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# EASTLAND TELEGRAM

EASTLAND, TEXAS 76448: Today's CENTER for tomorrow's FUTURE!

Sunday, January 16, 1972



**Eight Pages** 

While talking about im-

provements that could be made

to the Club House, one lady wanted to know what had

happened to the clock that was

on the west wall. The president

paused then added that the wall

wouldn't hold the nail. Does this

sound like they need a new club

preliminary casting for the

first production of 1972 at the

Eastland Civic Theater will be

held Monday, January 17, at 7

p.m. at the Theater, according to Mrs. Virginia Russell,

The play will be an old -

fashioned mellodrama the first

production of this ort ever

done here, she stated. Also

featured will be specialty acts

Men, women, and children of

all ages are invited to attend

this meeting and audition for

parts. The name and cast

members of the play will be

announced later, Mrs. Russell

The Eastland Mavericks

continued their District 8 - AA

come - back bid Friday night

beating the Winters Blizzards,

95 - 72, and putting five cagers

Bob Mace pushed 25 points

through, Randy Rexroat 20,

Craig Lund 17, James Eidson 14

and Bill Muller 11 in giving the

Mays a 3 - 3 record. Winters

fell to 2 - 4 with Jerry Mack

Jackson, the games standout,

scoring 28. He also added 20

Also hitting souble digits for

Winters was Jimmy Sims with

11 and Lee Choate adding 14.

pulled off an upset victory, 46 -

40 with Pam Beck scoring 18.

Winters is now 2 - 4 and Win-

ters 4 - 2. Jo Ann Crawford

scored 24 in leading Eastland.

In the girls' contest Winters

in double figures.

rebounds.

director.

at Intermission.

selection and

house and library???????

## Tid Bits

SALUTE, TODAY: Civil Service employees, whose commission was established on this date in 1883...Key birthdays upcoming: Benjamin Franklin (1706) Monday; Daniel Webster, (1782) Tuesday; and Robert E. Lee (1807), Wednesday...Question: Is Eastland planning now for celebrating 200th birthday of U.S. for 1976?... A firm that does that sort of thing says Eastland will celebrate Diamond Jubilee this year ?19720? Is that so?

BUSY DOINGS due Monday night when the City Commission holds its regular monthly meet. Understand quite a number of visitors are expected. They are always welcome, you know...On the agenda is to be an appearance by TESCO Eastland Division Manager with some important business; and there'll be talk of a Town Hall meeting; and other thinking to consider Eastland's directions for the future. Got any thoughts?

OLD CITY dump now locked up: use the new Sanitary Land Fill (turn west off Highway 6, immediately south of 1 - 20) open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

THE HIGHWAY'S gone: what does Eastland do? Rest on past laurels, and hope for the best? We think not

WE'VE GOT a better rural and highway traffic report from 1971, says Highway Patrol Sgt. Jerry Mathews. Through the last day of December, there were seven deaths on the county roads, compared to 16 in 1970. There were more people injured (129) in 1971, and 123. Actually total accidents were down: from 275 to 245 this year.

AN INSTITUTION has Poe has retired down at Coca Cola, after being Mr. Coke in Eastland since what, about 1938 or '39? Also retiring on Jan. 1, were Clarence Penn and E.E. (Jimmy) Garner. Walter Maynard has been named plant manager, and Milton Underwood is now Supervisor. Ted Martin has been added as bookkeeper her. Wayne Huff of Gorman is also new to the Eastland plant.

#### C of C **Tickets** On Sale

Eastland Chamber Commerce Banquet will be held Thursday January 27, 1972 at the Eastland Elementary School Cafetorium. Time 7 p.m. Price of tickets \$3.50. Jeff Glazner is outgoing president and Marcus O'Dell will be installed as new President.

Tickets can be purchased from Wade Freeman, Texas Electric, Otis Coleman, Tharp Tire Co., Darwin Miller, Victor Cornelius Menus, and Everett Plowman at Crain Motor Co. Monroe Rollins is chairman of ticket sales.

**EULLEN MOTOR** 



# Rehab Center in Process of Testing Local Students



Kellar Nevill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nevill is getting instruction on how to react to the hearing test that Dr. C.D. Carter is going to minister.

Hearing tests for some 1000 Eastland school students began at Eastland Elementary School Tuesday, January 10. The tests are being administered by staff members of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene. Audiologists C.D. Carter and George Ybarra are in charge of the Eastland tests.

All students in grades 1 - 12 will be tested for possible hearing problems. This will be done on Tuesdays until the program is completed. Most Elementary school students were tested Tuesday, with the exception of the second grade and absentees.

According to Dr. Carter this

program offered to Texas hearing and some children are in Eastland every Tuesday for this, with about half of these program, he stated.

whether a child has a hearing should be taken, he said. loss, a complete battery of tests He estimated that aptinued. The first test is set at children may have hearing

schools. The Eastland In- called back for further tests dependent School District has a because they do not understand contract with the Rehab Center the test instructions or are for speech and hearing ser- distracted during the vices. At present two staff screening. The next series of members from the center are diagnostic tests will discover speech therapy classes, as a students requiring additional part of this service. Most tests. Out of this group, about 50 schools, except those in larger percent will indicate hearing cities with school nurses, do not losses and parents and family have the opportunity to test for physicians will be notified hearing problems without this about the problem. It is then up to the parents and doctors to In order to determine decide what further procedures

is administered, Carter con- proximately 50 Eastland school the upper limits of normal problems. "The idea here is to



Brenda Hull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hull listens intently as George Ybarra checks her hearing. Mr. Ybarra and Dr. Carter are from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

suspected of having a hearing problem and investigate him

stated. He continued, "It is important that school children have this test. Children in the first 3 grades are more susceptible to ear problems these children who are having than younger children because of the Eustachian tube between the ear and throat becoming clogged or infections from upper respiratory infections."

'A child may be sitting in a classroom not really hearing what is going on. He may become irritable, hard to get along with, unresponsive, or his

find the child who is highly school work may not be up to par. He may also be classified as a discipline problem or individually," Dr. Carter hyperactive. The child does not realize what is wrong and most parents, even professional people, do not recognize that he

has a hearing problem.' "Our purpose is to try to find problems and help them to

solve them before they become deterrents to their school According to Carter, once the

Rehab Center has screened all the students in Eastland, children in grades 1 - 3, Special Education, or with special health problems will be screened every year. Grades 4 - 12 will be tested every other

#### **Eastland County HD Club Held Meet**

The Homemaker Class of First Baptist met in the home of Dorothy Awalt, 109 E. Sadosa at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Ruby Denny opened the meeting with a prayer. Business was discussed and the financial report given by Mrs. Awalt, followed by a devotional by Laura Trammell.

Refreshments were served to Gladys Milner, Winnie Young, Ruth Butler, Vera Keith, Irene Dutton, Ruby Denny, Estella

Augusta Milner and Hostess Dorothy Awalt.

#### Pennington To Speak To P-TO

of the Eastland Church of periences as Both a Parent and Teacher." at the monthly PTO meeting Tuesday at the Elementary School, President Roff, Laura Lou Trammell, Mrs. Bob O'Neal has an-

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James Pennington, minister nounced. Meeting time will be 3:30 p.m. and a nursery will provided.

Students will have a holiday Monday because of mid - term teacher report work.

# E. N. B. Gives Two Promotions



Mrs. Vernon Walker, left, and Mrs. E.R. Senkel. Jr., newly elected Assistant Cashiers of the Eastland National Bank, were presented corsages by Bank President, H.T. Wilson, during a personnel meeting Friday in the Bank Conference Room. The corsages were large white mums complete with "On the Square" emblems and long satin ribbons bearing the inscription, "Officer".

Following the Annual Stockholders and Monthly Directors Meetings of the Eastland National Bank, held Thursday, January 13, 1972, President, H.T. Wilson, announced that Mrs. Vernon R. Walker and Mrs. E.R. Senkel, Jr., were promoted to the positions of Assistant Cashiers. Mrs. Walker is Head Bookkeeper for the Credit Department, and Mrs. Senkel is Head Bookkeeper for Demand Accounts. Existing officers and directors of the bank were all re elected

Mrs. Walker, who is a graduate of Eastland High School, joined the bank on June 1, 1957, and has handled various clerical and bookkeeping duties through the years. She is a member of the First Baptist Church in Eastland and of the Abilene Chapter of the American Institute of Banking She is the former Marianne Myrick, daughter of the late Amos R. Myrick and Mrs. J.T. Raney of Eastland. She is married to Vernon R. Walker. an employee of the Texas Highway Department. The couple

live at 409 South Hillcrest, and are the parents of a four year old daughter, Jaime.

Mrs. Senkel joined the bank as a bookkeeper on June 2, 1969. She is a graduate of La Vaga High School of Bellmead, Texas, and attended North Texas State University in Denton. She was associated with the Baird Star, Turner Butane Company in Baird, and just prior to moving to Eastland. served bookkeeper for the First National Bank in Baird for four years. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, the Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. the Cisco Credit Women International. White Tops Softball Team, and Wednesday Night Ladies League and Thursday Night Couples League Bowling Teams. She is the former Carol Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Norton of Tennessee Colony. Texas. She is married to Erwin R. Senkel, Jr., Plant Supervisor of Aztec Mobile Homes, Inc. The couple resides at 303 North College

President Wilson added that the Bank is happy to add these two capable women to the staff of officers. Other officers, all re elected at Thursday's meeting are: J.P. McCracken, Chairman of the Board, H.T. Wilson, President, James Reid, Vice President and Comptroller: Grover Hallmark, Vice President; Jeff Glazner, Vice President; Mike Collins, Vice President and Cashier; Inez Harrell Bourdeau, Assistant Vice President; and Wyndle L.

