

Construction is progressing on the new water treatment building on the south edge of Plains. When completed the building will house all of the water treatment units for the city, plus the new Du Pont soft water permiators. Cost of the project, which is being born in whole by the New York based company, is estimated at more than a quarter of a million dollars. The building, with units installed will see completion in about two months.

New Faces In Court House Scene

State law requires that newly additional oath pertaining to fees afforded County Commissioners in Counties where the old fee system is still employed. Though the fee system was dispensed with elected officeholders be sworn in and their bonds approved on January 1st of the year following their election. The local county courthouse was open the forepart of the New Year's Day and the Commissioner's Court convened in compliance with the above law. Court was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by Judge Gene Bennett. A few items of minor importance were dispensed with and the installation of officers followed.

The newly elected officers were sworn in by Judge Bennett in two groups due to a slight difference in the oath of the commissioners from that of the other offices. The difference being an

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BULLETIN: A FIRE IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROKE OUT SHORTLY AFTER NOON WEDNESDAY. AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF DAMAGE WAS CAUSED. AT PRESS TIME THE "C-R" WAS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE THE LOSS. THE FIRE STARTED IN THE HEATING SYSTEM, OFF FELLOWSHIP HALL. COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF SMOKE HAMPERED THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE SPREAD FROM THE HEATING CLOSET INTO THE ROOF. AS WE GO TO PRESS THE FIREMEN WERE STILL WORKING ON THE POSSIBLE FLAMES IN THE CEILING OF THE CHURCH. (STAFF PHOTO)

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additional oath pertaining to fees afforded County Commissioners in counties where the old fee system is still employed. Though the fee system was dispensed with in Yoakum County in January 1941, the oath being a blanket oath in use by the State was required in the local proceedings.

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Local VFD Spells Out Ambulance \$\$

The Plains Volunteer Fire Department wishes to clarify its position in regard to the ambulance operated by the department. May it be stated that the Plains Fire Department is an independent and self-governing and self-financing organization on which renders its services on a purely local basis. There being no salaried firemen in this community. Therefore, there is no way for the department to finance free ambulance service to anyone.

The ambulance was purchased by the county and leased to the local department which has the sole responsibility and authority for its operation. Due to the fact that the department is a non-profit organization, it is necessary to make the following nomi-

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**PLAIN
TALK**

**Viewing
The Future**

JNO. McCONNELL

The Mad Comic Book asks the Question, "Me WORRY?" over and over, yet possibly we should start to worry a bit. There is a great deal of talk about consolidation of the schools within the county and over the state.

We have gone into great detail about this issue in print explaining how, if ever the consolidation would work. Now lets look at a couple of outstanding facts that no one is worrying about.

On the editorial page you will find a reproduction of a story from the "Texas Outlook", the official publication of the Texas State Teachers Association. This spells out some of the small school opposition to the "streamling plan". I agree in part with this article.

There are several good reasons to look for "some" consolidation. Small school districts cheat the students by not offering the course needed to balance the curriculum and give them the tools they need to compete in this world of ours. YET, it is not right to pull down schools which are better than the base offered by the state. In Denver City, there are 104 teachers on the payroll. In Plains there are 44 teachers. On a pupil ratio, both schools are above the state base and far over the new recommendations of the Governors Committee on Public Education.

Now, lets look at the Big Brother in all of this. More and more we find ourselves cramped in to numeral systems, larger groups and streamlined districts. When good, self sustaining political units are merged, they lose the rights to govern for themselves. They lose tax bases, they lose their identity. We are going to face a merger of the counties in the near future. If all of these mergers take place, we will find our schools, our county and our children mere numbers in an overall plan. We have in this county two excellent school systems. We have far better than our share of tax base. We have the potential of being one of the finest and richest counties in the entire state. To give up to the centralized concept of government would be to give away the birth rights of our children and children yet unborn.

Considering all the college professorships being proffered to the outgoing Democrats, one would be led to think that they had a monopoly on intelligence and thinkability. A good idea would be to make astronauts out of them. After their experience of being up in the air for eight years, combined with their gift of super-intelligence, there should be positions for them in outer space-far outer space. By the time of their return it could be possible that folks at home would again have their feet on the ground.

