

Hart Population Continues To Go Up

Hart continues to grow at a steady pace if statistics figured by the Hart Beat are correct.

According to figures totaled up this week, Hart's population now stands at 919, a growth of 45 residents over the past 12 months.

Here's how the estimates were made.

The federal government's procedure in figuring the sta-

tistical population of any given city is to take the number of gas, electric and water meters at the time of the last census, divide it by the number of persons officially counted in that census and thus arrive at the average number of persons for each type of meter.

That average, multiplied by the present number of meters, gives those figuring an accurate estimate of the population.

The 1960 Federal Census gave Hart a population of 577.

At that time, Hart had 286 electric meters in service, 158 gas meters and 193 water connections, according to Southwestern Public Service, Pioneer Natural Gas and city officials.

Applying the official population, 577, to the number of electric meters in service at that time, a figure of 2.02 per-

sons per electric meter is shown.

Applying the same ratio of residents to meters in service today, 483, gives an electric meter population of 976.

At the time of the census, there were 158 gas meters in Hart. Today there are 270. Using the same means of figuring the original census gave Hart an average of 3.65 persons per gas meter. Multiply that by

the present figure and the gas meter population is 986.

In 1960, Hart had 193 water patrons and today the city has 274. Using the same method of multiplication, the original 1960 census gave Hart an average of 2.90 persons per water connection. Multiplied by the present number, the current water population is 795.

Averaging the three figures gives Hart a present estimated population of 919.

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1966 IN REVIEW

Awards Highlight Year In Hart

JANUARY

Hart ginning totals topped the 12,000 mark as the harvest neared its finish.

Willis A. Hawkins Jr., was named vice-president and farm representative of Farmers State Bank effective Jan. 3.

Donald Ewing, junior high football and basketball coach, was presented with a plaque and framed picture of the football squad by the junior high football team.

The Harlem Stars, billed as "the funniest basketball team in the country," made a visit to Hart Jan. 31.

FEBRUARY

A new remedial reading program got underway with two teachers in charge of 60 students each. Mrs. Lanny Tucker taught first, second and third grade pupils, while Mrs. Max Stephens was in charge of fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils.

Supt. Andy Gardenhire and elementary principal G. C. Graves were both awarded new contracts.

Members of Hart's Junior Riding Club received a trophy for picking up the second highest number of points in parades of any riding club in the nation.

Larger street lights were installed throughout the town and signs installation was begun.

Adult education classes were opened to Hart area residents. They were held in the North Elementary School in Dimmitt.

School board trustees numbered five including Claude Cox, Darrell Lacy, Mrs. Laurence McLain, Newlon Rowland and Deryl Clevenger.

MARCH

Hart Lions named Lanny Tucker, agriculture teacher at Hart High School as the "Man of the Year."

Hart's portion of the Castro County Stock Show was held March 10 at the Stock Show barns in Dimmitt.

Hart School trustees renewed 33 teachers' contracts and accepted the resignation of basketball coach Haden Moore.

Hart FFA'ers once again won top honors at a major stock

show by taking three firsts and a reserve champion in the Houston Fat Stock Show.

The annual banquet of the Castro County Chamber of Commerce was held in Dimmitt, with Waggoner Carr, principal speaker.

A quiet audience of Hart Junior High and High School students heard four convicts from Huntsville discuss crime and its effects at a special assembly.

Don Ewing was named head football coach for the Hart High School Longhorn squad.

APRIL

Miss Rosemary Carter was named new Lions Queen. First runner up was Cheryl Newman and second runnerup was Patricia Richburg.

Two Hart students, Harold Bob Bennett and Pamela Ailene Shive took top places in the county spelling.

The junior-senior banquet, with the theme "Showboat" was well attended. Some 85 students, teachers and sponsors were present.

Top students for the school year have been named. Barbara Hansen is valedictorian and Ruth Harris is salutatorian.

Hart High honor students are Rene Brooks, valedictorian and Retta Henderson, salutatorian. Doug Martin was high ranking boy.