Armstrong, Assistant Cashier. Russell Hill, M.H. Perry, Dr. M.A. Treadwell, Jr., Mc-Cracken, and Wilson were all re elected as Directors

In reviewing 1971. Wilson stated that he is very pleased with the bank's accomplishments, which resulted in reaching an all time high of \$12,613,461.19 in bank assets, and in the completion of the building expansion program, which included a second drivein teller's window, new private offices, employee snack bar, conference room, and expanded operational facilities. He expressed gratitude for the continued confidence residents of this area show in the bank, and stated that he is very optimistic about growth prospects for the bank and this entire community during this coming

#### Recovering Satisfactorily

Andy Taylor, who recently had lung surgery at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily and was moved out of the Intensive Care Unit Thursday. He is in Room A 615 and, according to a family spokesman, may be able to come home the first part of this

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By GayNell O'Brien

Biologist of Texas Electric Service Co., Fort Worth, in his talk at the Civic League Luncheon Meeting here Wednesday He said that he felt that the

ecology movement is serving a good purpose in educating the general public and others as to how we can protect and improve our environment, but that many, particularly some of the youth of the movement, want to do away with industry and all plants in general. In doing this, he pointed out, we would be going back prior to the middle ages in civilization and that most people feel this would be far worse

He pointed out that most industry and power plants, particularly those of Texas Electric Service Company, are spending millions of dollars in their endeavors to do all in their power to protect and improve the water they use. The State of Texas, he emphasized, has many times the water it did years earlier and that the electric plants are directly responsible for one - third of this increase, largely by damming up wat er supplies and storage areas and building

He showed slides of West Pakistan and their out - dated living conditions. One of particular interest was of a horribly polluted river, typical of their entire water supply, one drink without

boiling would mean sure death to an American. To the natives, he said, it meant just "not feeling well" and living to perhaps the age of 30!

The chief responsibility of wives and mothers of the country, he noted, was that of providing their families with water, which means walking great distances to streams or hand pumps provided through the country, taking hours each day for something Americans in general take for granted. Also, the problem of no

refrigeration or easy method of preservation of food was shown by the great difficulties encountered in trying to dry fish on a humid beach

Decorations for the luncheon were carried out along lines of the program topic, "This Land Is Your Land", with posters and pictures emphasizing points in Eastland that are in need of attention. Tables were decorated with "throw - away" bottles, collected from near by roads, containing fresh flowers, symbolizing the very essence of ecology.

In a brief business meeting in which the president, Mrs. Lynn Nicholson, presided, the members discussed support of worthwhile and needy projects now under consideration in Eastland.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mmes. Gene Johnson Don Barron, Don Harris and H.V. O'Brien.

Next luncheon - meeting is scheduled for February 16th in the Woman's Club with Mrs. Beeman Fisher of Fort Worth bringing a book review.



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gown and train and flowed into

an aisle wide court sweep. She

carried a cascade bouquet of

white miniature carnations and

stephanotis surrounding a

Miss Cathy Baggs of Bedford

served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Vicki Smith

of Hurst, cousin of the bride;

cattleya white orchid.

Miss Cynthia Ann Smith of Bedford, and Mr. Richard Albert Butcher of North Richland Hills were united in marriage during a double ring ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Hurst.

Rev. James H. Campbell of Hurst, formerly of Eastland officiated at the ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. James Keith Smith of 308 Sherwood Lane, Bedford, formerly of Eastland, are parents of the bride.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Jonnie Butcher of 7608 Sybil, North Richland Hills and James Butcher of 4645 Briarwood, Wichita Falls.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of Diamond white slipper satin and hand - clipped Chantilly lace studded in seed pearls. The lace empire bodice was designed with Victorian neckline outlined in lace and a see - through yoke of illusion heavily embossed in pearls. The lace sleeves were long and tapered. The free flowing satin skirt was appliqued in scattered lace medallions and repeated on the back of the built - in train, twin bands of lace accented the bottom of the

#### look who's new

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray Lasater of Duncan, Okla. announce the arrival of a son Jeffery Lee Lasater, born January 9 at 9:35 a.m.

The baby weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. at birth. Jeffery Lee is the first baby born in Ranger General Hospital for 1972.

Jeffery Lee has one brother, Landon Ray age three years. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. U.V. Williams of Eastland. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lasater of Eastland. Maternal great - grandmother is Mrs. W.A. Rodgers of Eastland. Paternal great - grandmothers are Mrs. Trannie Lasater and Mrs. Carrie Bryant of Carbon.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Eastland Jaycees for their wonderful package they sent me Christmas. Everything was really appreciated. It was very thoughtful of them to remember me at Christmas. It's people like you that make things a lot easier for all of us over here. I hope that all of you had a very nice Christmas and a very happy New Year. Thank You.

> Sincerely Sp 4 Danny R. Phillips 452 - 76 - 2331 330 - RRFS APO. 96240

Mrs. Lyn Rogers of Dallas, sister of the groom; Miss Vickie Baughman of Hurst; and Junior Bridesmaid was Terri Lynn Smith, sister of the bride. They wore waltz length gowns of royal blue velvet with Victorian necklines.

Mr. David Henry of Euless served as best man. Groomsmen were David Rogers of Dallas; Robert Koonce of Dallas and Kenneth Smith of Bedford, brother of the bride.

Miss Carla Rogers of Dallas and niece of the groom was flower girl and Jamey Smith of Hurst and cousin of the bride was ring bearer. Ushers were Billy Phillips of Canton and Kenneth Smith of Bedford.

Pianist was Mrs. Duane Gage and soloist was Mrs. Bud Lowry, sorority sisters of the bride's mother.

A reception was held in fellowship hall. Serving in the house party were Mrs. Gerald Smith, Mrs. Herman J. Smith, Mrs. Larry Smith and Mrs. Lendle Mitchell, Misses Karla Smith, Kathy Smith, Kari Smith and Sherri Smith. The hall was decorated in the bride's colors of blue and white.

Prior to the wedding, the bride was honored with a bridal shower at the First National Bank of Hurst, hosted by Miss Vickie Baughman and Mrs. Lendle Mitchell; and a bridal dinner hosted by Mrs. Herman J. Smith, Miss Vicki Smith and Miss Karla Smith at the Home of Mrs. Smith of Hurst. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's mother at Western Hills.

The bride is a graduate of L.D. Bell High School where she served as vice president of the F.H.A. She attended Tarrant County Junior College. The bridegroom is a graduate of Richland High School.

who received the Concert of Honor Award, John Marshall and Tom Morren also received their Eagle Scout Award. The presentation was made at the Scout Hut on Wednesday night, January 12. Mr. Winston Boles, scoutmaster, presided and presented Saul Pullman, a Holder of the Eagle Scout Award and who is also President of the Rotary Club which is the sponsoring organization for Troop 6.

The following members of Troop 6 received their tenderfoot badges; Bart Boles, Steve Chick, James Davis, James Doyle Auther Gaeta, Michael O'Brien.

Shown with the Eagle Scouts are their mothers, Mrs. Bob Blair, Mrs. C.P. Marshall and Mrs. John

Shop At Home

Following a trip to New Orleans, the couple will reside at 233 Dodson Street in Canton. Texas, where the bridegroom is associated with Chambers and Phillips Drilling Company.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil E. Moore, Trippy Moore, Elaine Thorne, David Stevens all of Breckenridge.



Kenny O'Neale and Troy Woods.

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ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning January 16, 1972, as National Jaycee Week. I encourage all Americans to accord due honor and recognition to the ideals and achievements of the U.S. Jaycees, and to the service minded men who carry on this good work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy - one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety - sixth.

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drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and army

of Rising Star High School.

Tommy Ray Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle L. Maynard of Route 1, Eastland. has enlisted in the United States Army.

Following Basic Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Tommy will be trained in Motor Transportation which he chose as his career field.

Tommy enlisted in Abileene on January 11th and was flown to Louisiana that afternoon. Tommy feels that a tour of duty in the Army will be beneficial to him in that he is learning a trade which he can use later should he decide not to make the army a career.

Ft. Knox, Ky .- - Army Private Ronald J. Wilson, 20, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton J. Wilson, and wife, Doris, live on Route 1, Rising Star recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Armor, Ft. Knox, Ky.

He received instruction in history and traditions.

Pvt. Wilson is a 1969 graduate

**Current Events** 

An off-shoot of the Gulf Stream warms Norway's coast year-round, enabling most inlets to stay ice free, even though they are on the same latitude as Siberia and southern Greenland.

Though the moon is potmarked with countless craters, many im-mense, meteorites fall so infrequently there is little danger to visiting astronauts. A lunar landing site is struck perhaps once in



Attention older 4 - H members...7th grade or over! A Junior Leader's Association is in the process of being organized. Membership to this association will come from 4 -H Club members throughout the county. All members who qualify (7th grade or over) are urged to attend the organizational meeting which will be announced next week.

The purpose of the association will be to have activities and recreation for older youth as well as train junior leaders to work with clubs in subject matter projects.

Several 4 - H members will be participating in the Abilene ck Show Monday January 17th at the Coliseum. Sicily and Joe and Hevser and Caryn Lee

from Cisco will be representing the Eastland 4- H.

meeting at the American Legion at 7:30 p.m. The program will be the installation of officers.

Twenty - five Rising Star 4 school. Ken Hounsel, vice standing job of presiding.

Johnnie Scott, organizational leader assisted Ken in planning the order of business. The Rising Star members are in the process of planning a Dog Show in conjunction with a 4 - H dog







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large part of the gain. The

projections are based on

studies of the Texas

Agricultural Extension Service

and one part of the "3.76 in '76"

program, a state - wide project

to increase Texas Agricultural

Cash Receipts, by more than \$1

NEW THE OLD TIMER "I REMEMBER"

From Elmo Menetre, Hot

Springs, N. Mexico: I remember very well the kerosene lamps and

kerosene lanterns with the cotton wick which needed trimming al-

most daily. We went to town in buggies and wagons — parked

behind the stores where many wagons and buggies were parked.

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians sat beside the buildings. The men

had their hair braided and the squaws wore blankets. They spoke

the Indian languages and made signs with their hands. You could

hear the sound of Indian drums on a still summer day.

The steam locomotive was in use then. You could hear them

for miles as they puffed along. Mother cooked over an ol

wood range stove, making her own bread. We lived in a frame house and blackjack wood was

winter night. Ear corn was made

into hominy. Soap was made from lard and lye. We killed our own

hogs, made head cheese and sau-

WREMEMBER the W



Proclamation Judge Scott Bailey Friday interrupied busy meeting day to sign a proclamation designating next week as "3.76 in '76" Week in Eastland County. County Agent De Marquis Gordon receives signing.

billion.

Cash gross income to farmers and ranchers in Eastland County should be more than \$15 million by the end of 1976, according to DeMarquis Gordon, County Agricultural

This will be an increase of more than \$3.5 million from 1968 - 69 figures, with cattle

Pot Luck

10 years by an outer-space object no larger than a bird seed.

Cisco 4 - H Club will be

H members met last Thursday, Jan. 13 at the elementary president presided at the meeting. Ken is a fine leader in the club and does an out-





Total cash receipts from an agricultural enterprises in Eastland County were about \$12 million in 1971, sasy Gordon. The most important one are Beef cattle, peanuts, and forage crops.

