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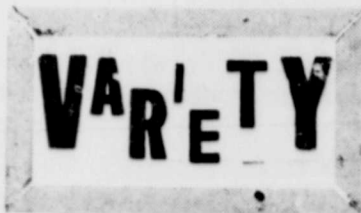


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By NEAL ESTES



## One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman, he grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty - three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves, while he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Only a handful of days remain before Christmas. The time for late shoppers is indeed short. Try and find the nice things you want for your loved ones here in Martin County. It pays to trade at home.

It is not enough that the Hong Kong flu is sweeping the nation and in some sections has reached epidemic proportions. In Texas an outbreak of rabies has just been reported by the State Health Department. If you are among those of us who own pets be sure and see that they are properly immunized. The vaccination of pets can keep the disease at a low level.

The Department of Public Safety predicts 33 will die in traffic accidents in Texas during Christmas and New Year's holidays. DPS will activate "Operation Motorcade" in an effort to get unsafe drivers off the roads and lower the toll. All available DPS officers will be on duty during the two holiday periods. Director WILSON SPEIR said full use will be made of radar, helicopters and VASCAR enforcement aids. The latter is a computerized device by which patrol car officers can accurately clock speeders in any direction. Be careful and drive safely.

I had Christmas cards from PRESTON SMITH and BEN BARNES this week. Both are nice men and Texas bids fair to enjoy one of the finest administrations in years when SMITH and BARNES take over as Governor and Lieutenant.

# Texas Electric Plans New Building

## Officials Say Completion Due In Early Spring

Construction is to start immediately on a new office building for Texas Electric Service Company in Stanton, it was announced today by Cecil Bridges, manager for the company here.

The new building will be located at the southwest corner of St. Peter and School streets, across the street and east of the courthouse.

Bridges said the new office is to be completed in about four months.

"This new building will give us room and space arrangements which will help us serve our customers better," Bridges said.

The new building will incorporate 2,100 square feet. The building will include a meeting room for company use and it will be made available for community group meetings. The room will accommodate about 40 persons.

Provisions will be made for customer service and appliance display areas. Parking space will be provided for customer convenience.

The company offices have been in the present location at 104 St. Peter since November, 1942, according to Bridges.

## Bragg Funeral Rites Conducted Here Wednesday

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Stanton Wednesday morning for Samuel Edgar Bragg.

The deceased had resided in Martin County for the past 23 years. He expired after a sudden illness early Tuesday morning.

He was born Feb. 9, 1903 in Gleason, Tennessee. He was employed as custodian at the Martin County courthouse at the time of his demise.

Bragg was married to Ima Steele on April 7, 1937, in Snyder.

Survivors include the widow; three sisters, Mrs. Cecil Long of Eagle Point, Oregon; Mrs. Wadie Bush of Plainview, and Mrs. Auta Tinnin of San Diego, California, and a brother, John L. Bragg of Pilot Point.

Rev. Richard Payne officiated at the final rites assisted by Rev. W. H. Uhlman, Gilbride Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**PRESENTS CERTIFICATES**—Bill Terry is pictured presenting certificates of appreciation to local citizens at the Texas Electric sponsored Get-together held Tuesday morning at 8:30. Certificates were presented to members of the Industrial Training Team.

## TESCO Honors Training Team Here Tuesday

Stanton was honored with a visit of distinguished officials of Texas Electric Service Company from Ft. Worth, Midland and Odessa, Tuesday morning and they in turn paid honor to a group of local citizens who were cited for community service.

Cecil Bridges, local manager of TESCO, served as master of ceremonies and presented Burl B. Hulsey, Bill Marquardt, Oscar Castillon, Vance Gilmore, and Wilson Barclay of Texas Electric's official family.

President Hulsey addressed the group. He pointed out the aim of the company he heads to be of any assistance possible to any group in West Texas. Hulsey praised the spirit of the local certificate winners for their interest in community development.

Bill Terry was presented by Bridges and awarded the awards to the following men:

Stanley Wheeler, Sam Houston, John Roueche, Bill Terry, Bob Deavenport, Juil Reid, Jimmy Wheeler, Cecil Bridges, O. L. Snodgrass, Stanton White, Woodford Sale, Billy Reagar, James D. Eiland, Ellis Britton, Ed Hall, Charles Elmore, Russell McMeans, J. R. Dillard, Paige Eiland, R. O. Anderson, George Costlow, Gerald Hanson, Finley Rhodes, and Jimmy Stallings.

Paige Eiland, president of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce was presented and spoke briefly. Eiland added his welcome to those of Bridges and Terry for the Fort Worth and area Texas Electric visiting dignitaries.

## Basketball Tournament Slated Here

Stanton High School will play host to the area's basketball teams this week-end, when they hold their annual basketball tournament December 19, 20, and 21.

Play will start in the high school gym at 12:00 o'clock noon, when the first game will be between the Iraan girls and Forsan girls. Games will continue until 10:00 p.m. in sessions. Stanton B team girls will play Coahoma at 3:00 p.m. Stanton A team girls will play Sterling City at 6:30. Stanton boys will play the Midland sophomore team at 8:00 p.m. Games will start again Friday at 12 noon, and on Saturday, they will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the morning. On Saturday night, the girls finals will start at 8:00 p.m., with the boys finals starting at 9:30 p.m.

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## Yule Lighting Prizes To Be Awarded

The annual Christmas Lighting Contest will close Saturday, December 21.

Judging will be Sunday night, December 22. Three nice prizes, including a Ready Light, will be awarded the winners. The contest is jointly sponsored by the Garden Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and they would like to urge you, if you have not already entered your house or apartment, to do so.

A large number of homes are featuring decorations that are original, clever, and artistic, so get your entry blank in before Saturday.

## Martin Cotton Growers Favor Marketing Quota

Martin County cotton producers voted an overwhelming yes as to whether or not U. S. Secretary of Agriculture should impose marketing quotas for the 1969 crop year.

The report shows that 525 voted for quotas, with nine against, with an average percentage of the voters participating.

The county committee and office personnel appreciate (Continued on page 6)

## Interstate 20 Ramps Okayed

Martin County is assured of two ramps on IS 20 between Midland and Stanton. Approval for the addition of these ramps had previously been given by the State Highway Commission. Mahon's letter to Eiland is self explanatory.

President Martin County Chamber of Commerce P. O. Box 615 Stanton, Texas 79782.

Dear Paige:

I have just been advised by an official of the Federal Highway Administration of the U. S. Department of Transportation that approval has been given the addition of two connecting ramps on Interstate Route 20 at FM 829 west of Stanton. The Texas Highway Department is being notified of this action and may include the ramps as part of the construction program now underway.

It was indeed a pleasure for me to have had this opportunity to look into this matter for you. I hope you will always feel free to call upon me at any time you believe I might be helpful.

Best wishes to you and the members of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce. Also, Merry Christmas! Sincerely, George Mahon.

## Annual Christmas Edition To Be In Mail December 23

The annual Christmas Edition of The Stanton Reporter will be published on December 23 and placed in the mail in ample time before Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25.

Featured in this issue will be Christmas Greeting advertisements from business firms and individuals if they are desired. The paper will also carry regular advertising for the subscribers consideration

for specials to be offered by some merchants on December 26, 27 and 28th. Most local stores will be open for business following Christmas Day since it falls in the middle of the week this year.

It is traditional in Martin County for merchants to salute their friends and customers in the holiday issue. Attractive advertisements have been made available with ap-

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# Mahon Sees Surtax Extension

The chairman of the House Appropriations Committee says it would be senseless to drop the 10 per cent federal income tax surcharge as long as continued heavy spending threatens to push the government deeper into debt.