Announcement was made by Willis A. Hawkins Sr. and Norlan Dudley of the Farmers State Bank that plans have been completed for a new bank building and that Ed Harris Lumber Co. was awarded the contract to build the new facilities.

A memorial fund for Dennis Alan McLain, along with contributions in memory of Lauren Elaine McLain was announced.

MAY

New officers and cheerleaders were announced at Hart schools for the 1966-67 school year. Cheerleaders for high school are Linda Popejoy, junior; Martha Sharp, senior; Rosemary Carter, senior; and Rebecca Futrell, sophomore.

Hart seniors graduated May 20 in the gymnasium of Hart Elementary School. Baccalaureate services were May 8 in the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dinzel Leonard giving the address.

David Smith was selected

Star Lone Star Farmer of Area 1 at the convention held at Lubbock.

Less than 50 voters turned out for the state wide primary elections. Hart went along with the rest of the state on all three races, going with W. T. McDonald for judge of court of criminal appeals, Andy Rogers for state senator and Franklin Spears for attorney general.

Hart teachers were honored with a teacher appreciation banquet held in the school cafeteria, with the Rev. Glen Godsey, Spanish minister from Plainview as main speaker.

Hart Mayor E. E. Foster declared May 28 through June 2 as clean-up week in Hart, and urged citizens to help make Hart a cleaner city.

JUNE

The athletic and recreation program for Hart youth was announced here to run through July 31. The proposed plan included swimming, gym classes and skating.

Two new coaches were hired by the Hart school board. Jim Rich of Brownwood is new boy's basketball coach and Bruce Rhodes of Lazbuddie is the new girl's basketball coach.

Roy Pyeatt, who farms five and one-half miles north of Hart, delivered Hart's first wheat of the 1966 crop for the sixth consecutive year.

Lyndall Warren was elected as fire chief by the Hart volunteer department.

Stockholders of Hart Producer's Co-Op Gin held the ninth annual meeting at the school cafeteria with approximately 200 attending the barbecue dinner.

Jerry Smith attended Boy's State in Austin for a week.

Water deposit in Hart was raised from \$10 to \$12 after the motion was approved by city council members in a regular meeting.

JULY

Hart City Council members met in a called session to approve participation of the city in a plan to work with the Farmers Home Administration to cover the cost of city water and sewer improvements.

Norlan Dudley, Hart banker, shot a hole-in-one at the Olton Country Club. Five other Hart golfers were on hand to see the "dream shot" including Joe

Bailey, Dub Bruington, Lanny, Junior Bass and Newlon Rowland.

Seven Hart Future Farmers of America were announced as winners of the state's top FFA award -- the Lone Star Farmer degree--at the state FFA convention in Austin. They are David Smith, Bob Crick, George Ed Bennett, Doug Martin, Darryl McLain, Billy Bob Bell and Jerry Smith.

Six Hart girls were among the 45 who signed up for the Miss Diamond Jubilee contest. They include Connie Bailey, Rosemary Carter, Janet Elliott, Pam Houston, Ollie Pearl Wade and Robbie Rice.

Weldon M. "Doc" Bates, teacher and coach in the Skellytown School system for the past four years, accepted the high school principal's post at Hart.

AUGUST

A cedar tree was cut down at Ed Harris Lumber Co. and a litter container was set fire at Kittrell TV Shop. So Hart city councilmen established a \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of person or persons committing vandalism, damage or destroying property within the city.

The Hart Beat published a special historical edition in connection with the Diamond Jubilee celebration held in Dimmitt for Castro County.

Severe weather in the form of high winds, hail and a tornado struck in the Hart area. Many farmers reported crop damage with complete losses in some areas.

School opened Aug. 28 with approximately 750 students registering.

The city council authorized the mayor to employ a city marshal for Hart.

SEPTEMBER

Three Hart FFA boys showed champions at the Southwestern Barrow show at Lubbock. The Heller brothers exhibited the champion Duroc gilt and Bob Crick exhibited the champion Duroc boar.

