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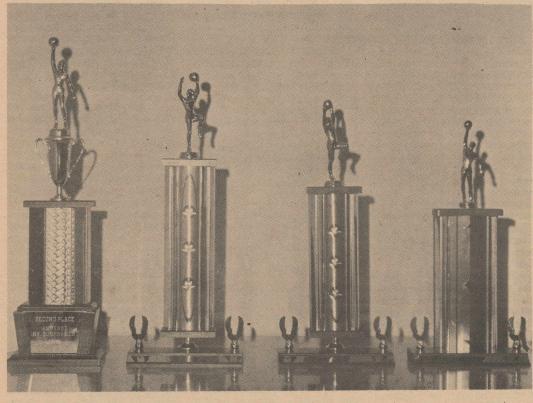
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TROPHIES WON BY HART BASKETBALL TEAMS are displayed in the office of Weldon "Doc" Bates, principal of Hart High School. Left to right are trophies won by High School Girls A Team, who placed second in the Amherst Tournament; eighth grade girls, who won first in Happy Tourney; eighth grade boys, who won consolation in Happy Tourney; and seventh grade boys, who won consolation in Happy Tourney. These trophies were presented to the school Jan. 16 in an assembly, with Mr. Bates accepting on behalf of the school and administration.

6¢ Stamp Still A Bargain When Compared To History

"It's still one of the best bargains in the world."

That's what Postmaster Jewel Brooks said today about the six-cent stamp, and she recounted some interesting facts and figures from postal history to back up her claim.

Even though the five-cent letter rate has suffered the same fate as the nickel cigar, first-class postage is cheaper today than it was in many bygone eras when a few pennies meant much more than they do today, Postmaster Brooks said.

In 1816, for instance, a single sheet letter cost six cents for delivery up to 30 miles. More sheets and more miles cost more money. A letter going 400 miles cost 25 cents per

In those days the recipient had to pay the postage, not the sender. And if the letter was actually delivered to the recipient, rather than picked up at the Post Office, there was an extra charge that was kept by the carrier.

It wasn't until 1855 that the sender was required to pay in advance for mail, Postmaster Brooks said.

Uniform rates regardless of distance and free city delivery were written into the postal law books in 1863. When distance was dropped as a factor in computing rates, so was the practice of charging per sheet. The basic unit for letter postage became a half ounce in 1863. The basic unit of one

ounce that still prevails today went into effect in 1885.

Turning to more recent history, Postmaster Brooks pointed out that the 100 per cent increase -- from 3 to 6 cents -- in first-class postal rates since 1932 compares very fav-orably with general increases in prices and wages.

General consumer prices have gone up about 200 per cent since 1932 and the average hourly earnings of manufacturing workers have risen by about 550 per cent, Postmaster Brooks said.

"Back in 1947 the letter rate was still three cents and everyone agreed that was a really good deal. Since then family income has gone up about 175 per cent while the cost of mailing a letter has increased 100 per cent. If letter postage was worth three cents in the 1940s, in terms of today's dollar its worth more than six cents."

Postmaster Brooks estimated that the increase in postal charges that went into effect January 7 will add only \$2.25 a year to the \$16 the average household spent on postal services under the old rates.

Despite the great distances many letters must travel in the United States, our postal rates are lower than in most other major countries, particularly when based on ability to pay. Postmaster Brooks declared,

She said the average American worker earns the price of a six-cent stamp in 1.3 minutes. It takes the average British worker 2.5 minutes to earn letter postage, the West German worker 2.7 minutes and the French worker 5.6 minutes.

Postmaster Brooks said the higher postal rates mean that a greater share of the cost of running the Postal Service will be borne by the users of the mails rather than the taxpayer.

paid from general tax revenues. The approximately \$900 million in additional revenue the new rates will bring in ing a statewide voter regiswill shift that much of the burden of paying for the Postal this year's registrations will Service from the taxpayer to the mail users.

"Certainly its only fair that the people who use the Postal Service pay the lion's share of its operating costs."

Postmaster Brooks delved into history for one more comment on the new postal rates. "Actually," she said, "with

the six-cent stamp we are reto the postal rate charged when New York was called New Amsterdam and was a Dutch colony. Then the postage rate there was "three stivers of wampum' -- the equivalent of about 6 cents."

Two Men Arrested, Held In Littlefield

was arrested Sunday near Hart by Castro County Sheriff's department. He was charged with burglarizing an Olton home and possession of a stolentelevision

Castro officials released Perez to the custody of Deputy Sheriffs V. L. Smith of Lamb County and Granville Martin of Castro County, who had pursued the Latin American after being notified that he had fled from an Olton drive-in without paying for a meal. Smith reported that he had received reports of the suspect driving while intoxicated.

Earlier Sunday, Perez allegedly entered the home of Mrs. Margaret Martinez and took a television set.

According to information received at Hart, Perez had been arrested previously by Castro County officers and charged with removal of mortgaged property.

Perez is being held in Lamb County jail at Littlefield, Bond has been set at \$2,000.00.

Monday, Olton Chief of Police Jerry Smith, aided by an alert business man, Walter Struve, apprehended Jimmy Wright, minutes after the suspect had passed a forged check at Struve's store.

Wright, a resident of Sunnyside, was charged with forgery

Morin Perez, 21, of Hart, and the passing of forged instruments. Officers believe the suspect passed checks amounting to \$117 in cash and merchandise.

> Officers were alerted to be on the look-out for Wright Saturday night when he allegedly passed a forged check at an Olton drive-in. Suspicious that the check given in his store might not be legitimate, Struve checked with the bank and immediately notified Chief of Police Smith.

Wright is under \$2000 bond at Lamb County jail in Little-

Also under investigation by authorities is an additional forgery case at Olton and another

previously County Council Meets Tuesday

Swisher - Castro Bi-County Council of PTA will meet Tuesday morning, Jan. 23, at 9:30 a. m. in the Conference Room of the South Grade School, Dimmitt. Coffee will be served at 9 a. m.

Theme of the meeting is Parent and Family Life Ed-, ucation, Mrs. Wiley Alexander, district president, will be spe-

Citizens Reminded 'Register To Vote'

warned that they must apply for a voter registration certificate by the end of this month if they want to participate in this year's

at the city hall, Olton.