Rep. George H. Mahon, Lubbock Democrat, head of the group which gets the first whack as most federal spending proposals, says he sees little chance the budget for the next fiscal year can be kept much below current levels. "Many news programs are in their infancy and expenditures will tend to escalate rapidly unless a skillful and effective job is done in holding the line," Mahon said in an interview.

"I had rather extend the surtax than to have an unexpectedly high deficit," he said.

"To me it would make no sense to repeal the surtax and plunge the government deeper in the red."

President-elect Nixon said during this fall's campaign he favored allowing the surtax to expire June 30, as scheduled under present law.

Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, says he expects Con-

gress will go along if Nixon wants the surtax to expire.

He said he is more convinced than ever that ambitious spending programs must be financed out of existing revenues or else postponed "until we're willing to pay for them as we go."

"I do not believe we should have heavy deficits at a time when we experience great economic growth," he said.



**PRESIDENT BURL B. HULSEY** of Texas Electric Service Company was introduced by Cecil Bridges, local manager of the Texas Electric Service Company sponsored Get-together held Tuesday morning at the Belvue Restaurant. Hulsey spoke to about twenty local winners of the PEP awards and other guests.

## School Band, Choir Travel To Area Schools

A new innovation was instituted this year by the music department of the Stanton Public Schools. The high school choir and concert band were taken to area schools to present a Christmas program in music to share with those having little or no music curriculum in their own schools.

The week's schedule included concerts at Garden City, Ackerly, Sterling City, and the Forsan schools.

J. R. Dillard, local high school principal, was instrumental in making the tour arrangements for the department. Joe Cruse, accompanied the group to serve as narrator for the program. James Conner also helped with the tour activities.

Bill Currie served as tour manager. Linda Holder was the band manager, and Melrae Angel acted as manager of the choir.

"The local aggregation was well received in all the communities where they participated, and was a fine contribution to better intra-school relationships," reported George Walker, who served as music director for the participating organizations.

## Mobil Oil Testing No. 1 Nail After Treating

By JAMES C. WATSON  
Mobil Oil Corp. was testing for sand fill-up after treating No. 1-A Nail, and Ellenburger failure and a Deanburger prospect, seven miles northeast of Midland and 11 miles northwest of Stanton.

Shot holes between 8,893 and 9,281 feet were fractured with 40,000 gallons of gelled brine and 120,000 pounds of sand and on the latest gauge reported flowed 347 barrels of the load water on a 22-64-

inch choke and 22 hours with casing pressure 25 pounds.

No. 1-A Nail spots 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 38, block 38, T-1-N, T&P survey, 1 1/4 miles southeast of the Fran - Glass (Spraberry) pool and 2 miles west of the exhausted Ellenburger opener in Stanton multipay region.

Drilled to 12,568 feet on a 12,700-foot Ellenburger contract, it is plugged back to 9,502 feet with the 5 1/2 - inch

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The surcharge and the spendings cuts coupled with it should reduce the deficit for the current year to \$5 billion he said. The deficit for the last fiscal year was a record of \$25 billion, reflecting heavy spending on the Vietnam war.

If the war can be concluded soon, Mahon said, a balanced budget may be possible within two or three years.

## The Letter Box

CONGRES OF THE UNITED STATES

House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Stanton Reporter Stanton, Texas

Dear Friends:

My records here indicate that my subscription will expire soon, and I wish to renew the subscription.

I am enclosing a check made out in the amount which I understand is the subscription rate. If there has been a change in your subscription rate, or if I have made an error, please let me know and I will make appropriate changes, remitting any amount still due. Thanks for handling this for me.

My best wishes to all of you for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
George Mahon.

## Stanton Girls Perform In District Band

Cindy Davis and Linda Holder were selected to perform in an All - District Band, which played a concert last weekend at Lee High School in Midland. Conducting the band was Dean Killon, director of bands at Texas Tech.

District band competition is the first in a series of three auditions leading to the selection of the all-state bands, that rehearse and perform at the Texas Music Educators Convention next February in San Antonio.

Miss Holder, local band drum major, passed the second round.

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## RESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

To THE STANTON GARDEN CLUB Stanton, Texas

Please enter my home (apartment) in your 1968 Christmas Lighting Contest. I understand

only those homes (apartments) in Stanton will be eligible to compete.

Name .....

Address .....



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The publisher is not responsible for copy omission, typographical errors or any unintentional errors that may occur other than to correct it in the next issue after it is brought to his attention. All advertising orders are accepted on this basis only.

**Security Man Cancels Trip Set For Stanton**

Erven Fisher, manager of the Social Security office in Big Spring, announced the social security representative will not be in Stanton on December 23. The courthouse will be closed on this date. If anyone has social security business, the office in Big Spring is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The office will be closed on Christmas day and New Year's Day.

**HD Club News**

A salad luncheon and Christmas party was held by the Koffee Kup Home Demonstration Club Thursday, at the home of Mrs. Bob Cox. Mrs. Herman Lander, Jr., presided over the business session and year books were completed for the new year. Christmas readings were given by Mrs. Fred Bowlin and Mrs. Nolan Simpson. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed.

Those present were: Mrs. Trade at home and save!

**Music Students Presents Program For Garden Club**

Students of the music department, presented a Christmas program to the Stanton Garden Club last Tuesday, in the home of Mrs. Harry Haislip. Furnishing numbers on the program were Cindy Davis and Melrae Angel, performing appropriate holiday selections.

A mixed clarinet quartet composed of Patricia Haislip, Kathy Pickett, Cassandra Bridge, and Debra McMeans contributed several Christmas carols.

A special reading, "The First Christmas Tree," was offered by Linda Holder.

George Walker, sponsor of the group, gave a reading and a short commentary.

Fred Bowlin, Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. Nolan Simpson, Mrs. D. H. Hopper, Mrs. James Doyle, Mrs. John Webb, Jr., Mrs. Roger Fleckentsein, Mrs. Herman Lander, Jr., Mrs. Jackie Thomason, Mrs. Harold Henson, and Mrs. Bill Morrow.

Trade at home and save!

**Spell Quiz**

Which of the Following is Spelled Correctly?

Judgement Judgemint Judgment

(Meaning: Court decision.)

See Classified Page for Correct Answer.

**Nancy Hanks**

Specializing in Half and Extra Sizes

**Pre-Christmas Red-Tag Sale**

DRESSES, 2-Piece and 3-Piece SUITS

- Reg. 12.00 - - 10.00
- 15.00 - - 13.00
- 16.00 - - 12.00, 13.00
- 20.00 - - 16.00, 17.00
- 24.00 - -
- 26.00 - - 22.00
- 36.00 - - 26.00
- 65.00 - - 50.00
- 85.00 - - 70.00

All Fall Dresses and Suits Marked For Your Christmas Shopping.

Girls' Dresses and Pant Sets Reduced Register for a \$50.00 Gift Certificate To Be Given Away Christmas Eve.

FREE GIFT WRAPPING!

BIG SPRING  
206 N. Gregg

**Miss Brown, S. J. Badgett Exchange Marriage Vows**



Mrs. Sammy Joe Badgett

Billie Carol Brown and Sammy Joe Badgett exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Charles Carter of San Angelo, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Tarzan, was the officiant.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Brown of 1901 Huchtes St., Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Badgett of Stanton.

Traditional bridal music was presented by Gene Pickens, organist, and Mark Blankenship, soloist.

Church decorations included seven - branched candelabra entwined with Christmas greenery and holding cranberry votive lights; also arrangements of white poinsettias, white carnations, holly and greenery. The prie dieu also was entwined with greenery. Candles were lighted by Rodney Hale of Stanton, and Irvin Vannoy, both cousins of the bridegroom.

Portia Sikes of Andrews was the maid of honor. The bridesmaid and junior bridesmaid were Debra and Bettye Brown of Clifton, cousins of the bride.

Tami Badgett, niece of the bridegroom, was the flower girl.