First load of grain in Hart was brought in by D. L. McLain to Hi Point Grain and Fertilizer.

Jerry Smith was named president of Hart High School student council and Sherilyn Morrison, vice-president, with Iona Clevenger, secretary-treasurer.

Highlight of the Boy Scout Court of Honor held here in the Methodist Church was the presentation of the Eagle Award to Mike Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Armstrong. Eagle award is the highest given in Scouting.

Crops were again hit by hail, high wind and rain.

Willis A. Hawkins Jr., was elected president of the Hart Booster Club, which was organized Sept. 19. Elected as vice-president was Mrs. Howard Mitchell and secretary is Mrs. Ben Kennedy.

OCTOBER

A new marshal was hired by the city of Hart. Ed Owsley began his duties Oct. 10.

H. L. Cheatham was reassigned as co-operative supervisor for Hart and Nazareth Schools. Mrs. Erma E. Riley replaced Cheatham and Mrs. Vera Ann Huckabay replaced Shirley Tucker in the reading program since Mrs. Tucker moved to the second grade.

R. J. Murray brought in the first bale of cotton here to Hart of the Plains Gin. The 500-pound bale was ginned from 2160 pounds of seed cotton which yielded 860 pounds of seed.

Over 350 attended dedication service for the new St. Johns Catholic Church at Hart.

Miss Martha Sharp was elected as Hart High School FFA Plowgirl, and Sheila Gardenhire was elected Sweetheart of the organization.

First freeze of the year was recorded Oct. 15 one of the earliest on record.

Mrs. Robert Brooks was appointed as permanent postmistress of Hart by President Johnson.

NOVEMBER

H. E. "Pappy" Loman retired from the railroad business after 50 years of service.

A change in ownership and management of the Hart Beat was announced by Bill Turner, publisher of the newspaper since it was established in 1962.

Martha Sharp was crowned as 1966 Homecoming queen at the Hart-Lazbuddie football game halftime. Other candidates were Cheryl Newman, Mandy Rogers and Robbie Rice.

DECEMBER

Cheryl Newman and Danny

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VISITS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Aven and family of Burlington, Colo. spent Christmas here in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Aven.

VISIT HOLLOWAYS

Mr. and Mrs. James Holloway of Albuquerque, N. M. are here spending the Christmas Holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Holloway and other relatives.

HOLIDAYS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moss of Vinita, Okla. are here spending the Christmas holidays in the home of a daughter Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis Hawkins and family.

IN HIGGINS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Myers and family and Connie Jean Featherston spent the Christmas holidays in Higgins in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ode Price.

SPEAKING OF LIFE'S THIRSTS - AND COSTS

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JACK HAMM

Grain Sorghum Producers Plan Aggressive Program

The most aggressive program and the largest budget in the ten year history of the organization was proposed for the Grain Sorghum Producers Association in a special meeting of the farmer-elected Board of Directors in Amarillo, Friday, Dec. 2.

Eighty-two directors and farm leaders from the Tri-State grain sorghum area of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma appraised the area situation for grain sorghum producers expected farm income, market potential, changing gov-

ernment and industry relations as production is expanded in the coming years.

Those attending from Castro County GSPA were: Bill Waldrep, Melvin Barton, Charles Frye, John Smith, and Raymond Wiley, all from Easter; D. A. Bass, Hart, Theron Morrison, Hart; C. W. Anthony, Dimmitt; and Charles Heck Jr., Nazareth.

Throughout the day, discussion was "active" and even "spiced" at times as a possible "profitless prosperity" was described unless concerted organized efforts on the part of producers are made to keep grain sorghum accepted and moving in the market at home and abroad, and to affect administrative decisions in the various phases of government policy related to the production, use and marketing of feed grains.