The election of Senator Kennedy to the #2 post in leadership of the Democratic Senators can hardly be considered as contributing to National unity. Coalescence is not a Kennedy quality except as it pertains to their subordinates. Also the Kennedy tendency to spend without any consideration of the source of finance is inconsistent with the financial policies thus far proposed by the President Elect. The emotional instability displayed in the recent past does not denote the qualities required for national leadership. A President could hardly desert his office for ten weeks while he walked by the seashore in an effort to recover his composure regardless of the stress. Perhaps the levelheaded and sound thinking old democratic leader of the Senate, Senator Mansfield, can manage to keep the boy in line, an ultra-super task where a Kennedy is involved.

Though the symptoms are slight and quite subtle at present, there are indications of an organized and coordinated democratic opposition to the incoming Republican President. Defeat is a bitter pill and difficult to take with complacency. With the "noted arm twister" absent

It would be a shame to take away from youngsters in Loop or some of the smaller school districts a chance for a better education, but it is not right nor is it fair to take away from the people of Yoakum County that which is theirs, by hard work and natural resources.

It is for these reasons then, that we oppose any effort to group together political units, be they school districts, counties, or Commissioners Courts.

**Small Schools Group Outlines Reasons
For Opposing Forced Reorganization**

Small schools which would be consolidated under the reorganization plan recommended by the Governor's Committee on Public School Education have given their answer to that proposal. They are against it.

Robert H. Hunt, superintendent of Coolidge schools and president of the Texas Small Schools Association, released a statement by the TSSA executive committee outlining their reasons for opposing forced reorganization.

The Governor's Committee recommended a minimum of 2,600 pupils in average daily attendance in each school district. It was estimated that this would reduce the number of districts from about 1,200 to 500.

TSSA opposition was based on the following points:

- Small schools are effective, as shown by various studies.
- Participation in University Interscholastic League activities helps provide a well-rounded program.
- Delinquency is practically nonexistent in small schools.

— Graduating seniors in classes of 1 to 24 students scored higher on ACT tests than seniors in classes of 25-99 students. Many small schools, if reorganized, would fall into the 25-99 category and thus possibly reduce academic achievement.

— The number of districts has dropped from 2,748 to 1,273 in the last 18 years through consolidation or annexation. But TSSA conceded that some existing districts are tax havens or are inadequate and should be eliminated.

— Small schools offer better counseling because of the small teacher-pupil ratio and more intimate knowledge of the student.

— Districts participating in the Texas Small Schools Project have provided a program broad enough to supply the needs of students.

— Schools which would receive new students under redistricting are overcrowded already. Moreover, many new school plants would fall into disuse.

— School bus rides, now often two hours or longer, would be even longer for children under reorganization.

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from Washington, the able statesmanship of some of the very capable congressmen should be displayed. The firm stands, sane decisions and independent personality of "the Old War Horse" Senator Dirksen, which once established confidence in the face of some perilous issues, have been sorely missed. His changeability for the past two years has rendered it impossible to identify him as either a Republican or Democrat. The last year he has appeared more "Johnsonite". Words like "constitution" and "statesmanship" have come to be treated as something out of the prehistoric past by the recent congressmen. For those who doubt this, consider a public debt of \$386 Billion imposed on a mere 200 million people-if you figure your share without a computer. Then consider the condition of these people who have neither gold or silver with which to absolve this imponderable debt. Is change in Order? Is statesmanship in need? Is sensible and logical leadership a must? The proper answers will quickly be revealed to those who will but stop a moment and ponder the circumstances.

P.F.A.C. Meet

Plains Fine Arts Club met in regular session on Thursday night January 2, in the home of Mrs. Bob Loe. Mrs. Cordell Huddleston assisted with the hostess duties.

During business, the name of Mrs. Jean Aiken was voted on and approved for membership.

The club has decided to appear in the Tsa Mo Ga scholarship program to be held February 1st.

Mrs. T. S. Miller presented "The History of the Federation". Mrs. Vera Smith brought a chuckle and a tear to the eye, in recalling fond memories of "The history of The Plains Fine Arts Club". The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.



"Ladies and Gentlemen, my husband is about to give his sensational imitation of the wounded moose . . ."