Texas Secretary of State John L. Hill, who is sponsortration drive, has predicted that show a very substantial increase over former years. The previous high was in 1964, the last presidential election year, when a total of 2,984,766 registrants were reported by county tax assessor-collectors under the poll tax system then in force.

The total registration in 1966 was slightly under 2,970,000, including registrations under the poll tax system and free registrations during a supplemental registration period in March 1966 after a federal court decision invalidated poll tax payment as a condition for voting. Registrations for 1967, an urged to do so immediately.

voters are again "off year" for elections, nor-they must apply for mally could have been expected to drop from the previous year's total, but exceeded the 1966 figure by about thirteen thousand, Political observers have "The costs of running the Postal Service must be paid," she explained. "What isn't paid by mail users in postage is without cost, while only a 15-day period had been provided for free registrations in 1966.

Hill attributes the expected increase in registrations to several factors. In addition to population growth, he has pointed out that this is the first presidential election year under the new system of free registration, and registrations for a presidential election year normally exceed those for any other year in each four-year period. This is also the first year in which all voters will be required to register. Another important factor, Hill said, is that this registration period marks a high in the activities of groups conducting organized registration drives.

Voters who have not already applied for registration are

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Sue Cannon Manager Lela Gallion ... Society Editor

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Want To Lose Pounds? Walk An Extra Mile

Want to lose ten pounds in the next year?

One way you can do it is to walk an extra mile every day.

The American Medical Association's home health book, Today's Health Guide, reports that a walk of just an extra mile per day for 36 days is a "simple, pleasant device for shedding an extra pound of fat." In a year this would mount up to about ten pounds. The extra mile means just that-a mile of walking in addition to the customary walking you now do each day.

Once regarded as a major factor in losing weight, physical activity was later accorded less importance. It was realized that It enhances the sense of general considerable effort was required to shed even one pound of extra tissue. Would-be reducers found comfort in some expert opinion that calories expended through exercise would be immediately replaced, due to an automatic increase in appetite.

Fortunately for fitness as well as for fatness, exercise has been restored to grace and enjoys respectability. Exercise helps expend calories; within the usual range of activity, it need not stimulate appetite excessively. The energy output required to offset a pound of fat is approximately 3,500 calories, but the weight need not be lost all at once.

Instead of the exhausting, often impossible, 36-mile hike within a span of hours, a walk of just one extra mile a day for 36 days will get rid of that extra pound. Weight gain usually is relatively slow, and the extra mile will-for most of us-help keep our weight down to a reasonable

Exercise also furthers physical, mental, psychological, and social fitness. It provides an outlet for emotional tensions, promotes self-confidence, wholesome social activity, and good sportsmanship. to start on February 1.



well-being that enables us to confront and master a reducing regi-

To be effective for both weight reduction and for general physical conditioning, exercise must be a regular part of your way of life, and not something that is overdone spasmodically.

So, if you want to lose ten pounds in the next year, just arrange to walk that extra mile

Contract Let Dallas Firm

State Building Commission awarded contract to R. E. Mc Kee, General Contractors, Inc. of Dallas for \$5,050,000 for new State Finance Building in the Capitol Complex. Legislature voted funds for it in 1965.

McKee was the low bidder among seven, Other bids ranged up to \$5,328,000. It's the third big, new, modern office building in the complex.

Construction is scheduled



Texas Liquor Control Board activities occupy a widening spotlight.

Complaints of wrong-doing by some board employees will be aired at a hearing before LCB members and Administrator Coke Stevenson Jr. here January 29.

Gov. John Connally has praised the board for firing of seven men over incidents involving questionable sale of a confiscated truck and alleged mishandling of 11 bottles of contraband liquor.

Dallas Dist. Atty. Henry Wade called on the Texas Department of Public Safety to investigate the LCB after his staff came up with what he termed a "protection" scheme involving board agents, Grand jurors in Smith County also are probing a claim that one liquor license was so quickly granted that local law enforcement people had no chance to

Connally said he is confident the board itself will pursue every lead relentlessly and will call on DPS and the state attorney general to assist with

the January 29 hearing.
"The board feels as I do," said the governor, "that any employee guilty of questionable conduct or misfeasance or malfeasance should be punished severely and quickly."

JUNIOR COLLEGE PRO-GRAM--Only minor objections

were heard as the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, held a public hearing on its new plan for dividing the state into 52 regions. Plan would allow each region at least one junior col-

Project envisions basic post-high school education at junior colleges, with upperdivision college work done at senior colleges and post-graduate work at the major universities,

Only objections to the plan were from Chambers of Commerce and similar organizations, Some did not like the way the board lined up the regions. leaving them with little hope of having their own junior college.
APPLICATION REVIEWS

BEGIN--Texas Water Quality Board will begin considering applications for grants and loans to plan areawide sewage treatment facilities on March I.

Last year the Legislature allocated \$2,000,000 for planning and feasibility studies for such facilities.

Board already has established a tentative priority system with ratings from "A" to "D". Top "A" priority areas are "almost assured of getting part of the funds available."
"A" areas are Bexar and

Guadalupe Counties; Jefferson and Orange Counties; Galveston County; Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty and Montgomery Counties; Cameron County; and Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Rock-

wall and Tarrant Counties.
"B" ratings went to Tra-McLennan, San Patricio and Nueces, Lubbock, Potter and Randall, Archer and Wichita Counties.

'C' areas include: Gregg and Rusk Counties; Bowie, Jones and Taylor Grayson, Counties; El Paso and Bell Counties.

Counties in "D" priority are Brazos, Webb, Midland and Ector, Howard, Tom Green and

APPOINTMENTS NOUNCED -- Howard B. Bos- ceedings. Development Board He succeeds Joe G. Moore Jr., who becomes commissioner of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration on Feb.

of Ennis, succeeds retiring Tal- case fees by Article 1029 and bot S. Huff as chief engineer district clerks' fees in felony of highway design for the Texas Highway Department on Feb. 29.

John Myers Stokes of Lufkin is in charge of research services to candidates for the Republican state headquarters.

