail hunter bagged two gray francolin after a covey was pointed by his dog. He took them to a game warden for identification. He said his dogs later located two more coveys.

These swift birds have been experimentally stocked in other areas, as well as red-legged partridges. Both species are larger than bobwhite quail.

Carlisle, noting that the State hatchery here is the source of the imported birds, asked hunters downing the protected birds by mistake to kindly report the band number of their local department staffers.

Santa - - -

(Continued from page 1) ton. Santa Claus met them there. He was brought to town on the big red fire truck and volunteer firemen aided the good man from the North Pole in spreading his pre-Christmas goodies.

Children were given sacks of fruit and candy and all appeared to have a very wonderful time. They are looking forward to the regular visit of St. Nick on Christmas Eve and he will not disappoint them.

Seven gold stars form the Big Dipper on a field of sky blue in Alaska's flag. These stars are a symbol of gold in that state.

It has been estimated that seven of ten diabetics die of heart disease.

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