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VARIETY

By NEAL ESTES

A new book, "Mission With LeMay" is off the presses and now available in most book stores. The book should be must reading for those interested in knowing what could happen in this country if we really start leaning on missiles for defense altogether. LeMAY is the recently retired Air Force chief of staff and former commander of the Strategic Air Command. The LeMay theory is that we need manned aircraft. He says he will not rely on computers and machines on the missiles until he is convinced "the airplane invented the Wright Brothers." He says he thinks direct bombing is best in Viet Nam right now if we intend to win the war. In the book, LeMAY says: "There was, definitely, a time when we could have destroyed all of Russia — without losing a man to their defenses." A reader will learn a lot about how to win a war and keep it won by reading "MISSION WITH LEMAY."

Remember the rhyme: "Come in, Sit down. The house doesn't always look this way. Sometimes it's even worse!" Our house is very after-Christmas-ish. And that's the way I feel — content, but sort of "ish." After whizzing around getting a paper out every week, and then the big one last week, all of the whizz has gone out of my fizz. A combination-man, advertising, editorial situation is a thing of the past in all of the other newspapers we know anything about. But I can take MAC MCKAY, and get out a good paper every week regardless of who else might be around. As a matter-of-fact, MAC is the best combination back shop man in the trade today. He can almost read my mind because he has worked by my side for so long and I know when MAC is about pooped too. We just take off a few hours — rest — then hit the grind again. Twenty-four pages in six days for two men average four pages daily — selling, editing, making up, and printing and folding. That's not bad — not bad at all.

GEORGE S. SCHUYLER is a conservative negro journalist and author who strongly believes that the best way for the members of his race to get out of the rut they are in is through self-help rather than government aid. This week he said: "The whole calculated campaign of organized marches has flopped, after causing enormous social, economic, and psychological damage, that the professional agitators will not find it easy to mobilize sufficient forces to operate on the scale of yesterday."

The colorful negro author also says that the peculiar parsons, politicians and professors who with locked arms led the soft-headed to our courthouses and city halls will not as easily be hornswoogled again.

The civil rights movement has been exploited by politicians. The negro must really and truly make his place in society if he expects to gain the admiration of the white people. You can't have an instant human being. The best way on earth our dark skinned brothers could prove to be worthy would be for the marchers, loiterers, the idle, the unemployed, the government relievers, to quit raising Cain here in America and volunteer for combat duty in Viet Nam. After all, the politicians must not forget that it was the white man who fought for freedom at Valley Forge, Concord, and in other great freedom battles of the past. What better opportunity for the

Mrs. Stephenson Announces For Re-Election

Mrs. Doris Stephenson, Martin County clerk, has authorized The Reporter to formally announce her candidacy for the post she now holds, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary May 7. Mrs. Stephenson's statement follows: "I have enjoyed serving the people of Martin County as their County and District Clerk and I have tried at all times to execute the duties of this office faithfully and efficiently. "In asking for re-election to this office I promise my continued full time devotion to the duties of the County and District Clerk. "Any consideration given me in the coming election will be greatly appreciated."

First 1966 Baby Makes Jan. 4 Debut

Master D'Wayne Driver was the first baby born in Martin County in 1966. He made his debut on January 4. The fine, bouncing boy arrived at 1:45 a.m. at Physicians Hospital in Stanton. He weighed in at seven pounds, four and one-half ounces and measured 18 inches long. Parents of the county's first 1966 baby are Anthony Driver of San Jose, California and Judy Pinkerton Driver of Stanton. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pinkerton of Stanton and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Driver of Lamesa.

School Board Taps Milam For Top Job

Board members of the Stanton Independent School Board met in a called session on the evening of January 3 and elected Coach Bill Milam to the Stanton High School principal's place. Milam succeeds Bill Johnson, who recently resigned to accept a place as head of the Blanket, Texas schools. Milam will assume the duties of his new position on January 14, when Johnson leaves town for Blanket.

Bill Milam has been athletic director, head football coach, girls' basketball coach, and an instructor in world history in the local school system. The school board will scan applications for a history teacher. In addition to his duties as school principal, Milam will continue to coach and head the athletic department. The next regular session of the school board will be held on January 10.

Maguire Spots Site For No. 1 Bonnie Shepard

Russell Maguire of Midland has spotted site for the No. 1 Bonnie Shepard, a 1/2-mile south outpost to the Ackerly (Dean Sand) pool in North-east Martin County. The 8,750-foot project is 32 miles north of Stanton, 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of the southeast quarter of section 19, block 34, T-3-N, T&P survey.

Sheriff Saunders To Deliver Odell McDonald To State Pen

Sheriff Dan Saunders advised The Stanton Reporter that he planned a trip to Huntsville and the state pen soon to lodge Daniel Odell McDonald behind prison walls. Young McDonald has been in the Martin County jail since June 12, 1964 under a 99-year sentence for murder. "I have been informed any further legal efforts on behalf of McDonald can be handled just as well with the prisoner in Huntsville," Saunders explained. "I intend to take him to the penitentiary sometime in the next 10 days, if my present plans go through. I would take him this week, but court is in session and I have to be here.

Probably we'll go next week." He said that McDonald, now 20, is ready to leave the cell he has occupied for a year and a half and begin serving his time in state prison. He gets credit for time served, if he is in the penitentiary, but not in the Martin County jail. McDonald, a soldier on leave from Colorado, allegedly suffocated and stabbed his 82-year-old grandmother to death on the night of June 12, 1964. He was arrested that day and placed in jail. His grandmother, Mrs. W. S. McDonald, was also raped. She operated a small store and filling station on the east outskirts of Stanton. McDonald was tried in 118th District Court Jan. 25. The

verdict was guilty as charged and punishment fixed at 99 years. His attorney appealed the verdict and lost the appeal. It was then said an effort to get the case in U. S. District court on a petition for writ of habeas corpus would be made. This had not been done, but is still being considered, Saunders said. If so, it can be filed while McDonald is a convict in the state prison. Under ordinary procedure, with good behavior, McDonald could be eligible for parole after 15 years in the state penitentiary. He has lost a year of this "good time" by being kept in the Martin County jail.

Cap Rock To Award Trip To Washington, D. C.

An all expense paid trip to the nation's capitol city will be awarded to a boy and a girl as winners of an oratorical contest being sponsored by Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Stanton. The contest is open to any boy or girl at least 16 years of age but not 18 years of age prior to September 1, 1966. Winners will join winners of similar contests sponsored by other electric cooperatives across Texas on the second annual Texas Electric Cooperative Government-In-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D. C. All expenses of the 13-day trip, beginning June 2, will be paid by Cap Rock Electric Cooperative.

Interested young people may obtain an official entry blank from their school or the offices of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Box 158, Stanton, Texas. The deadline for submitting entries will be January 15, 1966. As participants in the Texas Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour, local contest winners will travel by chartered bus to Washington, D. C., where they

will spend four days visiting places of historical interest and seeing the nation's government in action. On Wednesday, June 8, the Texas group will meet more than 800 students from other states for a program sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The program will feature presentations by officials of this organization and other Washington personalities and possibly the Presidential Staff. The eventful day will end with a charter cruise down the Potomac which will include entertainment and refreshments. Also included on the 13-day agenda will be visits to the following: George Washington's Mount Vernon home, Arlington National Cemetery, the U. S. House and Senate, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Smithsonian Institute, the Lincoln Memorial and other places of interest.

New Year's Traffic Death Toll Heavy

Americans died at the rate of nearly seven an hour during the three-day New Year's holiday period. Death on the nation's highways chalked up a new record. The record of a New Year's holiday had been 471 in traffic, set only a year ago. That mark was exceeded shortly after noon Sunday before the holiday period closed. When the National Safety Council tabulates traffic totals the number of deaths may reach as high as 600. A spokesman for the Council said Monday: "It's clear that the matter can't depend

on more horror to terrify drivers into safe highway behavior." Ohio led the nation with 46 deaths, followed by California's 45. New York tallied 38, Michigan and Illinois 29, Texas, which led the nation's highway fatalities during the Christmas weekend, counted 22 during the 78-hour New Year's tabulation time. It was the second time in a record for holiday traffic deaths. During the Christmas weekend there were 721 traffic deaths, the most for any holiday period in history.

Wildcat Test In Glasscock

Union Texas Petroleum Corp. has spotted a Glasscock County wildcat location in an old well plugged back to 8,600 feet 13 miles southeast of Garden City. The No. 1, 1-46 Rape is spotted 660 feet from the north and west lines of 46-34-5S, T&P survey, seven miles east of the Spraberry Trend area. The well was plugged and abandoned at a total depth of 10,740 feet in 1958 by Cosden.

The second phase of Texas' initial plan of compliance with the recently enacted Federal Highway Beautification Act got under way January 3. Field parties from the Texas Highway Department began the actual count for inventories of billboards and junkyards along Texas highways. The act, as approved by Congress and signed into law by the President, envisions the control of billboards and junkyards and scenic enhancement along the nation's highways. In Texas this will cover more than 3,000 miles of Interstate highway system and more than 14,500 miles of the primary system. The inventories will be used

Bell Telephone Slates Open House And Community Night

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will hold an Open House and Community Night in Stanton on Monday, January 17, Harry Sawyer telephone company manager said. Sawyer said the local telephone building will be open from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. on that day to give Stanton customers a chance to see just what is behind their telephone. At 7:45 the telephone company will present Glenn Scott, Science Demonstrator from Dallas with a program entitled, "Information On The Move" at the high school auditorium. Sawyer said that Scott will show how computers affect everyone's daily life and tell the fascinating story

of the latest methods of transmission of information. "Man is learning more and more about everything," the manager said, "and while he can store this knowledge in a computer — he also needs to be able to transmit this knowledge quickly from place to place. Mr. Scott will show how this is done; and he does it in an interesting and entertaining manner. He is without a doubt the most sought after speaker in the telephone company. "I'm sure that everyone will enjoy his program." Sawyer said that following the program refreshments will be served by the Science Club and the Future Physicians Club of the high school.

