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VARIETY

By NEAL ESTES

U. S. postage to mail a first class letter will cost six cents after January 7. What is more, the stamps will carry a likeness of FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT instead of GEORGE WASHINGTON. That's about par for the course because FDR cost the country more than any other President in history until LBJ arrived.

A lady from Milwaukee panicked when she opened her oven to check Christmas dinner. She was kept in a frenzy for about an hour before neighbor confessed they had substituted a small Cornish game hen for her 12-pound turkey gobbler while she attended church. Milwaukee is HUBERT HUMPHREY'S home town and I'll bet that lady thought the Veep and company had not only caused the dollar to shrink in buying power but the BIRDS as well.

GEN. EISENHOWER has come forth with a fine suggestion. He sees nothing wrong with all Congressmen making public an annual financial statement of income and from what sources. The only thing wrong with IKE'S suggestion is that so many DODD-type scandals would break out that Congress couldn't transact any business at all for giving time to the investigations.

The Santa Claus letters mailed too late to get in the newspaper last week were all mailed to the North Pole. The boys and girls who sent them in know by now that Santa got them all because he remembered each one writing to him with gifts, fruits, and candy at Christmas.

Texas A&M is taking on a color flavor a lot faster than is generally known. This fall the school registered more than 700 girls among its 11,000 enrollment. Most are wives of students or daughters of faculty members, but the school is open to all females. By-the-way, the Aggies go up to Dallas from College Station January 1 to meet Alabama in the Cotton Bowl. Most of us would like to see COACH STALLINGS boys triumph over BEAR BRYANT'S brigade. STALLINGS played the Bear. Incidentally, you n GARY REID, Aggie student and son of MR. and Mrs. STAN REID brought a "Stallings-for-President" sticker home with him during the Christmas holidays and pasted it in the front door of his dad's barber shop. That Aggie spirit never less.

GINGER ROGERS, the movie star, was in Dallas this week to open an eight night stand of "Hello Dolly" the GINGER had words for the growing girls and adults. "Girls are trying to wear miniskirts up to their navels... they look sweet on little children but on adults and late teenagers they look positively stupid." GINGER won an Oscar for her role in "Kitty Foyle." She is still a gorgeous lady and no female dancer ever bantered her dancing performance with FRED ASTAIRE. Oh yes, GINGER said this about the women of (Continued on page 5)

Reporter Files Tell 1967 Story

Newspaper To Aid Voter Registration

Secretary of State John I. Hill, as chief election officer, has announced plans for a statewide voter registration drive throughout January. Hill has asked daily newspapers to publish registration application forms at least every Sunday and weeklies to carry them in each issue. Forms may be filled in and sent to the county tax assessor-collectors. Hill noted that, for the first time, all persons over 60 who live in towns under 10,000 population or in rural areas must register in order to vote. Deadline for registration is January 31, 1968.

Dollar Day Set Monday, January 8

Dollar Day will be observed in the city on January 8. The first Monday falls on January 1 this year and the stores will all be closed for New Year's, therefore, not first Monday celebration. Merchants are invited to get their ad copy in early for next week's newspaper. The big January Day will start the Dollar Day event off with a bang for the 12th consecutive year. Dollar Day is an event sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Directors Are Elected

Three new directors were elected to serve on the board of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce the past week. They include: Charles (Chuck) Elmore, Paige Elland and Ira T. Clark. Hold-over directors are: R. O. Anderson, Sam Houston, Jimmy Stallings, Alton Turner, Allen Fisher, and Gerald Hanson. Cecil Bridges is president of the chamber and H. M. McReynolds is serving a secretary. McReynolds stated that merchants also approved the six holidays traditionally observed. (Continued on page 5)

Editor's Mail

Dec. 19, 1967

Dear Neal: Just a note to say that all is well in this part of the state and I trust that you are perking along at a decent pace in Stanton. I am enclosing a column for next week; it's a New Year's wish for the people of Martin County. I hope you can run it next week, although I realize that the ads have been piling up. I trust that last week's Launching Pad was crowded out by ads rather than dropped because of any illness on your part. You looked considerably better when I saw you last than you did during the sum- (Continued on page 5)

The Letter Box

ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Robert Lee, Texas 76945 December 18, 1967

The Stanton Reporter: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Stanton who were so accommodating to and considerate of our players and coaches during the Stanton tournament. The hospitality and consideration of the people of Stanton turned what could have been an unhappy situation into a most enjoyable, rewarding, educational experience for a bunch of kids from Robert Lee. Yours truly, Bob Jameson, Robert Lee Coach.

U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Dallas, Texas 75201 December 19, 1967

Dear Editor: Your paper is one of the 163 subscribers to our Q&A Column in the Dallas District. As you know, we designed the Q&A Column to answer specific questions frequently asked by taxpayers or to correct errors that taxpayers frequently make. Since the time to file the income tax return is here again we would appreciate your making every use possible of the Q&A Column material. We sincerely appreciate your use of our regular stories. Any time that you have a question or need to discuss a problem feel free to call me at Area Code 214, RI 9-2481, or contact the administrative officers at your local IRS office. Sincerely yours, James C. Hodges, Administration Division.

PERSONALS

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Bassham recently were her daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Moore, Kevin, Mike, and Carlo of Houston. The Moores also visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wilkinson and son in Midland. George Tom, who is stationed at Camp Polk, La., is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoot Tom. Curtis Brown, who is a student at Lubbock Christian College, visited his uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown and children, and then flew to his home in Kansas city to spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Turner visited in Lubbock recently. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McWhorter of Jal, New Mexico, visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kaderli. Guest of Mrs. Inez Woody recently was Atwood Sherfield of Lorraine.

Newspaper Chronicles County Life

The Stanton Reporter is proud to present a calendar of community life as it happened in 1967 in Martin County. Only in the files of the "Ole Reliable" weekly journal can such a storehouse of information be stored for posterity. The home county newspaper has carefully chronicled the happenings in this area for years and will continue to chart in detailed form all of the news that is fit to print. George Gordon (Lord) Byron once wrote: "Without or with offense to friends or foes we sketch your world exactly as it goes." The voices of radio have faded into history, the pictures on television have been erased from public view but the written record has been faithfully preserved through use of paper and printers ink. The press was and is first and it will continue to be so considered. Like the Oldtime Religion—it was good enough for your father and it still beats the jungle jazz and hippie images all to pieces.

January

January did not have one drop of measurable moisture. The Martin County Sheriff's Posse and their families had a supper at the Co-op Gin. Sid Cross and Leroy Mattingley showed movies of past parades, trail rides, etc. 17,000 bales of cotton was classed at the USDA area office. Louis Roten, parts manager for White Motor Company, spent four days in Detroit, Michigan, as a guest of Ford Motor Company's U. S. Tractor and Implement operations. Pvt. Ray L. Louder returned to Ft. Lewis, Washington, after a 14 day leave, to complete preparatory training for officers candidate school. Cub Scouts sponsored a talent show at the High School auditorium. Dr. Robert L. Sowers joined the Physicians Hospital and Clinic to take the place of Dr. Shy in the practice of surgery. Mrs. Lillie Graham was honored on her 90th birthday with an open house at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Graham. The March of Dimes was conducted with Dr. Allen M. Fisher, chairman. The Junior Livestock Show got underway. Superintendents of the divisions were J. C. Sale, beef; L. R. Shoemaker, lambs; and George Costlow, swine. Alva Johnson, age 80, conducted a meeting at the downtown Church of Christ. Mrs. Ralph Caffey was named county coordinator for the cultural resources inventory, taken in Stanton as a part of an official state wide survey. Stanton Independent School District board met and re-elected Supt. Russell McMeans. The commissioners court of Martin County served notice of salary changes. Forty animals sold for a total of \$3,305.00 at the Junior Livestock Show, County Agent Reagar reported. Brenda Holloway, Deborah Holloway, Rosalind, Welch, and Jody Yates entered Hereford and Angus steers in the Junior Stock Show competition, division of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat

February

Mrs. Jo Jon Cox was named to "Outstanding Young Woman of America." Stanton boys basketball team won 24 out of 26 games, making them top of District 4-AA. Eldon Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Perlee, and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Milam received degrees in the Eastern Star. The editor's sister, Miss Mary Lou Estes of Dallas, paid him a visit. Raymond Louder underwent eye surgery, cause from injuries received in a car wreck. (Continued on page 8)

Annual Authentic Babson Report Special Feature

The coming year threatens to be one of varied and recurring crises. Virtually no area of human activity will be spared. Social, economic, political, or international. After years of progress and prosperity, the American people will be faced in 1968 with many decisions that will prove difficult to make and even tougher to carry out. Don't expect the final solution to 1968's many problems to be worked out during the year ahead. But the manner in which our nation tackles its predicament will determine whether the U. S. will be able to strengthen its position as world leader... or be toppled during succeeding years and reduced to an inferior standing. To be without hope is to sin. And we do have hope that our citizens and their government will rise to defeat the many antagonists — inflation, social corruption, greed, crime, fear and despair — that are pressing upon us as the new year begins. It is said that the Oriental concept of crisis is opportunity. In that sense, we predict without reservation that 1968 will hold opportunities unlimited for our country. 1. Now that the pound has been devalued, perhaps our greatest opportunity for the year ahead is to prepare a strong defense for the dollar. We forecast that after some early fumbling both the Congress and the Federal Reserve will move with determination to protect our dollar. 2. The effects of the battle to save the dollar promise to be unpleasant. After an early-year surge to new highs for dollar values and production, business will find the going rougher as the months unfold. Scarcer and more costly money will take its toll of growth. 3. Major stimulation to the economy in the early part of 1968 will come from a scramble by auto and allied lines to