Abernathy farmer and GSPA President Elbert Harp pointed out that "it is ironic that this great and obvious need for Association expanded activities and leadership has come at a time when it is least able to do so because of apparent farmer complacency and non-payment or renewal of membership dues through its normal collection procedure of 2 lbs. per thousand from farm deliveries at elevators this fall." He summed up by saying, "That

even though we have proposed the strongest and most costly program ever -- a minimum \$30,000.00 increase over last year's \$55,000.00 budget -- it still is just a proposal and no expanded activity will get under way until a membership and budget expansion effort is successfully initiated and completed. In fact, without additional farmer and agri-business support, much of the existing association programs will be curtailed or completely discontinued."

Directors present enthusiastically accepted the role of leadership for membership expansion efforts in their individual county organizations to be initiated immediately and completed by Jan. 15. At the regular quarterly meeting of the GSPA in February, an official program of work will be adopted and action on exact activities to be expanded or curtailed will be taken in keeping with demonstrated interest of grain sorghum farmers by their response to the membership expansion efforts.

RECUPERATING

Lewis Smith is recuperating at home after recent major surgery in St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo.

VISITS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Landers of San Angelo, Calif. spent the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Landers, parents of Paul.

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The amount of cotton stapling one inch and shorter in the U. S. carryover on Aug. 1 was over 1.3 million bales less than was originally reported by USDA in its September issue of "Cotton Quality-Supply, Disappearance and Carryover."

Revised figures were published by USDA in November, showing 7,022,367 bales one inch and shorter as opposed to 8,347,739 bales in the first report. This brings cotton one inch and shorter in the carryover down from 50.4 per cent of the total to 42.6 per cent.

There was an offsetting error in cotton with staples of 1-1/32 and 1-1/16 inches. The total for these two length categories was actually 8,411,574 bales, 50.7 per cent, instead of the 7,110,097 bales and 42.9 per cent of the total shown in the first report.

Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., said PCG was aware of the error before the revised report was published. PCG learned of the mistake through investigations connected with a short staple market and supply survey it had requested. The survey is being made for PCG by economists with the National Cotton Council.

Johnson went on to say that this certainly does not solve the problem of too much unused short staple cotton, but "it does make a significant change in the overall picture." As soon as the error was discovered, USDA assured PCG that a revised report would be issued.

Stanley Rademaker, Director of the Agriculture Marketing Service's Cotton Division, said the error was the result of a slight change in the warehouse sampling procedure used to compute quality distribution in the carryover.

About 30 widespread warehouses were used as a sample, and by accident three of those chosen were warehouses where West Texas cotton had been reconcentrated, according to Rademaker.

Several area cotton leaders met Dec. 8 in the offices of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.,

School Menu

Jan. 2 to 6, 1967.

MONDAY- Baked Ham, potato salad, blackeyed peas, cornbread, peanut butter brownies, milk and butter.

TUESDAY- Barbecue on plate, candied sweet potatoes, pork and beans, cole slaw, hot rolls, chocolate pudding, milk and butter.

WEDNESDAY- Chili beans, chopped turnips and greens, onion slice, cornbread, apricot cobbler, milk and butter.

THURSDAY- Hamburgers, mustard onion pickle relish, potato tots, catsup, lettuce and tomato, red velvet cake, milk and butter.

FRIDAY- Rolled chuck roast brown gravy, whipped potatoes, tossed salad, hot rolls, apple sauce, milk and butter.

MONUMENTS

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with Ralph Rusca of the Southern Utilization Research and Development Laboratories, New Orleans, to discuss a newly proposed low quality cotton utilization research program.

The program, Rusca said, would be divided into three parts, involving the utilization of immature cotton (3.5 and below micronaire), short staple cotton (31/32 inch or less), and coarse cotton (5.0 and above micronaire.)

The program was developed by the Southern Utilization Research Laboratory, and is now dependent on federal funds being appropriated to carry it out. Each of the three parts, Rusca indicated, would require about \$250,000 annually for five years, necessitating a total yearly appropriation of \$750,000.

Rusca also visited the Textile Research Laboratory at Texas Tech while in Lubbock. It is anticipated that a major portion of the spinning tests needed and some of the other research work would be done by TRL on a contract basis.