Martin Grand Jury Hears Two Cases

Two felony complaints were brought before the Martin County grand jury in 118th District Court here Monday. Judge Ralph Caton empaneled the grand jury. He was accompanied to Stanton by District Attorney Wayne Burns. Dan Saunders said the only two matters to be considered by the jurors were: Felix Guirre, DWI second offense, and Sam Hitchcock, felony check. Guirre is a Martin County resident and Hitchcock is from Austin. A third defendant was supposed to go before the grand jury but failed to put in an appearance Monday. Judge Caton is hearing a civil docket in the court here this week.

Stallings Agency Buys Burnam Out

The Jimmy Stallings Insurance Agency in Stanton has purchased the insurance agency owned and operated here by H. C. Burnam for the past 25 years. The sale was effective on January 1, 1966. Mr. Burnam will retire after 45 years in two types of business in Stanton. He was associated with his father in the hardware business in Martin County for 20 years before entering the insurance field. Jimmy Stallings established the Stallings Insurance Agency here on December 1, 1958. Albert A. Johnson became associated with the Stallings Agency as an agent for Amicable Life Insurance Company in March of 1964 when Stallings added a life insurance department. Johnson became a partner in the Stallings Agency in 1965. In announcing the purchase of the Burnam business here, Stallings said that someone would be in the office at all times to serve the needs of those seeking insurance service.

Editor's Mail

WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE P. O. Box 970 FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76101 December 28, 1965 Mr. Neal Estes Stanton, Texas Dear Mr. Estes: This letter is to invite and urge you to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in El Paso on January 13 and 14, 1966. The details of the meeting are noted on the enclosed sheets. We would like for you to participate in all activities in addition to the meeting of your committee. In addition to regular business, we are pleased that the Public Relations Committee meeting will feature two outstanding speakers Mr. William J. Hooten, Vice-President and Editor, The El Paso Times, and Mr. William I. Latham, Managing Editor, El Paso Times. They will speak on the subject of "How to Improve the Image of the West

Billboard Count Starts

The quality of cotton from Howard, Martin, Midland, and Glasscock counties dropped last week, B. B. Manly, Jr., cotton classing officer in Abilene said. The per cent of samples by color categories was 15 white, 70 light spotted and 15 spotted. This compared to 38 white, 59 light spotted and 2 per cent spotted two weeks ago. Samples reduced in grade because of bark totaled 7 per cent. Manly said classing was steady last week with 31,500 samples processed. Light precipitation and high humidity enabled classing to stay about current with sample receipts; however, the undesirable weather and the harvesting of less mature, more rank cotton were the probable causes for such a change in grades. Another 3 to 4 weeks of classing at the present pace will bring classing near completion.

Business In '66 Expected To Expand

The world welcomed the New Year with joyous celebration and a prayer for peace. The national economic picture in the States was showing us as bright as the banner year just completed. But the people are disturbed and concerned about the apparent bog down in peace feelers in Viet Nam situation. The citizenry appears to be five times as concerned over peace efforts as any other aspect of what the future year might bring on any other front. On the whole, as in the past, the local conditions are reflected in the national picture. Business should continue to be good in many areas, especially will manufacturers continue to reap the harvest they have been accustomed to during the past two years. Stanton merchants reported a fine holiday business. Many said their 1965 sales were as good or better than those recorded in 1964. Everything points to a steady economy in Martin County during 1966. The bank and other institutions lending aid to area residents are all prosperous and their financial statement indicate good health in the community. Gins are running full peak over the county and the cotton yield estimate has already been advanced with the establishment of this factual in-

formation. Farmers are going to close out the season in better shape that they did last year. The expansion of some business firms in Stanton was accomplished in 1965. Other business places are either in an expansion program or plan some enlarging project in 1966. Houses appear to be filling up and fewer vacant units are reported in the city limits. A new housing project of between seventy-five and one hundred units is scheduled for completion in the year ahead. It is also reasonable to assume that the second phase of the urban renewal program will get started too. The area of town marked for help under this phase is located mostly in south Stanton. The usual business changes, and retirements have been announced in the city. Some new families are expected to move to the county seat if certain county-wide projects get going briskly as anticipated in 1966. The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will continue to work on the airport project and plan other community projects. The Stanton Reporter now has an all-time circulation and merchants who are using the paper's columns for advertising purposes are finding out the benefits through increased sales. More and more people are going to follow the ads in 1966 for the bargains they are going to need with prices rising in some cases. Stanton and Martin County can't go but one way in 1966 — that's ahead!

New Service Manager At White Motor

A. B. (Pete) Price has recently assumed responsibilities as the new service manager of White Motor Co. Price has had five years experience as service manager at another Ford dealership before joining the local firm. He is a native Texan, having been born and reared in Henrietta, Texas. The Price family consisting of Pete, his wife, Mary, and daughter, Bettie, who will be a junior in Stanton High School, will be moving to Stanton soon. He also has a married daughter, Mrs. Patricia Beckham of Odessa. White Motor Co. invites all of their old and new customers to come by and get acquainted with Price and they promise prompt efficient service at all times.

Martin Cotton Drops In Quality

Staples lengths were steady at 27 percent 29-32, 60 percent 15-16 and 14 percent 31-32. Fifty-seven per cent of the mike readings went 3.6-4.8, 23 per cent was 3.3-3.5, 14 per cent 3.0-3.2, 5 per cent 2.7-2.9 and 1 per cent 2.6 and below. The market became more sluggish. Most buyers offered less than loan prices for middling light spotted cotton and sales of that quality were light. About all white cotton was held or went into the CCC loan. Strict low middling light spotted and lower colored qualities continued to sell, but at lower prices. Farmers received gross prices of \$2.25 to \$3.75 per bale above loan rates for the lower qualities. All offered prices were discounted 25 and 45 points on 3.3 and 3.4 mikes, 60 points on 3.0 through 3.2, 165 points on 2.7-2.9, and 275 to 300 on 2.6 and below.

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Southwestern Bell

Philosopher Has Trouble Seeing Into Next Year And This Year Was No Big Help

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw takes a look at 1966, but we're not sure he has his glasses on.)

Dear editor:

A couple of days after Christmas, when I was figuring up how much it cost, you know some people are always referring to Washington as Santa Claus and they're right — the government has cut income taxes and raised Social Security taxes, just the way the Christmas - gift business works — at any rate, a neighbor of mine out here stopped me and said, "Well, how does the new year look to you?"

"I can't see it from here," I told him.

Anybody who claims he can see over into next week, not to mention, next year, has already forgotten what happened last month. I don't know what it was, but it didn't happen like he figured it would.

Predicting next year is like predicting next month's weather, and I have a notion that if man, and it's possible, ever gets control of the weather and can make it rain when he wants to, stay dry when he wants it to, there will still be jobs for weather forecasters, this time predicting whether the Bureau will have rain here or sunshine there. What I mean is, man is no more predictable than the elements, which is the reason nobody knows what's going

to happen in 1966. In fact, there are times when I prefer the elements.

As for me, my theory is the best way to handle a year is one day at a time, and the best way to handle a day is one hour at a time. Any man who can't handle one hour, there's not much hope for him. Although there have been hours I'd just as soon have skipped.

In 1966, I figure things will be about like they were in 1965, and if me and Congress can figure what happened then, we'll have normal sailing. But watch out for the sand bars.

Yours faithfully,
 J. A.

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.

Here we start a new year with all our nice New Year's Resolutions. Have you included reading for information and pleasure in your list? With so many new books, anyone can find something they would enjoy here in the library. Come on down and look us over.

The Women's Department of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, gave the book "Beyond Ourselves," by Catherine Marshall, in appreciation of Miss Arab Phillips of Big Spring. The Euel Ferguson's gave a number of books to add to the shelves.

I have resolved to not put out any new books until the cards in the card catalog are all processed and in the proper places, so that anyone coming in can check and find if we have what they want without having to ask. A little more volunteer help with the typing of cards and we will be caught up for the first time since this was begun.

I do want to say thank you to each and every person who helped with this momentous task the last year, if I tried to call names, I would be sure to leave out one, so just say Thank You.

Lubbock Man Member Maid Judging Panel

Roy Forkner, Lubbock gin-ner, has been named to the seven-member judging panel which will select the 1966 Maid of Cotton in Memphis, Tennessee December 28-29.

President of the Service Compress and Warehouse Company in Lubbock, he was named board chairman of Plains Textiles, Inc., earlier this year.

Miss Sue Boteler, fashion coordinator of Jellef's in Washington, D. C., will head the panel. Other judges will be: William E. Reid, president of Riegel Textile Corporation, New York; Mrs. John T. Fisher, Memphis, former Maid of Cotton; Jean Carter; Henry Halzlip, Jr., president of Memphis Cotton Carnival Association; Ed Ray, managing editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar; and Ed Lipscomb, sales promotion director of the National Cotton Council, Memphis.