make up for production lost in 1967, combined with a stockpiling of steel and aluminum in anticipation of strikes later next year in these activities. 4. Some additional escalation of the Viet war will occur next year. But we have already experienced the major impact on business of the massive buildup in arm outlays; whatever additional procurement comes will not be a determining factor on the course of 1968's business. 5. President Johnson is torn between a desire to "pour it on" in Vietnam and bring home victory before voting time next autumn and his wish to go down in history as a peacemaker. If recent and prospective tightening of the military vise on North Vietnam fails to bring results by late spring... look for spectacular moves toward negotiations. Under these circumstances we feel the chances are 60-40 that 1968 will mark the phase-out of our military operations in Vietnam. 6. But the most decisive conflict next year will not be fought on the battlefields of Southeast Asia. It will be here at home against the one enemy that has the power to destroy the U. S. . . . INFLATION. 7. Contrary to the old adage that Congressmen won't commit political suicide by voting a tax hike in an election year, we do expect a revenue act in 1968. It may include excise imposts as well as income levies. 8. The Administration will be forced to reduce total expenditures for the coming year by \$6 - to - \$10 billion. While the war continues, most of this will have to be lopped off non-defense areas. 9. Congress will remove the 25% backing for Federal Reserve notes early in the year. 10. The amount of goods tourists will be permitted to bring into the country duty-

free will be reduced to zero in 1968. 11. Further restrictions will be put on foreign investments by U. S. corporations in the coming year; our government will encourage American companies to increase dividend payments by foreign subsidiaries. 12. Rationing of credit by the Administration and the Federal Reserve is a distinct possibility in the months ahead. 13. U. S. outlays for foreign aid will be slashed in 1968. 14. Our money managers will slow down the current high rate of money-supply increase as soon as Congress takes action to curb inflation. 15. But the tremendous outpouring of money during the whole of 1967 will continue, for some months, to exert upward pressures on interest rates and the general price level. It will also have an energizing effect on business. Hence, as money flow is cut back next year, there will be a delayed depressing effect on interest rates, prices, and business... probably after midyear. 16. There will be repeated raids on the dollar; but it will not be devalued in 1968. 17. There will, however, be many discussions between financial experts here and abroad to develop a long-range plan for revaluing in terms of gold — on a more realistic basis — the currencies of all of the Free World. 18. The early-1968 uptilt in business volume will give a lift to corporate profits; the fanning out of wage boosts, however, along with rising costs and taxes will later have a squeezing effect on profits. 19. Short-term interest rates will rise faster than long-term in the months ahead. 20. This will have a restrictive impact on the availability and cost of mortgage funds. 21. In turn, the recovery

now under way in home building will be restrained and perhaps reversed as 1968 moves along... but apartment construction should remain in an uptrend. 22. Inventories will rise — perhaps sharply — in the first half of 1968... taper off later. 23. Business capital expenditures should start the year on a strong note; but as the year advances prospects for further gains will become dimmer. 24. With wage guidelines now definitely junked, there will be a stampede by labor generally to bring contract gains in line with the huge advances made by the United Auto Workers; the annual salary concept for production workers will gain further acceptance in 1968 by a number of American industries. 25. A labor feature for the coming year will be widespread stoppages by state, city, and local public employees; the battle on this front will surely be long and bitter. 26. With elections coming in the autumn, Congress will not vote any restrictive labor legislation in 1968. Although we anticipate that credit controls may possibly be invoked in the Administration's struggle with inflation, there is no chance that any serious attempts will be made to impose wage controls. 27. Upward pressures on the cost of living will be intensified during the first half of the new year, with advances tapering as autumn approaches. Over-all, we look for another increase in living expenses of over 3%... and it would not surprise us if the toll should rise to the 4% level. The "bad boys" will continue to be soaring service costs — especially medical — and upspirals in transportation and finished-goods tags. Food may inch up a little more as processing (Continued on page 5)



Happy New Year Greetings to All

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HEALTH and SAFETY TIPS

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A Bumper Crop Of Food Fantasies

Naturally, the interest of all of us in food gives rise to numerous food superstitions and misconceptions, says TODAY'S HEALTH GUIDE, the American Medical Association's manual of health information for the American family.
Some tabulations list more than 200 common modern-day misconceptions about food. Here are a few of the more common fallacies. They're all erroneous—
If a few vitamins are good, more must be better. (Not correct.)
Never give milk to a patient with fever. (The milk won't affect the fever at all.)
Pumpkins should be eaten often to cleanse the kidneys. (They don't.)
Beets build blood. (They don't.)
Pork is indigestible. (It is no more indigestible than other meats.)
Sour foods, such as lemon juice or sauerkraut, can cure diabetes. (They can't.)
For treatment of arthritis, grape juice, honey, dried pike berries, carrot juice and tomatoes are helpful. (They're not.)
Cooked cereals heat the blood. (They don't.)
Warm bread may cause a stroke. (It won't.)
Putting cream in coffee makes the coffee more harmful. (No.)
Ice water causes heart trouble. (It doesn't.)
Raw vegetable juice contains life-giving properties, but cooked foods are "dead." (Not so.)
Olives, oysters and raw eggs increase sexual potency. (They don't.)
Wine makes blood. (It doesn't.)
White sugar is not good for the health. (Not true.)
White bread is poisonous. (It isn't.)
If the expectant mother holds her weight down, the size of the baby will be reduced. (Not a fact.)
Enriched candy is good for reducing. (It isn't.)
Calories don't count. (They do.)
Melba toast has no calories. (It has.)
Never eat rabbits because they are all disease carriers. (No.)
Yogurt and brewer's yeast are dietary requirements. (They aren't.)



HD Club News

The Home Demonstration Council for Martin County, met at the Cap Rock building at 2:00 p.m. for their annual Christmas party, December 19. Games were played and Christmas poetry was read by Mrs. Nolan Simpson.
Christmas goodies were exchanged and a taste of each one made by the guests.
Present were Mrs. Mildred Eiland, Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. Walter Harlow, Mrs. E. P. Madison, Mrs. Faye Fleckenstein, Mrs. Billy Morrow, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Hall has resigned her position with the local hospital effective December 31. The Hall family will reside in Midland after that date.
Mary Lou Estes of Dalais, was a holiday guest in the home of her brother, Neal Estes.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill and sons, Larry and Jamie, Tornillo, visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. Flora Morris at Christmastime.
Nolan Simpson, and Mrs. Chalmers Wren.

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Philosopher Up In Arms At Start Of Year Over New Idea To Feed Newspapers To Cows

(Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his grass farm on Mustang Draw faces the new year about like he always has, his letter this week indicates.)

Dear editor:

At first I thought I was facing the new year completely out of luck. Here was this newspaper which had been used as packing around a Christmas present to keep it from breaking with an article in it that almost threw me. On top of that it didn't work, the present was broken anyway. According to the article, some agricultural scientists have discovered that you can grind up old newspapers, add molasses, and feed it to cattle and they thrive on it as well as they do on grain.

If this gets out, I thought, it'll ruin my source of reading matter. Who's going to throw a newspaper away if he can pour molasses on it and feed it to his cow?

Like it is, most people with cattle spend more time working for their cows than their cows do working for them, it's sort of like the government, but, I said to myself, if the cows are going to get my news-

paper to boot, 1968 looks mighty dismal. Television and radio are all right, but for solid news give me a newspaper.

Then I got to thinking. I'm not in this by myself. If paper and molasses will fatten a cow, sooner or later some smart scientist is bound to figure out that it's unscientific to run a piece of paper through a press first, what does a cow care whether it has printing on it or not, just stir blank paper and molasses together and save the printing costs. You can't beat scientist for thinking through, given enough time and appropriations.

But, and you're bound to see this immediately, where does that leave you?

You going to shut down your printing press and go in to the feed business?

You going to change your firm's name to The Stanton Reporter and Molasses Depot?

We'd both better get to work and change the direction of this movement. Get the scientists to develop a cow that'll thrive on weeds and vines and leave the newspaper business alone.

Let's start a rumor that the hoof-and-mouth outbreak in England was started by a cow's eating a copy of The Manchester Guardian.

Yours faithfully, J. A.



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.

Jake Hodges, Gary Detiker, and Ernest Haner with Soil Conservation Service in Stanton, recently attended a two-day training session for S.C.S. employees with new procedures in determining range conditions. The new procedures involve using the "weight unit" method instead of the percent composition method.

In the past, SCS technicians have used the percent composition method to determine range condition. Using this method, a technician estimated or actually sampled an area to determine the percent each major plant species made of the plant community. This method was useful to the trained technician, but provided very little insight to the rancher on the vegetative problems on this ranch.

Using the "weight - unit" method in determining range condition, a ranch or technician would determine the number of "weight-units" each particular plant occupies in a given area. The "weight-units" are expanded to an acre size to show the number of pounds per acre of forage each different plant is producing. This information would show a rancher how many pounds each kind of grass his rangeland is growing and how many pounds of worthless vegetation his rangeland is growing in the form of brush and weeds.

This new method of determining range condition would assist the rancher in understanding how much forage, in pounds per acre, each species of grass is growing on his rangeland. For example, a rancher would find using the percent composition method of determining range condition on a deep sandy loam type of rangeland in Martin County, that the different plants might consist of: 10 per cent sidecoats grama, 15 per cent blackgrama, 15 per cent sand dropseed, 15 per cent hooded windmill, 25 per cent mesquite, 10 per cent forbes, and 10 per cent bare ground. Using this method the rancher would draw the conclusion that the black grama, sand dropseed and hooded windmill provide about 50 per cent of the total usable forage, while sidecoats grama provides only 10 per cent of the total usable forage.

Determining range condition using the "weight-unit" method one would find that sidecoats grama produced about 480 pounds of the total forage produced, and made up

Bible Comment—

HE SO LOVED . . .

He Taught The World To Love

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . .

How meaningful are these words today, nearly two thousand years after the humble beginning of that One Great Life at Bethlehem. How holy and purposeful was this life upon earth that it comes to us again and again in the spirit of Christmas to remind that the real joys and the richness of life lie not in riches and good, or self attainment, but in thoughtful and unselfish service and love.