The County Agent said "Extension Specialists will conduct a short course in Peanut Production in Eastland County during the last two weeks of February." The purpose of the short course is to help solve some of the problems that limit peanut production in the county.

A state wide program to increase Texas Agricultural income by more than a billion dollars by 1976 was announced by Dr. John E. Hutchison, director. Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in January

This goal calls for \$3.76 billion in total cash receipts by the end of 1976 crop year, not including government payments. It was determined from projections by Extension Specialists and individuals in the agricultural industry. A committee of Agricultural Economists with the Extension Service studied past production records and made projections for 1976 based on current trends and expected improvements in technology and marketing.

Projections on an individual county basis were made by Program Building Committees. composed of agricultural leaders, businessmen and

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### Hospital Report

Patients in the Eastland Memorial Hospital TFriday

Vernon Carter Richard Cutting, Cisco. James Franklin, Cisco. Amy Dodson, Baird. Annie Westmoreland, Gor-

W.W. Walters. Emil Winge, Cisco Wilburn Whitlock, Rising

Eva Butler Maybelle McGinnis, Cross Plains

Irene Preslar. Ethel Levens John Cozart, Carbon. Arminta Hadley, Ranger Lola Brumbelow, Cisco. Jack Rector, Rising Star. Otto Adams, Carbon. Effie Sharp, Olden. Helen Kilgore, Cisco.

Avie Allgood.

Willie Walker, Cisco. Ruby McLearen, DeLeon Mary McCoy. Sue Hamilton, Olden. Fannie Turner, Strawn. Edith Wood Billie Mayfield. Mattie Davis, Gorman. Susie Howard Willie Harris. Jacqueline Hendricks, Cisco. Margie Green. Barbara Brinkley Baby Girl Fonville, Ranger Cora Hardin, Brownwood.

Charles Werley, Olden

Taylor Owens. Cisco.

Vera Schlaepfer, Cisco.

Winnie Sue Pearlie Highsmith, DeLeon. Eva Vasilio, Cisco. Yvonne Revels, Ranger Rita Fonville, Ranger. R.L. Fields. James Harris. Ryan Davis, Mingus Treta Vogel, Ranger. Millie Waldrep, Cisco Eva Davis Melrose Weems. Betty Threet, Cisco. Mildred Green, Gordon. Elbert Whitley. Breckenridge. Homer Duncan

Juanita Fields. Cisco.

Georgia Whitlock. Desdemona Patients in Ranger General Hospital Saturday morning Leona Hill Clara Pitcock Mrs. Henry Walton Claude Chadwick

Clyde Farmer Dora Lovera Maurice Hatton Rickey Williamson Claude Gilliam Clayton Steddum Allie Owens Ira Ainsworth J.E. Whisenant

Hollis Jones Sam Naylor Lillie Johnson Jack Rawls

Mrs. Orville Rogers and baby Gary Don Boyd D.C. Boney

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	Ranch Oven
	Ranch Oven Biscuits 8 oz. can ——12/*100
	TOWIE Salad Olives 5 oz. — 35° Towie Hot Chili
K	Olives 5 oz. 55
	Towie Hot Chili Peppers — 9 oz. — 33°
	Del Monte Early June
0	Peas — 303 can 4/8100
	Sugary Sam Cut
	Yams No. 3 squat — 35°
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## **Zeta Pi Holds Meeting**

Sigma Phi met Monday, Monday, January 10, in the home of Mrs. Ted Martin. Vice president Mrs. Don Brumbelow presided in the absence of Mrs. H.D. Alsup, president.

Members voted to support the Texas Beta Sigma Phi State Project - - The Steve Maxwell Memorial Hematology Laboratory in Austin - - with a contribution. Mrs. Kenny Payne reported on the club's Christmas project. In lieu of a Goodfellow donation, they helped two Eastland families personally.

In other business, members discussed a January social, a bake sale and other ways and

means projects, supporting efforts to reconstruct the City Park, and the annual Little Miss Eastland Pageant.

The Pledge Ritual for new members will be read Monday, January 17, in the Eastland Civic Room

Guest speaker Mrs. Gene Johnson gave the program on "Pleasures of Possession". She gave hints on re - doing home furnishings so that they can become family treasures. Mrs. Don Joiner was in charge of the program for the meeting.

Refreshments of sandwiches chocolate tarts, coconut balls. chips, and cokes were served to Mmes. Brumbelow, Payne, Joiner, James Fullen, Robert

Russell Walker, Richard Wilhelm, and a guest, Mrs. Gene Johnson, by the hostess.

### Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Eastland County will open bids on Monday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom for the purchase of a new 1972 model automobile for use by Eastland County Sheriff's Office. Successful bidder must take in trade 1968 model Ford automobile. Specifications for new automobile may be obtained

# Eastland Jaycees To Meet Monday Night at 7:30 p.m. in the Jaycee Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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BOTTOM ROW left to right; Jacqueline Webster, Diane Moore, Tresa Mathis, Hijardeir Dunn, Sharon Brown, Marie Reston. NOT PICTURED: Pam Golden, Sherri Phelps and Kaye Plowman. Leader Mrs. James Woods Jr.

Mrs. Woods stated that at this time the girls need a place to meet. At present they are meeting in the home of Mrs. Woods. Also if anyone is interested in the girls there is a desperate need for ladies to help with the troops.

Troop 194 consists of 2 troops in one, since they do not have enough ladies or sponsors for the girls. Anyone wishing to help please contact Mrs. James Woods at 600 S. Basset or call 629 -

### 7 Eastlanders

#### On CJC Lists

A Cisco Junior College student from Eastland has been named to the college's President's List, and six others made the school's Dean's List for the recently - completed fall semester of 1971.

The President's List includes students with a perfect "A' average in their semester's work, while the Dean's List honors those with a 2.5 grade point average under a 3 - point system, or a "B+" or better

Those from Eastland on the list include

Twenty - three CJC scholars the

President's List Lana S. Finley

Joel Craig Beskow

Jewl Bishop Jan Brewer Richard Glen Fox

Marcia Griffin Patricia Jones

prestigious President's List and a total of fifty - eight were on the Dean's List. The college had a total student enrollment of about 1000 during the fall semester, and about the same number are anticipated for the spring head

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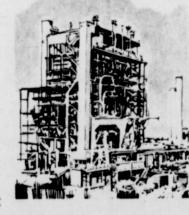
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### **HD NEWS**

By Janet Thomas County Home Demonstration Agent

Home Demonstration Club ladies in the county are busy making 4 - H aprons that will be presented to 4 - H boys and girls who participate in the county - wide 4 - H Food Show in February. Mrs. Dale Carlile is chairman of the H.D. Council's 4 - H Committee that is sponsoring this activity.

Kokomo Home Demonstration Club sponsored their annual community stew supper Saturday night. Money from the sale of tickets goes toward improving community acilities and sponsoring worthwhile projects.

A meeting of the Family Living Committee met this week in the Eastland National Bank Civic Room. Purpose of this committee meeting was to discuss areas of concern and need as it pertains to Eastland

#### County Home Demonstration News

The Eastland County Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting Wednesday, January 12, in the Farm Bureau Building. Mrs. Vergie Hale presided at the meeting. Mrs. L.E. Booth led the opening. Roll call revealed 18 members present. Various clubs gave their reports.

THDA chairman, Merle Campbell, gave a report on a training meeting that she attended. She announced that the District meeting will be March 23 at Gatesville

Janet Thomas, Eastland County Home Demonstration Agent, gave a brief talk on various study courses that will be offered to all.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be February 2.

#### New Officers To Be Elected At Lone Cedar

The Lone Cedar Country Club will hold an election of officers Friday, January 21 at 8 p.m. at the club. Every member is urged to attend.

#### New Sign Up **Dates Listed**

feed grain, wheat and cotton program are announced as follows: February 3 thru March 10, 1972.

Changes in the program for 1972 are anticipated and as soon as we have the information producers will be advised accordingly.

Eastland County ASCS Eastland, Texas.

#### Letter To The Editor

The annual meeting of the Eastland County directors of the Leon - Bosque Resource Conservation and Development area will be held Jan. 19, 1972 at 2 p.m. in the County Commissioners Courtroom.

This will be a very important meeting. Many of you have worthy projects under way or have possible proposals in mind. The Leon - Bosque R.C. & D. plan was authorized for operations recently and we are now ready to move right into the operations phase.

See you Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1972 at 2 p.m.

Sincerely yours, Sam Powers Steering Committee Member Eastland County

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County Families. Ideas for educational programs were discussed and plans tentatively made. Those attending the meeting were Mrs. Bill Herod. Ranger; Mrs. Dale Carlilie, Nimrod; Mrs. J.C. Clearman. Kokomo; Mrs. Olen Trout, Mrs. James Smith, and Mrs. Cecil Ellis, all of Eastland.

If you are interested in making your own candied fruit for baked goods, you might like to have this recipe for making candied fruit.

Wash, peel or otherwise prepare fruit according to kind. Weigh, allow 1 pound sugar and 2 cups water to 1 pound fruit. Boil sugar and water until sugar dissolves. Cook fruit in boiling water until just tender

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stand as before clear, plump, and glistening natural ease. after 6 or more such treatand dry in sun or very slow oven (250 degrees F.)

knits. Knit garments for men are available in almost all similar drying times. types. Markets are stocked with knit ties, dress shirts, body oils, lipstick or salad tailored shirts and sport coats future styles.

check the fabric. Double knit to the spot. The towel un-

Time will vary according to fabrics offer built - in give, kind and maturity of fruit, while knits bonded to other Drain. Add to cooled syrup. Let materials limit natural give. stand 1 - 2 days. Skim out fruit. Knit fabrics also vary from Drain. Increase density of sheer nylon tricot to heavy, syrup by adding 1/4 cup sugar to bulky sweater knits of acrylic each cup liquid. Boil until sugar or wool, or from loose lacy dissolves. Cool. Add fruit. Let textures to firmly knit fabrics.