House Speaker Ben Barnes has named to the new Interim House Criminal Law Study Committee: Reps. James Nugent of Kerrville (chairman); Shannon of Fort Worth; and Cletus Davis of Houston. Also El Paso District Attorney Barton Boling and San Antonio attorney Joe Frazier Brown.

Dr. Porter M. Bailes Jr. of Tyler was appointed by the State Board of Education to fill the seat of Dr. B. E. Masters of Kilgore, who retired January 1.

Longtime State Highway Engineer DeWitt C. Greer, Mark H. Hulings of Corpus Christi and Floyd J. Childs of Abilene are the new executive committee members of the Texas Good Roads Association,

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS-- County commissioners courts are not bound under the new open meetings law to permit live broadcasts of meetings or the taping of proceedings for delayed broadcast, Gen. Crawford Martin

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded that:

filed with it but has no authority to distribute free maps, papers and other documents to

AN- persons affected by pro-

* Criminal trial witnesses well of Austin is new exec-utive director of Texas Water are entitled to per diem compensation for the one day only regardless of the number of cases he testifies in that day.

Peace officers' fees in misdemeanor cases are governed by Article 5301 of Code Robert L. Lewis, formerly of Criminal Procedure, felony cases by Article 1054.

> * Anti-lottery laws are not violated by service stations which give away free cards entitling holders to win prizes.

A city can impose its building restrictions on public junior college districts and require them to pay regular building permit fees.

State Board of Examiners in Basic Sciences does not have authority to deny certificate of proficiency in chiropractic to an applicant otherwise qualified by law who presents evidence of having taken the required college credits.

* State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers can employ an investigator to assist in performance of duties.

* It is the obligation of the state to bury indigent patients who die in state hospitals or while on furlough from state institutions,

* Local governments can bring suits to enforce water and air pollution controls without approval of state agencies.

* Insurance companies subject to gross premium receipts taxes are also subject to sales

* County commissioners have right to erect cattle guards to that of landparamount owner's right to erect gates, when in best interest of public.

Federal Bureau of Investigation cars are authorized emergency vehicles.

Easy To Make Raisin Party Meringues



California Raisin Advisory Board Photo

California seedless raisins, sun dried and full of natural sweetness are very much a part of these dainty party meringues. A wonderful new crop of raisins harvested in September insures us a plentiful supply for the coming year. Coconut and oatmeal along with plenty of California seedless raisins give these special cookies plenty of texture. They're quick to mix and bake at a low temperature to keep them blonde and beautiful.

PARTY RAISIN MERINGUES

2 egg whites 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar (packed) 1 cup California seedless raisins

1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1 cup quick cooking oats 1 cup flaked coconut 8 chopped maraschino cher-

Beat egg whites with salt until stiff; gradually beat in sugars. Fold in remaining ingredients. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto unglazed paper on baking sheet. Bake in slow oven (300 degrees F.) 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from paper with spatula at once. Makes 3 dozen meringues.



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FOR CLEANER COTTON



KITCHEN KORNER

By Lela Gallion

There have been so many for 30 minutes. people around here having different kinds of the flu and colds and so far it hasn't seemed to let up much. There isn't much interest in eating I'm

Fruit juices and drinks made of jello are a good cold pre- Stir until well blended. Cover vention also good to return your eating back to normal.

Here are a couple of foods to eat for the delicate stomach after about with the flu and afterward a Spaghetti dish with er. Makes 4-6 servings. more zest.

CHICKEN STEW AND **DUMPLINGS**

Wash and wipe dry: 13-lb, chicken, cut up Sprinkle with: l tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. paprika dash of pepper Set aside.

Melt in a large, heavy skillet: 2 T. butter or margarine Add chicken pieces and cook until browned on all sides. Add:

1 c. water l c. sliced onions 1/4 tsp. poultry seasoning Mix well. Cover and simmer

Texas Industry **Books Available**

At a meeting of the Texas Industrial Commission in Longview recently, two new source books on the state's industrial potential were revealed.

First of these is titled "Tex-

as Community Profiles", and shows at a glance important industrial development data for 375 communities in Texas.

Edited by James J. Kelly, assistant executive director of the Texas Industrial Commission, the up-to-date book was compiled from data submitted by Chambers of Commerce, private utility companies and other sources. Fourteen separate categories of data are presented on each community, ranging from geo-graphic location through population, labor force, present industry, transportation, tax rate, utilities, recreational, cultural activities, government services and financial institutions.

The second industrial information piece introduced at the Commission meeting is titled "Texas Plant Location Facts." This is a series of four booklets enclosed in an attractive folder. Subjects covered in the booklets are: 1. Transportation, Education, and Research. 2. Texas Markets & Manpower; 3. Resources, Climate and Geographic Data and Industrial Financing; 4. State Taxes and Finances & Labor Laws. Research for the series was conducted by St. Mary's University, San Antonio.

The colorful booklets are full of information and utilize maps and graphs to point out Texas' plant location advantage.

Both the information pieces were designed to answer the bulk of research questions that pertain to preliminary plant location studies, and will be mailed to nearly 500 firms outside Texas which have made specific inquiries to the Industrial Commission during the past few months.

1 can (10 1/2 oz.) cream of chicken soup 1 soup can of water

2 pkgs. (10 oz.each) frozen mixed vegetables and simmer 30 minutes longer.

Arrange on top of stew: 1 pkg. (8 oz.) refrigerated biscuits Cover and cook 10 minutes long-

EGGS GOLDENROD

For 4 servings allow 6 hardcooked eggs, 4 slices of toast and 2 cups of medium white sauce. (Sauce is 2 cups milk thickened and seasoned with 2 tablespoons each flour and butter, salt and pepper.) Cut the eggs in halves lengthwise and remove the yolks. Chop the whites; add them to the heated white sauce; rub the yolks through a sieve. Pour the sauce over the toast; sprinkle thickly with the sieved yolks; garnish with parsley or paprika.

SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALL SAUCE

4 slices bread 1 lb. ground beef 1 T. grated Parmesan cheese Few Sprigs Parsley 1/2 tsp. grated onion 1/4 tsp. crushed garlic 2 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. pepper 3 T. salad or Olive oil 1 can tomatoes (1 lb. 3 oz.) 1 can Tomato Puree (10 1/2 oz.) 2 bay leaves

Put slices of bread in a bowl, cover with water and let soak a minute. Now squeeze water out of bread and mix the soft bread with beef, cheese, egg, parsley, onion, garlic, ltsp. salt and a dash of pepper. Mix and shape into small balls, about

1/2 tsp. Sweet Basil

1 lb. spaghetti

the size of a large grape. Heat oil in skillet, add meat balls and fry over brisk heat until browned, Remove meat balls, add tomatoes and puree. Cook to boiling, add rest of salt and dash of pepper. Put meatballs back in sauce and bay leaves and basil, and cook for I hour at low heat.



DIETING

If you or your children have weight problems, take prompt action in correcting faulty eating habits. Keep a supply of fresh fruits, raw carrots, and celery on hand for snacking. Count calories in the preparation of meals, and use subsitututes whenever possible (skim milk for whole milk, vinegar and lemon juice for rich salad dressings, etc.). It's a good idea to lose weight gradually, instead of going on "crash diets."



KENT BIRDWELL

BANQUET TO BE HELD

Tuesday Jan. 23 at 7:15 p. m. the annual District Layman Banquet will be held at Plainview. The guest speaker will be Dr. Alsie Carlton a professor at S.M.U. in Dallas.

CONDUCT SERVICES

Tuesday evening the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Brown and several members of the Methodist Church went to Hereford to conduct services for the old folks in Kings Manor Home in Hereford. They also sang for the

Birdwell Seeks Re-Election As Tax Assessor-Collector

I, Kent Birdwell, wish to announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector of Castro County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be conducted on May 4, 1968.

In making this announcement to the people of Castro County I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the cooperation and kind regards you have shown me during the past 9 years that I have been your Tax Assessor-Collector, During my tenure in office I have continually strived for an equitable assessment of the property in this county and if I am elected to continue in this office I will constantly work to improve the services rendered by this office. I will continue to discharge the duties of the office in a courteous, friendly, business-like and efficient manner to the best of my ability.

If there are areas where you feel our services could be improved upon I would welcome your constructive criticism in this regard.

I will greatly appreciate your vote again on May 4, 1968. in my bid for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor-

Respectfully yours, Kent Birdwell Tax Assessor-Collector Castro County, Texas

Pd. Pol. Adv.

VISITING BROTHER

Mrs. Mildred Anderson of Wichita Kans, is spending some time visiting here in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. William Gallion.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith of Clovis, N. M. visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill.

VISIT WELTYS

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Litsch of Hawthorne, Calif. spent Sunday night here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Welty and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Foster visited in Silverton Sunday.

"Our electric heating system 'baby-sits' for us."



Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Butlar Plainview, Texas

"Robin, age I, is in the crawling stage and she gets around fast," says Mrs Butlar. "Too fast even for Kelly, our 6 year old daughter, to watch. But with the electric individual room temperature control, we can close the doors and keep Robin in the same room with us. Robin doesn't get into trouble and all our rooms stay warm and comfortable," she adds.



State Rep. Bill Clayton To Run For Re-Election

State Representative Bill Clayton of Springlake, announced Monday his candidacy for re-election to the office of State Representative, District 72 consisting of Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Deaf Smith, Lamband Parmer Counties.

Clayton has received many honors while serving this District as State Representative. He was one of the few men in Texas History to become a Chairman of a Committee during his first term. In the past five years, Clayton has been Chairman of four Committees, two of which were Water Committees. It is reported by the Speaker of the House, Ben Barnes and other key people that Clayton is probably the most knowledgable man in the Texas House of Representatives water and water related problems of the State,

This past year Clayton was presented an award for outstanding service to the Citizens of Texas by the State Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Clayton said "In seeking reelection I feel we can play an important role in water development and water importation to this area of the State and I pledge my continued influence

IN LUBBOCK
Mrs. Judd Davis and Mrs.
W. H. Felder spent Sunday in
Lubbock visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Neely Thomas, Mrs. June Allison and Scottie.

IN PLAINVIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Sharp and family spent Sunday in Plainview visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waldrop.

VISITS IN OLTON

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Godfrey visited Sunday in Olton with relatives and friends.

SEE SHOWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Richburn and daughter went to Amarillo to see "The Jungle Book" and "Charlie The Lonesome Cougar".



BILL CLAYTON

and efforts to that end. Your past support and influence have been greatly appreciated and we ask for your continued support in the coming elections.

Clayton filed on the Democratic ticket for Primary Election to be held May 4, 1968. Pd. Pol. Adv.





New patrol leaders were chosen. The troop studied good eating habits and learned how to set the table properly.

Debbie Lacy served as hos-

Those present were Retha Aven, Tammy Bates, Sharla Carson, Kim Davis, LeAnn Friday, Donna Dudley, LaDonna Hart, Sandy Heck, Rosemary Kelley, Debbie Lacy, Jana Mapp, Rhonda Rowland, Patri-cia Smith, leader Mrs. Mar-ilyn Covington and assistant



JANUARY 21 Sue Ann Bates Donna Carol Ewing

JANUARY 22 Orval Sharp Ronald Shaw

JANUARY 23 Vickie Newsom

JANUARY 25 Rebecca Sue King David Harris

JANUARY 26 Edwina Rene Cook

JANUARY 21 Mr. and Mrs. Newlon Rowland

JANUARY 23 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Mr. and Mrs. Jack George

Children To Be Protected From Liquor Advertising

If the Senators and several high school, he said. Congressmen from Texas have their way, it will become illegal to advertise alcoholic beverages on radio or television between 3 and 10 p, m., according to a survey conducted by Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education (TANE).

Both Senator John Tower, conservative Republican, and Senator Ralph Yarborough, liberal Democrat, have approved Senate Bill 2202 which would prohibit advertising liquor, beer and wine during the hours children most watch television,

Tower said of the bill, sponsored by Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, "Be assured that I shall support this measure when it comes before the floor of the Senate."