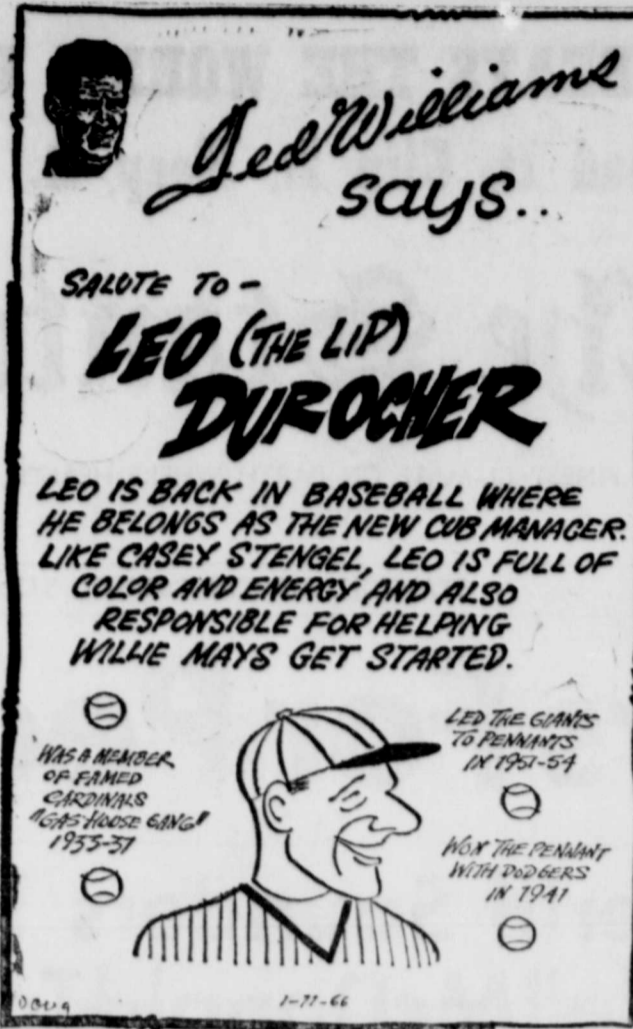
The 1966 Maid will be selected from a group of 20 finalists, chosen earlier this month from hundreds of preliminary candidates. Girls from Texas competing in the finals are: Lynda Howard, Marfa; Alice Vennum, Arlington; and Nancy Bernard, Lubbock, South Plains Maid of Cotton.

A fabulous all-cotton wardrobe and an international fashion and good will tour await the 1966 Maid. She will make her first official appearance in the Cotton Bowl Festival parade in Dallas and will be presented at half-time ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Ohmer Kelly were New Year's Day visitors in San Angelo at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Weatherman and family. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ross of Alpine, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Carrothers and family of Fort Worth.

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U.S. Ponders Reshuffle Of Withholding System

If you get a higher-than-average paycheck, the government may soon be taking a bigger bite out of it in the form of increased income tax deductions.

This would be the principal effect of a proposed overhaul of the income tax withholding system. It also would mean lower deductions for those in the lower income brackets.

The change would substitute one of three graduated withholding rates for the present flat rate. It would not change income tax rates.

Treasury officials decline to discuss details. Presumably, the decision on whether to propose the change will be made by President Johnson. The ultimate decision will rest with Congress.

Economic Weapon
 There is a possibility that the administration may use the withholding tax as an economic weapon just as it did in 1964. However, this time it would be employed to take more funds out of the hands of consumers to reduce the threat of inflation.

In 1964, the withholding rate was set lower than necessary in order to put more money in the hands of consumers quickly and eliminate a potential business letdown. The amount of this "braking power" would not be great—perhaps \$1 billion to \$3 billion—but government economists may conclude that it is the handiest anti-inflation weapon available. Administration officials believe it would be more acceptable to Congress than an income tax increase.

Last year, middle- and upper-bracket taxpayers complained that the 1964 withholding was too low—many were left with sizeable tax bills when settlement time rolled around. Regardless of the economic effects, a Treasury official said, the primary objective of any change would be to bring the withholding rate more closely in line with the actual tax.

Sarah Bernhardt was born Oct. 23, 1845.

Weight limit for middle-weight boxers is 160 pounds.

The Exchange Desk

DENVER CITY PRESS: "New construction in Denver City during 1965 hit the \$321,024 mark, a review of city building permit records showed today. The figure is somewhat lower than \$453,390 in new construction during 1964, but the 1965 figure reflects somewhat of a residential construction 'boom' in the city."

FORT STOCKTON PIONEER: "Vigorous expansion of oil and gas industry, a moderate building boom, generally increased business activity and population growth were the main features of 1965, newwise for Fort Stockton and Pecos County. Many new families moved to town as oil and gas interests pressed development of deep petroleum deposits, erecting a small force of giant multi-million dollar drilling rigs."

STAMFORD AMERICAN: "Season tickets for the concert to be given this spring in the new high school auditorium are beginning to move. The series is sponsored by the Rotary Club and tickets are \$8 for the four concerts."

THE WINK BULLETIN: "Effective January 1 telephone bills of Wink and Winkler County residents will be reduced by seven per cent, according to Ben Young of Manahans, Division Manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company."

THE MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT: "The high rate of absenteeism in the Memphis Schools is a matter of growing concern for all who are interested in the education of our children, according to Supt. of Schools Shannon Doss. In explaining the seriousness of the situation during the last six-weeks period, he said that a total of 1,633 days of schools were lost by students. This is an average of 1.65 days for every student enrolled in the Memphis Public Schools."

THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS: "The Loraine school board held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, Dec. 16, and worked through quite a lengthy agenda. The board approved ordering one new school bus. During the past six years the board has followed a bus replacement program of purchasing one new chassis each year for all buses serving routes in the Loraine district."

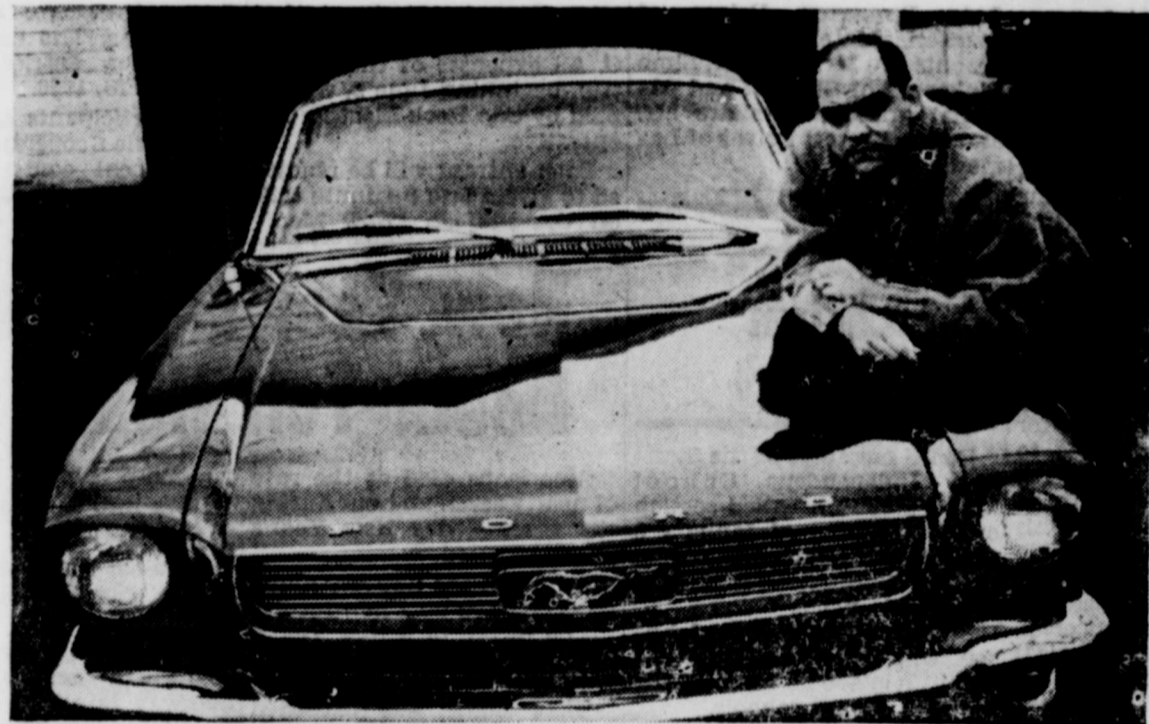
THE MUNDAY TIMES: "Eddie Littlefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Littlefield and a freshman at the University of Texas, was one of the new members chosen for the University Longhorn Singers this fall. Twenty new members were chosen from a field of about 100."

THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT: "The date of the 34th annual Reagan County Junior Livestock Show has been set for Saturday, January 29, according to E. O. Nevils, sponsor of the Reagan County 4-H Club. The show is sponsored annually by the Reagan County Lions Club."

MATADOR TRIBUNE: "A series of rain storms Thursday heralded the Christmas holiday. Matador was in a storm alert from noon until 11 p.m. A brilliant rainbow was splashed against the clouds in the north about 2 p.m. after the passage of a shower. The left end of the rainbow was squarely at the north end of Main Street."

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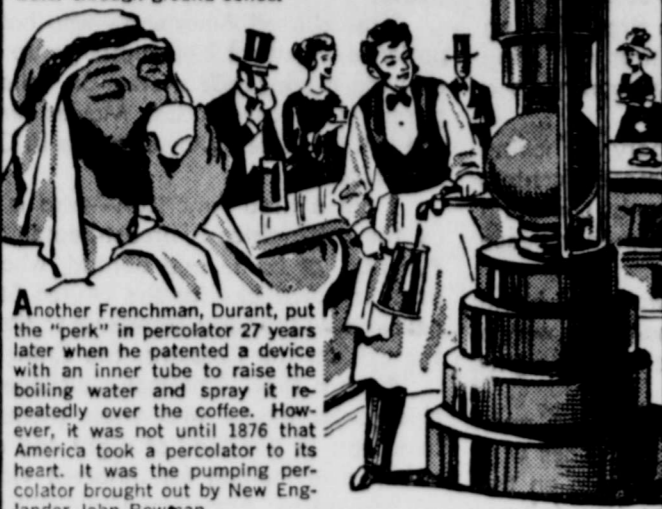
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COFFEE BREWING

Ever since coffee was first reported in Arabia more than 1,000 years ago, the search for the best way to brew it has gone on. For hundreds of years it was simply boiled, with bitter results. Then, in 1800, the first percolator was invented, by the Frenchman De Belloy. This was really the first "drip" pot, and it simply filtered boiling water through ground coffee.



Another Frenchman, Durant, put the "perk" in percolator 27 years later when he patented a device with an inner tube to raise the boiling water and spray it repeatedly over the coffee. However, it was not until 1876 that America took a percolator to its heart. It was the pumping percolator brought out by New Englander John Bowman.