If a knit garment is lined, you Repeat latter part of process should check the lining fabric. each 2 days until syrup is very A single knit or tricot is best. A thick. Fruit should become woven lining reduces the knit's

When machine washing ments. Then drain from syrup knits, use a warm water wash and cold rinse. Do not over dry. Sorting is also important for success in the care. Sort by The password to men's color because new knits may fashions this spring echoes bleed the first few washes. Sort easy - care, wrinkle resistant by weight so that each load consists of garments requiring Removing oily stains, such as

dressing, requires only a few and suits. And manufacturers simple steps. Turn the garment promise even more knits for wrong side out over an absorbent towel. Apply a small When shopping for knits, amount of drycleaning solvent

57€

416

41€

67€

37€

424

934



## ordon

by DeMarquis Gordon

This must have been a good noticed all the pictures of the Texas Size vegetables in the papers recently? George Stephenson of Rising Star had the 3 1/2 pound cauliflower, Doc Ford of Eastland produced a huge 14 inch long carrot and Frank Turner of Carbon brought in the 10 pound turnip. E.L. Hazelwood of Cisco also grew an 8 pound 12 ounce turnip.

derneath will help draw the stain away. Follow the solvent with an application of liquid detergent to keep the solvent from forming a ring. Then regular laundry procedures

Only a few weeks ago we year for vegetables. Have you heard that Texas was in phase IV of the Hog Cholera Eradication Program. This means that there were no known cases of hog cholera in Texas for a three month period. This week we received word that there have been a number of cases of hog cholera diagnosed in Texas recently.

Because of the new outbreak

of the disease the hogs in Texas are once again quarantined. The Texas Animal Health Commission imposed the quarantine on to contain the disease. The quarantine is on all swine for 30 days at the premise of destination following any movement and no

movement from such premise except for slaughter shall be allowed for the period of the quarantine. This premise quarantine will automatically expire after the 30 days. The quarantine began on January 6.

There will be no permits given except for hogs entered in livestock show. These hogs must have health certificates and be inspected. Hogs being sold for slaughter will not need

Livestock feeders should be aware of a new restriction on the use of diethylstilbestrol (DES), a synthetic growth promoting hormone used in livestock feed. The new ruling became mandatory on January

Under the new program federal meat inspectors will hold all cattle and sheep from slaughter at least seven days unless the animals are certified as having been withdrawn from 1972.

DES at least seven days before slaughter. The new program will

provide further assurance that DES residues will not be found in the nation's meat supply.

Violators will be subject to criminal prosecution by the Food and Drug Administration.

Eastland County Sheep and Goat Raisers will have an opportunity to vote on a Proposed Predator Control Program in the near future. The Texas Agricultural Commissioner granted the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser Association the right to hold the

Producers in 73 counties of West Texas will vote on whether or not to allow deduction of 20cents per head for sheep and 10 cents a head for goats to be used in the predator control program. Balloting will be by mail and as not having been fed DES or will end at midnight March 28,

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Mr. Bakker came to Eastland

from Temple where he worked

in the funeral business for four

years. He met his wife Sue,

there, where her mother still

A native of Youngstown, he

served in the Air Force as an

Korea and other stations. After

Howard Payne for one year.

plans to be announced, will

mark the opening of the new

Cedar Country Club.

business in February.

Bakker Funeral Home, one of Eastland new businesses, will open at 306 W. Plummer St., in mid February, Owner - Manager Dale Bakker has announced

Mr. Bakker, a licensed embalmer and funeral director for the past ten years, said that that the new home will offer a complete funeral and ambulance service to all the people of Eastland and surrounding area.

Mr. Bakker came to Eastland in 1962 and is a well - known funeral director here. He and Mrs. Bakker have two children. Jeff, 8, and Jodie, 5. They live at 712 S. Ammerman St.

The new funeral home will feature a chapel with a seating capacity of approximately 200, facing west: and a family room for about 34. The casket display area will offer some 18 units; and two reposing rooms, sitting rooms and office space will fill the some 4,500 square feet, completely remodeled and modernized building.

One outstanding feature will be a covered driveway for use by families on the east side of the building. A private music room will be provided and parking areas will be to the south and east

Bakker Funeral Home will offer pre - need funeral plans and honor all existing burial policies and pre - need plans, Mr. Bakker said.

To be offered will be a 24 hour ambulance service

Capital Art of the World's great mu-

seums, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., will more than double its exhibit space when a new building is completed in 1975. More than years. Its collection has grown from 126 paintings and 21 pieces of sculpture to more than 30,000 works of art

#### Spring Semester at R. J. C.

Spring semester for Ranger Junior College will get underway Monday with the first class scheduled to begin at 8:10

Pre - registration began Jan. 9 and continued through Friday, Jan. 14.

Students enrolling for the spring semester are reminded they must have proof of immunization for diptheria and tetanus and, if under nineteen. polio. The inoculations must have been within the past ten years

Courses being offered at RJC for the spring semester on Monday. Wednesday and Friday are music; accounting principles; intermediate typing; coaching major sports; required PE (women): biology; chemistry; algebra; speech; office machines; foundations of health; elementary Spanish; anatomy and physiology; American history; general psychology; English; geometry; farm shop (Monday and Wednesday); economics; crop production (Wednesday and Friday); American State and local

Concert choir; shorthand: baseball; English literature; New Testament Survey; Plane Trigonometry; Farm Shop Lab and American history; women's track.

Jarl D. Cagle

Jarl D. Cagle, 49, died at 12:45 p.m. Friday of injuries at Arrington Funeral Home in sustained in an accident Eastland for Z.W. Cook, Route Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Cagle, a lineman for Comanche County Electric Co Saturday morning at 1:45 a.m. op, was working on an in the Ranger General electric pole near Cisco when Hospital. the pole broke and fell.

Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Olden Baptist Church with the Rev. Wallace Pierce, pastor, officiating.

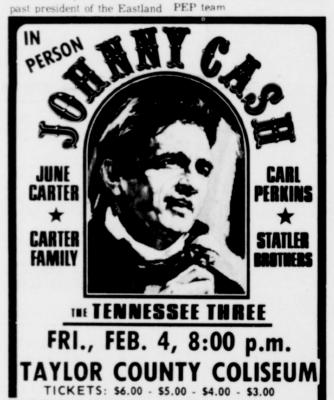
Burial will be in Eastland Cemetery under direction of Arrington Funeral Home.

Mr. Cagle was born Sept. 13, 1922, in Sipe Springs. He had lived in Olden the past 22 years. He married Mary Lee Overstreet May 23, 1942, in Gorman. He was a member of Olden Baptist Church and was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ronnie of Sweetwater and Bobbie of Eastland; one daughter, Mrs. Joe White of Fort Hancock; three sisters, Mrs. Artie Taylor of Valley Mills, Mrs. Virginia Schookman of Montgomery, Ala., and Mrs. Billie Hooks of Olden; four brothers, J.W. and Coy, both of Ranger, Billy Wayne and Ben Earl, both of Eastland: his mother, Mrs. Eula Cagle of Olden; and three

Jaycees and an Outstanding Young Man selection of that organization. The family attends the First Baptist Church. Air Policeman for four years in and Mr. Bakker is a Mason. He is a member of both the West his discharge, he attended Texas and Texas Funeral Directors Association

and graduated from the Dallas He serves on the Eastland Institute of Funeral Directors. Chamber of Commerce board At 36, he is a member of the of directors, and is a member of Eastland City Commission, is the chamber's industrialization



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Inc., has announced that the firm will expand its present warehousing and manufacturing space by 200,000 square feet. The additional space will be in the expansion of some existing plants and the addition of new facilities.

A Byron Reed, President of the national apparel and textile firm, said that the increased sales volume of merchandise in both the Men's and Boys Division and the Vassarette women's apparel division is putting a demand on production facilities that can no longer be accommodated by existing manufacturing and warehousing operations.

Increased production in the Men's and Boys' Division expanded Hominy, Oklahoma, plant will be nearly accomplished by the first of the year. The added 13,000 square feet at that facility will be used primarily for nylon and balbriggan pajama production. Formerly production at that plant was exclusively men's underwear. The workforce will be increased to 370 people. Arrangements for the expansion of the leased plant were made through the Hominy Industrial Trust

The Men's and Boys' Division has negotiated a lease for a sewing plant at Pawnee, Oklahoma, about 32 miles from the Hominy plant. The 48,000 square foot plant was previously operated by Emle Mills and will be leased from the City Industrial Authority.

Initially this plant will manufacture men's underwear and sport shirts. Presently all fabric manufacturing and cutting for the division is done in Minneapolis. It is anticipated that 80 people will be working in this plant by March, and that by the end of the year, about 180 will make up the total workforce. A manager for the Pawnee plant has not been

A 40,000 square foot warehouse will be opened in the Minneapolis suburb of Edina to accommodate men's and boys' furnishings. Relocating the warehousing of these lines will free space at the manufacturing headquarters in Minneapolis for the increased knitting, cutting and finishing operations. The leased building is currently being renovated and it is expected that it will be in operation sometime after the

first of January. The Vassarette women's apparel division of Munsingwear will construct a 126,000 square foot warehouse in Memphis, Tennessee, to replace an existing facility in that city which the division leased in 1965.

The new warehouse will be located in the South Perkins Industrial Park with the building facing on Burbank Street. Construction arrangements for the structure are being made through Boyle Investment Company, Memphis developers

President Reed said that the new warehouse with expanded space is needed to handle increased sales, product lines,

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production, and also to absorb merchandise which is presently being stored in the firm's Hamilton, Alabama, lingerie

manufacturing plant. The new building will be 30 feet high allowing for cube storage and improved utilization of space. There are other innovations under consideration which could greatly improve customer service and add to operating economies. The building will be completely air conditioned and humidity controlled.

Estimated completion date for the warehouse is early summer of this year.

Expanding sales Vassarette lingerie, robes and

loungewear have also required additional production space in the manufacturing plants in Alabama and Mississippi. A 23,000 square foot expansion is presently being constructed at the Guin, Alabama, plant, increasing its size to 75,000 square feet This space will be utilized to increase the over all manufacturing capabilities of the divisions lingerie manufacturing.

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Special Supplement to The Cisco Press, The Eastland Telegram & The Ranger Times Sunday, January 16, 1972

# WE PICK BARNES FOR GOVERNOR

An Editorial

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes is this newspaper's pick for the office of the Governor of Texas, both in the May Democratic Primary and the November General Election of 1972.

Out - and - out endorsements by newspapers this early are unusual, we'll concede, but the decision is made believing that these are unusual times for the State of Texas. It is felt that strong leadership based on experience and natural talent will provide the strength Texas needs now and in the years to come.

We believe that Good Neighbor Ben Barnes deserves the promotion to the state's highest office. In our opinion he has served well as a State Representative, Speaker of the House and as Lt. Governor.

About the only debit points you hear about his candidacy for governor are:

1. He's too young; he's risen too far, too fast in Texas politics.

2. He's too wealthy; how could such a modestly - salaried state official acquire so much wealth in such a short time?

He might be involved in the Sharpstown stock scandal in some way.