Yarborough, speaking before the Senate, said, "I believe we should make a more serious effort than we have in the past to keep our children from beginning to drink." He said present advertising is designed to encourage them to drink. The average teenager, influenced by radio and television advertising, begins to drink prior to graduation from

COLES HAVE GUESTS

Mrs. Anne Marby of Midland visited over the weekend in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Cole, Gary

Social Security Benefits To Be Increased For Some

The changes in the social security law signed by President Johnson on Jan. 2, will mean a benefit increase of at least 13 percent in the social security checks of about 35,000 men, women, and children in the Lubbock area.

The Social Security Administration's high speed electronic computers are figuring the increases for all 23,700,000 social security beneficiaries around the country and will finish the task intime to include the increases in the checks delivered early in March.

Beneficiaries need not take any action to get the increase. It will be sent to them auto-

Some social security beneficiaries will receive more than 13 percent increase. The minimum benefit for workers retiring at 65 is increased from \$44 to \$55. The average benefit payable to a retired worker, about \$86, will be raised to \$98, an increase of \$12 a month. The average couple's benefit, now \$145, will go up to \$165; and the average aged widow's benefit will rise \$11, from the current average of \$75 to \$86. The last increase in social security benefits amounted to a 7 percent increase, and was effective January 1965.

Residents of the Lubbock area can expect the first increased check on Saturday, March 2, one day earlier than the usual 3rd of the month delivery of social security benefit checks. Under a recent arrangement with the Treasury Department and the Post Office, social security checks are delivered a day early instead of a day late when the 3rd of the month falls on a Sunday or hol-

About three out of every 10 beneficiaries receiving an increased check early in March will be someone under 65, many of them the children of working fathers who have died.

The value of social security survivors insurance is often overlooked. Social Security is more than just a retirement system. But it is also income protection for the family in case of the breadwinner's death or disability.

With the increased benefit payments provided under the new amendments to the law, the face value of social security survivors insurance protection is increased to about \$940 billion, This is just about equivalent to the value of all the private life insurance now inforce,

Under the amended law. maximum payments to families now on the social security benefit rolls will go up from the currently payable maximum of \$309.20 a month to \$322.40. In the future, the maximum payable monthly to any one family can be as high as \$434.40.

WSCS Meeting **Held At Church**

The Womens Society of Christian Service met at the First Methodist Church Thurs-

day, Jan. 11 at 2:30 p. m.
Opening song was "Sweet
Hour of Prayer" and opening prayer was led by Mrs. Mable Aven. Mrs. W. C. Crick gave the devotional, Mrs. L. L. Swindle presented the program entitled "About The Leader of Japan". Closing prayer was led by Mrs. Fred Brown.

Those present were Mmes. Bill Yearger, E. E. Foster, W. C. Crick, W. A. Hawkins Sr., L. L. Swindle, Mable Aven, C. B. Landers and Fred Brown.

According to the TANE survey, several Texas Congressmen have expressed approval of the bill. Wright Patman of Texarkana said, "I am pleased to say I would favor the passage of S 2202, if and when it is introduced in the House."

Bob Casey of Houston said, "At first blush, without hearing any of the pros and cons, I would be inclined to vote for the bill,

should it reach the House."

Graham Purcell of Wichita
Falls said, "...my present
feeling is that I would support the bill if it came up for
a vote in the House."

O. C. Fisher of San Angelo said, "Frankly, I would support any legislation which would help promote temperance.

Jim Wright, of Fort Worth, said, "Personally, I would be inclined to support such a measure as this."

Olin Teague of Hillsboro said, "My honest feeling is that I could not vote for such a bill unless it included cigarettes and other items harmful to the health and welfare of our nation, and further that it would exclude them altogether, not merely between certain hours."

None responding to the TANE survey expressed oppo-sition to the bill although some left both gates open.

TANE is a non-profit educational organization, whose goal is to prevent problems that arise from alcohol, narcotics, and other dangerous drugs. TANE's educational drugs. work is done through books, pamphlets, films, film strips, church programs, and public school assembly programs. A speakers bureau of more than 100 men operates state-wide.

FARMER SELLS COTTON FOR A GOOD PRICE

Mr. H. L. Fitzgerald who lives on Route 4, Levelland, Texas, and has extensive farming interests in Hockley County, and also a farm in Cochran County 13 miles south of Bledsoe, and is a director in the Bronco Co-Op Gin, has a unique record in some respects concerning the cotton grown on his Cochran County farm in that he sold it straight across the board for 30 cents a pound - every bale - 67 in all.

This brings to mind another subject that everyone is aware of now and that is micronaire, for every farmer knows that a price of 30 cents a pound is commanded only on the strength of micronaire and other good qualities. This field was machine stripped and every bale was in the premium micronaire bracket, and the pressley strength ran 90,000 pounds or better.

The cotton planted on this farm was the new Gregg 25V, a cotton first released in 1966, and while being a new cotton under limited plantings this year, there have been some outstanding records made. This is the new cotton with the glandless seed which offers much in improved seed grades, as we think of them on the present commercial basis, regardless of the future disposition of the glandless aspect of the seed which can be fed to poultry and swine, and can be used as a protein diet in human nutrition. Gregg Seed Farms, 2700 Lockney Highway, Plainview. Texas.



SP/5 BERNICE DALE FINCHER

Hart Soldier Receives Achievement Citation

son of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. ment, coupled with an intimate Fincher, has been awarded the knowledge of the operational re-Certificate of Achievement by the 12th U. S. Army Security creased the effectiveness of his Agency Field Station.

The award was made for outstanding service while serving as a member of the U.S. Army Signal Research Unit 4, during the period Feb. 1966 to Jan. 1968. Fincher consistently demonstrated outstanding qualities of integrity, professional competence and devotion to duty - the hall-marks of a dedicated soldier. His application of tech-

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

children who are over 19 years McKinzie. of age and who are bona fide cent of the taxpayer assistance Calif. arriving home Jan. 15. calls during the past year in this problem. The answer is two years were spent in Japan. simple: Yes, Dad, Congress gave you a double exemption. You can claim your child (provided you furnish principal support) regardless of how much he or she made, and the students must claim themselves on their own return.