For He so loved the world that He taught the world to love. Through one, great and wonderful life upon earth, He set down for all mankind and

for all time the supreme example of the good life. In His every deed and action He portrayed the qualities of love and faith and kindness.

These qualities — and more — are all a part of the Christmas. But, by His example, they are qualities that should abound in our lives throughout the year.

In thankfulness to God, for all His Goodness and love, we should keep the Christmas in its true and joyful meaning, the spiritual occasion of the birth of Christ. And if we can truly keep the Christmas, then perhaps we can keep the spirit of Christ within our hearts throughout the year.

Farm & Ranch Review

Investment Credit — Agriculturists who are not entirely familiar with Investment Credit provisions as they relate to income taxes are advised by James Mallett, extension farm management specialist, to check with their tax consultant or local Internal Revenue agent for details.

January National Egg Month—Since January is National Egg Month, it's a fine time to consider all the many uses which can be made of eggs in menu planning. Eggs add taste and nutrition to any

meal, says Marshall Miller, extension poultry marketing specialist at Texas A&M University.

Loose Stacking Of Hay — The old practice of stacking loose hay in the field is making a comeback. With the equipment now available, Dr. Neal Pratt, extension pasture specialist, says it is one good way to reduce harvesting and storage costs. Also, he notes that relatively little labor is required when hay is fed from a loose stack.

Feeding To Heavier Weights Cuts Cattle Feeding Profits—Feeding to heavy weights usually is a false economy for cattlemen, and creates price problems as well. Cost of gain goes up sharply as livestock are fed to heavier weights. Data published by the National Research Council's Committee on Animal Nutrition show a substantial drop in feed conversion efficiency for a yearling steer in a feedlot as the weight increases past 1,000 pounds. Iowa State University tests show that the cost of putting weight on a 1,200 pound animal costs 66 percent more than to put the same weight on a 1,000 pound animal.

W-Tex Chamber Plans To Make Student Awards

"Outstanding West Texas Scholar Awards" have been announced by J. Pike Godfrey, Spur, chairman of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce education committee.

The new awards are to be presented to not more than two students from each of the 490 high school in West Texas. Selection will be made by school officials in each school on the basis of grade average, school and civic honors, offices held, membership in school and civic groups, and other special accomplishments.

To be eligible to win such an award, the student must be a senior student, have an impeccable character, demonstrate good citizenship characteristics and show aptitudes of leadership.

Nomination forms have been sent to all of the high schools in the 132-county area of the WTCC and when final selections are made the awards will be presented in public ceremonies early in 1968.

"We feel that outstanding students in all schools should be publicly recognized for their contributions to the high aims and purposes of public education," Don Wooten, Abilene, WTCC president, said when the board of directors approved the awards.

"Though we would not detract from athletic achievement, we think that scholastic achievement should also be rewarded with appropriate notice by the public and the news media," he concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Swanson and children have recently moved to Stanton from Wheatland, Wyoming. He is a technician at Physicians Hospital and was formerly associated with the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Donald Avery of Amarillo, was a Christmas guest in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ogal Avery in Stanton.

The artichoke is the flower bud of a large thistlelike herb.

The crack in the Liberty Bell occurred as it was being rung during the funeral of John Marshall, chief justice of the United States.

Trade at home and save:

Spell Quiz

Which of the following is Spelled Correctly?

Agressor Aggressor Aggresor

(Meaning: One who attacks.)

EDITORIAL—

Credit Cards

The Kermit, Texas, News has some appropriate and interesting views about our credit card spending and its effects upon the younger generation:

"Youngsters are beginning to realize that they are the ones who will have to pick up the tab for government's credit cards. . . . Facing a fiscal 1968 deficit nevr June 30 which even the President has admitted may reach \$28 billion, it is questionable whether even that new level will accomodate the credit card spending. Such a stratospheric total makes it obvious who is going to have to meet the payments of credit card government. It will be the generation of youngsters still in the classroom. And their children.

"No parent . . . could pyramid credit card charges with the understanding that they'd be paid by his children when they reach adulthood. Still, parents have tolerated \$336 billion in government credit card debt for their children to pay. Is it really any wonder that the 'younger generation' protests? You're earning their disrespect by refusing to pay our own way."

Grassroots Opinion

RIVERTON, WYO., RANGER: "The ripple effect from the United Auto Worker settlement with Ford Motor Co. will soon cover the nation. UAW demanded and Ford finally agreed to a settlement that is in excess of any normal increase in productivity. . . . Next in line for the ripple effect are those companies not in automobile manufacture, but working in the same geographic areas. To hold their skilled people, they feel contrained to meet the price. . . . Add to this pressure from the top, the pressure from the bottom that will come with the mandatory increase nevt February in the minimum wage. Somehow, it all sounds inflationary."

ARGO, ILL., NEWS: "Can any thoughtful person reasonably believe that a disorderly society can survive? In all recorded history, none ever has. . . . History shows that every society which became lawless soon succumbed, and that the first evidence of each society's decay appeared in the toleration of disobedience of its laws and the judgments of its courts."

EVERETT, WASH., HERALD: "That the use of marijuana is growing is apparent. U. S. Customs officials seized a record 26,000 pounds last fiscal year, twice as much as in the previous 12 months."

ST. ALBANS, VT., MESSENGER: "We're fascinated by a report that a 'lack of definitive management process' in the Community Action Program headquarters at the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) caused considerable inefficiency and persistently frustrated regional personnel."

COLUMBIA, TENN., HERALD: "Maybe a Marine's pay could be raised, say to what we pay those on welfare here at home?"

PITTSBURGH, PA., NEWS: "There is a present, according to medical authorities, a shortage of about 500,000 doctors in the U. S. . . . We suggest that students—both boys and girls . . . give serious thought to making a career of medicine."

The Strait of Magellan separates Tierra del Fuego, an island group, from the mainland of South America.

Highest per capita production of electric power in Latin America is that of Venezuela.



Our Heartiest Good Wishes Go To You For the Best Year of Your Lives

It's traditional for good neighbors and good friends to wish each other well at this time of year. We like that tradition, and we're happy to take this opportunity to wish you the best in the coming year — and all the years to follow.

We'd like to give you more than just our wishes, though. We'd like also to give you our pledge that whatever we can do to make this a better year for you will be done. Our goal is to bring the best possible electric service at the lowest possible cost to every rural consumer in our area. We pledge ourselves to work unceasingly toward the achievement of that goal.



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HEMISFAIR SANTAS—A bevy of 16 Texas beauties—all reigning queens of their communities and former Miss Texas contestants—have turned Santas for the holiday season. They are making good-bye appearances throughout the state in behalf of HemisFair '68, the big World's Fair opening in San Antonio next April. Three of the girls participating are (l-r) Jeannie Wilson, Miss Dallas; Martha Whiddon, Odessa, Miss West Texas; and Jan Glenn, Miss Lubbock.

Use The Old Reliable classified ads for results!

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.
- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY—Third Tuesday of every month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI CITY COUNCIL — First Monday of each month.
- BETA SIGMA PHI —
 - Preceptor Mu Chapter — First and third Thursdays.
 - Xi Epsilon Delta Chapter — First and third Thursday of each month.
 - Rho Xi Chapter — First and third Thursdays.
 - Xi Theta Nu Chapter — First and third Thursdays.
 - Mu Lambda Chapter — First and third Thursdays.
- STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB — Every other Wednesday.
- STUDY CLUB — Fourth Thursday of each month.
- GRADY PARENTS-TEACHERS 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.
- WYA, Lenorah Baptist Church—Each Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.
- STANTON GARDEN CLUB — Fourth Tuesday morning 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.
- YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARY — Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.
- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ALTAR SOCIETY — Second Wednesday.
- LEGION OF 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 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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TO BE MARRIED — Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Lawson of Stanton are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Linda Sue, to Duane Hillger, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hillger of Stanton. The couple will be married Jan. 4 in the Belvue Baptist Church in Midland. Miss Lawson, a graduate of Stanton High School, is employed by Midwest Electric Co. in Midland. Her fiancé is employed by Western Electric Co. in Midland.

Indian Lodge Place To Rediscover Christmas

Lights on a string with tons of tinsel, neon lights and stores "open 'til nine," traffic snarls and short tempers, and protests from the last-minute shopper — this is Christmas in the city.

There is a place which is inherently lonely, where "good will toward men" means something since men are so widely interspersed that familiarity is not so apt to breed contempt.

The place is Indian Lodge in Davis Mountains State Park. It is the focal point in a land where a man can stretch his arms without fear of offending, breathe the clean air without fear of noxious fumes, and gaze on vistas uncluttered by civilization.

The lodge owned and operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is an answer for the individual or the family who wishes to regain what has been lost among the tinsel and foil. It offers an atmosphere for recapturing what has been lost.

Set in a primitive land which draws men together rather than drive them apart, the lodge, with its adobe walls, seems a part of that lost past.

Bill Collins, manager of the lodge for the department, says

Christmas here will be kept simple so guests will not feel the pressures which they derive from the cities to escape.

Decorations of the lodge will be traditional, and turkey and dressing will be added to the menu. Guests may sit before the two huge fireplaces on Christmas Eve and sing carols.

But, Collins stresses, Christmas will not be forced upon the guests. Instead of turkey they may still enjoy the restaurant's featured fare, Mexican food, and they may retire to their rooms where, in the old part of the lodge, they may spend Christmas Eve before small fireplaces.

The result should be a low-pressure Christmas, set at a pace which can be enjoyed.

Rates at the lodge are \$8 for a single, \$10 for a double, and \$12 for twin beds. Reservation may be made by calling the lodge at Area Code 916 426-3254.

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Big Spring Voters Favor City Sales Tax

By a margin of 46 ballots, the voters of Big Spring passed the one per cent city sales tax Saturday 1,164 to 1,118. The vote of 2,282 was a record for a city election.

But the voters turned down by almost a 2-1 margin \$750,000 in airport improvement bonds and a companion issue to create a Howard County Airport Authority.