The latest in the long line of boil, perk, drip, vacuum, filter and steep coffee makers is the new Insta-Brewer. Using a unique pressure-plunger method, it makes superb coffee in less than a minute using the regular grind of your favorite brand. All you do is use one coffee measure per cup, add boiling water, brew for 30 seconds to 1 1/2 minutes, then push the plunger to the bottom. The brewing action is cut off, and coffee is ready to serve. **K**

Each eye of the Statue of Liberty measures two feet and six across.

Freddy Akers, a University of Arkansas football player in the late 1950s and now head football coach at Lubbock has

been named an assistant coach at the University of Texas.

A spokesman for the Spanish Olympic Committee says that Spain will ask to host the 1972 Olympic Games.

Social Calendar

- LIONS CLUB — Each Tuesday at noon.
- ROTARY CLUB — Each Wednesday at noon.
- ORDER OF EASTERN STAR — First Tuesday night of each month.
- REBEKAH LODGE — Each Monday night.
- ODDFELLOW LODGE — Each Thursday night.
- MASONIC LODGE — Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- AMERICAN LEGION — First Tuesday night of each month.
- MEN'S DEPARTMENT First Methodist Church — Second Monday night of each month.
- BROTHERHOOD, First Baptist Church — Second Thursday of each month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI CITY COUNCIL — First Monday of each month.
- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY—Third Tuesday of every other month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI — Preceptor Mu Chapter — First and third Thursdays. Xi Epsilon Delta Chapter — Second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Rho Xi Chapter — First and third Thursdays. Mu Lambda Chapter — First and third Thursdays. Xi Theta Nu Chapter — Every other Wednesday.
- STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB — Every other Wednesday.
- STUDY CLUB — Fourth Thursday of each month.
- GRADY PARENTS-TEACHER ASSOCIATION — Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, Circle I — First Methodist Church, each Monday afternoon.
- WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, Circle II — First Methodist Church, each Tuesday morning.
- STANTON MUSIC CLUB — First and third Wednesday of each month.
- WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—First and third Thursdays of each month.
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, Lenorah Baptist Church — each Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 p.m.
- GA's, Lenorah Baptist Church — Wednesday night at 7:45.
- BROTHERHOOD, Lenorah Baptist Church — Fourth Monday of each month at 8 p.m.
- YWA, Lenorah Baptist Church—Each Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.
- STANTON GARDEN CLUB — Fourth Tuesday of each month.
- WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, First Methodist Church — Second Monday evening of each month.
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, First Baptist Church — Mary Stamps Circle — Third and fourth Mondays. Vivian Hickerson Circle — First, third and fourth Tuesday mornings. Mary Elizabeth Truly Circle — First and second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- WMS GENERAL MEETING — All circles second Tuesday morning of each month.
- BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS — Meets last Thursday of each month.
- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ALTAR SOCIETY — Second Wednesday.
- LEGION OR MARY, St. Joseph's Catholic Church — Each Monday night.
- HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS — Stanton HD Club — First and third Wednesdays. Courtney HD Club — First and third Thursdays. Courtney Morning HD Club—Second and fourth Thursday.
- Valley View HD Club — Second and fourth Thursday. Lakeview HD Club — First and third Thursday. Koffee Kup Kraft HD Club — Second and fourth Thursday mornings.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT — First and third Monday night of each month at City Hall.
- CANCER SOCIETY — First Monday night of each month at Cap Rock Electric auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
- GRADY LIONS CLUB — First and third Tuesday night of each month at Grady School.
- HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL MEETING — Third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Cap Rock Electric auditorium.
- MARTIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEETING — Third Tuesday night of each month.
- STANTON PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION — Second Tuesday night of each month.



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We wish to thank all of our dear friends for the beautiful floral tribute, the cards, the food, and for all the love and kindness shown us during the sudden death of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather. We thank the Methodist Church people, the Rebekahs, Oddfellows, and Masonic lodges, for acts of kindness and services rendered. We want to thank each one who contributed in any way to help make our sorrow easier to bear.
Special thanks to the choir, to the Revs. LeMond, L. W. Tucker, Preston Florence, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gilbreath.
May God always be near, and dear to each of you.
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Editor's . . .
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Texas Chamber of Commerce in its Service Area.
We look forward to having you with us in El Paso. Please return the enclosed reply card to our headquarters office. It helps us tremendously for planning purposes to have your response.
Best wishes for the New Year.
Sincerely yours,
Beeman Fisher.

HD Club Activities
The Stanton Home Demonstration Club met for their annual Christmas party on Dec. 20, at the home of Mrs. John Roueche, where gifts were exchanged and Secret Pals revealed. Also names were drawn for Secret Pals for the new year.
The house was beautifully decorated with the Christmas theme. The serving table was covered with a red and white cloth, which was centered with an arrangement of candles on a revolving table.
Mrs. W. T. Wells gave the program, after which games were played, and refreshments of spiced tea, cookies, and candy were served to Mrs. N. I. Riggan, W. T. Wells, Paul Jones, W. T. Haynie, Sam Wilkerson, J. A. Wilson, Sr., John Roueche, and Mildred Eiland.

Methodist Church Activities
The Woman's Society of First Methodist Church met Monday, January 3, at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Calvin Jones, vice president, called the meeting to order. A few items of business were discussed.
Mrs. Jones gave us a story "The Evangelical United Brethren Church." She used the following scriptures: Romans 12:1-5; Matthew, 28:18-20; Luke 4:18-19, and First Peter 2:9-10A.
Mrs. L. C. Hazlewood gave an introduction to the study, "Acts Then and Now." This study will begin next Monday, January 10, at the church at 3:30 p.m. She gave the closing prayer.
Those present were: Mrs. Jesse Burns, Mrs. Calvin Jones, Mrs. Martin Gibson, Mrs. A. J. Stallings, Mrs. James Biggs, Mrs. Aaron Donelson, Mrs. Dewey Williams, Mrs. Eddy Butler, Mrs. C. R. LeMond, Mrs. L. C. Hazlewood, and Mrs. Harry Haislip, a new member.

Variety . . .
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colored to prove their skill in battle by engaging those Viet Cong in combat? The meanest racist on earth would have to admit that such action would be another Lexington — another shot fired and heard around the world.
A DALLAS NEWS column writer was born in West Texas in a little hamlet called Lariat often writes about his old territory. PAUL CRUME had this paragraph in his Big D column Tuesday morning: "Years ago in West Texas, an old man died who had moved in from Iowa and spent 40 years in the community. At his death, the community patriarch was reduced to tears. "He was the most wonderful man," said the patriarch, "even if he was a northerner."

Billboard . . .
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In studies that will be made relative to possible state legislation to implement the provisions of the act, including the zoning of industrial and commercial areas along the state highway system.
A Highway Department spokesman said May 15, 1966, has been set as a target date for completion of the inventories.

Mrs. Hancock Joins Rebekahs

Mrs. Curtis Hancock was initiated into the Stanton Rebekah lodge 287, Monday night at the IOOF hall, when a candlelight ceremony was held. Mrs. John Wilkes, Jr., was at the piano.
The refreshment table was laid with a white cut-work cloth. A fall arrangement of carnations was the centerpiece. Cookies and hot chocolate was served.
During the business of the lodge Mrs. Lewis Carlile, vice-grand, presided in the absence of the noble grand, Mrs. Granville Graves. It was announced by Mrs. Loyd Hastings, District Periseditn, announced an installation would be held Monday night, January 10, for the Rebekah officers at the IOOF hall. Visitors are invited to attend the installation. The installation team will practice Sunday afternoon.
Thirty-one visits were reported made by the members during the week. Mrs. Fannie Graves, chaplain, gave the closing prayer.
Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnam, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Coggin, Mrs. Lewis Carlile, Miss Sammie Laws, Mrs. John Wilkes, Jr., Mrs. M. I. Tell, Mrs. Fannie Graves, Mrs. A. L. Frith, Mrs. Virgie Johnson, Mrs. Jim McCoy, Mrs. Frances Robeson, Mrs. Loyd Hastings, Lynn White, Mrs. Curtis Hancock, and Mrs. Walther Graves.

Tarzan Students Enter Ft. Worth Show Competition

Deborah Hollway, Jody Yates, and Brenda Holloway of Tarzan, will have 1 steer each in the junior show in competition at the 1966 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 28 through February 6.
W. R. Watt, Fort Worth Stock Show president and manager, expect the final list of 1966 livestock entries to top the 1965 record of over 11,000.
Exhibitors and spectators wanting to take in the Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo will find more emphasis on "Action." Under the production of Tommy Steiner and Associates the rodeo will feature plenty of "All Star Rodeo Action." In addition to the fast paced rodeo excitement Watt has lined up an outstanding selection of entertainment features.
Mail order ticket applications for the 1966 edition of the "World's Original Indoor Rodeo" are now being taken at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas.

School Menu

Menu for the week of Jan. 10 through Jan. 14:
Monday — Barbecued wieners, blackeyed peas, cole slaw with apples, scalloped potatoes, rolls, butter, and milk.
Tuesday — Meat balls with spaghetti, green beans, carrot salad, rolls, butter, and milk.
Wednesday — Bean chow Tacea sauce, turnips and greens, beet pickles, fruit cobbler, corn bread, butter, and milk.
Thursday — Fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, combination salad, fruit gelatin, rolls, butter, and milk.
Friday — Salmon loaf, seasoned spinach, glazed carrots, vegetable salad, upside down pineapple cake, rolls, butter, and milk.
In New Zealand there is a cold river with a sandy bottom, but dig six inches and you'll find boiling sand. Also here are the world's largest gurgling hot mud pools, 75 feet across.