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Williams - Stephens Exchange Candlelight Vows

The First Baptist Church of Tokio, was the setting for the wedding of Sharion Kay Williams, and Russell Harvey Stephens. The Saturday evening candlelight ceremony was performed by, The Rev. Don Knight, Pastor.

Parents of the couple are, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Williams of Tokio, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stephens, of Lamesa.

A very impressive setting was done with the wedding ivy entwined over the arch, with matching candleabras on either side, holding white votive candles. The couple knelt on a prayer bench of white satin, with greenery.

Miss. Pat Milstead of Plains was the organist, with Mrs. Jesse Hale of Seminole the soloist. Given in marriage by her father, Miss. Williams was wearing a formal gown of French satin. The gown was adorned with chantilly lace and matching train. Her veil of bridal illusion was caught to a cluster of crystal beading and seed pearls. As a bouquet she carried a pale blue orchid and tiny love knots atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Loretta Roberts, sister of the bride was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were: Miss. Rita Roberts, Welch, Miss. Becky Waters, Tokio, Mrs. Ruth Ann Stewart, Lubbock, Miss. Pam Barnett of Plains. They were attired in velveteen floor length gowns of sapphire blue, featuring a semi-fitted a-line skirt. Each attendant carried a long stemmed white rose.

Serving the groom as best man was Eddie Tingle of Plains. Don Williams, Plains, Donnie Stewart, Lubbock, Bruce Stephens, Lamesa, and Micky Roberts, Welch were groomsmen. Don Williams and Micky Roberts also served as ushers.

Micky and Rita Roberts, nephew and neice of the bride lit the candles. Miss. Diane Robert also a neice of the bride served flower girl with Lance William as her escort. Master Guy Williams served as her escort. Both Lance and Guy are nephews of the bride.

The couple greeted guests at a reception following the ceremony. In the receiving line were the couple and their parents. Miss. Pat Milstead provided music throughout the reception. The bride's table was laid with white lace over roval blue with

New Levels Of Care For Rest Homes

(Austin) Public Welfare recipients receiving nursing care in the home in Texas will be provided care under a new Multiple-Levels Of-Service program beginning January 1st, according to a joint announcement today by Burton G. Hackney, Commissioner, State Department of Public Welfare, and James P. Baker, President, Texas Nursing Home Association.

The new program is designed to place the patient in the nursing home that offers the level of specific care program that the individual needs, stated Commissioner Hackney.

Nursing homes and those welfare recipients requiring nursing home care will be classified into three types: Skilled Care, Intermediate Care III, and Intermediate Care II. Skilled nursing homes will serve patients requiring maximum nursing care. Intermediate III homes will serve patients requiring maximum nursing care. Intermediate II homes will serve resident who do not require professional nursing care, but are incapable of independent living.

A welfare recipient classified as Skilled, Intermediate III homes or Intermediate II will be provided care in a nursing home of like classification, where possible. However, when not possible, special personnel waivers have been developed to insure that all eligible recipients receive necessary nursing care. Waivers may be granted for various reasons, some of which include physician orders that a move would be detrimental to the patient, where beds of like classification of the recipient are not available in the area, and to avoid the separation of family members who may not have the same classification.

TNHA President Baker stated, "In order to better serve the needs of the community, many of our member nursing homes will establish distinct part classifications. This means that a nursing home might care for two or

three type patients within one facility."

Hackney commented that "approximately 29, 800 welfare recipients will be provided care under the program. The distribution of patients will approximate 8,500 classified as needing skilled care, 13,600 needing Intermediate III Care, and 7,700 needing Intermediate II Care."

This joint Federal-State program for recipients requiring Skilled Care will be financed under Title XIX of the Social Security Law passed by Congress in (1965) and Senate Bill #2 passed by the Texas Legislature in May, 1967. The recipients requiring care under the intermediate definition of the law will be financed by the 1967 amendments to the Social Security Law, Title XI. This level of care, Intermediate, will bring the Texas welfare program into compliance with Public Laws 89-97, and 90-248.