Vote on the airport authority was 964 for and 1,722 against. In the bond election, there was 942 ballots for and 1,739 against.

Estimated income from the city sales tax is \$260,000 annually with a reduction in ad valorem rates from \$1.50 to \$1.40 pledged by the City Council. This would account for \$60,000 of the sales tax. Half the remaining, \$100,000, is pledged for capital improvements with the other \$100,000 left for the general fund.

In addition to Big Spring, 10 other Texas cities passed the one per cent city sales tax on Saturday.

They include Kleberg, Cedar Hill, Highland Park, Knox City, Bastrop, Muleshoe, Marble Falls, Eagle Pass, Athens, and Clyde.

Republican Take Over In Kentucky

More than 40,000 persons turned out in Frankfort, Kentucky Tuesday to witness the inauguration of Kentucky's first Republican governor in 24 years.

Louie B. Nunn, 43, a Glasgow, Kentucky lawyer, won the office easily last month over his Democratic opponent.

The Republicans now hold 26 governorships out of the fifty, giving them a majority for the first time in many years.

Political observers are of the opinion that the complete unpopularity of the Johnson administration has brought on the defeat of so many Democrats during the elections this year. Senator Russell Long, Louisiana Democrat, and U. S. leader, said this week that so many laws were passed in the 89th session of Congress that the people experienced "legislative indigestions." He predicted a holding - of - the - line policy on "wild spending" during the coming presidential election year.

Veterans Administration

(Editor's note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.)

Q — Will the VA issue any type of insurance to men entering the service now?

A — No. However, unless a serviceman submits in writing his refusal to be insured, he is automatically covered under the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program.

Q — I was rated 100 per cent while I was hospitalized for my service - connected disability. Please advise me why my permanent rating was not increased.

A — The 10 per cent evaluation was assigned because you were hospitalized in excess of 21 days and not because the permanent residuals of your service - connected disability were considered totally disabling. Upon your discharge from the hospital, the findings in the report revealed no increase in the pro-hospitalization level of permanent disablement.

Q — I attend school under the new G. I. Bill. I have a wife and two children. What must I do to get an increase in educational allowance now payable for dependents?

A — Prior to October 1, 1967, the VA was permitted to pay only for two dependents. However, the Veterans' Pension and Readjustment Assistance Act of 1967, which was signed by the President last August 31, not only increased the amount of the educational allowance but also provided an allowance for more than two dependents. Under the old allowance structure, you received \$150 a month for full time

Classified Ads

LODGE NOTICES

Stanton Chapter No. 409 O.E.S., first Tuesday night of each month.

MRS. LEONA HIGHTOWER, Worthy Matron
LUCIA PICKETT, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS A

Special Notices A-2

For lease: Caton Building (East of Courthouse, presently occupied by A.S.C. office), available Feb. 1, 1968; 1720 sq. ft. office space. Contact R. W. Caton, Box 528, Big Spring, Texas. 12-50-tnc

LOST & FOUND C

Lost: a small black coin purse Dec. 18, containing two flat keys. Small reward offered for keys. Call 458-3187, Melvia Cross. 12-1-1tp

FARM & RANCH J

Livestock & Poultry J-4

Rabbits for sale: For meat or pets. All sizes and colors. Dressed or on foot. J. T. Springer, Lenorah, Texas. GL 9-2326. 12-50-4tc

MERCHANDISE K

Appliances K-1

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

Pets & Dogs R-7

For Sale: Appaloosa filly. Priced right. Call 458-3480. 11-45-tnc

Household Goods K-3

FOR SALE — 10x18 Peerless Clasp Envelopes. 2 for 15c. The Stanton Reporter.

RENTALS L

Houses L-2

House for rent or sale. Easy terms. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. See G. W. Alsip, 756-3311. 12-51-tnc

Three room furnished house for rent. Call 756-3417. 12-52-tnc

REAL ESTATE M

Farms & Ranches M-2

For Sale: "Good section, fair improvements, 125 acre cotton allotment, 320 acres in cultivation, some minerals, \$105.00 per acre. This is a good farm." Kloven Realty, 267-5593 or 267-8938. 11-45-tnc

Houses For Sale M-4

For Sale. Newly redecorated three bedroom home, on pavement, just outside of city limits with three acres of land. Call 756-3653 after five and Saturday and Sunday. 9-40-tnc

For Sale: 3 bedroom stucco house, 2 baths, fully carpeted, fenced, well landscaped, fruit trees, 2 car garage, large utility, large kitchen. Call 756-3481 Paige Elland. 11-47-tnc

2 Houses for sale: One 6 room, one 3 room. Close in. Call 756-2236. 12-51-tnc

House For Sale: 607 Gray St., 3 bedroom. Call 756-2169 or 756-2395 and ask for Mr. or Mrs. Nolan Sorrels. 12-52-1tc

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training. This was the maximum authorized for a veteran with two dependents. Now you are entitled to \$175 a month for two dependents plus \$10 a month for each dependent above two if you are taking full time training. If you have not already done so, you should notify your nearest VA office of all of your dependents, and furnish a record of birth (preferably a copy of birth certificate) for each additional child or children.

Try our classified ads to sell, buy, or trade anything you may want to buy or sell!

Miss Welch, Dennis Polson Marry In Stanton Church



Mrs. Dennis Bertram Polson

Euvonne Ruth Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Welch of Stanton, and Dennis Polson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Polson, were married at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the First Methodist Church here.

The Rev. J. F. Rankin of the Permian Baptist Encampment officiated for the double ring ceremony.

The newlyweds will reside in Leesville, La., following a wedding trip. The bride attended Howard County Junior College and Commercial College of Midland. The bridegroom, who is stationed at Ft. Polk, La., also attended HCJC.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white velveteen with low rounded neckline, petal point sleeves and skirt styled with soft pleats and a detachable train. The skirt was trimmed with pearls and seed pearls. Her shoulder - length veil of illusion was held by a head-dress of applied lace and velveteen trimmed with seed pearls and iridescent rhinestones with a rhinestone teardrop. She carried Happiness roses centered with a white orchid on a lace covered Bible.

Wedding Music

Janelle Tate of Tarzan was the organist and Pat and Mike Springer of Lenorah were solo-

ists. Mrs. Bill Mathews of Big Spring attended as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Lynda White and Susan Brandt of Stanton and Doris McNew of Midland, niece of the bridegroom.

Lawenda Tunnell, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl, and Ken Welch, brother of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Buddy Shanks was the best man. Groomsmen were Rodney Robinson, Manning Pointer and Larry White. Mike Welch of Stanton, cousin of the bride, and Jerry Cox of Lenorah ushered the guests. Candles were lighted by Carl Holloway of Stanton, cousin of the bride, and Kerry Williams of Hereford, the bridegroom's nephew.

Guest Registry
Guests were registered by Barbara Harrell.

The bride's attendants wore full - length dresses of pink peau de sole with Empire waistlines trimmed in pink velveteen belts and bows. Their headpieces were of velveteen with matching tulle. They carried muffs of pink velveteen with pink carnations.

The reception was held in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Bassham were his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bassham of Colorado City, and Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Bassham of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson, Jr. and children of Hereford, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson, and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ory, during the holidays.

ability to reduce its nondefense spending by an equal amount. Spending by government is just as inflationary as spending by consumers. The prices you pay for the things you want do not necessarily come down. Instead, less of those things are produced because the production effort is shifted to meeting the demand for the things government is spending money for. . . . You still have a choice, but the choice won't be yours for long unless you let your representatives in government know where you stand right now on further tax increases — federal, state and local."

The Citizens Public Expenditure Survey, Inc. of New York has stated: "If your income is to be reduced by a tax increase to fight inflation, then government has a respo-



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costs mount further; but prospective plentiful supplies will act as a controlling factor.

28. Total cash receipts from farm marketings should advance moderately over figures for 1967; however, the relentless up-push of costs will take its toll, and farmers' net income will do well to improve even slightly . . . notwithstanding some relief from higher government payouts. Large marketings promise to restrain cattle quotes and hold this source of farm income in its recent low profitability groove. Meat prices, however, propped by bulging expenses, will be well maintained to firmer for the year. The consumer with storage facilities may benefit from time to time by watching carefully for sales and taking advantage of any buying opportunities provided by occasional runs of cattle fed to extra-heavy weights. Apparent determination by growers to cut back on poultry output threatens to deprive the housewife of one of her most prolific sources of reasonably priced meat.

29. Real estate will be a many-sided market in 1968. Prices for single-family homes will continue to advance as construction falls to satisfy rising demands and as all buildings costs move higher . . . particularly during the first half. Demand for rentals in the middle and lower brackets will gain steadily; however, ability to satisfy these needs will be severely hampered by even more costly and scarcer mortgage money. Speculative purchases and the salability of vacant property — especially that in less desirable areas — will suffer from the drying — up of funds to carry such parcels. Broadly, the betterment that set in during the final six months of 1967 will probably not be maintained long in 1968.

30. Higher pay scales, the effect of recent increases in total money supplies, bigger social security outlays, and further advances in disposable income promise to give very strong support to retail trade during the early months of 1968 and for some time beyond. Only minor shadow is the evident reluctance on consumers to go as heavily into debt as in recent years. The purchasing power will be there, and only an optimistic shift in consumer attitudes will be necessary to ring up record sales gains — maybe 8% to 10% — at least during the

first half-year. Later, efforts of the Administration and of the money managers to cool the inflation through taxes and cutbacks in government spending may slow the rate of retail upturn.

31. The trend in recent years has been toward a dwindling margin of U. S. exports over imports. This has come at a bad time for our chronic condition of imbalance in our international payments position. Devaluation of the pound and other currencies has hurt our ability to expand exports at a crucial moment for our balance of payments. . . . Greatest hope for us in 1968 is that European nations that have been in a business slump will enjoy recovery . . . making a better market for our products there. We forecast that our government will discuss, and perhaps implement, export subsidies during the year ahead.