Empire Fashion Gowns worn by the bridal attendants were designed by the bride and were fashioned of snow white crepe. The design featured a modern Empire fashion with a tailored band and a bow in center back. The A-line style with a collarless neckline was accented by elbow-length sleeves edged in white fur. White fur also encircled the lower edge of the ankle - length gowns. Their headpieces were circlets of white fur, topped with velvet flowers and white bubble veils. They carried cascade bouquets of red carnations with streamers of green velvet.

Harold Cain of Stanton, was the best man, groomsmen were Danny Smith of Tokio and Johnny Swanson. Kenneth Trent of White Oak, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Guests were seated by Lois Badgett of Midland, and Billy Ray Badgett of Big Spring, brothers of the bridegroom. Oscar Otho, and Milton Mow, the bride, presented in marriage by her father, wore a gown of Parisian inspired pure silk peau de soie. An inset of re-embroidered Alencon lace, enhanced by tiny crystal beads, seed pearl clusters and drops, extended the length of the long tapered sleeves. A contoured neckline complemented the softly fitted A-line creation.

Watteau Train The full - length Watteau chapel train with re-embroidered Alencon lace insets flowed from the bridal gown.

A demi-bonnet of the lace motifs topped by a cascade of peau de soie rosettes and petals formed the bride's headpiece, which held a bouffant veil of pure silk English illusion.

She carried a cascade styled bouquet of white feathered carnations, Cattleya orchid and English Ivy atop a Bible given her when she was worthy adviser of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, Waco Assembly No. 18.

A reception was held in the Banquet Room of the church. Mrs. Joe Biggs, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Verne Dwyer presided at the bride's table, which was ornamented with Christmas greenery, holly and silver candelabra.

Mrs. Hal T. Curry of Lorena and Joy Beamsley of Albuquerque, N. M., served at the bridegroom's table. Nancy Sealy of Dallas, was in charge of the guest register. Rice bags were distributed by Mrs. Keith Farr of Waco.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N. M., the couple will

For many, many centuries — brightly burning candles have been an important part of the Christmas observance. And, in days of yore — the bayberry candles held a mystic significance — it was believed that if the candles burned bright and clear throughout the Christmas season, then the coming year was sure to be lucky and happy.



University of Texas All-American Chris Gilbert (left) and teammate Corby Robertson (right), fresh from their performances in the Thanksgiving Day game with Texas A & M, sign up young Jeff Rasco for the 1969 summer session at Camp Olympia, the boy's camp near Trinity which the two football stars operate during the summer for some 180 youngsters from 8 to 15. Other Southwest athletes and coaches serve as counselors.

live at 3204-A Kansas St., in Midland. The bride is home service adviser for Pioneer Natural Gas Co. She is a graduate of Mary Hardin Baylor College. The bridegroom is employed by The Permian Corporation.

**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 representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.)

Q — Will the Veterans Administration pay a 1969 dividend on the National Service Life Insurance policy I have had in force from World War II? (I converted it to a permanent plan policy in 1950.) When will the dividend be paid and must I make application for it?

I recently borrowed half of the cash value of my policy. Will this affect the amount of my 1969 NSLI dividend?

A — To answer your questions in order:

Yes, VA will pay a 1969 dividend on World War II NSLI policies (converted or not) just as in past years.

The dividend will be paid automatically on the anniversary date of the policy so you need not apply to VA for it.

The fact that you borrowed against the cash surrender value of the policy will not reduce the amount of your dividend. You are, of course paying four per cent interest on your NSLI loan and any amount of the loan unpaid at the time of your death will be deducted from the insurance paid to your beneficiaries.

Q — I read recently that veterans in service after the Korean Conflict (after Jan. 31, 1955) have had their education entitlement under the G. I. Bill increased. My brother was in service from June 1953 to June 1959, and received two years of college training under the G. I. Bill.

Does he now have additional entitlements? If so, what must he do to receive it?

A — Your brother is being notified by the VA of his entitlement to additional educational assistance. This results from a new law which went into effect Dec. 1 granting Post-Korean veterans 36 months of educational assistance upon completion of 18 or more months of active duty and fulfillment of their military obligation.

**Santa Claus Letters**

Dear Santa, I want my present under my tree in my room. I want some "go-go" boots, a doctor kit, and a surprise.  
Love,  
Jennifer Jones.

Dear Santa, I have been as good as I know how. I want some cowboy boots, and a surprise.  
Love,  
John Jones.

Dear Santa, I want a Baby Grow-o-Tooth that drinks and wets. And I want a new red dress with 4 petticoats.

My mommy says I have been very good. A piece of pie and milk will be on the table for you.

I love you,  
Jerry Welch.

**Sale Ranch Adobe Drill Site Changed**

Adobe Oil Co. of Midland has changed location and proposed destination for No. 1 Sale Ranch, a Martin County wildcat, 14 miles northwest of Stanton.

Originally spotted 1,980 feet from north and east lines of Section 22, Block 37, T-1-N T&P Survey, the venture was projected to 9,200 feet to explore the Dean sand.

The new drill site is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of the same section, block and survey and the operation now is contracted as a 9,400-foot Wolfcamp probe. It is three miles northeast of the two-well Stanton (8,260-foot Spraberry) pool.

**Turkey Is Choice With Americans**

Almost every nation has its own special Christmas dish. Since Americans represent people from all parts of the world, it is not surprising that one finds different holiday menus in the various parts of the country. Two thoroughly American pedigrees, however are turkey and cranberries. Indians ate wild turkey, cranberries and pumpkin before the first European colonists arrived. The turkey today is a domesticated variety of the native wild turkey.

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Read The Stanton Reporter for the latest news from your home county!

**Twenty-Three Years Ago**

Officers for the new year were elected at a meeting of the Martin County Home Demonstration Council. They are: Mrs. Stanley Reid, chairman; Mrs. E. L. Key, vice-chairman; Mrs. U. H. Butler, secretary, and Mrs. W. T. Wells, treasurer.

23 YA

Stanton High School basketball girls placed second in an all-girl basketball tournament at Highland during the week-end Making the trip were Billie Lindsay, Bobby Atchison, G. Clain, Betty Blizzard, Dorothy Harris, Vivian Lomax, Frankie Leonard, Lurline Geurin, and Betty Ruth Gibson. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hambrick.

23 YA

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamilton and family, who have been residing in Denver City, has returned to Stanton to make their home.

23 YA

The local American Legion post extends a hearty welcome to all returning veterans to attend any and all of the meetings of the Legion, and invites them to become members of the organization. Jim Webb is the new adjutant.

23 YA

Cpl. L. Dwain Henson has returned to Amarillo Air Field after spending a 17-day furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Alta Henson, and others.

23 YA

Mrs. Mary Wilson has returned to her home in San Angelo after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Atchison and other relatives.

23 YA

The bank, post office, all city and county offices, and most all business places were closed Thursday to observe Thanksgiving Day. Wednesday food stores reported big business from shoppers making last minute purchases for their Thanksgiving dinner.

23 YA

According to Mrs. B. P. Eidson, postmaster, overseas request packages may now be sent with a weight limit of 11 pounds.

23 YA

Mrs. O. B. Brayn's rhythm band entertained the Stanton Lions Club at its regular meeting. The group sang "The Eyes of Texas," and "There Are Smiles," Sue Jane Zimmerman sang, Larry Clements gave a reading, and Dorothy Eubanks gave a reading.

23 YA

Mrs. Bill Clements has returned home from Abilene, where she attended the Northwest Texas Conference. She also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and family.