When you meet Ben Barnes eyeball - to - eyeball and ask him about these things, he answers:

1. I'm flattered by the statement that I've come far, fast. I can only say that it "just didn't happen." My friends and I know that I've worked hard, and if the rewards have been great, then I'm also glad for that. I question the phrase "Too fast!! For what? I believe that we live in a fast world and our nation's landing of men on the moon proves that things are happening fast around us. With communication and transportation being what it is today, there doesn't seem to be any other safe way to move.

2. Wealth has been discussed by the Lt. Governor before and Mr. Barnes patiently explains each time it comes up, about his becoming an investor in 1964 in the Herman Bennett Co., a Brownwood construction firm; that he and his father bought a couple of peanut farms, of about 950 acres; and that the Ben Barnes Club contributions are used for campaign expenses. Barnes says he has been "in and out of the stock market" and has made enough profit there "to enable me to use my farm money to pay for the land."

3. On the Sharpstown affair, Barnes looks you right in the eye and says, "I never bought a share of National Bankers Life stock. I never had a loan from the Sharpstown State Bank. I never made any quick stock profits, and I have never even met Mr. Frank Sharp."

SPEAKER BARNES is a Democrat, with a moderate- to - conservative voting record in the Texas House where he has served since 1961.

He is identified with the John Connally leadership on the state level and was a strong supporter of President Johnson.

He cut his campaign teeth in the first presidential election in which he ever voted, speaking in behalf of the Kennedy - Johnson presidential ticket when that wasn't an altogether politically popular move, and as a House member he was one of Gov. Connally's lieutenants.

In state government he favors the progressive approach.

As the state moves from a rural to an industrial system there is need for "realism, flexibility, the ability to consider issues on their merit," he believes.

On several points he has firm convictions.

One is that the states should assume their responsibilities or the federal government will. ("Take aid to education....if the states had done what they should there would have been no excuse for the federal government to move in. Now we have federal aid to education.")

Another is that industrial development should be pushed in the smaller cities and towns of Texas.

SPEAKER BARNES is a product of the rural areas of West Central Texas, specifically, Comanche County.

He was born April 17, 1938, at the hospital at Gorman, son of the B.F. Barneses of Comyn, a community on the Leon River seven miles from DeLeon.

He was to be named for his father and great - grandfather, Benjamin Franklin. But his mother decided on the informal version of the family name, Benny Frank, and, when he was old enough to do it, be decided to shorten that to Ben F.

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Barnes and State Peanut Queen, Kay Hoffmann



Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes & Sen. Tom Creighton

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### **Barnes Gets Attention Texas Political Scene**

BY JIMMY BANKS Austin Bureau of The News

AUSTIN, Texas - When big Ben Barnes bangs his gavel in Texas House of Representatives, it knows it has been banged - and so does just about everyone in the west wing of the Capitol.

Strong men sometimes shudder, in fact - especially if they happen to have custody of the microphones on the rostrum. There is nothing timid about the 6 - foot - 3 - inch, 230 pound Speaker of the House. He seems to put much of his dynamic, youthful vigor behind each blow of the gavel, capturing the attention of his 149 colleagues as surely and as suddenly as he vaulted into the state's political limelight.

Barnes always has been an attention- getter.

AT THE RIPE old age of 28, he commands the respect of such shrewd political experts as President Johnson and Gov. John B. Connally. He had been in politics less than two years when Sam Rayburn died on Nov. 16, 1961, after serving as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives longer than anyone else in history; but he already had captured the attention of Rayburn, who advised a close friend that Barnes "has what it takes."

Rayburn undoubtedly referred primarily to such qualities as personality, judgment, ingenuity, oratorical ability - and the knack for being in the right place at the right time.

But Rayburn knew, and Barnes knows, that another essential ingredient must be listed among "what it takes" for a successful political career: Money.

Some of Barnes' constituents, in his 4- county legislative district, also realized this a little more than a year ago and 168 of them each began contributing \$10 a month toward advancing his political career. The money goes into a special fund which they control. They use it to pay such things as travel expenses for many of Barnes' speaking engagements, which have totaled more than 300 during the past 18 months.

BARNES SAYS he has not drawn on this "Ben Barnes Club" fund for personal or family expenses - and actually has withdrawn a relatively small amount for political expenses, since he always asks those who invite him to speak to furnish a plane for transportation if possible.

"Most of the money they've collected is still there," he

Sponsors of the club, originated by Brownwood radio station manager Wendell Mayes, are attempting to enlarge it in case Barnes runs merce.

for governor or some other state-wide office next year.

Barnes shares their belief such financing, "obligating" him only to a large cross-section of his constituents, is much more desirable than the more common method of seeking political contributions from lobbyists.

After a Fort Worth legislator complained last week about the "Barnes Club" financing, an Austin lobbyist telephoned Barnes to compliment him on

"I'VE READ about how much traveling you've been doing," he said, "and I'd wondered why you hadn't hit me up for a contribution. Now I understand where that travel money comes from."

Lack of money threatened briefly to short- circuit Barnes' phenomenal political career at its inception. But he proved hard work an acceptable substitute for cash in a legislative race - although, in the days when he sold vacuum cleaners door - to - door in Austin, he undoubtedly felt there was no substitute for

A native of DeLeon, Barnes grew up on his father's farm and lettered four years in football at DeLeon High School. He was offered football scholarships by several schools when he graduated in 1955 but a back injury, later diagnosed as a slipped disc, kept him from accepting.

He attended TCU during the fall of 1955, married his high school sweetheart on Feb. 22, 1956, and then transferred to John Tarleton College for the spring semester. That summer, he took a pick - and - shovel mining job in Colorado; in the fall, he moved his family to Austin and entered the University of Texas.

BARNES WORKED parttime for the State Health Department while carrying a full load of studies at the University of Texas, then sold vacuum cleaners at night and on weekends

"If he hadn't quit that," an admiring friend remarked recently, "every house in Austin probably would have at least two vacuum cleaners by

While Barnes apparently could sell anything, he has been most successful in selling himself and his ideas on how the state government should be operated.

When he decided to run for the Legislature, just seven years ago, he went first to a highly respected friend in his home-town for advice. The mere idea of Barnes running for the Legislature shocked C.H. (Ham) Locke, rural mail carrier and secretary of the DeLeon Chamber of Com-

"I was stunned," said Locke, "because the man already in that race was a well-known, personable man who had spoken to every ladies' group around here half a dozen times.

"I asked Ben if he had any money," recalls Locke."He said, 'no, but I've got a friend who is willing to print me some cards and I know where I can borrow a little money. I think I can win it on shoe leather."

"And he did wear out a lot of shoes," Locke added.

BARNES AND HIS attractive wife, Martha, handed out 65,000 cards during that first campaign, knocking on "nearly every door in Brownwood" and practically all those in the rest of the

He defeated a well-known Brownwood man in that race and has since been unopposed. His lack of opposition has enabled him to direct both his efforts and the contributions of enthusiastic supporters toward higher office. It freed him to campaign in 1962 for Gov. John Connally, who was so impressed by the friendly, sandyhaired youngster that he promptly tagged him "one of the most capable young men to appear on the Texas political scene in many years."

Shortly after his election to the Legislature, Barnes received a visit from Byron Tunnell of Tyler, seeking his vote in the Speaker's race. The two quickly became friends and Barnes campaigned with other representatives for Tunnell, who was elected Speaker in January, 1963.

Barnes served as chairman of the Rules Committee - and as Tunnell's strong right arm in the House that session. He also began gathering pledges of his own for the 1967 Speaker's race. Then, suddenly, on Jan. 8, 1965, political lightning struck.

Tunnell, with re-election as Speaker in the bag, was appointed by Connally to the Texas Railroad Commission. Barnes, in a non- stop, 36- hour telephone campaign, contacted his House colleagues and persuaded them to move up by two years his elevation to the speakership. He was reelected this year without opposition.

DURING HIS first term, he quickly expanded the scope of the Speaker's position into what most people would consider "fulltime."

"If you're going to do this job," Barnes explained, "you need to be informed. In a state as big and complex as Texas, you can't get properly informed on all the problems we face just by being Speaker for 140 days every two years."

Thus, Barnes spends 365 days year serving as Speaker handling his personal business in his spare time, frequently from airport telephone booths ne's Massian is the oldest building of the Capital Complex. It's open to exitors (0-12 noon, Monday through Priday,



between flights. The more he sees of Texas and its problems, the more convinced he becomes that all legislators should work "fulltime" and meet every

One of Barnes' qualities most admired by Connally and other observers is his ability for hard work and his apparently endless energy. Barnes averages less than six hours' sleep pernight when the Legislature is not in session - and much less when it is in session.

HIS WIFE shares his capacity for hard work and long hours. She worked as a secretary here throughout most of his first legislative term, until shortly before their second child, Amy, was born on Jan. 31, 1962. Their oldest child, Greg, is 8.

Back in DeLeon, where Barnes' father is a farmer and his mother a nurse, Ben and Martha spent part of their early married life remodeling and painting an old house they bought. They resold it, recalls the literal- minded Ben, for a profit of "about \$1,180."

After moving to Austin, they bought another house here with the aid of Barnes' father, who co-signed a note calling for monthly payments of \$66. Ben and Martha repaired and repainted that house in their spare time, then sold it a short while later for \$1,200 profit. In the meantime, he was earning a business administration degree from the University of Texas.

A short while later, Barnes demonstrated the same type of confidence in his business ability which he seems to have in his political future. He borrowed what he terms "all the money I could" to invest in a Brownwood construction firm. The firm has prospered and enhanced his credit rating - as has his status as a highranking state official with a bright future - enabling him to

invest in motels at Bryan and Del Rio. He also owns an interest in franchises for new motels to be built in Plainview and Marshall

IN ADDITION, he and his father own three Comanche County farms totaling 950

I guarantee you," he declared recently in describing those farms, "that I'll make enough off my peanut crop to live on this year."

As Speaker of the House, Barnes is furnished with a rent- free apartment, including utilities, in the Capitol. In addition, he receives the same pay as other legislators: \$4,800 per year plus \$12 per day for the first 120 days of any legislative

The criticism of the "Ben Barnes Club" which helps foot the bill for his political expenses came just three days after he reiterated his intention to seek again this session a law requiring state officials including legislators - to disclose the sources of their income. He noted that he has backed such a bill during the past two regular sessions of the Legislature and it has been passed by the House both times but killed in the Senate.

BARNES DECLARES firmly that there are no secrets about his income, past or present. He is proud to have baled hay, hoed peanuts, worked in a Colorado molybdenum mine, driven a creamery truck and served as a briefing clerk in a law firm while attending the University

He obviously is also proud of the work his wife did in helping them to get started - both as a secretary and as a "part-time house- painter."