Officials of the State Welfare Department and the Texas Nursing Home Association have worked closely, in a joint effort, to de-

Cotton

The Yoakum County ASCS Committee did not reduce old farm cotton allotments to make a set aside for New Growers. However, applications have been taken at the ASCS office just in case any acreage should be made available from any source. To be eligible to be considered, applications must be filed not later than Jan. 15, 1969.

Develop a program in Texas that is compatible with the needs of citizens of our state while insuring conformity with the Federal guidelines. It is known that some patients will need to be transferred between facilities under the new system. Both DPW and TNHA hope that at the recipients and their families will cooperate in this endeavor. The State Welfare Department has developed an expeditious patient typing system and it is hoped that, with most patients being typed before admission, transfers can be minimized.

The levels of care service under the new program will be available to certain categorically eligible blind, aged, to tally and permanently disabled and families with dependent children.

The TV Log

CHANNEL 8

Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 Roy Rogers	6:30 I Dream of Jeannie*	6:30 Jerry Lewis*	6:30 Virginian*	6:30 Daniel Boone*	6:30 High Chaparral*
8:00 Super Six*	7:00 Rowan and Martin*	7:30 Julia*	8:00 Kraft Music Hall*	7:30 Ironside*	7:30 Name of the Game*
8:30 Top Cat*	8:00 Monday Movie-Jumping Jacks	8:00 Tuesday Movie-Six Bridges to Cross	9:00 On the Border*	8:30 Dragnet*	9:00 Star Trek*
9:00 Flintstones*	10:00 Final Report*	10:00 Final Report*	10:00 Final Report*	9:00 Dean Martin*	10:00 Final Report
9:30 Banana Splits*	10:30 Tonight Show*	10:30 Tonight Show*	10:30 Tonight Show*	10:00 Final Report	10:30 Tonight Show*
10:30 Underdog*	12:00 New Mexico Report*	12:00 New Mexico Report*	12:00 New Mexico Report*	10:30 Tonight Show*	12:00 New Mexico Report*
11:00 Storybook Squares*	12:15 Sign Off	12:15 Sign Off	12:15 Sign Off	12:00 New Mexico Report*	12:15 Sign Off
11:30 Super President*				12:15 Sign Off	
12:00 Huckleberry Finn*					
12:30 New Mexico Ourdoors*					
1:00 Dick Powell					
2:00 SW Conference Basketball-SMU vs. TCU					
4:00 Shell's Wonderful World of Golf*					
5:00 Bowling*					
5:30 Huntley-Brinkley*					
6:00 Evening Report*					
6:30 Adam 12*					
7:00 Get Smart*					
7:30 Ghost and Mrs. Muir					
8:00 Saturday Movie-Father Goose*					
10:15 Final Report*					
10:45 Movie of the Week-The Shrike, Jose Ferrer, June Allyson					
12:15 New Mexico Report*					
12:30 Sign Off					
Sunday					
8:00 Faith for Today*					
8:30 Glory Road*					
9:00 Insight					
9:30 The Answer					
10:00 Ask Your Minister					
10:45 Broadway Church of Christ					
12:30 Frontiers of Faith					
1:00 Charlie Chan in City Darkness, Sidney Toler					
2:15 The Nun & Sergeant, Robert Webber					
3:30 Southern Baptist Hour Special					
4:30 Lone Star Sportsman*					
5:00 College Bowl*					
5:30 Wild Kingdom*					
6:00 Evening Report*					
6:30 Walt Disney*					
7:30 Mothers-In-Law*					
8:00 Bonanza*					
9:00 My Friend Tony Premier*					
10:00 Final Report*					
10:30 Tonight Show*					
12:00 New Mexico Report*					
12:15 Sign Off					

Cancellation

The Glory Land Quartet appearance here this Saturday night has been postponed until January 25th, 8:00p. m. at the high school auditorium. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students.

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Sale at Streetman's

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Mustangs Win Plains Invitational

The 1969 edition of the Plains High School Basketball Tourney was an outstanding success. Denver City swept to the tourney title with a strong surge in the final quarter of the championship game to down Eunice New Mexico 74-58. Third place was taken by Lubbock Christian 64-62 in a wild finish over Seagraves.

In the first day of action, Denver City opened with an easy 90-41 win over the "B's" of Levelland. LCHS downed Plains 71-51. Seagraves Eagles flew to an 84-74 win over Westbrook, (with a great last quarter effort by Westbrook falling short), and Eunice running wild with a 72-57 effort over Estacado.