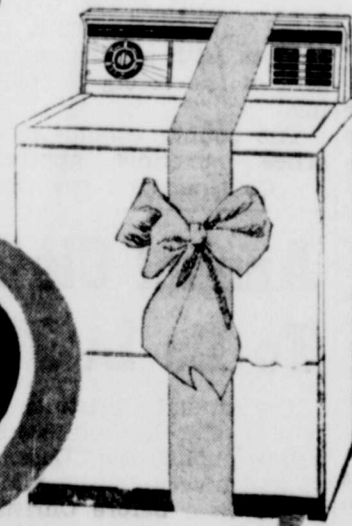
23 YA

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barnes and Monea of Odessa, visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Barnes.

**Flower Grove School 1968-1969 Basketball Schedule**

- January 7, O'Donnell, There — 5:30
- January 10, Sands, Here — 7:00
- January 14, Klondike, Here — 7:00
- January 17, Loop, There — 7:00
- January 21, Gail, There — 7:00
- January 24, Dawson, Here — 7:00
- January 28, Sands, There — 7:00
- January 31, Klondike, There — 7:00
- February 4, Loop, Here — 7:00
- February 7, Gail, Here — 7:00
- February 11, Dawson, There — 7:00

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Buy her dryer gift now and save with your dealer's free wiring offer

You can be a thoughtful Santa and a thrifty one, too... by buying her electric dryer now. You'll save on first cost (electric dryers cost up to \$40 less) and you'll save on installation. This free wiring offer is good only until December 31, so don't wait. Select her electric dryer gift now.

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY



# Classified Ads

## ANNOUNCEMENTS A Household Goods K-3

**Special Notices A-2**  
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Don't Miss Shaddix Piano Co's.

## CARD OF THANKS B CHRISTMAS SALE

To those dear friends in Ross's home town, I want to say thanks for everything said or done to help ease our grief at his death. May God's richest blessings be yours.  
 Mrs. Ross Fisher, Janet and Arlin.

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 Six famous brands in over 90 styles and finishes.  
 SAVE as much as 38 per cent.  
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 409 Andrews Hwy. Mu 2-1144 Midland, Texas  
 11-48-5tc

## REAL ESTATE M

**Acreage For Sale M-1**  
**ARKANSAS GRASSLAND FEEDER-CALF RANCH**  
 555 acres of excellent improved Bremuda grass, lespedeza and mixed-grass pastures. Six ponds, well and springs plus stream. Open smooth land, good soil.  
 Raise your feeder calves here, finish them in your Texas feed lot, or sell to commercial and farm feedlot operators, good markets, excellent profits.  
 Price: \$160 an acre. Write today.  
**FARM AND RANCH LAND COMPANY**  
 Box 383  
 Fort Smith, Arkansas

## LOST & FOUND C

Found: Terrier dog. Owner may have same by describing the dog and paying for this ad. Call 756-2577.

## BUS. OPPORTUNITIES E

**Business Chances E-1**  
 AVON world's largest cosmetic company, has immediate opening in Stanton, Tarzan, and Courtney. If you want to work and earn money, check on the wonderful earning opportunity Avon has created. Write Box 4141, Midland, Texas 79701. 1-25-tnc

## EMPLOYMENT H

**Help Wanted H-1**  
 Needed: All-around farm hand. 4 room house, water, lights and gas furnished. Call 459-2250. Charles Blake, 3 1/2 miles east of Lenorah. 12-50-3tc

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# SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



## OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

MARTIN-HOWARD-MIDLAND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Jack Buchanan, Bob Cox, Bernard Houston, Larry Shaw.

Ranchers in the Martin-Howard Soil and Water Conservation District, would expect to double the net returns per acre, they now receive by using a deferred-rotation grazing system on their ranch. Dr. Leo Merrill, with the Texas A&M Ranch Experiment Station at Sonora, Texas, has made controlled grazing studies during the past 12 years, comparing heavy yearlong grazing, moderate yearlong grazing, and moderate deferred-rotation grazing. Dr. Merrill used cost - return data developed by ranchmen in the Sonora area and arrived at a net return per acre for each system of grazing. Net returns on the ranch would have been: \$1.28 per acre for heavy continuous grazing. \$2.00 per acre for moderate continuous grazing. \$2.84 per acre for moderate deferred-rotation grazing. By expanding these figures a little further, a rancher could expect to net \$460 more per section from moderate continuous grazing, and \$998 more per section from moderate deferred-rotation grazing, than from heavy continuous grazing.

A deferred rotation grazing system, according to Ernest Haner, range conservationist, consists of three or four pastures of about equal forage production. One pasture is rested for a set period of time, while the other pastures are being grazed. Each of the pastures is rested three or four months. The rest period for each pasture comes at a different season each year. For example, a pasture rested June through September one year would be rested on October through January the next year.

Ranchers using a deferred-rotation system of grazing on their rangeland could expect an improvement in forage quality and an increase in forage production, as compared with pastures grazed year-long. Another important consideration in using a grazing system, is the amount of labor saved. Labor would be reduced one - third to one - fourth since the cattle would be in two or three pastures instead of three or four pastures. Most significant to the rancher however, is the fact that a deferred - rotation system of grazing will give a higher net return per acre than pastures grazed year long.

Assistance in planning and developing a grazing system can be obtained by contacting trained technicians at the local Soil Conservation Service office.

DEAR SANTA:

### Letter From 'Grown Child'

A letter to Santa Claus from a "grown-up child" came to the desk of W. C. Poole, Jr., of the Greenville Morning Herald.

Poole published it, explaining he had no idea who the author is, "but it is so well written, and expresses such an unusual theme, that we think everyone who reads it will be as deeply impressed as we were."

"Dear Santa:  
 "It has been a long long time since I have written to you.  
 "I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.  
 "All of the glorious bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or trampled and tear-stained.  
 "Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had—the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul, and the lode-star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.  
 "In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have—but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember with another supply this Christmas.  
 Theater where President Lincoln was assassinated.

"Sincerely and thankfully,  
 A grown-up child."

### State Gains 114 Gas, Oil Wells

The Railroad Commission reported Saturday that 66 oil and 48 gas wells were completed the past week, bringing the year totals to 4,809 oil and 2,087 gas wells.

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# Legislators May Ax County School Post

With another legislative session just a few weeks away, Texas legislators realize they are facing another determined attempt to do away with county school superintendents.

A similar attempt failed in 1961 amid cries from rural legislators that "the city slickers are trying to hoodwink the country boys."

Despite frequent official reports the past decade that county school superintendents are no longer necessary, only nine of the 254 counties have dispensed with the office altogether. These counties had to get nine separate laws passed through the House and Senate and signed by the governor with each affecting only one county.

So far every attempt at statewide abolishment has failed. In this 1968-69 school year the state's taxpayer are paying almost 2.8 million to keep alive the county superintendents' office despite all the expert's recommendations.

However, chances of the county school superintendent becoming extinct appear better than before because three major organizations with strong influence on legislators have made this recommendation.

In a recent report on economy in government, Alvin A. Burger, executive director of the Texas Research League said "Most any careful analyst will wonder at the state's expenditure of \$2.8 million a year for offices of county school superintendents."

Burger quoted from the legislative recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education. "In 1910 there were 8,052 school districts subject to county school administration but there were only 262 such districts in 1967-68. For the most part, county school administration has outlived its usefulness, and the elected boards and superintendents have now been eliminated in 113 of

# Stanton Nudges Morton, 68-67

The Stanton Buffaloes used hustle to compensate for a cold air Friday evening in turning back Morton in a squeaker, 68-67.

The Buffs just couldn't make their shots fall. They only hit 34 per cent from the free-throw line and 31 from the field. Morton nearly doubled the Buffs' free throw output with 23 to 12 points, and this was almost the game. The Buffs, however, came through to keep their season record unscathed at 5-0.

The B team won over Morton, 54-48, with Dennis Jones hitting 14 and Gary Kitchens and E. Lewis led Morton B-teammates with 19.

The 254 counties," the governor's committee said.