Political Calendar

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Editorial . . . A Tired American

An editorial by Alan McIntosh, in the Rock County Herald, Luverne, Minn. The News believes most Americans feel the same way.
I am a tired American. I'm tired of being called the ugly American. I'm tired of having the world panhandlers use my country as a whipping boy 365 days a year.
I am a tired American—weary of having American embassies and information centers stoned, burned and sacked by mobs operating under orders from dictators who preach peace and breed conflict.
I am a tired American—weary of being lectured by Gen. de Gulle (who never won a battle) who poses as a second Jehovah in righteousness and wisdom.
I am a tired American—wear yof Nasser and all the other blood-sucking leeches who bleed Uncle Sam white and kick him on the shins and yank his beard if the flow falters.
I am a tired American — weary of the beatniks who say they should have the right to determine what laws of the land they are willing to obey.
I am a tired American—fed up with the mobs of scabby-faced, long haired youths and short-haired girls who claim they represent the "new wave" of America and who sneer at the old-fashioned virtues of honesty, integrity and morality on which America grew to greatness.
I am tired American—wear unto death of having my tax dollars go to dictators who play both sides against the middle with threats of what will happen if we cut off the golden stream of dollars.
I am a tired American—who is tired of supporting families who haven't known any other source of income other than government relief checks for three generations.
I am a tired American—who is getting madder by the minute at the filth peddlers who have launched Americans in an obscenity race—who try to foist on us the belief that filth is an integral part of culture—in the arts, the movies, literature, the stage.
I am a tired American — weary of the bearded bums who tramp the picket lines and the sit-ins — who prefer Chinese communism to capitalism—who see no evil in Castro, but sneer at President Johnson as a threat to peace.
I am a tired American—who has lost all potience with that civil-rights group which is showing propaganda movies on college campuses from coast to coast. Movies denouncing the United States. Movies made in Communist China.
I am a tired American—who is angered by the self-righteous breast-beater critics in America, at home and abroad, who set impossible yardsticks for the United States but never apply the same standards to the French, the British, the Russians, the Chinese.
I am a tired American—sickened by the slackjawed bigots who wrap themselves in bedsheets in the dead of night and roam the countryside looking for innocent victims.
I am a tired American who dislikes clergy-men who have made a career out of integration causes, yet send their children to private schools.
I am a tired American who resents those who try to peddle the belief in schools and colleges that capitalism is a dirty word and that free enterprise and private initiative are only synonyms for greed. They say they hate capitalism, but they are always right at the head of the line demanding their share of the American way of life.
I am a tired American — real tired of those who are trying to sell me the belief that America is not the greatest nation in all the world—a generous-hearted nation—a nation dedicated to the policy of trying to help the "have-nots" achieve some of the good things that our system of free enterprise brought about.
I am an American who gets a lump in his throat when he hears the "Star-Spangled Banner" and who holds back tears when he hears those chilling high notes of the brass trumpets when Old Glory reaches the top of the flagpole.
I am a tired American who thanks a merciful Lord that he was so lucky to be born an American citizen—a nation under God, truly with mercy and justice for all.

New Years visitors in the Herman Cain home were: Mr. and Mrs. Ott Cain, Debbie and Gary Howard of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Butch Cain, Mr. and Mrs. James Mashburn and James David, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly, Terry and Ray, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kelly and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Calhoun, Monahans; Miss Sheila Hayes, Colorado City, and Harold Cain of Lubbock.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Jones of Fort Worth, are visting with Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. J. W. Wells, and her brother, W. T. Wells and family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. LeMond of Snyder, spent a short visit with the C. R. LeMond family Sunday afternoon.
Mrs. Clyde Miller and Miss Patricia Miller attended funeral services for her niece, Jackie Marie Butner, Dec. 20, at San Antonio, who expired at Baptist Memorial Hospital. Burial was at Luling.

Announcement Of Change In Ownership Of H. C. Burnam Insurance Agency

We are happy to announce that we have purchased the H. C. BURNAM INSURANCE AGENCY effective January 1, 1966. This agency has been consolidated with STALLINGS INSURANCE AGENCY, (established December 1, 1958.) We do earnestly hope that we may continue to serve the customers of these agencies and the insurance buying public of the area with our expanded facilities.

We feel that we now have a well rounded group of sound companies to better serve the insurance needs of the area with all types of insurance.

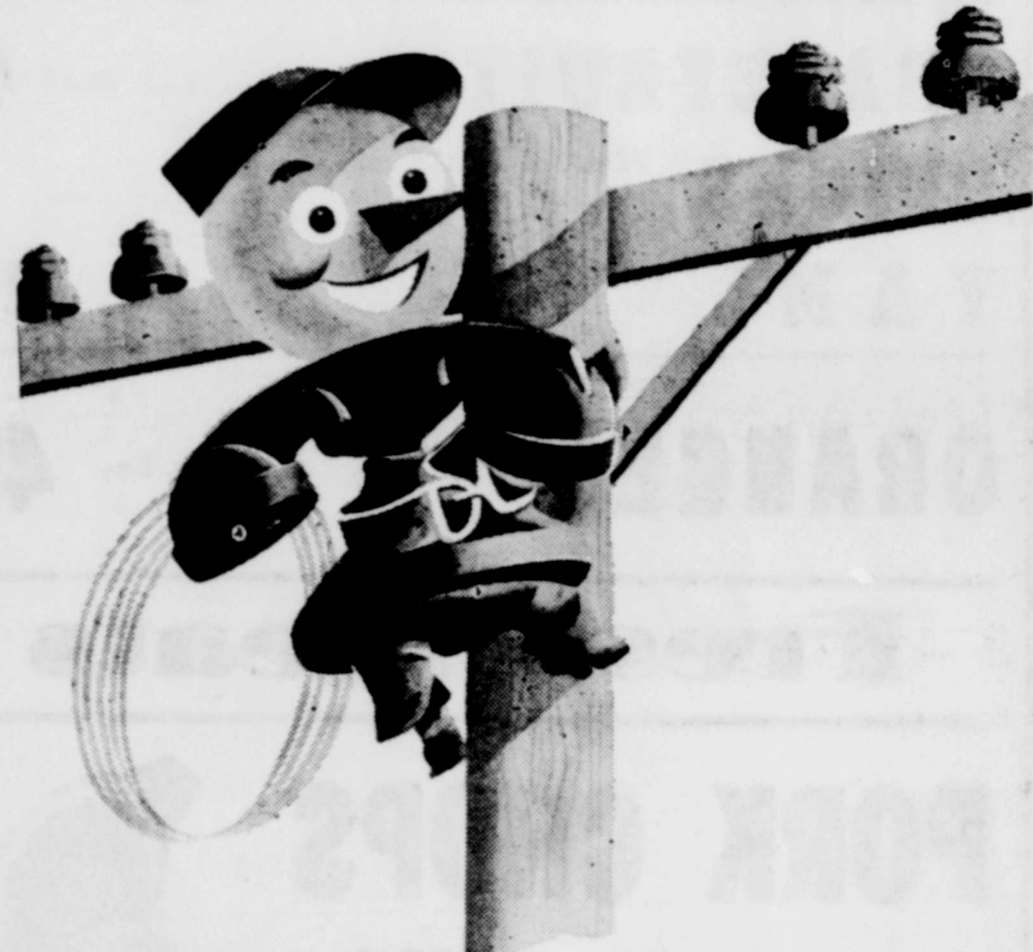
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Coming January 17
Telephone Open House & Community Night
at the
Stanton Telephone Bldg. and High School Auditorium

We're holding telephone open house at the Stanton Telephone Building on Monday, January 17. Immediately afterwards there'll be a Community Night at the High School Auditorium featuring Glenn Scott — outstanding science demonstrator from Dallas.

IT'S INTERESTING. You'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the telephone equipment which provides your service.

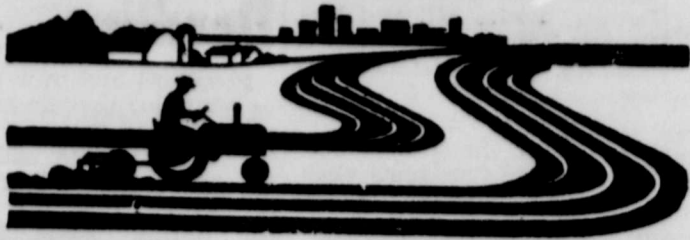
IT'S ENTERTAINING. You'll see and hear Glenn Scott, Science Demonstrator, explain how someday computers will talk to each other by telephone with no human being involved.

IT'S FREE. Refreshments will be served. Every 50th visitor will receive a Long Distance demonstration call to any point in the United States. So plan to attend — and bring the family.

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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

MARTIN-HOWARD-MIDLAND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Jack Buchanan, Bob Cox, Bernard Houston, Larry Shaw, J. D. Crawford.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman Tuesday directed USDA agencies to give maximum effort to programs which help local people — urban and rural — improve the quality and quantity of their water supply.

Widespread droughts during the past year are just one indication of the Nation's pressing need for increased attention to water conservation.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's activities such as technical help in soil and forest conservation, research, education, cost-sharing, and loans for water development are major tools in the nationwide water conservation effort because the end result is more effective use of water.

USDA's assistance in this area of vital importance because the department's conservation effort begins on the land where the water falls. Many of USDA's conservation services are specifically designed to help the owners and operators of our private lands which make up nearly three-fourths of the U. S. mainland, conserve our precious soil and water resources.

In addition, USDA is the custodian of 186 million acres of national forest and grasslands of which water is a principal product. About 1,800 communities, including such major cities as Denver, Los Angeles, and Asheville, N. C., receive water from national forest watersheds.

Secretary Freeman cited these areas of progress in water conservation:

ment Program — authorized by the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 — to remove up to 40 million acres of surplus cropland from production for 5- to 10-year periods and at the same time shift this land into publicly beneficial uses which will conserve soil and water to meet the nation's future needs.

The expanded water and waste disposal program, signed into law Oct. 7 by President Johnson, will increase USDA's ability to help rural people build modern water and sewage treatment systems, thereby preventing pollution and providing — for the first time in many rural communities — the possibility of a dependable, constant, and safe supply of water. Under previously existing legislation during July, August, and September, USDA helped finance 119 rural community water systems to serve 93,480 rural people in 20 states.

Clinton Miller, a student at Oklaosoa Walton Junior College, has returned home.

Holiday visitors in the Barney Mims home were Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mims, Scott and Janice of Lampasas; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mims and Sandra of Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Pinkston of Stanton, and Mrs. Viola Cranes of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Mims spent New Year's Day with their son and family in Andrews.