32. Current talk of the possibility of an even "hotter" summer ahead in our racially imbalanced big cities should be discounted. Preparations already made and in the making should reduce the danger of the firestorms suffered in 1967. We feel that real advances have been made through the ballot box in major mayoralty elections. Another hopeful sign is the rising trend toward responsibility for bettering conditions on the part of businessmen and the private sector. We are willing to stick our necks out and predict that the summer of 1968 will not be as "hot" as was 1967's.

33. However, we are not optimistic on the course crime is pursuing. Recent reports indicate that Americans will be in even greater danger of being murdered, maimed, or robbed in 1968 than in 1967 (a frightening one out of 44).

34. Money pressures — from lessened availability and higher cost — point to lowered liquidity next year . . . with an attendant increase in bankruptcies, more difficult collections, and rising foreclosures.

35. We anticipate a year of rapidly shifting attitude toward the stock market and toward groups of stocks and individual issues. Early-year up-sweep in business and selectively higher profits — combined with a liberal supply of money following the Fed's huge outpouring in 1967 — should pave the way for further progress by the popular stock averages. Later, as the battle against inflation intensifies, the stock market may become subject to a painful reassessment.

36. A year ago we predicted

that in 1967 the "old aristocracy of the blue chips based on past performance" would "be replaced by a new aristocracy of super-able management based upon hopes of good future performance." Now it looks as if many of the issues representing concerns with super-able forward-looking managements have just plain become overvalued in the market place. We believe it will be unwise in 1968 to chase after such.

37. As a consequence of the developing money squeeze, high-quality (only) bonds of long maturity — both taxable and non-taxable — should provide excellent long-range investment opportunities for those seeking income during the first half-year.

38. If we are correct in the above assumption . . . we cannot be far wrong in predicting that the better electric-utility common stocks may also prove to be outstanding purchases for long-term growth.

40. Still not among today's much-sought-after "performance" stocks . . . the big multiple-risk insurance concerns represent another type of equity investment that could well afford high opportunity over an extended period of time to those who have the courage and foresight to pick them up when they have few friends. And they may have more "glamor" than many think . . . as they are showing a developing trend toward "conglomerating."

41. Another group that could reach long-term buying levels next year is banks. Although their profits are up now, they have not been popular. The reason: Every period of money squeeze raises doubts as to the degree of "wringing out" that bond portfolios and loans will have to take when money passes its crisis. They time may come during 1968.

42. High money rates have raised havoc with the prices of many of the large finance company stocks listed on the N. W. Stock Exchange. Some of these have broad holdings in other lines; yet they are selling close to their "cellar" lows. When money rates froth up and crest over next year — as we predict — a good investment opportunity will be presented in this group.

43. It seem almost a foregone certainty that auto production will soar . . . when the strike — struck plants finally get back to work. For a while then there might develop a speculative wave in these issues. But we predict it would be unwise to chase after auto stocks on any great early-year

strength. They are cyclical in nature, and may experience some rough going during the up coming battle against inflation. We think there are better opportunities in strongly situated aggressive merchandising outlets.

44. Despite pressures to cut back on spending next year, there will be a renewed flare-up of the anti-ballistic-missile scare. Look for additional appropriations to build a thicker shield than the thin one proposed by Mr. McNamara. This flap will be accompanied by a renewed buying wave in stocks associated with the program.

45. When discussions of inflation get into high gear in 1968, attention will again be focused on way to "protect" against it. You will be told to buy stocks as a hedge. But remember then that stocks go up because their earnings climb, not because they are a "hedge against inflation." We predict that many will find to their sorrow that stocks hastily bought as inflation "protection" had no such mystical value.

46. There will also be a great buzzing in the coming months about gold stocks as a way to make money out of a dollar jump in the price of the precious metal. The devaluation of the pound caused a big rush into gold stocks. Since the dollar will not be devalued in 1968, we warn recent purchasers of such issues that they may have losses for a long time; although they may be right on some distant day, not next year.

47. We predict that a number of huge international concerns with shares traded in the U. S. and not subject to the interest-equalization tax — particularly those that do a big business with the "hard money" nations of the European Common Market — may do better than gold stocks during the year now opening.

48. War issues — so-called defense stocks — may not do so well in 1968 as equities of those concerns that will benefit from an end to the war buildup. Do not get "locked into" war stocks . . . simply because they boast high current profits and order backlogs.

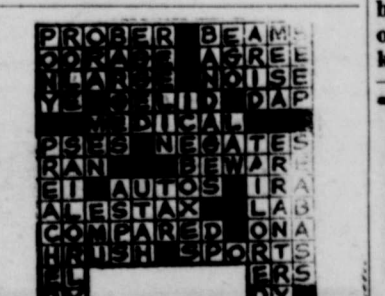
49. Building issues are excellent examples of peace stocks. They look a little high now following 1967's recovery in home building; however, we predict that when the money pressure gets intolerable sometime next year, there may develop another opportunity to get into building equities with an eye to future substantial gain after the Viet phase-out.

50. In conclusion, under the stimulus of the Fed's 1967 "money bath" — and spurred by heavy strike-catchup output and strong activity to hedge against coming labor stoppages — business could soar during some of the early months next year. Gross National Product and the Fed Index of Production will both advance smartly. Sooner or later, however, the government will have to beat back the onrushing inflation. We do not believe that the American people will stand by and see their great country scuttled. And when the money managers stem the money flood — and the Administration and Congress shrink the budget deficit — the upthrust of business and profits will be curbed. This may not be so pleasant for a while. It could be downright unpleasant. But it will surely hold far greater promise for a longer and sunnier tomorrow.

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ed in Stanton. Those days include: New Years Day, Christmas Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day.

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der. There may be hope for you yet.
Neal, you and Mac and your charming office worker have a good Christmas. Here's wishing you the best of everything in 1968.
Your friend,
Red.

Use the classified ads for anything you want to sell, trade, or buy!



PERSONALS

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cross were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Creech and children from Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cross and children from El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham and children from Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Cross from Sweetwater, and Miss Melvia Cross of Stanton.

Christmas days guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yater were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steinhouser of Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Yater, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Yater, Chris and Lisa, Mrs. LaNell Wehman and David, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Gray of Flatonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dean Hall and Jacque of Ackerly.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mor-Jerry Hall and children of Jerry Hhall and children of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Houston and daughter of Odessa, Mrs. Mary Ruth Hall and children of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox and children of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Renfro had as guests Frances Renfro of Austin, Mrs. Mary Ruth Hall and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howard and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deavenport and children.

Twyman Deavenport from San Diego, Calif., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Deavenport. He and his parents spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Connell in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd and children spent Christmas in McComb, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halslip and children visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. McClesky in Kerrville, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ireton and sons, Dennis and Danny, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Elmer Ireton in Lamesa.

Lewis Stewart spent the holidays in Scranton and Cisco visiting friends and relatives.

Morgan Hall has been in San Antonio with his sister, Mrs. Minnie McDaniel, who has been quite ill.

PFC James Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lewis has been visiting his parents and friends here during the holidays. He will report to duty at the U. S. Marine Depot in San Deigo, California, when his leave expires. He has been based at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Smitty Smith was home

Variety - - -
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today. "Their desires are about the same now as in 1950. They still want a good-looking man for their boy friend or husband, and they still want money."

A press report from Austin said this week that the sheriff's department in the state capitol was investigating a beer party of championship proportions to celebrate Austin Reagan's Class AAAA football championship. Reagan defeated Abilene 20-19 for the state crown. The party was supposedly held in a number of lodges on Lake Austin. The report said that more than 100 youngsters ranging in age from 14-24 attended. If the investigation reveals the facts to be correct, Austin authorities and the officials of the Interscholastic League should make an example of such a schoolboy celebration with intoxicating beverages by taking the state title from Reagan and awarding it to Abilene. Perhaps the wild champagne party but on by the recent world Champion St. Louis Cardinals in their dressing room after the game and nationally televised, set the example for the Austin teenagers. The drunken tv scene should never have been allowed on the air. But with the present high court legal decisions and the example of corruption and debauchery going on in high circles in Washington, it is easy to see where there would be a breakdown in morality in another citadel of political jockeying.

Spell Quiz
Correct Answer is:
Aggressor

from Dallas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Turner visited Dr. Bobbie Mills and daughters, Sue, Linda, and Bobbie Nell, in Midland during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and children of Plainview, were guests of their parents, Mrs. Nell Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Petreee. Mrs. Allen went home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Terry and children visited relatives in Tuscola and Stamford during the holidays.

David Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hodges, is home on leave from the Navy.

Gay Gates, student at Sam Houston at Huntsville, is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gates.

Carolyn Brumley is home from John Tarlton College for the holidays.

Donnie Thompson is home on leave from Ft. Polk, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks and sons visited relatives in Rotan and Comanche.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tull Ray Louders were her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Range of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. White, Mrs. L. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey White, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ed Fuquay, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Butler and sons, Larry and Leslie, spent Christmas Day in Lamesa, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip White.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roten and baby from Ft. Bliss, El Paso, spent the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roten, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caffey. Rodney then left for Ft. Ord., Calif. with Mrs. Roten and the baby remaining here with her parents.

Holiday guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Harvey White, were their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sebastian and children from Hot Springs, Ark.; Mrs. Millie Henson of Houston, Mrs. Dessie Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henson and children from Abilene, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Kalsberger and children, Kim and Billy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis Robeson during the holidays.

Mrs. John Blocker spent Christmas with her son in Big Spring.