VISIT BROTHER

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hill of Hereford visited Saturday here rother, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill.



SORE THROAT

If redness and soreness in the throat is accompanied by fever, consult your physician. A sore throat may be caused by the dangerous and highly contagious strep (streptococcus) germ. Your doctor can readily determine if this is the case and then prescribe the proper medication.

Sp/5 Bernice Dale Fincher, nical skills and sound judgequirements, materially in-

> Specialist Fincher instructed new personnel in the use of equipment and conducted classroom training concerning the technical aspects of the mission, The success he achieved in accomplishing the mission reflect great credit upon himself, the Security Agency and the United States

The award was presented to Specialist Fincher at Kuma Station, Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan, Dec. 22, 1967, by his com-Although parents can claim manding officer, Col. Donald H.

Fincher received his disstudents during the year, 3 per charge Jan. 13 from Oakland,

Fincher was stationed for Norther Texas wanted help on two years in Turkey. His last

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Irrigation Water Conservation Important To Farming Area

Irrigation is vital to Texas farmers and yet the supply of ground water is seriously declining in several important ments caused by dwindling irrigated areas.

to C. Wayne According Keese, Extension agricultural engineer, the Panhandle-High Plains, the Trans-Pecos area and the Winter Garden of South Texas are areas experiencing a declining ground water level. He pointed out that the Trans-

Pecos region was the most seriously affected. "Declining ground water levels are doubly serious since water costs increase at the same time well yields de-crease," Keese said.

This is an important factor because ground water supplies over 80 percent of Texas irrigated acreage. And since farmers irrigate more than seven million acres of cropland or about one third of the state's total harvested acreage, new methods must be found to make the water go further.

should be given to developing areas and areas facing adjustground water supplies to meet the growing needs for food and

Keese said special attention fiber indicated by the population growth in the state, the nation and the world,

> Irrigation is necessary to Texas farmers if they are to meet the challenge of the future.

Angus Assn. To Be Organized

Final plans to organize four area Junior Angus Associations Friday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p. m., in Texas have been announced Showgrounds Auction Arena. by Dean R. Hurlbut, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association.

interested in breeding, feeding and showing Angus cattle, and will supplement the present 4-H Club and FFA programs, according to Waymon Ashley, Fort Worth, Texas, field representative for the American Angus Association.

The Meeting dates and locations will be: Amarillo -Sunday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p. m., Coronado Inn. Abilene - Monday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m., Thun-

derbird Motel. San Antonio -Houston - Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p. m., Ramada Inn.

Refreshments will be served The associations will be de- at each meeting and all youngsigned to help youngsters who sters interested in becoming members are invited and encouraged to attend. The meetings are being held in conjunction with shows in order to get the largest possible atten-

> For additional information contact Harold "Spoof" Cheatham, secretary-fieldman for the Texas Angus Association, 104 Livestock Exchange Building, Fort Worth 76101.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF "FARMERS STATE BANK"

of Hart, Castro, Texas at the close of business on Dec. 30, 1967 State Bank No. 1864 Federal Reserve District No. 11

		27-1-12		
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	on		2 133	
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed		16	5 000	00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions			NON	E
Securities of Federal agencies and corporations not guaranteed by U.S.			NON	E
Other securities (including \$corporate sto	oka)		NON	E
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Real estate owned other than bank premises.			NO	NE
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding			300	01
Other assets		2.07	7 507	7 12
TOTAL ASSETS.		201	1 321	14
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Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporation	ne	49	8 717	7 49
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Deposits of States and political subdivisions		18	8 982	2 84
Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions, central bank				
(Schedule E, item 7 and Schedule F, item 9)			NO	NE
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Certified and officers' checks, etc.			2 599	05
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(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$ 606,901.24 xx	x xxx	XXX	XX
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Other liabilities for borrowed money			NON	VF.
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding			NOI	NF
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			NON	VE.
other liens on bank premises and other real estate)				
TOTAL DIABILITIES		101	5 701	. 50
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(b) Preferred stock—total par value.				
No. shares outstanding				
(c) Common stock—total par value		7	5 000	00
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No. shares outstanding			5 000	0.00
Surplus.				
Undivided profits			0 000	- /4
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		207	1 341	14
A REPORT OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE RESIDEN				

I, W.A. Hawkins Jr., Exec Vice President & Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W.A. Hawkins Jr.

(Signature of officer authorized to sign report)

Correct--Attest: Ed L. Harris, Willis A. Hawkins Sr., Norlan Dudley, Directors

(SEAL)

State Of Texas, County of Castro, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 1968 and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

My commission expires June 1, 1969 Joe Newman, Notary Public.



OUTSTANDING NEW CHAPTER--Kress Chapter of Young Homemakers has been named outstanding new YHT chapter in the state. Announcement and presentation of awards were made at a special luncheon during the annual state convention held in Austin Friday and Saturday, Mrs. Linda Stanton, Area I YHT president from Idalou, accepted the gift of a silver serving dish for Kress Chapter. Making the presentation was Mrs. Jean Terry, state vice president from Teague.

Employer's Tax Returns Deadline Set Jan. 31

ployers have an important tax deadline Wednesday, Jan. 31,

This is the due date for reporting and paying withheld income tax and social security taxes for the calendar quarter ended Dec. 31, 1967, according to Ellis Campbell, Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for Northern Texas.

Employers who receive a preaddressed Form 941 should use this form to report their tax liability and should attach to the return the validated depositary receipts for the months

(Dallas, Texas) -- Em- of October and November. If you made a deposit for December, that receipt should also be attached.

Employers who made deposits in a Federal Reserve Bank or authorized commercial bank sufficient to pay their full tax liability for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1967, have until Monday, Feb. 12, 1968 to file Form 941.

January 31, 1968, is also the due date for reporting and paying Federal Unemployment Tax for 1967. Employers liable for this tax should file Form 940

Men To Be Named At Banquet

Six men of the twenty county area of the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America, be honored Tuesday evening, January 23rd, at the Scout-Annual Recognition Banquet. The honorees will not be named until the Banquet.