Only bird in the world that never touches land is the great emperor penguin.

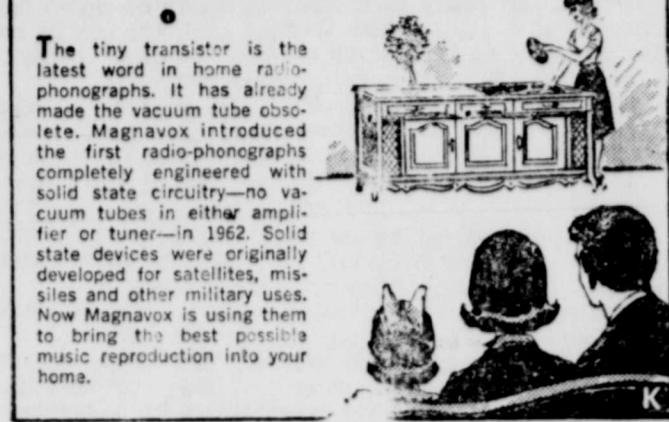
Australia's native trees are evergreens, which keeps their leaves throughout the year

The Sounds of Progress



Thomas Edison started it all in 1877. He invented the "talking machine," the first phonograph. The first time the inventor demonstrated his machine, it played back his voice saying "Mary had a little lamb."

The development of the loudspeaker made it possible to amplify Edison's sounds electronically. Since then, improvements have made sound reproduction so realistic that it's called high fidelity. A further development—stereophonic sound—brings the listener right to the heart of the music. It employs the principle of sound from two sources. This gives added depth and dimension.



The tiny transistor is the latest word in home radio-phonographs. It has already made the vacuum tube obsolete. Magnavox introduced the first radio-phonograph completely engineered with solid state circuitry—no vacuum tubes in either amplifier or tuner—in 1962. Solid state devices were originally developed for satellites, missiles and other military uses. Now Magnavox is using them to bring the best possible music reproduction into your home.

Martin County Philosopher Sees Real Danger In Politicians' New Voter-Answering Machine

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw takes a sidelong glance at a new machine in use in Washington.)

Dear editor:

According to an article I read in a copy of a newspaper which was used for packing in a box of cups and saucers somebody sent here during the holidays — if people were more thoughtful they'd use a bigger variety of newspapers for such purposes and not tear them up into shreds — at any rate, according to it, the Democrats now have and the Republicans are planning on getting one of those huge computing and electronic — brain machine which they use for answering mail.

As I understand it the machine can memorize the names, including first names and nicknames, addresses and various bits of information about millions of individuals.

A congressman just hands the machine a list of all his constituents with all the details about each he has found out about. Then when he wants to write them a letter explaining why he voted for or against something, or was opposed to pay raise but was over-ruled by the majority, or wanting to know how they feel about some pending bill, all he has to do is write the letter and hand it to the machine, which in turn writes the same letters to everyone of them, each one addressed individually and by nickname if desired, with little personal touches thrown in, and then

signs them all and addresses the envelopes.

Now I have been thinking about this and while it sounds like real progress and a great time-saver, I believe those boys ought to be careful.

After getting prompt and efficient mail service from this machine, some voter may get the notion it could have other uses. If it can answer the Congressman's mail, why can't it receive it too? Instead of Congressmen having a machine to write to the voters, why couldn't the voters have a machine to write to instead of a Congressman?

If it can learn every voter in the district by his first name, answer 100,000 letters an hour, and digest the views of a million people in 30 minutes and vote accordingly, all it would have to do is learn how to shake hands, and where would that leave the Congressman?

This thing has vast and explosive possibilities and if I was a Congressman I'd get that machine surrounded with enough entangling legislation to keep its use from getting too widespread.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Dead Letter Laws

Over a period of 42 years, the crime committed most often in Washington, D. C., was selling ice cream cones.

It seems that in 1921 as a health measure, the sale of ice cream in less-than-pint containers was forbidden. Yet, through the years, millions of less-than-pint cones were sold in brazen defiance of the law. They were licked in plain sight by residents, tourists, Congressmen, perhaps even Supreme Court justices. Not until 1963 did Congress finally end the scandal by repealing this obsolete law.

In Elko, Nevada, crime ran even more rampant. A 1918 ordinance, passed during the great flu epidemic, required everybody to wear a flu mask in public places. Not until 1964 did the city council let people breathe easier by revoking the ordinance.

Hundreds of such law remain on the books in various communities around the country. How does this happen?

The reason is simple: there is far more incentive to put a law on the books than to take it off. As the original stimulus for a law fades away, people gradually lose interest in it. No one obeys, no one complains, no one prosecutes.

Yet, these dead letter laws may do real harm. For one thing, they may breed disrespect for law itself.

For another thing, they may give law enforcement officials too much leeway. It not probable, it is at least possible that a person might suddenly be prosecuted for doing something which he has been doing, in all innocence, for

years.

Accordingly, as part of a broad drive to modernize criminal law, bar associations and other attorney organizations are trying to clean out these legal anachronisms.

It is not an easy job. Some laws are plainly useless. But others, while rarely invoked, may still have a useful deterrent effect. Still other might represent a kind of gentleman's agreement whereby the community salutes a moral standard in principle while ignoring it in practice.

But it is a job well worth doing. No law should remain on the books for no better reason than that it has been forgotten.

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

Social Security Information

Farmers whose net income drops to less than \$1200 in 1965 should give consideration to using the "optional method" for reporting their farm self-employment income. Erven Fisher social security district manager in Big Spring, said today.

Generally, the higher the earnings a person reports, the higher his social security monthly payments will be, Fisher continued. Using this optional method, available only to farmers, may even mean maintaining your eligibility for all types of social security payments.

If your gross farm income is between \$600 and \$1800 for 1965, you may report two-thirds of that gross as your self-employment income. If gross income exceeds \$1800, you may report \$1200 under this provision, so long as your actual net income is less than \$1200. If your gross income is over \$1800 and your actual net is over \$1200 you can only report your actual net.

The 1965 amendments to the social security law have changed this somewhat. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1965, the maximum gross income that may be used with this optional method has been raised from \$1800 to \$2400. Maximum reportable net earnings from farm self-employment under the optional method then can be as much as \$1600.

Further details, with examples covering different situations likely to be encountered, are included in the Farmers Tax Guide, obtainable from the Internal Revenue Service.

One way to keep the lines on your boat tight during the tide's rise and fall is to slip wood hoops over stakes driven next to boat. Stakes float at the waterline, lines always saty tight.

Outdoors In Texas

By VERN SANFORD

A good gun can last a lifetime.

Such a guarantee — covering defective material and workmanship — now goes to every purchaser of Browning's O/U shotguns. But there is little reason why most any good gun can't last well beyond the life of the owners. All it takes is a little care.

Too many of us get careless with guns. We fail to clean and oil them properly. We toss them around in the back seat of an automobile, or store them away for several months of the year in some damp spot where rust can develop.

In the olden days much better care was taken of fowling pieces. In the first place, a gun was essential to a man. He needed it for taking food an sometimes for protection. He used black powder, with mercuric primers that would cause corrosion.

Back in those days when the hunter came home he swabbed out the tubes of his shotgun with soap suds, or wiped his rifle barrel clean with a good commercial cleaner capable of eliminating the mercury flakes from the primer.

Then along came the non-mercuric primers. Black powder gave way to smokeless and we were told it was no longer necessary to clean a gun after every shoot.

Some believed this. As a result their guns became pitted. Not from the effects of the primer and powder but from handling and moisture that got into the barrels.

If you are shooting a gun every day, it still is a good idea to clean it often. It should be wiped thoroughly with a silicone cloth after every handling.

I know a fellow who has a cabinet containing a dozen or more fine guns. They are behind a locked glass door, away from easy handling. But occasionally some friend does get to look them over. Before they are put back into their rack they are wiped over with the silicone cloth. This prevents any possibility of barrel rust from damp fingers, or hand-prints.

This chap has one gun in his case that is over 60 years old. It has been used a lot under almost every condition. First shells shot in it were black powder with mercury primers. But today that gun is just as shiny as it can be. It has no rust spots, even though the blue is worn thin in places. And the wood still retains its polish.

There are many agents on the market today for cleaning guns. Some are solvents, some are inhibitors which can be applied under pressure. Then there are the old reliable oils, any of which will do a good job.

Many gun owners find that a 15c can of household lubricant available in any service station is adequate. It certainly is better than nothing at all.