Mrs. Ralph Jones from Arizona, were her for the funeral of her aunt, Miss Mel Nunn last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stroup and sons from Fort Worth, were her for Christmas with her father, Phil Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermain Cain had as holiday dinner guests: Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hill of Tucson, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Flowers, Eugene and Sherry Lynn of Denton; Mr. and Mrs. David Flowers and Anita, of Aubrey; Mr. and Mrs. Ott Cain of Midland; Mrs. Marie Haynie of Monahans; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly, Roy and Terry; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kelly, D'AWN and Sonya; Mrs. Erlene Mashburn and Miltzi; Mr. and Mrs. James Mashburn and David, and Delores, Carey, Gary, and Debbie, of Denton.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bridges were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Vest of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baugh of Stephenville, Patsy Baugh of Texas Tech, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Graves, Mrs. Fannie Graves, and Mrs. Mary Bridges and Mike of Big Spring.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bristow were their son, Tim, from Texas Tech; and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hughlyn Todd and daughter, Julie, who are

moving from Arkon, Ohio, to Dallas.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Koonce were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Koonce and children of Iraan, Mrs. Helen Lancaster of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hamm and Bobby of Lenora, and Mr. and Mrs. Thadd Koonce of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Koonce and children went to Independence, Missouri, for the holidays to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Win Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Standefer and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Standefer spent Christmas in Missouri with Mr. and Mrs. Max Riding.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Smitsen were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simpson and children of Iraan, Mr. and Mrs. Brick Eldson, and their daughter, Mrs. Robert Wasson from Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Echols, and Mr. and Mrs. John White and children from Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. Sadler Bridges, Amy and Steve of Bryan, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bridges.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wood were their son, Mike, from Lubbock, and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Harrell of Amarillo.

Mrs. O. L. Snoggrass, Jr. and Mrs. Finley Rhodes went to Andrews last week to visit their sister, Mrs. W. H. Munn. Their sister, Mrs. Russell Sadler, from Jai, New Mexico, met them there and the four sisters had a visit together.

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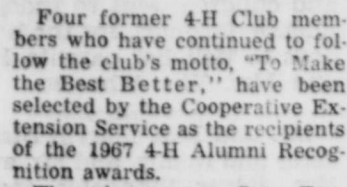
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Former Texas 4-H Members Receive State Alumni Plaque



Mrs. Probasco



Mrs. Witkowski

Four former 4-H Club members who have continued to follow the club's motto, "To Make the Best Better," have been selected by the Cooperative Extension Service as the recipients of the 1967 4-H Alumni Recognition awards.

The winners are: Gene Tongate, Brownwood; Mrs. James Probasco, Longview; Buddy Winter, Lubbock; and Mrs. Leo Witkowski, Hereford.

Each received a handsome copper plaque from the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation which sponsors the alumni program.

The alumni recognition award honors former 4-H members whose accomplishments, following club membership, exemplify effective community leadership, service to 4-H work and the public and success in their chosen careers.

Tongate won 14 grand championships with his sheep projects during his 4-H membership. He also won a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress as the state winner in the 4-H Leadership program.

Tongate carried his sheep and livestock programs with him after he left 4-H. He now feeds several thousand sheep a year. In addition to this he has a livestock trucking business and is owner and operator of a feed and seed store.

He is active in agricultural organizations and has been a judge at several local and state livestock shows. Tongate serves as a Brown County 4-H adult leader and spends much time helping club members.

Mrs. Probasco credits 4-H with giving her the incentive to become a home economist teacher. She no longer

teaches home economics but her work with youngsters continues in her new role as high school counselor.

Mrs. Probasco, an adult 4-H leader, has helped to organize and lead three clubs in her community. In spite of her busy schedule, Mrs. Probasco finds time to teach Sunday School, sponsor and train Miss Texas High contestants, judge dress revues, and sponsor a summer clothing and records clinic.

Winter is another person whose career was influenced by 4-H work. Formerly active in the club's swine program, he now raises purebred swine for a living.

In keeping with his business, Winter has been a swine project leader for local 4-H Clubs for the last five years. He has helped train the livestock judging team each year and instructs club members on livestock showing and management.

Winter has won many national awards with his swine and has been a judge at shows throughout the Southwest. He has served as president and vice president of both the Texas Hampshire Association and the Texas Swine Producers Association.

Mrs. Witkowski has been a 4-H leader for the last 14 years, six as an adult leader and eight as an organization leader. She is a member of the 4-H leaders council and has been chairman and secretary of the group.

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Citing a probable all out fight on government payment limitations and the possibility of new cotton legislation being introduced in Washington next year, Plains Cotton Growers President Don Anderson of Crosbyton tabbed 1968 a "most critical year for High Plains cotton farmers."

Speaking at the year-end meeting of the PCG Board of Directors December 19, Anderson said "If our interests are to be protected we will have to maintain an alert, aggressive cotton producer organization. And to do this we are going to have to become active, interested participants in PCG affairs."

He reminded directors, of which PCG has two from each of 23 High Plains counties, that they were elected to represent the cotton interests of their respective areas, and that it is their responsibility to attend meetings, keep themselves informed and make a sustained effort to look after those interests.

A limitation on the total amount of government payments that any farmer could receive from all government price support and acreage diversion programs have been repeatedly proposed in Washington, but in the past has always been beaten back. In 1968, according to Anderson, the task of defeating such proposals is going to be more difficult than ever before.

The level of such limitations has been advocated at from \$5,000 to \$50,000, but the most recurrent figure seems to have been \$10,000. And Anderson said "I seriously doubt if half the cotton producers on the Plains could stay in business with a \$10,000 limitation."

He recalled that the danger of such limitations was one of the primary reasons for PCG's opposition to the current cotton program when it was passed in 1965.

This program is a part of the Agricultural Act of 1965 and extends through 1969. But top officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are reported to have said new legislation would be introduced to Congress in 1968.

"And whether the Department is serious about getting a new cotton program passed in 1968 or not, we have to be ready at all times to counteract any proposal that might be injurious to the High Plains cotton industry," Anderson told the Board.

In this connection he advised that the PCG Legislative Committee was in the process of being reconstituted and would soon begin discussions toward legislative recommendations to the Board.

The Legislative and other standing PCG committees are appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is made up of the organization's officers and past presidents plus six members elected by and from the Board to represent each of six districts. The six elected members, announced as the result of a recent mail ballot, are W. L. Edelman of Friona, Bill Thompson of Shallowater, Don Marble of South Plains in Floyd County, Clyde Crausbay of McAdoo, Joe D. Unfred of New Home and Joe Anderson of Seminole.

Completing the Executive Committee are President Anderson, Vice President Donnell Echols of Lamesa, Secretary-Treasurer Ray Joe Riley of Hart, Chairman of the Board J. D. Smith of Littlefield, and past presidents Wilmer Smith, New Home and Roy Forkner, Lubbock.

In other action the Board voted unanimous support for a PCG effort to get the deadline for sign-up in the 1968 cotton program extended in this area to July 1. As regulations are now written producers are required to make known their cotton planting intentions by March 15, some three months before planting time on the Plains.

Anderson expressed optimism on chances for getting such an extension because of U.S.D.A.'s desire to get as much acreage planted to cotton as possible under the 1968 program. Also, he said, extending the sign-up time would in all probability reduce the amount of money paid out by government in the form of diversion payments.

Mrs. L. E. McDowell of McAdoo, organizer of the Crosby County Women's Cotton Club in 1965, spoke to the Board on the effectiveness of such education and promoted clubs in getting more cotton sold in retail stores.

Largely as a result of Mrs. McDowell's efforts there are now six women's cotton clubs in five counties on the Plains, with total membership of about 1,300.

Activities of the clubs include educational meetings, calling on retail stores to get more cotton goods stocked, cotton queen and sewing contests, bumper stickers, fair booths, and a cotton newsletter circulated to members of all clubs in the area.

Mrs. McDowell asked PCG Directors if they thought

Red's Corner

By RED GIBSON

Sgt. Gene Brewer of the Texas Department of Public Safety wrote this revised version of "A Visit from St. Nick" last year. It's something to think about here as Christmas slips up on us.

'Twas the night before Christmas . . . When all through the room . . . Not a creature was stirring . . . Not even a bloom. The caskets were lined . . . By the fireplace with care . . . And the fragrance of flowers covered the air.

Loved ones were gathered . . . With tears in their eyes . . . While the silence was broken . . . By heartbroken cries. Dressed in the gifts . . . Of our children so sweet . . . Were Mama and I . . . In Eternity's sleep.

When up with the dawn . . . We had jumped in the car . . . To visit with Grandma . . . A distance quite far. Away through the country . . . We had sped like a flash . . . Tore down the highways . . . A death-dealing crash!

Our blood on the crest . . . Of the hilltop so high . . . Gave a silent reminder . . . For those passing by . . . That out in the darkness . . . Of a cold winter's night . . . Stood a grim, cloaked figure . . . Ready to smite.

He was dressed all in black . . . From his foot to his head . . . And his clothes were all tarnished . . . With blood from the dead. A long curved scythe . . . He had flung on his back . . . And he looked like a devil . . . About to attack.

He was skinny and gaunt . . . A right vicious old elf . . . And I screamed when I saw him . . . In spite of my-

self. A blink of his eye . . . And a twist of my head . . . Soon gave me to know . . . I had plenty to dread.

He spoke not a word . . . But went straight to his work . . . Adding us to his roll . . . Of nitwits and jerks. More rapid than autos . . . His cursers they came . . . And he whistled and shouted . . . And called us by name.

'Now, Speeder! Now, Careless! . . . Now, Honker and Creepy! . . . On, Passer! On Weaver On, Drinker and Sleepy! . . . To the top of the hill! . . . To the end of the curve! . . . Now dash away, dash away! . . . Show you've got the nerve!

And then, in a twinkling . . . I saw in my lights . . . The tingling, spine-chilling . . . Most awesome of sights. As I drew in my head . . . Was turning the wheel . . . Through the windshield and dash . . . Came the grinding of steel.

As dry leaves, that night . . . The wild auto did fly . . . When we met with another . . . To mount to the sky. The stump of my pipe . . . It broke off to the teeth . . . And the smoke it encircled . . . My head for a wreath.