James Parker, Textile Industry Relations Consultant with PCG, said there is an urgent need for a comprehensive, coordinated research program to develop optimum methods for utilizing the large amounts of this kind of cotton that are being produced. He pointed out that while the High Plains is not particularly concerned about high micronaire cotton, the area is intensely interested in maximum use of both low micronaire and short staple cotton.

"PCG is doing all of this kind of research of which it is capable within the confines of a limited budget, and progress is being made," Parker said, "but much more rapid progress can be made if additional facilities personnel and money are made available through the Southern Utilization Research Laboratory at New Orleans."

Rusca stated that he felt a substantial increase in the use of short staple and immature cottons could be brought about by research to establish the maximum amount of such cotton that can be blended with

longer staple, mature cotton without adversely affecting textile processing performance or product quality.

Others attending the meeting besides Rusca and Parker were Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of PCG; Joel Hembree, Cotton Technologist with the Cotton Cooperative Marketing Association, Lubbock; Jack Towery, of Lubbock, Director of Textile Research for Continental-Moss-Gordin; Carl Cox, Dallas, Director of the Cotton Research Committee of Texas; Harry Arthur, acting head of Texas Tech's Textile Research Laboratories, and Herbert Kieke, also of TRL.

A recent article in the Daily News Record, leading textile publication, reports that California cotton is now selling at 11 cents per pound over government loan levels. This would be the highest price it has reached

since the Korean war.

The cotton referred to is that grown in California in staple lengths from 1-3/32 inches up in a desirable micronaire range of 3.5 or above and with tensile strength of 90,000 pounds per square inch or better.

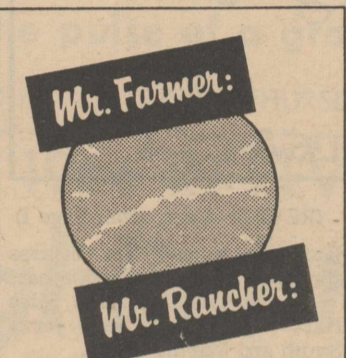
Demand for this kind of cotton has been on the increase, as is indicated by the fact that it was quoted at only six cents over the loan in October. Increased demand and short supply have pushed the price up

another five cents per pound since that time.

The article further states that some mills still have failed to cover their full cotton needs through the first half, and this would seem to mean that upward pressure on prices may continue.

VISIT FAMILIES

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ewing and family spent the holidays in Tulia with their families. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tanner.