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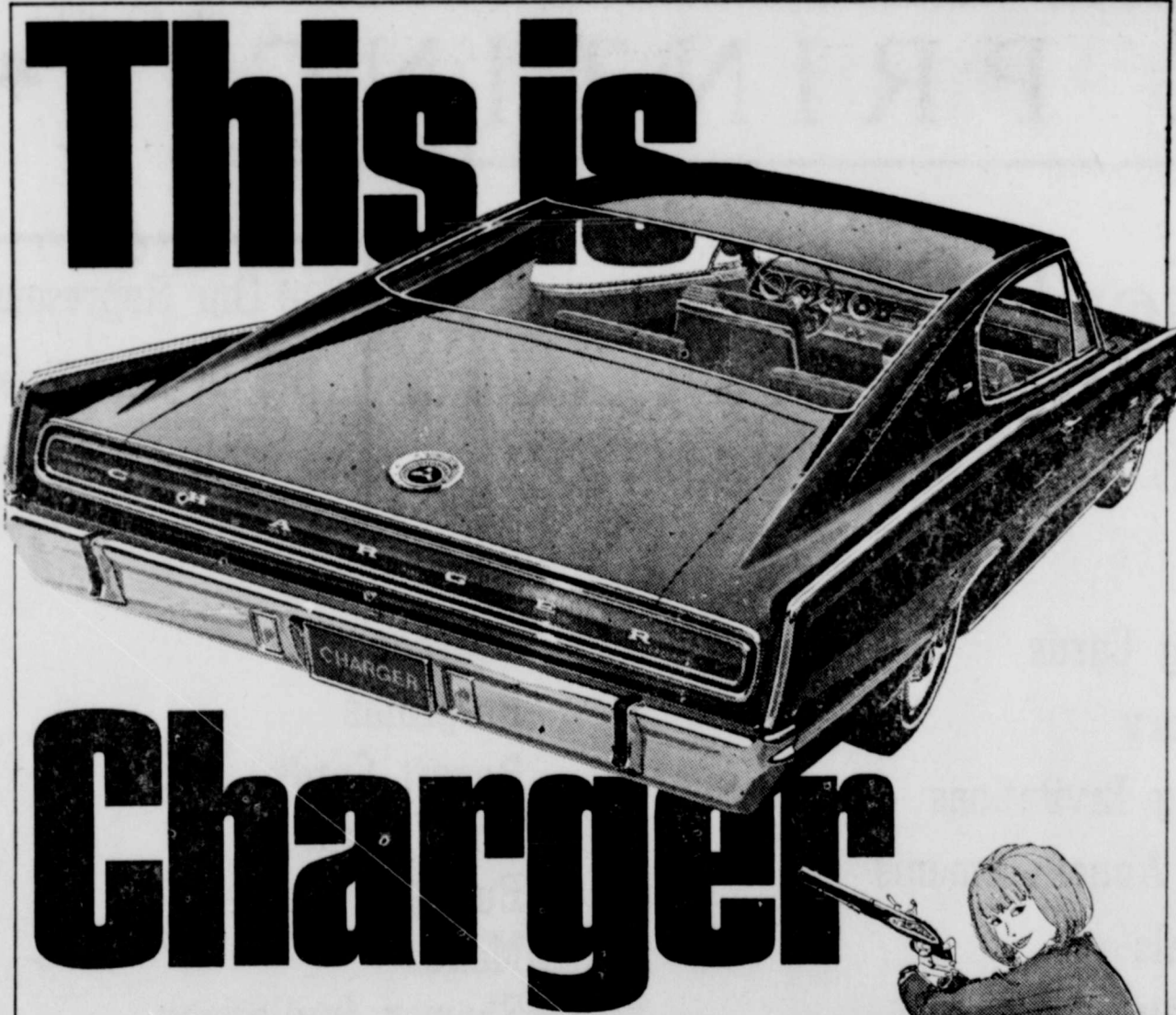
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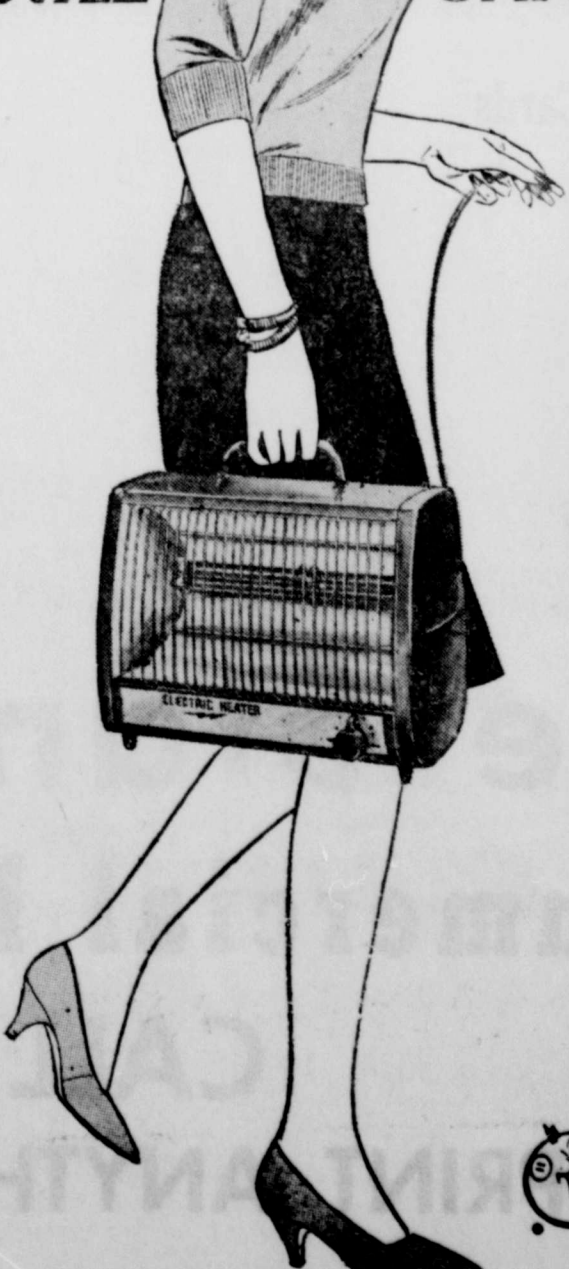
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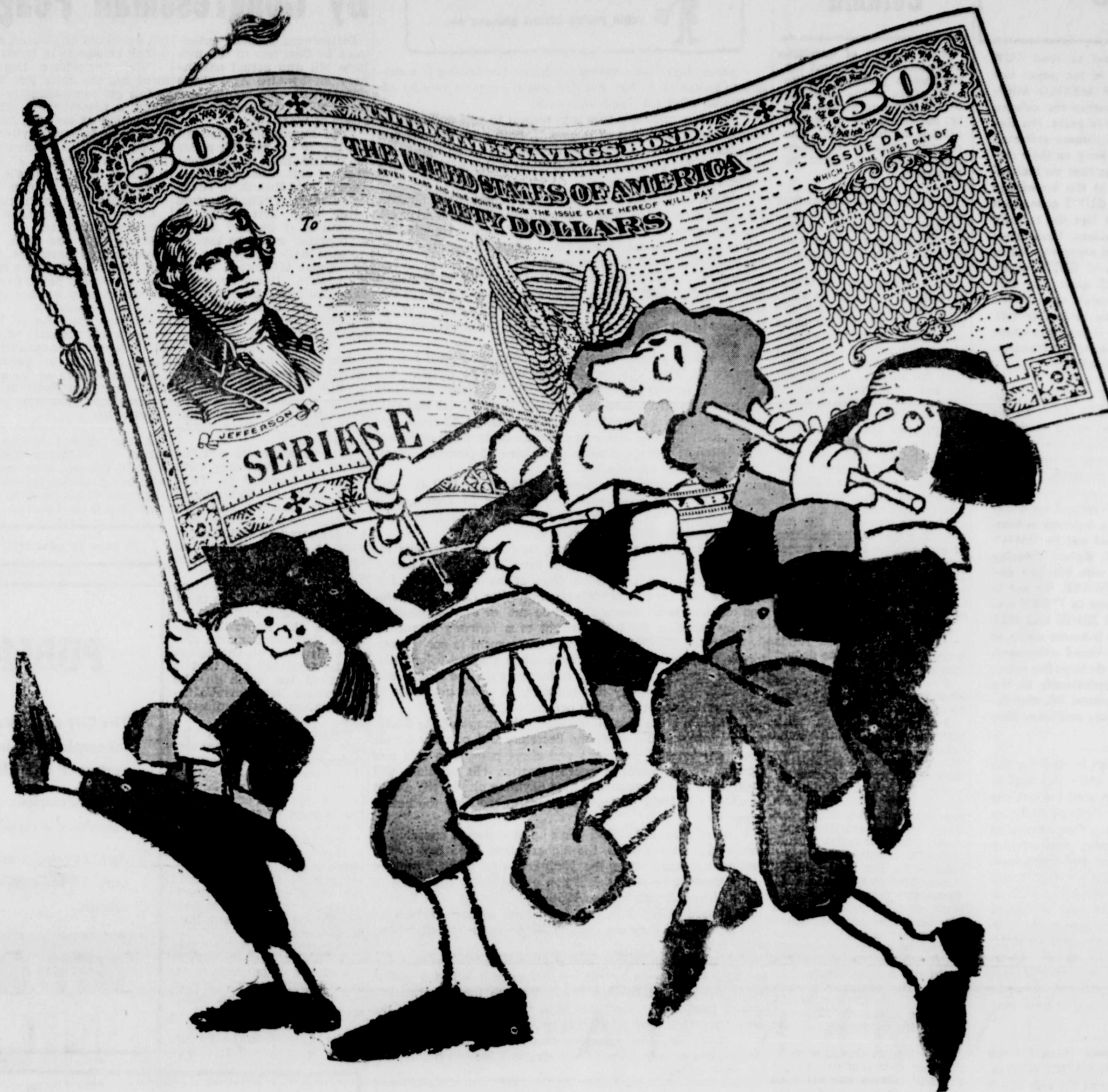
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By NEAL ESTES

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CONGRATULATIONS go to MARK BENTLEY, son of MR. and MRS. COATS BENTLEY, on his 17th birthday. MARK was born on January 3, and this young fellow who claims the first month in the year as his arrival time is among the first always in the hearts of his friends and those who love him devotedly.

H. C. (CLAYTON) BURNAM wrapped up a 25-year career in the insurance business in Martin County on January 1 when he sold out to JIMMY STALLINGS and ALBERT JOHNSON. Before entering insurance, CLAYTON was associated with his late dad in the ownership of STANTON HARDWARE. He put in 20 years of service there until selling out to STORY and SHELBERNE, who later sold to JAMES JONES and BILL CLEMENTS. So, after 45 years in the business circle of Stanton, CLAYTON plans on a well deserved retirement. Of course, his fine and faithful partner through the years, his wife, FLOSSIE, has contributed consistently to the well being of her husband and their business. We wish for our neighbors a rich and rewarding future and know they are going to do lots of fishing.

WE imagine everyone got enough football for the season the past Saturday when the leather popping contests lasted from near noon until far into the evening. Some of the favorites fell too. Perhaps Alabama had the best team of them all. Certainly, they seemed to be able to score at will against Nebraska. And on Sunday the pro title game between Green Bay and Cleveland was played in the snow. That cold weather slowed down JIMMY BROWN, the usually great back and Cleveland lost. We were amused at the comment of one of the colored Green Bay players after the game. He said: "The onliest thing we had to do was win and we did." They did at that and DONNY ANDERSON, the star Texas Tech back who signed up to play with the Packers for a large sum of money the other day, is probably going to the "onliest" westerner up there in the cold country next year.