Like most businessmen, Barnes has suffered some setbacks in his investments; not everything he has touched has turned to gold, but this fact has left him seemingly unperturbed,

#### what others say:

## A Man To Get Things Done

BY BO BYERS Special to The Star

AUSTIN - The most intriguing question in Texas politics these days is a simple one: will young Ben Barnes of DeLeon become as dominant a political figure as Lyndon Baines Johnson?

The question may seem premature, for Barnes is only 30 years old and has held elective office only eight years. But he will be sworn in as lieutenant governor Jan. 21, advancing from the office of speaker of the house which he has held for four years

And he won the lieutenant governorship last November with the largest vote any statewide candidate ever received in Texas, 2,040,000 to his Republican opponent's 792,000

Barnes, whose climb to prominence has paralleled the six - year administration of Gov. John Connally, smiles benignly at the suggestion that he has become the big man of the future in Texas politics.

A down - the - line conservative in his first two terms as state representative, Barnes emerged from his four - year speakership as a concensus politician with considerable appeal for many liberals.

With Lyndon Johnson departing the presidency and Connally stepping down from the governorship, there is no other officeholder with the potential of Barnes to move to the fore as the major political spokesman for Texas

Sen. Ralph Yarborough, liberal Democrat, never will be accepted by the conservative Texas political establishment as a spokesman for the state. And he is 65.

#### TOWER LACKS SUPPORT

John Tower. Republican, may be the coalition choice of Texas Republicans and liberal and conservative Democrats on election day, but the Democrats are not willing to give him their support on political issues

Gov. - elect Preston Smith, who succeeds Connally Jan. 21, has indicated he already has achieved his highest ambition by winning the office of chief executive of the state. At 56, he appears satisfied to serve a couple of two- year terms and retire to his lakeside home near

Thus, Barnes stands alone as the man young enough, and the man with the demonstrated political know how, the backing, the energy and the ambition to build a political career comparable to that of Johnson.

Over the past three years Barnes has received enough recognition to begin describing himself in the biographical sketch used by his office as "a state and national political

He is a member of the executive committee of the National Conference of State Legislative Leaders; the executive committee of the Council of State Governments; and immediate past chairman Southern Conference of the Council of State Governments.

He serves on President Johnson's Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and is on the board of directors of the States' Urban Action Center, a nonpartisan group assisting the nation's governors in their effort to meet the problems of urban

His rapid political rise and outward signs of affluence expensive dress, quickness to pick up the tab for dinner parties and social outings, and heavy travel expense - have made Barnes the target of much inquiry.

The common question is "How did Barnes happen to get where he is so fast?" There is no clear- cut answer.

Barnes regularly has been described as Connally's political protege since the 1963 legislative session when he emerged as chief liaison between House Speaker Byron Tunnell and Connally

This was no achievement, for Barnes was only in his second term as a state representative and had made no great splash in his first term

#### A GO - BETWEEN MAN

Observers were quick to note, however, that Barnes not only was the key communicator between Connally and Tunnell but also was closely allied with Frank Erwin Jr., an Austin attorney

Erwin - one of the first to encourage Connally to run for governor in 1960 - was appointed by Connally to the prestigious University of Texas board of regents in 1963. He's now chairman of the regents and served as Connally's choice for Democratic national committeeman until last August

Barnes who has not found time to finish law school at the University of Texas, worked as a clerk in Erwin's office between the sessions of 1963 and

He had worked with Erwin in Connally's successful 1962 campaign, even though Barnes himself was running for reelection. Barnes' decision to support Connally at that time has been cited as an example of the young man's political perspicacity, for Connally was not well known to Texas voters and was not considered the favorite for the Democratic

The feeling that Barnes owes much of his political advancement to Connally was heightened by an odd turn of events in January 1965.

On Friday, Jan. 8, 1965, four days before the Texas legislature was to convene, Speaker Tunnell resigned to accept a Connally appointment to fill a vacancy on the threeman Texas Railroad Commission (the agency which regulates the oil and gas industry.)

Tunnell had been certain of re- election as House speaker. Barnes, who served as Tunnell's choice for chairman of the influential House Rules Committee on the 1963 session. had been one of the persons instrumental in obtaining pledges from house members for Tunnell's re-election as

With Tunnell's sudden departure from the legislature, Barnes and his political lieutenants launched a 48 hour telephoning blitz. And before other hopefuls knew what was happening. Barnes had the speakership sewed up.

To this day Barnes and Connally deny that what happened was the result of a plot to get Tunnell out of the way (Tunnell had given Connally some trouble on his program during the 1963

With Connally leaving office and Barnes well entrenched politically, Barnes exhibits increasing impatience with talk that Connally and Barnes put him where he is.

"I have never really answered this, and I think probably I should," he said. "I don't want to offend either Connally or Erwin when I say this, but I had 100 pledges to be elected speaker of the house and I'd say being speaker has been my stepping stone without one single bit of help from anyone except possibly Byron Tunnell, and I had the house speakership assured me before John Connally or Frank Erwin did one thing to help me at all.

"I don't mean to sound vain, but I was elected to the Texas legislature before John Connally ever came on the Texas political scene (as a candidate for public office). I had served in the House two years and established some type of rapport with the House.

"As a matter of fact, I think I never had discussed running for speaker with John Connally. As a matter of fact, I think I probably had 50 or 60 people pledged before John Connally and I ever talked about me running for speaker.

"John Connally's promoting Byron Tunnell to the Railroad Commission probably moved my timetable up, but if I had stayed alive and been reelected (in 1966, as he was ) I was going to be elected speaker (in 1967) because I already had over 100 pledges."

Barnes hastened to add John Connally has been my 1967, in response to a reporter's

political friend, and he is my personal friend.'

The seeming discrepancies in Barnes' references to 100 pledges and 50 or 60 pledges probably can be explained as relating to different periods -50 to 60 pledges before there was ever any discussion between Connally and Barnes about Barnes running for speaker, and 100 pledges (for 1967) when the opportunity suddenly opened four days before the start of the 1965

#### A FRIEND OF LBJ'S

As for Erwin's role in Barnes' climb to political prominence, Barnes says only that "Frank is a dear friend. He's much more a personal friend than a political friend. He's been much more involved in the work of the university board of regents than any political operation. It's a personal contact and a social contact much more than it is a political contact, and he is my friend."

A much less obtrusive but potent friendship has been that of the man with whom Barnes now is being compared, President Johnson

The roots of that friendship are in the 1960 presidential campaign. Although from a conservative, four - county West Texas district, Barnes jumped into the campaign in support of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket

Barnes, making his first race for the legislature, had proven his own popularity in the spring Democratic primary by defeating a favored opponent by a 5- 1 margin.

Barnes had little money for the race but had the backing of the Texas Manufacturers Association, a conservative group which goes looking for potential candidates for legislative seats.

He attributes that first victory to the highly personalized door - to - door campaign he and his wife Martha waged.

Barnes also caught the eve of another Texas political power, the late speaker Sam Rayburn. Barnes learned of Rayburn's high regard for him from a letter written by a mutual friend in 1965. The man wrote, "Shortly before his death, Sam Rayburn told me to keep an eye on you, for you had 'what it takes.' I have heeded his advice, and I must say that as usual Mr. Sam was right."

For a young man whose only jobs prior to election to the legislature in 1960 were relatively menial and whose legislative pay is \$400 a month, Barnes apparently has done quite well financially.

And it is in the realm of personal finances that Barnes has undergone the toughest

inquisition from the press. FINANCES QUESTIONED

Eyebrows went up when "There's not any doubt about it. Barnes revealed, in January

question, that a Ben Barnes Club had been established in the counties of his district, with 168 members contributing \$10 a month - a total of more than \$20,000 a year.

He confirmed that he had become an investor in 1964 in the Herman Bennett Co., a Brownwood construction firm in Barnes' district.

Barnes said he also had bought a couple of farms in Comanche and Erath Counties to expand the peanut farming operation in which he and his father share. The total acreage is 950 acres - not very large by Texas standards, but Barnes made a point of saying in 1967. "I guarantee you that I'll make enough off my peanut crop to live on this year."

In an interview recently, Barnes shed a little more light on how he has financed the high standard of living which he has enjoyed the past four years.

He said he has acquired interests in Holiday Inn projects built by and sometimes operated by Bennett in Texas cities, but he has subscribed those interests as collateral for his share of the loans on those projects

Barnes' actual revenue from his association with the Herman Bennett Co. is in the form of what Barnes calls "a salary from Herman Bennett."

"It varies. I try not to draw more than \$5,000 a year - \$400 a month - and if at the end of the year I need more, he ups it," Barnes said.

While the peanut farms bring a combined net of \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year, Barnes said he has not used this for living expenses but has "re- invested it in the operation and paying off the land."

Barnes said he has been "in and out of the stock market" and has made enough profit there "to enable me to use my farm money to pay for the land."

Thus it appears that Barnes' expendable income is \$4,800 a year as a legislator (the same amount he will receive as lieutenant governor except for a higher rate when he serves occasionally as acting governor), approximately

\$5,000 a year from Herman Bennett, and occasional stock market profits and receipts from his Ben Barns Clubs - which he says have operated in "15 to 20 counties" the past two years.

#### BEN BARNES CLUBS

The Ben Barnes Club funds are not drawn on by Barnes directly. Friends have been named to administer them.

"I hadn't spent much of the money - except for Christmas cards and gasoline - until I got ready to get involved in this statewide (1966) campaign," said Barnes.

"The people that gave it viewed it more as money for me to spend for whatever purpose that I needed it. Say I might take a member of the senate - not that I ever did this - but if I take three or four senators or important people to dinner, I wouldn't be doing it unless I were interested in politics."

So Barnes justifies use of his Ben Barnes Club funds for purposes that he feels serve his political interest.

The clubs, or their organizational equivalent, took in close to \$30,000 for use in his race for lieutenant governor last year. Barnes hopes to see the clubs expanded to a statewide system in which people interested in his career can contribute small monthly amounts

That would be a better way to finance a costly campaign than to hit wealthy people for \$1,000 to \$5,000 contributions, Barnes said.

Barnes also has kept down personal expenses the past four years by having his family (wife and two children) live year round in the speaker's apartment in the capitol. He will be able to do the same as lieutenant governor, with quarters in the east wing of the capitol.

#### SILENT ON FUTURE

What direction his career will take, Barnes is not saying. Despite much speculation that he may run in 1970 for the Senate seat held by Yarborough, Barnes says nothing to lend credence to that idea.