So hear as I speak . . . From death's darkened sill . . . Slow down, my friend . . . Pass not on that hill . . . For he waits there ahead . . . Omnipotent and cold . . . For the drivers lax . . . In his arms to enfold. Escape him you can't . . . If you must take a chance . . . Death is the penalty . . . You know in advance. For I heard . . . Him exclaim . . . Eere my eyes dimmed of sight . . . "Care-

less driving to all . . . And to all a good fright."

"thousands of informed, organized women looking, asking for and buying cotton would help the industry."

The Board answered the question by authorizing the payment of Mrs. McDowell's expenses in the organization of women's clubs in all High Plains counties, and expressed hope that the movement will spread all across the cotton belt.

Veterans Get Pension Money Coker Says

The Veterans Administration paid out in 1967 an estimated \$256,409,000 in compensation and pension benefits to 247,300 Texas veterans or their survivors, Jack Coker, manager of the Waco VA Regional Office, announced today.

Included in this estimate are increased pension and Vietnam era wartime disability compensation payments provided by the Veterans' Pension and Readjustment Assistance Act signed by the President last August, Coker said.

Of the estimated \$7 billion of all VA expenditures nationally in 1967, approximately \$406,300,000 was expended in Texas, Coker explained.

(He said that an actual state-by-state count of the veteran population and of VA expenditures by major programs on a fiscal year basis will be available and released in 1968.)

Compensation and pension benefits for approximately 4.5 million American veterans or survivors account for nearly \$4.4 billion of the \$7 billion total of VA expenditures this year.

The next highest VA expenditure in 1967 was for hospital and medical services. To care for ill and disabled veterans in its 166 hospitals and 202 outpatient clinics in 1967, VA spent more than \$1.3 billion.

VA payments for insurance and indemnities in 1967 totaled nearly \$890 million.

Education and training expenditures were the next highest item in the VA's budget this year. Under this program, which cost approximately \$320 million, about 468,000 veterans went to high school, college or post-graduate school, or received on-the-job, farm, apprenticeship or flight training in 1967. Additionally, some 37,000 children of veter-

ans who died from a service-connected disability or who are permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service received about \$33 million in educational assistance this past year.

The GI loan programs, boosted by the participation of Post-Korean and Vietnam era veterans who accounted for more than four-fifths of the loans, were strong in 1967. VA guaranteed approximately 200,000 loans with a face value of nearly \$3.4 billion in 1967. This past year VA also made slightly more than 12,000 direct loans valued at nearly \$150 million.

As in past years, the cost of administering VA's \$7 billion programs of veterans' benefits and services was less than 3 percent of its total budget.

Fishing Guide Now Available

The "67-'68 Texas Fishing Guide" has been completed and is being mailed out to license deputies and offices of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department over the state, according to department spokesmen.

There are few changes in this year's guide from last year's, the main one being the change of some counties from local to regulatory laws. In most instances this change will mean more liberal bag limits.

Fishermen will be able to walleye from Possum Kingdom Lake for the first time. Fish biologists feel this is the best way to see how the walleye are getting along after being transplanted there.

On the Texas coast, saltwater fishermen cannot legally keep redfish less than 14 inches in length.

The Soviet Union has more doctors per capita than any other nation, according to the Statistical Yearbook, released in Bonn, Germany.

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Mrs. S. Wheeler Hostess To Garden Club

Mrs. Stanley Wheeler was hostess for the Stanton Garden Club Christmas party December 19.

The President, Mrs. Cecil Bridges, presided.

Mrs. Arthur Wilson, program chairman, announced the musical numbers, "White Christmas," "Silver Bells," and "Thirty-two Feet and Eight Little Tails," to be sung by the Music Club quartet, composed of Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Jess Burns, Mrs. Glenn Brown, and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Pickett on the organ.

Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served to Mrs. Cecil Bridges, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Jess Burns, Mrs. Guy Elland, Mrs. L. M. Estes, Mrs. Cliff Hazlewood, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. Ray Kelly, Mrs. Roy Pickett, Mrs. John Pinkston, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, and the hostess, Mrs. Wheeler.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STANTON, TEXAS AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in and throughout the City of Stanton, Texas on the 9th day of January, 1968 on the question of the adoption of a One Percent (1%) Local Sales and Use Tax within said City, in keeping with the following ordinance adopted by the City Council of said City, as follows, to-wit:

NO. 559 AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF STANTON, TEXAS, ON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY; DESIGNATING THE DAY OF THE ELECTION AND THE POLLING PLACE; APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS THEREFOR; PROVIDING THAT ALL DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO VOTE; PRESCRIBING FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Article 1066c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes (Acts 1967, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 36, Page 62) authorizes the governing body of any city, town or village in Texas to call an election for the purpose of adopting a local sales and use tax within such city, town or village; Now Therefore, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON:

Section 1. That a special election shall be held in and throughout the City of Stanton, Texas, on the 9th day of January, 1968, at which election there shall be submitted to the resident qualified voters of said City, for their action thereupon, the following propositions:

"FOR adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city."

"AGAINST adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city."

Section 2. That said election shall be held at one polling place for all qualified voters of said City, and the polling place and presiding officers for said election shall be, to-wit: Polling Place: Basement of First Methodist Church; Presiding Officers: Presiding Judge T. W. Haynie, Alternate Presiding Judge Mrs. James Jones. The Presiding Judge at such election shall appoint two clerks.

Section 3. That said election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and all duly qualified resident electors of the City of Stanton, Texas shall be qualified to vote.

Section 4. That the ballots of said election shall conform to the requirements of Section

U.S.D.A. Classing Office Reports Volumn Decrease

Cotton samples processed by the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Abilene, reached the 145,000 mark this week according to B. B. Manly, Jr.

2. Section G. of Article 1066c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes (Acts 1967, 6th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 36, Page 62), and to the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Election Code of the State of Texas, as amended, and the language to be printed thereon shall include the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS: Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

() FOR adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city.

() AGAINST adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city.

Section 5. That election judges and clerks are directed to comply with Article 6.06, Election Code of the State of Texas, as amended (Section 2 of House Bill 181, Acts 1967, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 452, Pages 1026, 1028) which provides that a square shall be placed beside each proposition in which the voter is instructed to place an "X" or other clear mark to indicate the way he wishes to vote; but which also provides that failure of a voter to mark his ballot in strict conformity with the directions on the ballot shall not invalidate the ballot, and the ballot shall be counted if the intention of the voter is clearly ascertainable, except where the law expressly prohibits the counting of the ballot. It is specifically provided that the election officers shall not refuse to count a ballot because of the voter's having marked his ballot by scratching out the statement of proposition for which he does not wish to vote.

Section 6. That notice of the election hereby ordered and called shall be given: (a) by publication on the same day of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published within said City, the date of the first publication to be at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set herein for such election; and (b) by posting of such notice at the polling place in each of the election precincts of the City not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date set herein for such election. It is hereby found and determined that the Stanton Reporter is a newspaper published within the City of Stanton, Texas, and is a newspaper of general circulation within said City.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 5th day of December, 1967.

S. W. WHEELER, Mayor M. H. WHITE, City Secretary

officer - in - charge. The seasons total at this same time last year was 300,000.

Grades were relatively unchanged. Samples in the white grades were 14 per cent compared to 16 per cent the previous week; light spotted were 68 per cent compared to 72 per cent the previous week; spotted were 14 per cent with 12 per cent the previous week. The number of Barkey samples showed a slight decrease from 10 per cent to 8 per cent.

Staples were also fairly constant. Percentages were: 15/16, 36 per cent compared to 30 per cent the previous week; 31/32, 46 per cent with 46 per cent the previous week; and 14 per cent were 1 inch with 16 per cent the previous week. Only 2 per cent were called 29/32 with 1-1/32 and 1-1/16 each representing 1 per cent.

Micronaire readings fell off considerably. A total of 37 per cent read below the premium range compared to 22 per cent the previous week and 3 per cent were above the premium range last week with 5 per cent the previous week. Readings within the premium or 3.5 - 4.9 range fell to 60 per cent last week from 73 per cent the previous week. This has caused a lot of questions as to why the mike is low and some say that they have been getting good mike readings, then all of a sudden they are low, even from the same field. A mike reading is a machine measurement of the fineness of cotton fibers, with a very minimum of human influence. Why cotton in the same field will be both high and low mike varies. Generally anything that causes cotton to be immature and/or mature will cause this variation. The micronaire reading is used to indicate the coarseness of cotton fibers. Thin fibers give low readings and indicate cotton is not mature.

Coarse fibers give high readings and indicate mature cotton. Readings of 3.5 are generally considered mature and most desirable, at least up to 4.9; below 3.5 considered immature, the degree of immaturity depending on how low the reading is; therefore, anything that effects maturity, effects the mike. Manly lists some of the factors as follows: early or late planted cotton; dry weather; low and high parts of a field, one part rank and insect infested, the other producing only a few mature bolls per stalk; root rot, causing parts of the field to be killed before fruit matures; defoliating before 80 per cent of bolls open; frost or freeze before 80 per cent bolls open; and ginning behind a bale different from yours. Another factor to consider is green bolls. Earlier in the season they were heavy and stripping and ginning equipment would kick them out, but now they are dry and light enough that they go through the boll traps into the burr machines and are ginned. This is extremely low mike cotton and a little of it can influence the mike.

M. Manly also mentioned that

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of Cause No. 2701 in the District Court of Martin County, Texas, wherein The City of Stanton, Plaintiff, obtained judgment on the 5th day of December, 1967, against Mrs. R. L. (Ada) Flemming, Viola Maxwell, Floyd Maxwell, Adelle Flemming, Donna Fleming, Glenda Fleming, Edith Sewell, Charles C. Sewell, Inez Martin, Jewell Martin, Defendants for the sum of \$322.81 together with interest thereon at 8% per annum from date of such judgment until paid, together with all costs accrued therein, (in the sum of \$67.05) and for foreclosure of the Plaintiff's special improvement assessment lien upon Lot 1, Block 21, Original Townsite of the City of Stanton, Martin County, Texas, together with all improvements thereon located, as of the 15th day of November, 1962.