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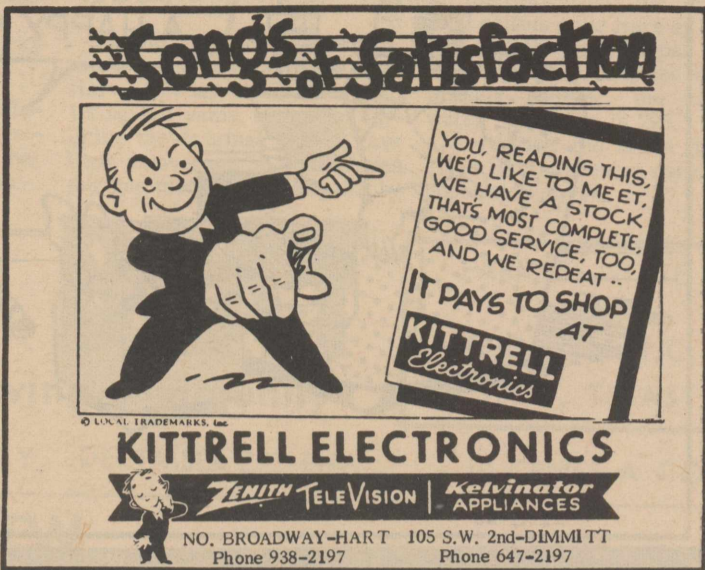
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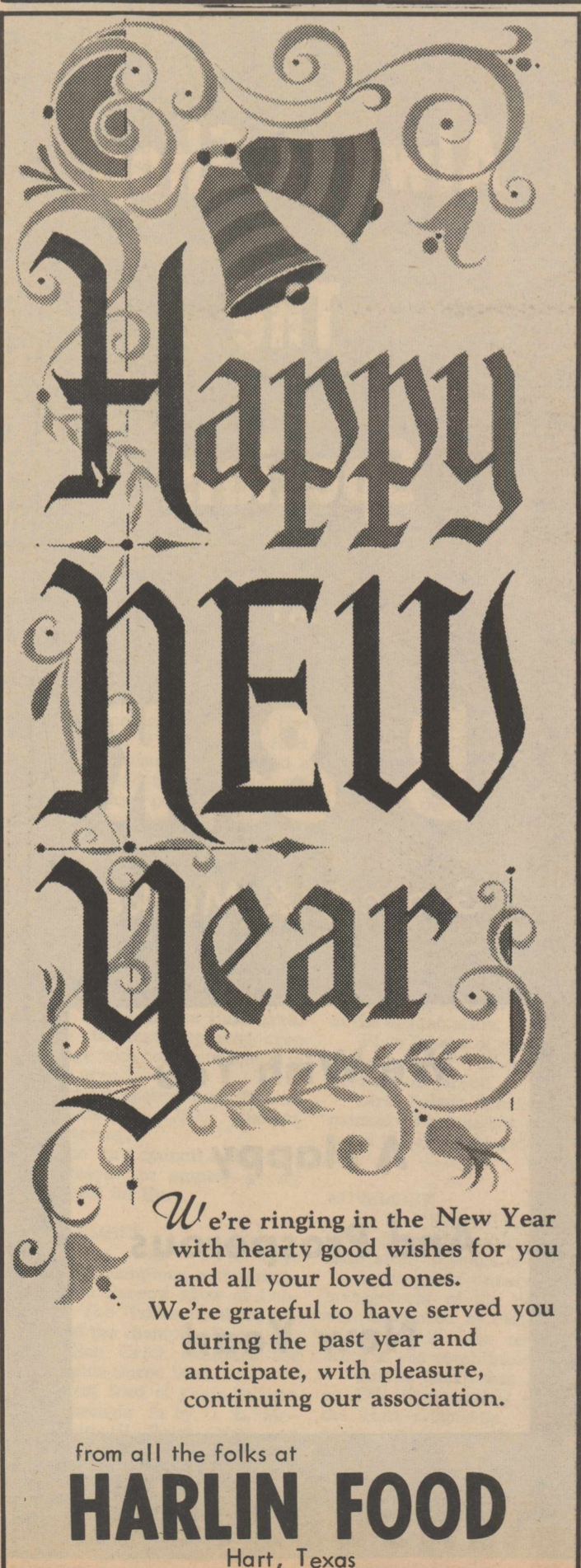


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Rice were named Best Citizens for the 1966-67 school year.

Named as Mr. and Miss Hart High School were Jerry Smith and Martha Sharp.

The Lubbock Christian College choir presented a program Dec. 11 in the Hart elementary school auditorium.

Open house was held at the Farmers State Bank Dec. 17, at the same date that openhouse was held at a fertilizer blending plant which was scheduled to be formally opened Dec. 16.

The adult choir of the First Baptist Church of Hart presented a Christmas cantata Dec. 18. The cantata was entitled "A Song Unending."

Jolly Ole St. Nick visited Hart residents Wednesday Dec. 21 and got a list from all the little boys and girls in the area.

SALT WATER PIT BANURGED--A House salt water pollution control committee has asked the Railroad Commission for authority to issue a statewide ban on salt water disposal pits.

The Commission has approved no-pit orders for 43 counties and isn't sure a statewide ban is necessary.

Massive state governmental spending proposals -- each ranging around the \$4,500,000,000 mark overall for the next fiscal period--are on their way to Texas legislators.

The Legislative Budget Board unveiled its 1968-69 budget recommendations last week, followed a few days later by the somewhat-larger appropriations request of Gov. John Connally.