The committee recommended that county boards and superintendents be phased out as the present incumbents complete their terms of office.

Legislative recommendations made later by the Texas Education Agency include one that "legislation be enacted to phase out county boards of school trustees and elective school trustees and elective ex-officio county superintendents where such need

no longer exists and that the remaining functions be transferred to independent school districts in the county and to the Texas Education Agency (TEA)."

The TEA reported that 130 Texas counties actually go to trouble of electing a county school superintendent while another 104 counties let the county judges serve as ex-officio county superintendents. These judges usually get extra pay and office help for these duties.

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## Manufacturing Employment Continues To Increase

Manufacturing employment rose a dramatic 44 per cent above the most recent five-year average during 1968 as industrial development continued at a record pace across Texas.

"A total of 735 new plant locations or major expansions were reported in Texas during the year, compared with 666 the year before," Jim Harwell, executive director of the Texas Industrial Commission, announced in a year-end report.

However, this was overshadowed by the rate of employment growth. There were 52,900 new jobs created in manufacturing during the year, 44 per cent above the 1962-67 average of 36,725.

While new industry locations kept pace with the previous year, it was in the area of plant expansion that the bulk of the growth was recorded. Plant expansions numbered 444 during the past year, up from 370 in 1967.

The largest growth came in the area of fabricated metals machinery (except electrical), food and kindred products, chemical and allied products, and transportation equipment.

There were 145 new plants located in Texas in these five categories of industry, almost half of the 291 new factories established in the state during the year. These five industry sectors were responsible for an even more significant increase in jobs, with 62 per cent of the new manufacturing positions recorded.

There were 35 new plants each in the fabricated metal and machinery areas, 26 in food and kindred products, 25 in chemical and allied products, and 24 in transportation equipment.

The largest employment boost, however, came in the area of transportation equipment with jobs for 101,400 an increase of 15,300 during

the year. Petroleum refining and relate products was second with a boost of 6,960 over the 55,200 maintained in 1967.

The industrial growth, which came on the heels of an increased appropriation for the State Industrial Commission, was not limited to new plants and expansion. Export development also set new records.

Using the Texas International Trade Center at the San Antonio World's Fair as headquarters for 1968 activity, the Industrial Commission made more foreign contracts than ever before and brought about business for Texas manufacturers estimated around \$50 million.

The Trade Center, organized by the Export Development Division of the Commission, contained a computer programmed with data on all manufacturers in Texas and the Southwest. A total of 4,000 businessmen, including representative of 38 foreign countries were processed through the Center.

Each was greeted by a multi-lingual consultant ready to put the visitor in touch with any manufacturer in the region. The computer provided the necessary information, and a national WATS telephone line was available at the Center to facilitate business transactions.

The International Trade Center is only one part of the overall growth in export development for Texas. Since the division was created within the commission three years ago, Texas export sales have increased 40 per cent.

The value of Texas manufactured products exported this year is estimated at \$1.5 billion, compared with \$976 million at the program's start in 1965. This represents a three-year boost of \$524 million, compared with a \$150 million increase for the five years prior to 1965.

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## PERSONALS

### Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a bicycle and a pair of cowboy boots, and some surprises.  
Love,  
Mitch Elmore.

Dear Santa,  
I am nine years old. I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a Tippy Toes doll and a Mrs. Beasley I will leave some candy sitting out for you.  
Love,  
Janet Davenport.

Dear Santa:  
I am eleven years old. Would you please bring me a typewriter. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Teena Davenport.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl and have done good in school. Please bring me a doll, and a doll house, and some more toys, and clothes. Camera and watch.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Tamy Trimble.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll, and some toys, and some clothes.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Charlotte Trimble.

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year, and I hope you enjoyed the sandwich and milk I left for you. This year I would like a little lost baby doll, a basketball, a football, and a round wagon.  
Thank you very much.  
Tammy Lee Watson.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a electric train, and a big Tog'l building set. I've tried to be a real good boy. Please remember all the other good boys and girls.  
Love,  
Bryan T. Angel.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a time machine, a game, and a few surprises. I have been a good girl and I help my mother. Remember the other good boys and

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Woodrow spent last week-end in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blocker of Jal, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blocker of Hobbs, New Mexico, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bizzell of Ralls, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Lila Flanagan, last week.

Paul K. Jones and Calvin B. Jones went to El Paso Dec. 9, due to the death of their sister, Mrs. Jettie Lee Stewart. They returned on Tuesday, accompanied by their nephew, Mike Jones, and his son, Don, of El Paso. Mrs. Stewart was buried in Abilene Wednesday, Dec. 11. Attending the funeral were two sisters, Mrs. K. S. Boone of Midland, Mrs. Coffee of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin B. Jones of Stanton, and Mike Jones and son, Don, all of El Paso.

Mrs. R. S. Lewis, Mrs. James Lewis, Mrs. Cecil Bridges, Mrs. P. M. Bristow, and Miss Sammie Laws attended a gift tea in San Angelo, Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. O. Mills, honoring Miss Linda Baker, bride-elect of Joe Thomas Milam, son of Mrs. Zelma Milam.

### HEW TO Hold Meet In Dallas December 17

A three-day regional conference on health care costs for participants from five states will open in Dallas, December 17, under the sponsorship of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The meeting of some 200 physicians, public health officials, hospital administrators, insurance executives, and representatives of the consuming public was arranged by Wayman E. Register. The purpose of the meeting is to find methods to halt the rising cost of health care.

The general chairman of the conference will be Dr. John D. Moseley, of Sherman, Texas, president of Austin College.

Love,  
Lisa Beth Angel.

**BUDDIES**  
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The significant improvement in staple length and fiber strength of this year's High Plains cotton crop is highly encouraging to Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

"Despite the fact that prices for our better cottons this season have been disappointing," Johnson said, "the proven ability to grow the longer and stronger varieties as well as the shorter staples is still a definite plus factor in the long range outlook for cotton in this area."

His comments were prompted by a look at PCG's first comprehensive report on the quality of cotton harvested this year in the organization's 23 counties. PCG compiles and publishes twice each month during the harvest season a detailed fiber property analysis of cotton classed at Lubbock, Brownfield, and Lamesa. The report is sent to buyers, mills, researchers, and other interested parties over the world.

The first report this year, printed later than normal because of the necessity for a new computer program, covered 887,900 bales classed through December 6, just over half the area's total expected production for 1968. It shows notable quality improvements over the reports of previous years at a comparable stage of the harvest.

Staple length for instance has averaged 32.7 thirty-seconds of an inch, a full thirty-second better this year than last. And over 76 per cent of this year's crop to date has stapled an inch or longer as compared to only 41 per cent recorded at this time in 1967.

Fiber strength, another important factor in determining the spinning performance of cotton, this year jumped from 79,500 pounds per square inch to 84,900 pounds.

Micronaire, or fiber fineness, moved to a more desirable 3.6 average this year, as compared to 3.3 in 1967. The trade refers to 3.5 as the "tenderable limit" for cotton, and 53.6 per cent of the Plains crop through December 6 had "mik-

# Shuman For Dismantling Federal Farm Program

Present government farm programs should be dismantled and replaced with devices to help successful farmers move gradually into a market-oriented economy free of federal controls and payments, says Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"It should be recognized that the low income problems in agriculture are of two distinctly different kinds—those of the commercial farmers who receive most of their income from farming, and those of the part time, subsistence

and rural resident farmers," Shuman said.

The latter type, he said, needs a program offering help to become more productive either in agriculture or in some other job.

Shuman went on record in a speech with his views at the annual meeting of the bureau in Kansas City.

The Farm Bureau, which represents about 1.8 million families, has vigorously opposed the farm programs of the Democratic administration.

Shuman said that with a change to a Republican administration the Farm Bureau has won, "for all practical purposes," its long fight to end acreage controls purposes, "its long fight to end acreage controls and government management of farm programs."