And delivered to me as Sheriff, commanding me to seize and sell the above described property as under execution, in foreclosure of said lien, and that I apply the proceeds thereof to the payment and satisfaction of the above mentioned judgment, interest, original costs, sheriff's costs and commissions and expenses of said sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Saunders, will, at the court house door of Martin County, Texas, in Stanton, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. on the 2nd day of January, 1968, such being the first Tuesday in said month, under the authority of such order of sale, offer to sell and sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, all of the right, title or interest which the above named Defendants have in said property and real estate described above, or had therein on the date mentioned above as of which the foreclosure of said lien is ordered and directed.

DATED at Stanton, Martin County, Texas, this the 5th day of December, 1967.

DAN SAUNDERS, Sheriff Martin County, Texas

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several counties has late cotton and low mike is common in Seury, Howard, Mitchell, and Nolan counties, as well as several communities in other counties.

Mrs. C. Leonard Hostess To Weddle Club

The Weddle Club, Junior Club of the National Federation of Music Clubs, met in the home of Mrs. Carl Leonard, with Mrs. M. T. Hursh assisting as co-hostess.

Marsha Heptinstall, president, led the hymn of the month of November, and the collect.

The theme "Liberty and Freedom," was explored with an "Avant Garde" band composed of guitars, autoharp, violin, clarinet, bassoon, piano, organ, homemade flutes, bongos, hand pans with sticks, and a tape recorder. Playing for the more strictured program were:

"On the Speedway," Gurilt, Shelia Hines; "Beep-beep Boogie," Kraehenbuehl, Melissa Hursh; "Reveille," Francis Clark, Ginger Randolph; "The Modern Dragon," Clark, Pat Ketter; "A Sad Tail," Kraehenbuehl, recognized as a take-off on "Three Blind Mice," Jo Ann Dornier; "Drifting" and "Country Fiddler," Clark, Elaine Leonard; "Chorale in E Minor," and "Second Minuet in G Major," Bach, played on the organ by Betty Anderson.

Refreshments were served from a "Beatles" decorated table to those mentioned above, also Shelly Church, Rena Koonce, Peggy Rittenhouse, Jo Ann Leonard, Guy Leonard, Jim Ketter, Hershel Rittenhouse, Pam Rittenhouse, and Mrs. Dale Rittenhouse.

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New Texas Study Puts Blame On Drunk Driver

If the drinking habits of some San Antonio drivers and pedestrians hold true for the rest of the state, almost half of the drivers and pedestrians killed in Texas traffic accidents may have been highly intoxicated, the Texas Safety Association said today.

A 10-year blood alcohol study conducted by the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office, San Antonio, showed that 48 percent of persons killed in traffic accidents, and examined for alcohol, had .15 per-

cent or more alcohol present in their blood. Theoretically each victim had consumed more than three highballs or more than six beers in his final hour.

A driver with a blood alcohol content of .10 percent is considered by most experts to be "too high" to drive safely and the new federal safety regulations call for states to pass laws making it unlawful for a person to drive a car when his blood alcohol concentration equals or exceeds that amount.

The intoxicated victims in the Bexar County study accounted of 68 percent of the drivers kill in one-car accidents and 43 percent of the drivers killed in multiple car accidents. Fifty-eight percent of the pedestrians killed had blood alcohol levels of .10 or above.

Of the 318 traffic victims studied, 205, or 61 percent, had been drinking to some extent. Seventy - six percent of the drivers had been drinking in one-car accidents and 57 percent had been drinking in multiple-car accidents. A total of 60 percent of the pedestrians had been drinking. A blood alcohol level of .02 was considered evidence of drinking.

Dr. Robert Hausman, Bexar County Medical Examiner and director of the study, says he feels sure that tests of traffic victims in other areas of Texas would reveal similar drinking habits of drivers and pedestrians.

Studies previously reported by the Texas Safety Association on the drinking motorist and his involvement in traffic disclosed that in Wisconsin, 82 percent of the drivers had been drinking heavily prior to their fatal accident. The six-month tabulations also showed that most of the drivers killed were under 25, with 19-year-olds outnumbering all others.

"The apparent commonness of drinking drivers on Texas streets and highways clearly calls for defensive action to be taken by motorists and pedestrians," Robert F. Miller, vice president for Traffic Safety, TSA, said.

The Safety Association advised pedestrians to stay alert for the unexpected actions of drivers. They should not rely on all drivers being sober and obeying all traffic safety rules. Before stepping from the curb

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of Cause No. 2719 in the District Court of Martin County, Texas, wherein The City of Stanton, Plaintiff, obtained judgment on the 5th day of December, 1967, against Homer Steen and William H. Steen, Defendants for the sum of \$222.63 together with interest thereon at 8% per annum from date of such judgment until paid, together with all costs accrued therein, (in the sum of \$23.70) and for foreclosure of the Plaintiff's special improvement assessment lien upon Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Block 23, Original Townsite of Stanton, Martin County, Texas, together with all improvements thereon located, as of the 4th day of February, 1964.

And delivered to me as Sheriff, commanding me to seize and sell the above described property as under execution, in foreclosure of said lien, and that I apply the proceeds thereof to the payment and satisfaction of the above mentioned judgment, interest, original costs, sheriff's costs and commissions and expenses of said sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Saunders, Sheriff as aforesaid, will be at the court house door of Martin County, Texas, in Stanton, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. on the 2nd day of January, 1968, such being the first Tuesday in said month, under the authority of such order of sale, offer to sell and sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, all of the right, title or interest which the above named Defendants have in said property and real estate described above, or had therein on the date mentioned above as of which the foreclosure of said lien is ordered and directed.

DATED at Stanton, Martin County, Texas, this the 5th day of December, 1967.

DAN SAUNDERS, Sheriff Martin County, Texas

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Flower Grove 1967-1968 Basketball Schedule

There - January 2 - Ira, A Boys and A Girls, 7:00 P. M. Here - January 5 - Sands, A Boys and Girls, 7:00 P. M. Here - January 9 - Sterling City, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M. There - January 12 - Dawson, A Boys and A Girls - 7:00 P. M. Here - January 16 - Gail, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M. There - January 19 - Sands, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M. There - January 23 - Loop, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M. Here - January 26 - Klondike, A Boys and A Girls - 7:00 P. M. Here - January 30 - Dawson, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M. There - February 1 - Gail, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M. Here - February 6 - Sands, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M. Here - February 9 - Loop, A Boys and A Girls 7:00 P. M. There - February 1 - Gail, A Boys and A Girls A Girls - 7:00 P. M.

Broilers To Be Plentiful In January

What's for January? Lots of chicken, says the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Broilers tops the foods plentiful list this first month of 1968. Adding to the bounty are potatoes, grape juice, fresh oranges and grapefruit, dry split peas and eggs.

Although broiler-fryer supplies are not expected to equal that of this time last year, you can expect an abundance. Offerings have been running extremely high.

Potato production is also heavy - slightly above last year's crop and 16 percent above acreage, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Although size of this season's orange and grapefruit crops is down from year - ago production, supplies will be plentiful all month, says USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service.

Volume of dry split peas during 1967 ran about 11 percent above the previous year. Smaller exports also are expected to increase the available domestic supply.

January is National Egg Month. So it's a fine time to

even when the "WALK" light is on - pedestrians should make certain all approaching cars will stop and yield the right - of - way. Extra caution should be exercised where there are no traffic lights to make sure all drivers see them and realize that they are planning to cross before stepping into the street.

Drivers should watch for pedestrians walking along roadways, stepping suddenly from between parked car and off curbs. They should consider that a pedestrian, as well as a fellow driver, may be drinking. Watch for the drinking pedestrian who may lose his sense of balance and direction and stagger into the path of oncoming traffic. Drivers should slow down in areas where there is heavy pedestrian traffic and always keep in mind that all pedestrians do not obey their safety rules by crossing streets at intersections only.

The Texas Safety Association noted that the drinking driver is not necessarily a speeder - more often, he is not. He can be spotted by his irregular driving speed, his reaction to traffic situations, and his weaving across lane and medium stripes and onto the shoulder of the road.

Newman Enters Herefords In Stock Show

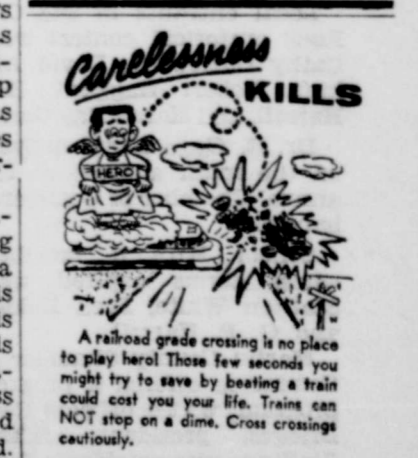
Tommy Newman, Stanton, will have Hereford cattle competing in the 1968 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 26 through February 4.

With entry closing for cattle, horses, sheep and swine just past, Fort Worth Stock Show officials, led by Show President and Manager W. R. Watt, started the task of computing 1968 entries. Poultry, rabbit and pigeon exhibitors have until January 15, 1968, to submit their entries. "Although its still too early to tell," said Watt, "it looks like we've got some fine entries and should have another great show."

In the Fort Worth Rodeo Arena Watt's sure there's a great show lined up. Led by guest star Rex Allen, with the "Men of the West," the Fort Worth Show will be packed with entertainment. Specialty acts include "Big Loop" Roping, championship trick and fancy riding, and an unusual exhibition of dressage performance. Rodeo action will be plentiful with over 450 top cowboys competing for nearly \$75,000 prize money and entry fees on some of the roughest stock in the business. Stock producers for '68 are Tommy Steiner - Hoss Inman and Associates.

consider all the many uses for eggs - and use them! Eggs add taste and nutrition to mealtime. November estimates on Concord grape production indicate a crop 3 percent above last season and 7 percent above average. Storage stocks are unusually heavy, so you'll find unusually good amounts of this tasty beverage available now.

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