Nor does he sound enthusiastic about the possibility of challenging Tower in 1972.

"I don't think there's a very good chance of my running against either one. I really don't," Barnes said. "I'd be foolish at age 32 or 34 - . I don't have to run like the town's burning down and this is my last chance.'

To some. Barnes' statement sounds overly cautious. Some observers thought the same thing when he settled for a sure- thing race for lieutenant governor last year instead of entering the wild Democratic free - for - all to succeed Connally.

But Barnes also knows that advancement to high political office often is dependent on timing - and being in the office of lieutenant governor at age 30 gives him more leeway to pick the time and the race.

He can try for the Senate in 1970 if Yarborough decides to retire at 67; he can tackle Tower if the tide seems right in 1972; or he can run for governor (as the probable heavy favorite) when Smith yields the office, and continue to wait for the opportune moment to make a bid for the Senate.

Barnes' image as the No. 1 man of the future in Texas politics is enhanced by his indicated willingness and ability to work with liberals as well as conservatives.

This he will have to do when he picks up the gavel as presiding officer of the senate, for this elite body of 31 political prima donnas will be more closely divided between liberals and conservatives this year than at any time in the past.

He tries to play down the idea that legislative battle lines have to be drawn between liberals and conservatives.

"I think I am a product of my times, of the generation I represent. I think these are progressive times in which we live. I think young people particularly are interested in solving problems," Barnes said, repeating what has become almost a pat response in the four years he has been speaker.

"When people ask me, 'Are you a conservative or a liberal?', when I talk to people who consider themselves liberal, I say, 'Well, let's talk issues.' and when we talk issues, then they find they've got some common ground - a lot of areas in which we agree.

#### A CONSENSUS POLITICIAN

Barnes does not reject the description of him as a consensus politician.

"President Johnson - and I don't know that he's the first person that said,' Come let us reason together,' and I've got an idea that he wasn't - but this is the way that I've operated in the House to some extent.'

"We must not be afraid of change, for the very foundation of this state and this nation was based on change," Barnes told the state Democratic convention in September. "One thing we must remember is that today more than half the population of our country is 25 the young people in this country today read and think. They also

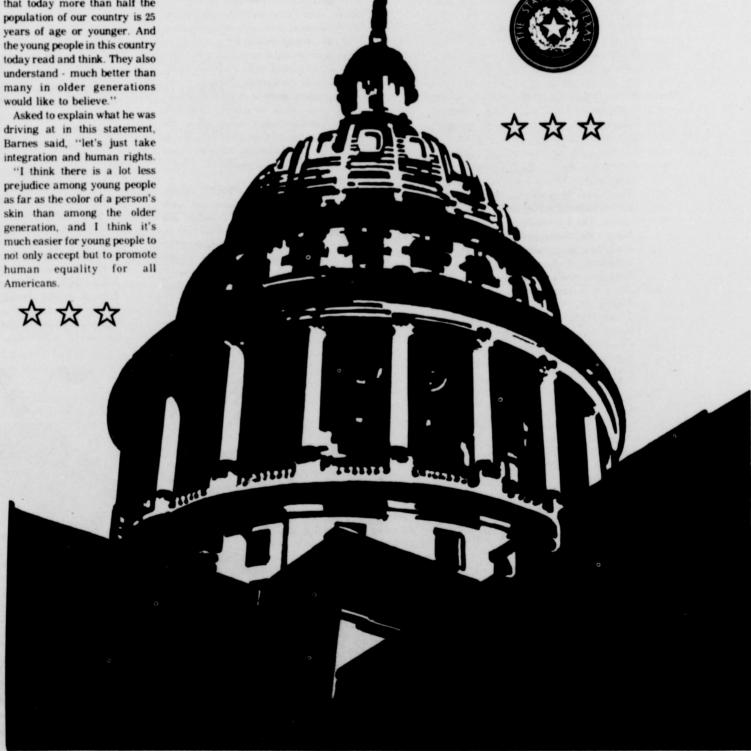
# ONE OF FIVE OUTSTANDING **YOUNG TEXANS**

ASTRONAUT, SPEAKER, CITY MANAGER, SENATOR, AND A JOURNALIST ARE 1965's JAYCEE WINNERS.

#### By Marjorie Menefee

MAN WHO PUNCTUATES his sentences with gavel raps...an editor whose beat is humanitarian endeavor ... a man whose business address is "The City" . . . a wildcatter who wouldn't take a dry hole for an answer... and a man who takes his strolls in the thermosphere are this year's recipients of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Five Outstanding Young Texans Award.

Ben F. Barnes, only man in the history of Texas to be elected to the Speakership of the House of Representatives by a unanimous vote; William Pettus Hobby, Jr., president and executive editor of the Houston Post newspaper; George R. Schrader, city manager of Mesquite; Jack Boynton Strong, state senator from Longview; and Lieutenant Colonel Edward H. White II, astronaut-all have two things in common, amazing records of achievement and commitments to involvement.



# Texans Call on a Neighbor

By JON FORD

HE HAND OF TEXAS friendship is being extended across 6,000 miles to historic Peru, land of the ancient Incas and Spanish conquistadores. That country, much of which remains primitive and underdeveloped, is today reaching toward massive social reforms and development of its rich resources.

A six-member team of Texans, headed by energetic Speaker of the House Ben Barnes, has just completed an extensive tour of the South American country under sponsorship of the Texas Partners of the Alliance With Peru (TPAP).

In conferences with Peru's President, Fernando Belaunde Terry, congressional leaders and plain, underprivileged citi-

zens... In visits to hospitals, farms, schools, communications centers and public and private development projects... In travels from the rainless coastal low-lands over the stony Andes Mountains to the lush but sparsely-populated "montana," Barnes and the Partners team pursued this goal:

Finding new and effective ways to put small-project foreign aid on a person-to-person basis and to encourage beneficial and profitable private investment by Texans in Peru.

Barnes demonstrated sincerity of the group's purpose by presenting to President Belaunde a Ford tractor with a variety of accessories, a valuable supply of hospital equipment collected by TPAP and two Texas Legislative Council internships. The latter will enable outstanding Peruvian college students interested in the study of state government to work and do research in Texas.

At Piura, near the Ecuador border, members of the team delivered three portable generators donated by Texas Electric Cooperatives.

Members of the Texas team with Barnes on the two-week trip in late June and early July were Dr. Robert D. Leachman, Houston, cardiologist; Robert F. Schenkkan, director, Radio/Television, The University of Texas, Austin; State Representative Ralph Wayne, Plainview businessman; Willie C. Well, president of Local 1273-International Longshoremen's Association and a Houston port commissioner; and Banks L. Miller, Jr., executive director of the Texas Partners of the Alliance. This writer also accompanied the group to report on its activities for San Antonio Express and Evening News and other Texas newspapers.

Texas Partners of the Alliance was born in San Antonio a little more than two years ago. James A. Boren, formerly of Wichita Falls, conceived the idea of partner groups linking states with Latin American countries. He felt the need for a common-sense program to interest people in active participation in U.S. foreign policy and aid projects.

Boren now heads the Partners of the Alliance operations with offices in Washington. Thirty states besides Texas have "partnerships" with countries or sections of countries.

These natural reasons are cited for the Texas link with Peru:

Agriculture and oil are common resources; there is some similarity in terrain; populations—close to 11 million—are almost the same; Spanish, spoken by many Texans, is the national language of Peru.

Furthermore, President Belaunde, who received his master's degree in architecture from The University of Texas in 1935, has a warm spot in his heart for Texas and Texans.

During one of his visits to the presi-

dential palace, Barnes presented the president a certificate from The University of Texas expressing respects to him as one of its distinguished alumni.

The UT certificate pointed to President Belaunde's "distinguished career and historic contribution to understanding among the Americas."

The Texas Partners group is a privately supported, non-profit organization dedicated to self-help community development, cultural and educational exchange, social and medical projects and encouragement of private investment in Peru.

Edward Marcus, executive vice-president of Neiman-Marcus, Dallas, is chairman of the TPAP board of directors and perhaps its most active member. Other outstanding business and professional men and political leaders serve on the 37-member board.

The group proudly lists these among its numerous accomplishments in the last two years:

Arrangement for delicate heart operations on two Peruvian children; presentation of a dozen portable electric generators to remote communities which had no electrification; collection of surplus hospital equipment for charity facilities; gathering books for 16 small rural libraries; dispatching Texas doctors to brief Peruvian physicians in the Andes Mountains on new medical methods; and raising money for a variety of projects including a new roof and desks for a school, hand tools to build roads, and pigs and chickens for farms.

Participants include high school students, civic club members, churches, women's clubs, electric cooperatives, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Texas AFL-CIO, Pan-American student forum chapters, and State Department of Agriculture employees.

Measured in dollars, TPAP's contribution has been small compared with the \$300 million in U.S. foreign aid to Peru.

"The amount of money (about \$35,-000) is not nearly as important as the number of people involved, however," commented Barnes. "The 6,000 miles that separate Austin and Lima are relatively short in the age of jet air travel. With distances shrinking daily, it is increasingly important that people become more concerned with the problems of those in other lands. The Partners of the Alliance may be one of the most effective means of expressing this concern and placing aid on a real people-to-people basis."

Fast-paced itinerary of Barnes and the touring Texans included meetings with William Dentzer, U.S. Agency for International Development director in Peru; Lima Mayor Dr. Luis Bedoya; the U.S. Ambassador, J. Wesley Jones, and Peruvian congressional leaders in addition to President Belaunde.

Barnes found time, as official representative of the State of Texas, to urge President Belaunde to insure a Peruvian exhibit at San Antonio's hemispheric exposition—HemisFair 1968.

The Speaker's major fields of interest in his wide-ranging inspections and discussions were public school education and agriculture.

In Piura, the Texans met with a regional partners committee from their counterpart organization, the Peruvian Partners of the Alliance. It was here that they presented the three additional generators.

After inspecting development projects in the Cuzco area, Barnes and the team returned to Lima, a glittering city of 1.2 million for their final conferences with Peruvian partners and U.S. AID officials.

"All of us have learned a great deal about the problems of a nation struggling to achieve facilities and a level of development which we have taken for granted in our country," commented Barnes. "It is my hope that Texas people in increasing numbers will participate in the grass roots program which I have seen operating on a small but meaningful scale in Peru. There is a very big job to be done, and we can all play a part in it."

The Speaker also expressed a keen interest in new plans being formulated to encourage private investments in Peru.

He has announced plans for a Texas Industrial Commission-sponsored conference in Austin during August or September to review some of the investment opportunities which have been verified by feasibility studies.