"The general public is finally beginning to recognize that a government planned agriculture is a costly exercise in futility," Shuman said. But the present programs should not be dumped all at once, Shuman stated. Instead, "transitional assistance or a reasonable assurance against losses during an adjustment toward a free economy should be provided," he said.

"This transitional assistance could take the form of substantial land retirement program indemnity or adjustment payment to compensate for the capitalized value of allotments, loans to orderly facilitate marketing, and protection against dumping of government - held stocks on the market to depress prices," Shuman said.

The term "tenderable limit" stems from the cotton futures market, in which only cotton miking between 3.5 and 4.9 can be tendered on futures contracts. Less than one per cent of this year's crop has had micronaire readings above 4.9.

A big improvement in staple and pressley, or fiber strength, has been seen on the Plains in each of the past three years and the full impact of the rise in quality of Plains cotton can best be seen by looking back to 1965.

The first 950,000 bales of the 1965 crop, which was slightly less than half of that year's 2.2 million bale production, had an average staple of 30.3 thirty-seconds of an inch and a meager 11 per cent measured an inch or longer.

The cotton in 1965 had a pressley average of only 78,200 pounds per square inch.

"With these advances," Johnson stated, "we have proven to the world that we can grow a much broader range of cotton qualities than was commonly thought possible a few years ago. And by doing so we have made our production suitable for a much wider spread of end uses and markets."

As recently as 1966 it was the general opinion across the cotton belt that the High Plains could not produce 1-1/16 inch cotton with a pressley of 90,000 psi or above, as required by some spinning mills.

"But this year's crop should dispell that notion once and for all," Johnson said.

He pointed out that the first half of this year's crop contained over 23 per cent that stapled 1-1/16 inches or longer and 26 per cent with a pressley of 90,000 psi or better.

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The Bethany Sunday School Church, met with Mrs. Paul Jones December 5, for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Eiland gave a reading "The Littlest Angel," Bible quiz games were played, and blindfold game of Santa Claus.

Cake, coffee, and salad were served to: Mrs. T. W. Haynie, Mrs. Raymond Louder, Mrs. L. C. Stovall, Mrs. Oma Womack, Mrs. Eureda Towery, Mrs. Lila Flanagan, Mrs. Guy Eiland, Mrs. Clyde Geurin, Mrs. J. T. Davis, Mrs. Hattie Estes, Mrs. Roy Martin, Mrs. Havery White, and the hostess, Mrs. Jones.

## Baptist Church Activities

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## HD Club News

The Lakeview Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. McIvlin, December 12, for their annual Christmas party. Each of the ladies wore a red dress, and the table was beautifully decorated with a red candle and burr centerpiece. Mrs. E. P. Madison led the group in Christmas songs and games. Secret pals were revealed and gifts exchanged.

Party sandwiches, Christmas cake, cookies, punch, and coffee was served to Mrs. W. J. Harlow, Mrs. Alfred Franks, Mrs. W. D. Bryant, Mrs. H. E. Tubb, Mrs. E. P. Madison, and the hostess, Mrs. McIvlin.



January is the in-between month for many sportsmen. It is the month that ends game hunting, and brings enough bad weather to scarce off fair-weather fishermen.

It is a bare month. Christmas bills must be paid. There are inventory sales and other "distracting" things like parties, which sometimes tend to keep even a die-in-the-wool outdoorsman from the field or stream.

Nevertheless, for those who can and do make it, January offers promise and fulfillment. Deer and duck seasons are out of the way. It's the short end of the goose season, and in most of the state, the short end of the quail season.

But within driving distance of most everyone there is some good quail hunting.

And of course all the shooting resorts still are in full swing. They offer quail, pheasant and chukar.

## Don't Forget The Crows

Also for those who like to shoot, and have a few shells left, we highly recommend crow shooting. January is a wonderful month to shoot crows, those black rascals that prey on bird eggs and destroy crops.

During January the crows bunch up. They have favorite spots in creek bottoms where they roost by the thousands. During the day they invade the cultivated fields in hordes and prey on foodstuff that provide the livelihood for our game birds.

Fishing also can be very good in January. You can call your shots in Texas. For deep-sea fishing off the Texas coast there is no better time... especially for the big red snapper.

## Snapper Fishing Time

About half the time, in January, the weather is good enough to get out on these snapper boats from Freeport, Galveston or the Corpus area. Success is even more certain on the southern tip around Port Isabel and South Padre Island.

Many Texas farmers get in some good salt water fishing during January. They drive their pickup trucks to the coast, usually to Freeport, then go out on a party boat. At the end of the day they return to the dock with hundreds of pounds of large red snapper. These they take back home for the deep freeze. This gives them a good supply of salt water fish that will last for several months.

Some real sportsy fishing in Texas in January is for white bass, or sandies, as they are known in North Texas.

By January the whites have started schooling and moving up the lakes to the mouth of fresh water streams. They start working in Falcon Lake in mid-November. By the first of December they were hitting heavy on the Highland Lakes in Central Texas and in January they are causing fever to rise in fishermen on Whitney, Texoma and Possum Kingdom.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States recently reported in their Washington Report publication that the businessman should play a decisive role in determining whether or not the post office is to be transformed into a government postal corporation.

American business has a big stake in what happens to the nation's postal system, says the Chamber. "Nearly three-fourths of all mail is generated by the private business sector," reports the President's Commission on Postal Organization. "This contracts sharply to the surprisingly low 9 per cent volume initiated by federal, state and local government."

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## Specialist Says Money Is Wasted

The state government is spending four times more this year than it spent a few years ago, before the administration of Gov. John Connally.

Alvin A. Gurgher, executive director of the Texas Research League, said expenditures by the state skyrocketed to \$2.6 billion this year.

Burgher told a legislative conference of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Fort Worth that three factors are responsible for the sharp increase: A rapid population

increase and urbanization of public services and programs. Federal spending policies under Lyndon Johnson which produced inflation.

The rapid proliferation of federal programs which require matching state funds.

## Tax Man Sam Sez:

Way back, "Since Buck was a Yearling," Internal Revenue has been telling taxpayers to SIGN those tax returns — both husband and wife if a joint return. In pointing out the more common errors made by taxpayers throughout the country, IRS says forgetting to sign was still a major problem last year. However, in the Dallas district very few

taxpayers forgot to sign their returns. It appears that the Texas tax folks talk to Texas taxpayers a lot more about signing those returns. We know Texans are often accused of talking more or too much. We're not sure whether Texans — even those working for IRS — talk more than the average American, but Texas taxpayers' following IRS's advice does disprove the old saying — "You can tell a Texan, but not very much." It appears that IRS told the Texans to sign, and they signed.

All of the preparations for Christmas have become traditional. The decorations for the house, the tree, fixing good things to eat, choosing the right gifts and remembering everyone that we should — all of this has become traditional.

## Library Lines

Mrs. Ralph Caffey, Librarian

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 1-5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The library will be closed from 5 p.m. December 19, 1968, until 1 p.m., January 2, 1969.

I would like to express my appreciation to the many people this past year that have given money in memory of someone. This is a vital part of our work, and one that will remain until the end of the library. Since this is a tax-deductible item, perhaps we can help you if your check is not sufficient.

A special note of thanks to the county commissioners for allowing us additional money every month to purchase books, we have been able to add many more new books to our shelves than any year in the past with money from our own county.

The Study Club continues to give us support, which has kept us going through the years. Then there is the Tops group, that have proved to be a friend in need. This list would not be complete without mention of the Preceptor Mu Sorority, which contributes the money from renting the coffee pot, punch bowl, and cups, and Mary Prudie Brown that is always available to help when I need her.