Davis Armistead and Champ Rainwater, Banquet co-chairmen have planned a gala affair for the 300 Scouters expected to attend. An additional highlight will be a short talk by Jim Cox, Jr., of Ralls. Jim has been selected as the Region IX (3 state area) representative in the Report to the Nation ceremonies during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 3-13.

Other prtgram features include entertainment by the Old Masters of Swing, special acknowledgment of the Unit Leaders, and short comments by the incoming Council President, Jack Strong.

The two chairmen stated that reservations must be made at the Council Service Center in Lubbock by Friday, January

EVENTS

JANUARY 22 Lions Club

> JANUARY 25 W.S.C.S.

VISIT RODNEY SMITHS

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Lacy

COMING *****************************

City Council

and family visited one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family at

Longhorn Trails

Rebecca Futrell Iona Clevenger Maria Caraca Car

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WE, THE PEOPLE By Rebecca Futrell

We, the people of the universe, are unfair! We, the people of the world, are unfair! And we, the people of the United States of America are unfair! This is a startling statement which you may resent. Take time out, get by yourself and take a good long look at yourself.

How often do you judge someone about whom you know nothing? You might reply to that question, "Hardly ever". Then look at it this way. When someone mentions Russia or Red China, do you think of the millions of Russians and Chinese that want peace and love for their families, or do you think of the few who run their country, who are anti-American and think democracy

To bring the situation a little closer to home, what do you know about the person who has the locker next to you? Are you familiar with him as an individual or do you know him by what the "gang" says?

This is not only true among teenagers but adults as well. Recently I was speaking to a member of the older generation. The discussion fell upon teenagers and then upon an individual. Her opinion was , "Of course, I'm not around him as much as you all are and I don't know him as well. We adults must judge all teenagers by what we hear." This is the trouble with the people of today. We no longer feel it is safe to trust anyone because we know

The world and America is falling apart and will continue to do so until we begin to find, for ourselves, the good qual-ities in people instead of searching tentatively for those bad habits of man.

The world is held together by love and love is a gift of God. Do you share this gift or is it hidden deep within your

Finals are finally over. The hard studying seemed to affect both varsity teams as they hit the courts Friday night. Both girls and boys fell to Anton with scores 41-32 and 67-43 respectively. High scorers were Rebecca Futrell with 20 for the girls and Donnie Black with 12 for the boys. Anton's Thelma Bell and Donnie Buchanan led the Bulldogs to their victories,

Hart won the B-team boys game 43-36.

Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good

- Benjamin Franklin

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- Benjamin Franklin

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IQ - Iona Clevenger Meanest - Gaylene Hawkins Smile - Joan Dudley Laugh - Janet McLain

District 1-B begins competition Friday night Jan. 19 when the Longhorns meet the Nazareth Swifts and Vixen in Hart, Let's back the Horns to the District 1-B Championship.

DEDICATION LINE:
- "Crying Time" to 6th
period study hall.
- "A Change of Heart" -

from the basketball boys

"Catch Us If You Can"-

to the Speech class.

- "Going Out of My Head
Over You; You're Just Too
Good to Be True" - to Danny and Becky.

- "Long , Tall Texan" to Rex from Shorty.

-"Baby, I Need Your Lovin" to Danny Sides from Sandy - "Please Love Me Forever" - to Gregg and Brenda

from Diane and Sandra. -"Am I That Easy to Forget" to Ronnie Truelock and Janet from S.

- "Spooky" - from Janet to Sandy.

-"Pushing to Hard" to Mrs. Cunningham from the Freshman Class.

"Love Me Two Times" to Steven from Janet -"Sonny" from Landra to

Mr. Washburn. -"Get Off My Cloud" to Mr. Washburn from Algebra I girls.

-"Dancing In the Street" to Bill from Janet -"Sure Gonna Miss Ya" to

Mr. Bledsoe from Freshman class.
-"Help" to Mr. Rich
- "Here Comes My Baby"

to Mark from Gaylene
-"Eight Days a Week?"

from Leta to Gary

- "Keep the Ball Rolling"
to "B" girls from Mr. Rich

-"Help Beautify America,
Let Your Hair Grow" to Ricky

from Gary.

SANDY BENNETT'S IDEAL Most Handsome - Jim Swindle Cutest - Andy Rogers Hair - Danny Sides Eyes - Mr. Rich Mouth - Mark Porter Physique - Landra Bruington Hands - Ricky Farris Walk - Jim Swindle Personality - Rex Henderson IQ - David Harris Meanest - Gary Rambo Smile - Harold Bennett Laugh - David Brooks

School Menu

Jan. 22, to Jan. 26, 1968 MONDAY- Hot dogs in chili sauce, whole new potatoes in GO HORNS! BEAT SWIFTS! cream sauce, tossed salad, peach cobbler, milk and butter.

TUESDAY - Brown beans, Spanish style macaroni and tomatoes, onion wedge, cornbread, peanut butter cookies, milk and butter.

WEDNESDAY - Fried chicken, cream gravy, broccoli spears, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, apple crisp, milk and butter

THURSDAY - Vegetable beef stew, one half sandwich, cabbage relish salad, plain crackers, banana pudding, milk and

FRIDAY mustard onion pickle relish, french fries, lettuce and tomato, cheese slice, ice cream bar,

NOTICE CITY TAX PAYERS

Avoid Paying 8% Penalty On 1967 City Taxes

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FHA GIRL OF THE MONTH--Reba English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert English, was selected as FHA Girl of the Month on the basis of the work completed during the past month.

Political Announcements

Castro Co. Sheriff

Jack Cartwright, (re-election)

Henry Meyers Ogletree

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I.E. "Tump" McLain

State Representative

Bill Clayton

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YOUNG PEOPLE

The United States today is largely a nation made up of young people, yet in 1790 nearly half of this country's population of four million were under 16 years of age.

CLEANS CHIMNEY

Here is a good tip for the home that boasts a fireplace, Burn dried potato peelings and they will keep the flue and chimney clean.

BOOK DECOR

Nothing adds to the lived-in personal quality of a room like books. Book-lined walls add a warm feeling to any room, and there's nothing more decorative than bright, colorful book jackets - the more the better.