WE received a note and renewal check for the paper from MRS. GRACE M. NANCE Medina, Texas, this week. She wrote: "Here comes the only check I really love to make out. It insures me of 52 letters from home and keeps me posted on many things political, personal, and religious. We may move away to a real paradise in the hill country but we always love to come back to Stanton, our home sweet home." Thanks a lot MRS. NANCE for your greeting for a happy and prosperous New Year too. You have many friends here who love you and think of you often. Write us again anytime.

MR. and MRS. L. C. STOVALL are returning home soon from Pearson, Oklahoma where they have been residing for a few months. The STOVALLS wrote us to change their address back to Box 366, Stanton. Said they appreciated receiving the paper while living in Oklahoma. We are glad these fine people are coming back to dwell among their friends here in Martin County.

A notice from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Big Spring, advised us that a social security representative will be in Stanton on January 24 at the County Judge's office in the courthouse. He will also be here on the fourth Monday in February and in March. Your social security district office is located at 1009 Gregg Street, in Big Spring. Every person 65 or older is eligible for Medicare but an application is required. If you never had a social security number you are still eligible and if you are still working after 65, you can still sign up.

MORE than 200,000 motorboats subject to the new Texas Water Safety Act must be registered by April 1. The law gives the Motor Vehicle Division of the Texas Highway Department the task of issuing certificates of number for boats operating in Texas waters. Renewal notices for boats now registered will go out on Jan. 3, 1966.

LET'S credit HERBERT JONES and family with the Christmas oddity of the season. MR. and MRS. JONES attended the annual CAP ROCK PARTY and while they were away from their hotel in Stanton some dope entered the lobby and removed two strings of lights from the Christmas tree on display there. HUB wasn't in a very good mood immediately after the family's return from the dinner party but after thinking it over he philosophized: "Maybe the light will show them the way else they'll learn crime does not pay—someday."

OUR community was spared the grief and tragedy always following a serious traffic accident during the holidays. We had no accident reports—nor a single one. When we look at the high traffic death toll over the nation our record appears mighty good, because Stanton is located on one of the busiest transcontinental highways in the country.

WHILE commenting on the traffic problem we might add that Martin County is mighty proud

Income Tax Column

(This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.)

Q — A girl in the restaurant where I work told me that tax will be withheld on tips starting the first of the year. Is that right, how will it be done?

A — Changes in the Social Security laws made by Congress this year call for the withholding of income taxes on tips in 1966 and thereafter. Those who receive tips of \$20 or more a month should report the amount of their tips to their employer within 10 days after the month in which they were received.

Tips have always been taxable but until the law was changed they had not been subject to withholding. Now tips will be on a pay-as-you-go system just like income from wages and salaries.

Another change in the law affecting tips is the inclusion of this income in total wages for social security purposes. In other words, your tip income can now count toward determining your social security benefits.

Q — I just made a pledge to my church's capital funds drive. Will I be able to deduct this on my 1965 return?

A — You may only deduct what you actually paid on this pledge in 1965.

Q — My wife has been doing some part-time selling for the holidays. If she files her own return will I still be able to claim her as a dependent?

A — No, you may not. The wife is not considered to be a dependent of the husband, and when one of them files separately the other is not permitted to file a return and claim exemptions for both. Under Community Property Law in Texas you must split the income of both spouses if you file separate returns, since each spouse is entitled to one half of the community income under the law. Ordinarily you would file a joint return.

Q — The company I own stock in is declaring a special year-end dividend. Should I report this on my 1965 or 1966 return?

A — Report this income in the year it is received. If you actually receive the dividend this year then it must be reported on your 1965 return.

Q — I turned 65 in November. How should I handle the medical bills I paid last spring? Are they fully deductible or are they subject to the 3 percent floor?

A — Your age on the last day of your taxable year is the determining factor. Since



Some High Plains cotton producers are finding it necessary to speculate on how the new cotton program may be administered after the 1966 crop year.

This is particularly true with respect to sale and transfer of allotments and rates of payments, both price support and diversion. These are only two of the areas in which significant changes could be made after 1966 under authority granted the Secretary of Agriculture.

In the case of the sale or lease and transfer of allotments, it's simply a matter of whether or not they will be permitted at all. The law states that the Secretary "may" permit transfers by sale or lease "if he determines that it will not impair the effective operation of the program involved."

Since no transfers will be permitted under the law between January 1 and June 1, farmers have only until the end of this year to register such transfers for the 1966 crop. Whether transfers will be permitted between June 1 and December 31 of 1966 remains to be seen.

The price support level, paid on projected yield from a farmer's domestic allotment is also subject to revision, but with some restrictions. The loan rate plus these payments must add up to at least 65 percent of parity on domestic acreage. With the current parity price of about 42 cents, this means a total to the farmer of about 28 cents, basis middling-inch cotton at average location on at least 65 percent (domestic allotment) of his acreage.

The price support payment for 1966 is set at 9.42 cents per pound, which when combined with the 21 cent loan is about 72.5 percent of parity. So this payment could conceivably be lowered slightly in future years.

The rate of the diversion payment "on the acreage required to be diverted" must be at least 25 percent of parity. The 10.5 cent rate for 1966 is, then, at the legal bottom. But while the rate per pound can't go down after 1966, the "acreage required to be diverted" can be cut or even eliminated, thereby reducing the total amount of a farmer's payments.

Further, the 10.5 cent diversion payment is not mandatory in the law as a payment on acreage diverted voluntarily. On any acreage diverted by a farmer over the "required" diversion, the Secretary has authority to make payments at anywhere from zero up to 40 percent of parity.

These are the possibilities within the range of the Secretary's authority. But what the Secretary will actually decide about the level of payments and about permitting sale and transfer of allotments is another matter. His decisions will most likely be effected more than anything else by the extent to which the 1966 program succeeds in reducing the cotton carryover.

As of August 1, 1966 this surplus cotton is expected to reach 16.2 million bales, the highest since 1965 and almost two million bales above the 1965 carryover of 14.3 million.

Domestic consumption is now estimated by the USDA at 9.5 million bales during the 1966-67 marketing year. Exports are guessed in a 5.3 million for a total takeoff of 14.8 million bales. And they are placing 1966 production at around 13.5 million.

Many cotton people feel the estimated production figure for 1966 may be too high—perhaps as much as a million bales. But experience in recent years with the Department's export predictions leads the same observers to believe the export shortfall may offset that error.

Either way the reduction in carryover would come to somewhere around 1.3 million bales, still leaving a carryover of 14.9 million.

Q — I reached age 65 in November and if you file on a calendar year basis, any medical expenses you paid last spring are subject to the provisions for those 65 and over. Therefore, they will be fully deductible.

Q — My return was just audited and the agent and I dis-

agreed. Is there anything I can do?

A — When you receive the notice covering the changes to your return suggested by the examining officer, you may request a district conference. This will give you a further opportunity of presenting your side of the story.

The way you request a district conference is explained in the adjustment notice you will receive. If no agreement is reached at this level you may request an Appellate Division Conference.

of the two highway patrolmen stationed here. They consistently do a good job. We appreciate their services to this community and their contribution to the state. BOB-PAPASAN and SAM WESTER are jamup good law enforcement officials. We need many more men of their calibre on the patrol.

Farm Bill Use Hit By Congressman Poage

Differences between intentions by Congress in the new farm bill and actual administration by the Agriculture Department were pointed out recently by Congressman Bob Poage of Waco.

"The Department used an old law to change the policy of release and reapportionment," said Rep. D. R. (Bob) Poage of Waco. "The bill would never have gotten out of committee if we had known such action would be taken."

Poage made his charges before about 450 cotton industry leaders. Under Secretary of Agriculture John A. Schnitker and Joe A. Moss, head of the department's cotton policy branch were on the program.

Skip-Row Planting Schnitker dwelt hurriedly on the recent change in regulations that would penalize cotton farmers, primarily in Texas, who used skip-row practice of planting. Poage lambasted it fully.

"I don't believe those in the USDA know what they have done, but I intend to 'educate' some of them about skip-row planting and how the changes would affect cotton farmers," he said. "Somebody in the department has been using a razor instead of a saw. He's pretty sharp."

Poage is second ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Agriculture.

Poage also indirectly conceded that the Congress didn't understand all the details of the farm bill and that it entrusted too much in the Agriculture Department's interpretation and administration.

Poage said, regarding the new regulation of release and reapportionment of acreage, that Congress assumed that a cotton farmer must plant at least 90 percent of the allotted acreage to retain his allotment.

"Under the new ruling a farmer can plant any measurable amount (as little as one-tenth acre) and use the land for other purposes without having to release the acreage to someone else to plant, Poage explained.

"Any third-grader would know better than to release his acreage if he could use it to raise grain or grass for cattle and not lose his allotment."

Income Curtailed The big objection to the ruling is that many acres of cot-

ton would not be planted, curtailing income from farms.

"The Agriculture Department has the naive idea that it can get something for nothing, a reduction on cotton production at no cost, but it isn't going to save anything," Poage explained. "Communities would be ruined. If such a ruling stands there'll be more shutdowns of gins and compresses than in the past."

Cotton is the top farm income crop in Texas.

Poage said the farm bill would reduce surpluses, and that the United States must increase buying power in other countries by helping them raise their standards.

He also said future programs would probably call for direct payments to farmers for their products to insure a fair income, and at the same time supply products to underdeveloped countries at a lower price.

Alfred LeMond returned to school at McMurry College, Abilene, Sunday, after spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. LeMond.

It pays to advertise!

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Stanton will accept applications for employment in the Water and Sewer Department immediately.

All applications should be in writing and submitted directly to M. H. (Harvey) White.

Applications must be in the office by January 11 for consideration by the city councilmen.

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