This summer Patricia Ramos gave many hours of volunteer service, and Barbara Trimble helped some, and of course I kept my own daughter busy. To any who I have missed, a special thanks to you also. Each and every friend of the library has helped make so much more available in books and materials, that we now have a library of which to be very proud.

And now may the Peace of Christmas abide in your hearts throughout the New Year.

## In Germany

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments had been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

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# The Launching Pad

By NEAL ESTES



While millions of Americans are planning, preparing for, and shopping for Christmas this year it might be the time to send up a prayer for the 82-man crew of the captured U. S. intelligence ship Pueblo. The crew and ship have been in the hands of North Koreans since January 23. A lot of talk was heard just before the November election that left the impression the 82 fine American patriots would be released. Nothing official has been heard since the early days in November about negotiations. Let us not forget these brave men during this holiday period. Write or wire your officials in Washington and ask that they tell Americans exactly what is being done toward gaining the release of these men. Remember the Pueblo!

Before President JOHNSON and Governor CONNALLY leave public office I hope they authorize the list of contributors to the LYNDON B. JOHNSON STATE PARK FUND. This list has caused a lot of comment. My thought on this subject was triggered last week by the sudden resignation of WILL ODOM, former head of the State Parks and Wildlife Commission in Texas. I don't like to see these public figures just "walk off stage" without taking a curtain bow. Really now, why hasn't that list of park donors been released?

CLARK CLIFFORD, Secretary of Defense, has took the trip down the sawdust trail. He has been converted politically. Welcome to the fold MR. CLIFFORD. The people remember the seven journeys your predecessor, McNAMARA, made to Vietnam and they remember the little speeches he made in the White House rose garden about the "war will surely be over next year." MAC started visiting GEN. "WESTY" WESTMORELAND five years ago, before WESTY was relieved of command in Vietnam, and everytime he brought encouraging news back to the parents of men dying on the blood-soaked fields of battle ten thousand or more miles away from their loved ones. The war under DADDY BIRD has been stepped up. WESTY is now speaking on the banquet circle. McNAMARA has long since started counting coins instead of casualties. He now heads the World Bank. CLARK CLIFFORD, a long-time political brainy boy in Washington sees the handwriting on the wall. But in justice to CLARK—he has testified. We want no part in the history books as a contributor to this winless war in Vietnam. So he said Monday: "There is no sense in maintaining 540,000 troops in Vietnam when Hanoi and Sigon can't agree on even the seating arrangement at the peace conference in Paris."

J. EDGAR HOOVER will remain as head of the FBI during the upcoming NIXON administration. That is the best news I have heard coming out of Washington in a long time. I might add that one of the finest things LYNDON JOHNSON accomplished as President was his desire to have HOOVER remain with the FBI. JOHNSON, appointing HOOVER, after he had reached retirement age said: "The nation can not afford to lose you." It wasn't very long until the Director described the late MARTIN LUTHER KING as the "most dangerous man in America." JOHNSON continued to back HOOVER. Until I write my last editorial line, I will always appreciate JOHNSON for his loyalty to J. EDGAR HOOVER.

## Stanton . . .

(Continued from page 1) nd phase, and in open competition with Class AAA to Class B students, was selected for the All-Region tryouts to be held in January. Her selection marks the highest honor bestowed to an individual in the history of the band. She is also a I Division flutist, accomplished pianist, and valuable addition to the choral group.

## Martin . . .

(Continued from page 1) the interest shown by Martin County producers in the referendum, which is representative of the cooperation and interest of the people in this county in farm programs.

## Basketball . . .

(Continued from page 1) The tournament will conclude with the presentation of trophies, and individual all-tournament awards. Admission will be 50 cents for adults, and 25 cent of students per session. Tickets for the championship games Sat-

## Variety . . .

(Continued from page 1) ant Governor respectively. The foggy weather prevailing in Stanton Tuesday morning reminded us of East Texas. It is reported pretty drippy these days down in the Sabine River country.

I talked with SUPT. RUSSELL McMEANS Tuesday morning after the get-together sponsored by Texas Electric and he reports the school system in first class shape. RUSSELL is a nice fellow and one of my favorite people.

REV. RICHARD PAYNE has lost 25 pounds on a self imposed diet. The "flying parson" looks great. Losing that extra weight won't hamper the preacher's handling of the plane controls a bit. I lost 40 pounds due to illness several months ago and my weight goes up and down. I have three suits, all different sizes, and I never know which one is



Mrs. Cora Turner is being honored with a birthday party on her 80th birthday, Sunday, December 29, from three to five p.m. by daughters-in-laws: Mrs. Leo Turner, Mrs. O. C. Turner, Mrs. Jack Turner, Mrs. Alton Turner, and Mrs. Willard Turner.

It will be held at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Turner, and the public is invited to visit the honoree on this special occasion.

## Mrs. E. Morrow Hostess To Party Dec. 11

The Stitch and Chatter Club held their annual Christmas party December 11, at the home of Mrs. Edmond Morrow. Party games were played and gifts exchanged.

A delicious holiday plate was served to the following: Mrs. Lillie Harvard, Mrs. John Poe, Mrs. A. A. Stallings, Mrs. Dovie Allen, Mrs. Aldabibe Haislip, Mrs. M. L. Gibson, Mrs. Edey Butler, Mrs. Bart Smith, Mrs. Oma Womack, Mrs. Hattie Estes, and the hostess, Mrs. Morrow.

## Mobil . . .

(Continued from page 1) casing set at that point.

Adobe Oil Co. of Midland has changed location and proposed destination for No. 1 Sale Ranch, a Martin County wildcat, 14 miles northwest of Stanton.

Originally spotted 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 22, block 37, T-1-N, T-4-P survey, the venture was projected to 9,200 feet to explore the Dean sand.

The new drillsite is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of the same section, block and survey and the operation now is contracted as a 9,400-foot Wolfcamp probe. It is three miles northeast of the two-well Stanton (8,260-foot Spraberry) pool.

Connally Oil Co. Inc. Abilene plans No. 1-D Fasken as southeast stepout to the Midland County sector of the Spraberry Trend Area, 12 miles southeast of Midland.

Drillsite for the 9,400-foot (Dean) project is 1,250 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 14, block 37, T-2-S, J. V. Stokes survey, abstract 1093-514.

It is a location south of a Devonian gass well and a location east of a Grayburg oil producer in the Azalea multipay region.

Pennzoil United Inc. of Midland scheduled No. 1 Eva Cole as a 10,000-foot Fusselman venture, nine miles east of Garden City in Glasscock County.

Drillsite is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 16, block 32, T-4-S, T-4-P survey, 1 1/4 miles southeast of the exhausted opener and lone producer in the multizone Garden City area and 3/8 mile northwest of the only Clear Fork oil well in the Clyde Reynolds multipay field.

No. 1 Cole also spots 3/8 mile east Pennzoil's No. 1-17 Clark, the Wolfcamp discovery and only producer from that pay in the Garden City region, which was a failure in the Fusselman at 9,895 feet.

going to fit. One of my old friends attending the Texas Electric sponsored confab the other morning from Fort Worth, BILL MARQUART said: "They are going to start calling on 'Elevator' ESTES."

Congratulations to all the men who received special certificates for their work on the Team Training Program in Stanton. They deserve much credit. And the local Texas Electric manager, CECIL BRIDGES and the official family of TESCO deserve much credit for helping small West Texas communities keep moving.

Read the Ole Reliable for the latest hometown news!

## Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Mu Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their annual Christmas dinner party December 18, at the Cap Rock auditorium, with the exchanging of gifts and playing of games. Attending were Mr. and Mrs.

Travis Clay, Mr. and Mrs. DeTerrell Pinkston, Mr. and Mrs. Verbin Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Way Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Nowlin, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Atchison, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Graves, Mrs. Mozelle Davis and Cindy, Mrs. Judy Thompson, Mrs. Morgan Hall, Mrs. Floyd Sorley, Mrs. Jess Angel, Mrs. Crystal Webb, and Mrs. Nettie Byrd.