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House for rent, Call 938-2477.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Kitchen range, good condition, \$30.00 1302 Second Street. Rod Roland, 28-3tc,

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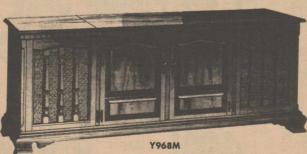
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Poison Control Center Established In Texas

Center at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston has been established as an informational consultant to all physicians and all poison control centers in a four-state region.

Serving Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, the regional center is expected to upgrade the measures for prevention, recognition and therapy of poisoning cases.

The center is charged with the responsibility of providing the responsibility of providing Goldman, associate professor physicians with information on of pediatrics, all associated

A Regional Poison Control the toxicity of various products and with recommending treatment when these products are ingested. The physician can, in turn, use this information to treat his particular poison case.

The regional center, spon-sored by the Public Health Service and the only one in existence today, is under the joint direction of H.A.K. Whitney Jr., director of pharmacy services, Joe B. Nash, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology and toxicology and Dr. Armond S. with the UT medical branch in Galveston.

Other clinical and basic science members of the University of Texas at Galveston are participating in the program.

There are currently 23 local poison control centers in Texas operating in conjunction with the State Health Department which will be using the consultive services of the regional center, as will centers in the other three states.

VISIT DUDLEYS

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley and daughter Connie visited Sunday in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norlan Dudley.



The inclusion of agriculture and agricultural workers under the National Labor Relations Act is a real and serious threat to the future of all farm commodity production -- and preventing its inclusion is going to be an extremely difficult task.

This is the impression left with Ed Dean, Director of Field Services for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., who just returned from a meeting of the National Council of Agricultural Employers in New Orleans.

Current efforts to bring agriculture under the NLRA are wrapped up in a bill by James O'Hara (D-Mich.), which ald extend collective would bargaining rights, under the jurisdiction of the National of the National Labor Relations Board, to farm workers all across the U.S.

According to Congressman Edward J. Gurney (R-Fla.), principal speaker at the NCAE meeting, the matter is expected to come to a head about Jan. 23 when O'Hara's bill is up for consideration by the House Education and Labor Committee. Gurney is a member of the committee and one of a definite minority committed to opposing

the measure.
"The Education and Labor Committee is packed with labor and welfare-minded Congress-men," Dean says, "and there is little doubt that O'Hara's bill will get a favorable report from it."

be the House Rules Committee which will schedule it for consideration on the House floor unless a rule can be prevented.

Dean points out that difficulin stopping passage of the bill stems from the widespread and well organized support it has generated. The Administration, National Farmers Union, the National Council of Churches and the AFL-CIO are solidly behind O'Hara.

"And while farmers growing everything from broomcorn to butterbeans are opposed to the bill, their lack of organization on a national scale makes it almost impossible to make their full weight felt in Congress," Dean said.

The National Council of Agricultural Employers, while it formally represents farm labor

users from all agriculture, is rather thinly supported.

Dean cites Texas agriculture as an example, Plains Cotton Growers, the Texas Cotton Ginners association, Trans-Pecos Cotton Association and a few interested individuals are the only ones active in NCAE

from Texas.

"It should be clearly understood, Dean states, "that the organizations and individuals represented in NCAE do not wish to deny any 'rights' to agricultural workers. It is simply that NLRA regulations, as applied by the National Labor Relations Board, would be disastrous to farmers forced to cial times during the crop

The seasonal nature of agricultural production has been cited by Congress in the past as the reason for its exclusion, and Dean believes:

"This reason will still hold good if, but only if, Congressmen and Senators can be made to see past the political expediency of labor-luring legisla-tion during an election year."

The Texas High Plains, openly referred to in recent years as the problem child of the cotton industry, was seen in a dif-ferent light January II and 12 by those attending the National Cotton Council's Beltwide Production and Mechanization Conference.

Three of the Conference's featured speakers called attention to great strides being taken on the Plains toward solution of the area's problems, and a fourth candidly admitted past USDA errors in assessing market demand for the shorter staple cottons for which the Plains has been noted.

Dr. Levon L. Ray, Agronomist at the South Plains Research and Extension Center, Lubbock, spoke on "Progress in Variety Improvement." He pointed out 1967 increases in both staple length and fiber strength, and left no doubt in the minds of his listeners that he looked on 1967 as merely a first step in the move toward longer, stronger cottons.

Something over 35 per cent of the Plains crop in 1967 will staple an inch or longer, and Dr. Ray stated that possibly as much as half the 1968 crop will be 1-1/32 inches or longer.

Pressley, or fiber strength, went from an average of 73,000 pounds per square inch in 1966.

pounds per square inch in 1966 to over 79,000 psi inthe current crop year. This, too, is due for improvement as producers switch to varieties with longer Next step for the bill will and stronger fiber potentials.

> Dr. Ray listed for the Conference the cotton varieties and fiber characteristics now gaining in popularity on the Plains and also called attention to new breeding lines being released that show even greater promise.

Dan Davis, General Mana-ger of the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, Lubbock, explained the operation of PCCA's "LSM" program in 1967 and gave details of that association's unparallelled system for measuring fiber samples by instrument. Title of his presentation was "Marketing Cotton on the Basis of Fiber Measurements,"

A, C. Robison, Deputy Director of the Cotton Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, Washington, D. C., talked about "Market Demands for Various Qualities of Cotton," and painted a picture of market demand for shorter staples considerably different from any emanating from Washington beemanating from Washington be-

Two addresses at the Conference stemmed from the widely acclaimed Boll Weevil Control Program carried out on the Plains for the past four years.

Dr. Perry L. Adkisson, Entomology Professor at Texas A&M University and key figure in the development and operation of the Plains weevil program, outlined the program's achievements and hopes for eventual eradication of the boll weevil as new and better techniques are developed.

Dr. Adkisson was followed by Dr. E. F. Knipling, Director of USDA's Entomology Research Division, who spoke encouragingly of "Technically Feasible Approaches to Boll Weevil Eradication," not just on the High Plains but across the cotton belt.

There's still a ways to go before the Plains will be singled out as a model area of cotton production.



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