Agriculture in Peru is similar to that of the Lone Star State. Here Barnes inspects 6-foot high cotton growing in Santa Rosa Valley, which is located in Andes Mountains.

College, Texas Tech University and St. Edward's University.

## The Man for the Job

Ben Barnes likes to get things done, especially in the area of state government where he can help people to help themselves.

As Lieutenant Governor and as Speaker of the Texas House, Barnes has had some participation in almost every progressive piece of legislation in Austin since he first went to the Legislature a decade ago, from DeLeon.

"I'm proud of the progress our state government has made in services to our citizens," Barnes says, "but there is much more to be done.

"That's why I am running for Governor - - so I can fully devote all of my time and energies to making Texas the number one state in the nation across the board," the Lieutenant Governor commented.

State Constitutional revision (the one Texas now operates under was adopted in 1876); implementation of the state water plan to benefit all areas; more equalization of the tax burden; better schools at all levels; annual sessions of the Legislature - - these are only a few of the governmental reforms in which Barnes believes.

"And," he stresses, "we must enact a stronger legislative ethics bill and restore the confidence of our people in their state government."

Barnes came to the Texas Legislature in 1960 at the age of 22. He immediately became involved in crucial legislation including creation of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, establishment of the College and University Coordinating Board, a teacher pay raise and revision of the Code of Criminal Procedure, among others.

When he became House speaker in 1965, at 26, he immediately outlined far-reaching programs designed to benefit all of Texas.

He was instrumental in initiating, guiding and passing many important changes in governmental operations and services, emphasizing improvement in education, tax reform, better health and welfare services and open governmental meetings and records.

These goals still remain high on his list of priorities

In 1968 Barnes was nominated for Lieutenant Governor by the highest percentage - 78.6 percent -- ever to cast ballots for a candidate in a Texas

That November, Barnes became the first candidate to ever receive two million votes as he led the ticket in becoming Texas' 37th Lieutenant Governor.

He was re- elected in 1970 by an equally large margin.

In announcing for Governor, Barnes stressed his intentions to "work with all people fairly and effectively regardless of political differences."

"It is going to take this kind of leadership to reform our welfare system before it wrecks us financially; "- to protect our environment and keep our cities

"- to protect our environment and keep our cities from becoming choked by crime, disorder and decay;

"- to solve the constant crisis in state finances and the burden of higher and higher taxes;

"- and to maintain modern, flexible government that can deal with issues such as these without bogging down in 19th century restrictions and excuses," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Barnes believes the decade ahead may see drastic reforms in our Federal government system. He has devoted much of his time in recent years to working and planning with officials of other states and the Federal government.

"The next Governor of Texas should play a major role in assuring more effective state and local government and a better balance with national government," Barnes noted.

Barnes is past chairman of the Southern Conference of the Council of State Governments and the immediate past president of the National Legislative Conference.

He also served on former President Lyndon Johnson's Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental affairs and has represented the U.S. State Department overseas twice.

His amazing career has earned him three honorary doctor of law degrees, one each from McMurry College, Texas Tech University and St. Edward's University.

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In 1965 Barnes was named one of "Five Outstanding Texans" by the Texas Jaycees and in January, 1970 was picked as one of the 10 "Outstanding Young Men in the Nation" by the U.S. Jaycees.

The Lieutenant Governor also has served as statewide chairman of the Cancer Crusade and was extremely active in "Operation Youthlife," a program for underprivileged youngsters.

Along legislative lines, Barnes sponsored a Speaker's Symposium on language disabilities for dyslexia victims and was co-sponsor of the Barnes-Wright Study Act which created an advisory council for language-handicapped children.

Always a backer of higher education, Barnes was instrumental in establishment of four new senior colleges plus two nursing schools, two medical schools and a dental school during the 61st session of the Legislature.

One of the continuing problems of government which Barnes has kept constantly abreast of is the mounting costs of public welfare.

"Welfare is the worst example of a joint federalstate program which simply won't work, because of the extreme difficulty of adjusting state participation to changes in federal laws and formulas and to federal court decisions," Barnes points out.

He strongly believes that welfare reform should include full federal funding and administration of the welfare program.

"Federal officials are already calling the shots, and I see no better course than to phase out state participation in present programs and provide for 100 percent federal assumption," Barnes said.

The Lieutenant Governor feels such a program would be a reasonable substitute for federal revenue sharing which has been recommended by the President.

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His grandfather was a college man, old Add - Ran, but his father, one of 16 children, had no schooling beyond the eighth grade. Denied that, he was more than ordinarily interested in education of his sons, Ben and Richard.

"Dad hammered 'college' into us from the time we were babies," Ben recalls. And both sons responded. Both acquired University of Texas degrees. (Richard is now an insurance man in Dallas.)

The family lived on a farm, in a pipeline camp (the father was and still is an employee of Humble pipeline, living now in Dublin and then at DeLeon).

Ben did his junior and senior high school work here. WITH HIS SIZE - he was 6 feet, 165 pounds as a high school freshman and kept growing - Ben was a natural for athletics. He was a four - year letterman at DeLeon and made all - district in basketball and football. (But was never good enough to beat Comanche!)

He finished DeLeon High in '56 and went on to college.

He took his first semester's work at TCU.

That summer of '57 he got a job not to be forgotten. He had worked summers since he had been old enough, once as an oilfield roughneck, again as a brick - layer, two summers driving a milk truck which included regular trips to Abilene to deliver ice cream mix to drive - ins.

That summer of '57 Ben got a fabulous job working for the Climax Molybdenum Co. in Colorado. It was an elevated job - the mine site was "20 miles

straight up from Leadville, Colo."

And it paid good. As he recalls, pay was about \$600 a month for pick - and - shovel work if you didn't mind working in the water. He said he didn't, donned boots and went to work.

Three weeks later he came out for the mine's baseball team. If he made the team, he learned, he would be promoted from pick and shovel to the post of "fire inspector."

He tried out as pitcher and never did any pitcher

put on his fast ball what Ben did on his.

Then he took a turn at bat. He connected with a ball, it hit a rock when it landed and sailed off for a home run.

Fire inspecting, he found, was better than digging. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1957 he moved to Austin, rented an apartment for \$40 a month and began what they refer to as the "very lean years."

they refer to as the "very lean years."

Ben got a job working at the state health department. And he enrolled in the University of Texas.

Ben ran for office and then the Speaker's race came along.

They lived on hamburger meat, they watched the pennies and they made it. Ben earned his BBA in 1960 and enrolled immediately in law school.

Then the couple returned to their DeLeon home and, at age 22, he announced for the House. The district than included Mills, Brown and Comanche Counties - with Brown the big one.

He had two opponents, George Jordan, former Brownwood C- C manager, and Ike Hickman, Brownwood councilman.

They knocked on every door in Brownwood, he taking one side of the street and Martha the other.

Jordan dropped out of the race before the election. And when the votes were counted Ben had won over Hickman, by a wide margin.

In January of 1961 the Barneses returned to Austin for the session and when it was over, to law school.

THAT LEGISLATIVE session of '61 was a difficult one, including a flock of special sessions.

The spring of 1962 Ben was unopposed for reelection in the newly revamped district. That year he joined the campaign effort of John Connally, seeking his first term as governor, and he helped Byron Tunnell of Tyler in his race for Speaker.

In 1964 Barnes was re - elected again - and began, as soon as the primary was over, his own race for Speaker in 1966.

Speaker candidates traditionally run well in advance and Barnes began to run hard.

He came up to January of this year with 102 pledges (76 are needed to win) for the Speaker's post - two years from then.

That was the situation on a January Wednesday, before the session was to begin the next week, when Barnes and the then Speaker Tunnell met in the home of a West Texas House member to work in private on Tunnell's list of committee assignments.

During that hideaway meeting a telephone call









came from Gov. Connally to Speaker Tunnell.

The governor dropped a political bombshell. He offered Tunnell an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Texas Railroad Commission.

The appointment would be effective immediately - and the session, which Tunnell was to help direct as Speaker, was only days away.

Tunnell accepted the appointment, over the

He and Barnes flew the next morning, Thursday, back to Austin.

The Tunnell appointment was announced at a press conference that day.

Immediately, a half - dozen House members announced themselves candidates for Speaker. Barnes was one of them.

And immediately, Barnes "disappeared".

He related, during his Abilene interview, the story of his "disappearance."

Back in Austin he went to the Driskill Hotel, hired a suite, and ordered a bank of telephones installed. He had already contacted a few close legislative friends.

Behind the doors of his hotel rooms he and his friends mounted a telephone crusade. They called those 102 members who had promised to support Barnes for Speaker two years hence. And they called the others.

Barnes literally did not quit work, did not go to bed until the job was finished. Thursday night, Friday and Friday night they worked and on to Saturday morning.

Saturday afternoon he called a press conference. He released the names of 135 of the 148 members (not counting himself and Tunnell who was resigning) who said they would vote for him.

In the face of that list, the other Speaker hopefuls began withdrawing.

By the time the voting began, Tuesday all opponents had withdrawn.

Barnes had the rare distinction of being elected without an opposing vote.

HIS BRILLIANT capture of the Speaker's post left many gasping.

It confounded many lobbyists - lobbyists usually get deeply involved in Speaker races and this time they couldn't even find Barnes, he was so busy doing it without their help or hindrance.

It worried some political observers. They worried that such a young man, then 26, would be at the helm in such an important session, one in which the Legislature must meet grave problems. They worried that he had such small time to prepare, to set up committees, to outline his plans.

As the session progressed, the worries gradually were stilled.

Calmly and firmly Barnes took over..

He never lost control.

On the other hand, he did not misuse his power. He allowed the opposition its turn so that, when the session was over even those who had voted against him praised him for his fairness.

He was in command. (He did not even have to break a tie vote.) But he was courteous.

("If you have a hundred votes and know you're going to win," he says, "why shouldn't you try to leave the other 49 as happy as you can?"

It turned out to be a most peaceful session. (There was never an appeal from the Speaker's ruling, never a personal privilege speech against the Speaker, a most rare record.)

The credit for all this, Barnes says, goes to the members themselves.

"We never had such a fine House as we did this time, one which wanted to do a good job and did it." the Speaker says.

And he credits the "team," the scores of men who joined him in handling important legislation, with the smooth flow of the work.

"These fellows just didn't let trouble get started. They cleared up misunderstandings when they arose."



The Texas Highway Commission has spent more money than any other governmental unit in Texas — more than \$4 billion since 1917.

Commissioner Woodward, right, and son Ben stand by House Speaker Ben Barnes.