## Study Club Held Annual Party Dec. 17

The Stanton Study Club held their annual Christmas party Tuesday morning, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Stanley Reid, with Dr. Sue Fisher as co-hostess.

The hostesses gave several Christmas readings, and led in the singing of carols.

The members brought gifts for the State Hospital.

Mrs. Joe Stewart directed the exchange of gifts, among the members.

Refreshments of Christmas coffee cake and coffee was served to: Mrs. C. F. Huling, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. J. O. Stuard, Mrs. Jame Eiland, Mrs. Ralph Caffey, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Dee Cravens, Mrs. Jos Stewart, Dr. Sue Fisher, and Mrs. Reid.

## Schools To Dismiss For Holidays

Schools in the county will soon be out for the Christmas holidays. Flower Grove School in the north part of the county, will turn out school at 2:30 p.m. December 20, and resume classes Monday, January 6.

Grady will dismiss school at 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 20, and resume classes January 6. Semester tests will be given December 16 through December 19, which will conclude the first semester. Christmas parties will be held Friday, December 20.

Stanton schools will turn out December 20, with classes resuming on January 2, and semester examinations will be given after the holidays.

## High . . .

(Continued from page 1) by Roy Ringwald. It was a story of the Nativity, as told in Christmas songs, carols, and Biblical verses. David Saunders provided the narration. Other numbers by the choir included, the "Christmas Bell Carol," and "Silver Bells." Accompanist for the group, was Meirae Angel. The bell effects were by Cindy Davis.

The high school concert band furnished a varied program of Christmas music and carols from countries throughout the world.

A Cadet Band, of sixth grade members, opened the program proper with their music. Of interest to the audience was "Yankee Doodle Rides Again." Their closing selection included several well known carols.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Martin County Country Club, Inc. will receive sealed proposals for the construction of a golf course, swimming pool, bath house, club house, and other facilities on or before 2:00 o'clock P. M., Central Time, December 20, 1968, at the office of C. R. Crim, Consulting Engineer, 103 East Broadway Street, Stanton, Texas, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Prospective bidders may secure plans and specifications from the office of Gary & Hohertz, Architects, 506 East Fourth Street, Big Spring, Texas.

The club reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. O. B. BRAYAN, Chairman.

## Hull Funeral Rites Conducted In Big Spring

Funeral services for Leon R. Hull, 55, who died Thursday night of last week in a Big Spring hospital, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring.

The Rev. L. F. Fields retired minister from Big Spring officiated, assisted by Rev. Joe Pond, pastor of Courtney Baptist Church, Nalley - Pickle Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hull was born March 12, 1916 in Howard County, and was married to Miss Eula Robinson in Sweetwater, November 11, 1930. They moved from Big Spring to Stanton in 1944 where he farmed.

He returned to Big Spring in January, 1967, and until the time of his death was employed by Burns Detective Agency as a security guard at Cosden Refinery. He was a member of the Courtney Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include the wife two daughters, Mrs. B. E. Coggins, Big Spring, and Mrs. Joe Brewer, Amarillo; one son, R. L. Hull, Midland; eight grandchildren; five brothers, Henry Hull of Lamesa, L. D. Hull of Stamford, Clyde Hull, Phoenix, Arizona, Floyd and Earl Hull, both of Big Spring, and sisters, Mrs. Edna Davidson of Stanton, and Mrs. J. L. Baugh of Big Spring.

## Mahon Views New Cabinet With Optimism

President-elect Richard Nixon has introduced his cabinet, calling all members-to-be after his inauguration on January 20, "mean with extra dimensions."

Congressman George Mahon of the House Appropriations Committee said he believes Nixon selections form a "great team."

Mahon, whose committee will question each of the new cabinet members during budget hearings, said he looked forward to "working with the men selected."

Senator J. W. Fulbright, D-Arkansas, who as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was often at odds with Sect. of State Dean Rusk praised the nominee to Secretary of State's cabinet post under Nixon, William Rogers.

Fulbright said of Rogers: "He is a man of unquestioned integrity and ability."

The Nixon cabinet is all-white, and contains no Negro or other member of some minority ethnic group.

For the first time in many years a Texan will not be in the President's cabinet.

Senator John Tower, R-Texas, will be looked upon in Washington for most Texas patronage. He was a strong supporter of Richard Nixon.

## Annual . . .

(Continued from page 1) appropriate messages of cheer and appreciation for past patronage.

Advertisers who have not yet made known their intentions to use the columns of the "Ole Reliable" to convey the holiday messages are urged to contact the paper today. Time still remains.

Another feature of the traditional edition will be the publication of numerous stories about the origin of Christmas, stories about the Christ-

## Santa Claus Letters

I'm 6 years old, would you please bring me a Mrs. Beasley Doll, a doll buggy, a mop, and a Mattele telephone. Thank you, Tracy Chandler.

Dear Santa, I am six years old, and am in the first grade. Please bring me a Spirograph, a Lost in Space Robot, and a surprise. Love, ShandelLander.

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year, so please bring me a doll, a piano, and a surprise. I love you, Kresli Lander, Fours years old.

## Funeral Rites Conducted For Herman Fisher

Herman Ross Fisher of 2863 Draper Street, San Pablo, California, was instantly killed in a highway accident on the Nimitz freeway in Oakland, California, on December 10.

He was a member of the Church of Christ of Rodeo, California, and the Teamsters Union Local No. 315, of Martinez, California.

He grew up in Stanton, and has lived in California for the past nine years.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn J. Fisher of San Pablo, California; two children Janet Fisher, and Arlin Fisher, both of San Pablo, California. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fisher of Stanton; sis-

ters and brothers: Lynn Fisher of Snyder, Alvis Fisher of Benton, Arkansas; Alvis Fisher of San Antonio; Mrs. Neva Ware of San Antonio, and Mrs. Larie Amsler of Midland. Mr. Fisher is also survived by his two grandmothers: Mrs. Willie Fisher of Stanton, and Mrs. Tillie Millegan of Carriozza, New Mexico.

Funeral services were conducted in the San Pablo Chapel of the Mission Bells by A. Ellmore Johnson of Church of Christ of Campbell, California, on Friday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m. Concluding services followed at Rolling Hills Memorial Park, Richmond, California.

## Former Local Pastor Hurt In Car Crash

The Stanton Reporter received word that Rev. and Mrs. Fred McPhearson, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Port Orchard, Washington, were in a car accident December 12, near their home, from which Mrs. McPhearson did not survive and Mr. McPhearson is in critical condition.

Services were held in Port Orchard December 17, for Mrs. McPhearson, according to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eiland, this city, who spoke with their son by telephone.

The McPhearsons were well known in Stanton and Martin County. He served as pastor of the First Baptist Church from July 1937 to December 1940.

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no worry in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

The great horse is named Sleipner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.

## Stanton Lions Met Tuesday

The Stanton Lions Club met Tuesday noon, with president, Russell McMeehan, presiding.

John Roueche led the singing accompanied by sweetheart Pauline Wood. James Jones led the pledge to the flag, and Rev. Richard Payne voiced the invocation.

J. R. Dillard introduced Mark Hurst and Doris White, as students of the month, and each were presented Citizenship Awards by president, McMeans. Other guests were Bill Clements, Franklin; Frank Buchanan, Odessa; L. E. Baize, Big Spring, and Mrs. Eiland.

For the program, Mrs. Wood presented about 25 students from the third grade, who performed for the Lions. The Christmas program was given by the boy and girl choir, and is becoming an annual affair.

Immediately following the choir presentation, McMeans presented a gift from the club to Mrs. Wood.

Nineteen members were present at the luncheon, and it was announced that the club will not meet Christmas eve and New Years eve.



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