LBB calculated spending approved by board members would come to some \$4,400,000,000 -- \$834,800,000 from general revenue over which the Legislature has direct control.

Connally's budget suggestions topped \$4,600,000,000 -- \$911,400,000 in general revenue.

Present all-funds spending (including federal aid and earmarked categories such as for highways, schools and welfare) is \$3,900,000,000 -- \$621,500,000 in general revenue.

The Board's proposals could be financed easily without resort to new taxes.

Connally would require some \$64,400,000 in additional revenue, according to his projections of \$847,000,000 income -- \$76,600,000 more according to the LBB income estimate. But the governor almost certainly will recommend some additional spending in his message to the Legislature.

Here's a capsule comparison of the general revenue budgets:

*Education: (Present) \$342,200,000; (LBB) \$469,400,000; (Connally) \$496,300,000.

*Public health, hospitals and Youth institutions: (present) \$149,500,000; (LBB) \$206,500,000; (Connally) \$214,700,000.

*Departments and agencies: (Present) \$111,000,000; (LBB) \$139,300,000; (Connally) \$176,300,000.

*Judiciary: (Present) \$12,400,000; (LBB) \$12,700,000; (Connally) \$13,100,000.

*Legislative expense: (present) \$6,400,000; (LBB) \$6,900,000; (Connally) \$7,400,000.

DRINKS CAMPAIGN ON--A statewide Citizens Committee for Tourism and regulate Sale of Mixed Drinks has organized and is opening an Austin office.

Dallas lawyer Shannon Jones is temporary chairman and Houston lawyer and realtor Charles L. (Sonny) Sowell is legislative counsel.

In a press conference here, they announced plans to push for legislation to authorize sale of mixed alcoholic beverages on local option basis in wet areas. Campaign is pegged on drive for tourists and convention business and need for additional state revenue. Sowell and Jones said a 10-cents-a-drink tax would yield \$80,000,000 in the next two years.

Support soon came from an unexpected source. Rev. R. W. Jablonowski Jr., said he intends to testify for the bill because he feels states where liquor is sold by the drink have less alcoholic consumption and less public drunkenness. Texas Council of Churches likely will take no stand, a headquarters official said, because it is "split down the middle" on the issue. Its legislative statement of policies says the organization opposes any change in law which would encourage increased liquor consumption.

OIL PRODUCTION BOOMS--Railroad Commission boosted January oil allowable to a near-record 37.5 per cent of potential.

The factor would allow 3,318,234 barrel-a-day production. This compares to 3,206,044 daily under the 36.5 per cent order for December which was the biggest since May, 1959.

TUITION HIKE ASKED--Doubled tuitions for Texas college students was recommended by the higher education Coordinating Board.

The Board, with a single dissent among membership, is asking the Legislature to raise present tuition rate of \$50 a semester for Texas residents to \$7 a semester hour or about \$105 for full-time (15 hour) students. Out-of-state students, who now pay \$200 a semester, would be required to pay \$20 an hour if proposal is approved.

HILL-BURTON AID ALLOTTED--State Board of Health allocated \$17,128,280 in federal Hill-Burton construction and expansion funds to 36 Texas hospital and nursing home projects. Projects and allocations were:

Palo Pinto Hospital, Mineral Wells, \$900,000; Childress General, \$800,000; Eagle Pass Memorial, \$350,000; San Jacinto Methodist of Baytown (two grants), \$300,000 and \$370,500; St. Joseph, Bryan, \$1,000,000;

Johnson County, Cleburne, \$500,000; Wichita Falls General, \$1,000,000; W. N. Jones, Sherman, \$280,000; Hall County Memphis, \$125,000; Overall-Morris, Coleman, \$50,000; Palestine General, \$500,000;

Tyler County, Woodville, \$59,000; Wadley, Texarkana, \$900,000; Harris, Fort Worth, \$850,000; Fort Worth Osteopathic, \$600,000; St. Mary of the Plains, Lubbock, \$800,000; Nan Travis, Jacksonville, \$850,000.

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