In the Friday action, The Mustangs saw themselves paired with LCHS, Plains vs Levelland, Eunice vs Seagraves, and Westbrook against Estacado.

When the smoke cleared and the games were over, Plains had won the first victory of the tourney 67-49. Denver City had downed LCHS 84-70, Eunice walloped Seagraves 87-60, and Westbrook squeaked by Estacado 55-54. In the D.C. vs LCHS game Ralph Russell of the Mustangs poured in 34 points to lead the way to victory while Douglas Perrin dropped in 36 points in the losing effort.

In the Championship games this is the way it went. Denver City put on a strong final half scoring spree to down Eunice, 74-58, here Saturday night in the finals of the Plains Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Richard Cox led Denver City with 17 points. Eunice's Mike Jones pumped in 20 points.

Lubbock Christian High School nipped Seagraves, 64-62 for third place. Doug Perrin paced LCHS with 18 points. Seagraves Eddie Knight had 18 points.

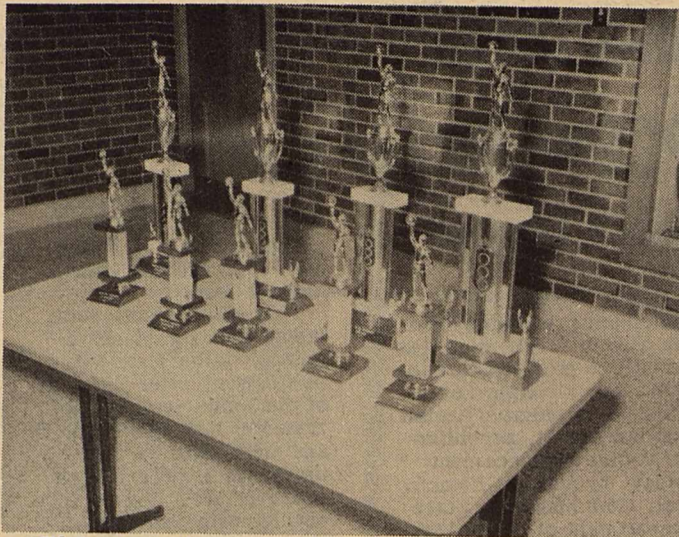
Westbrook clipped Plains, 71-68, in the consolation battle Don Garrett ripped the nets for 25 points to lead Westbrook. Plain's John Lowe totaled 20.

Estacado's junior varsity won seventh place by kicking. Levelland's B team 75-45. Lee Jones scored 21 to pace Estacado. Brett Paxton led Levelland with 14.

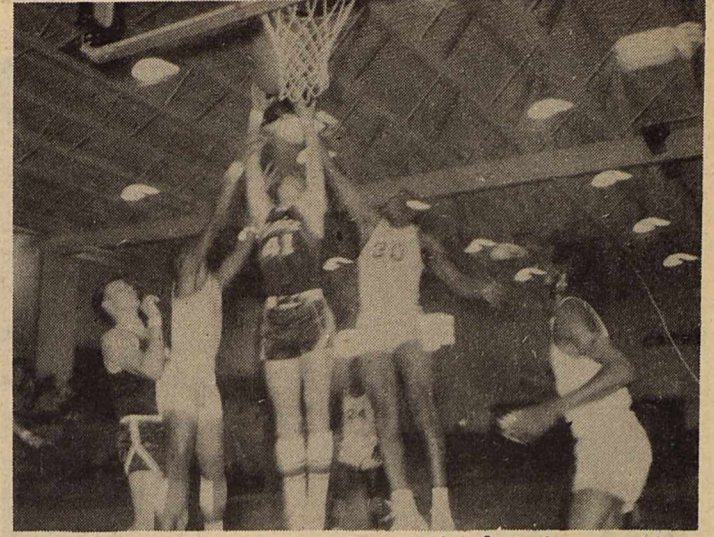
Five cagers made the all-tournament squad. They were Ralph Russell of Denver City, Randy Fowler of Eunice, Perrin of Lubbock Christian, Bob Miller of Seagraves and Robert Chambers of Westbrook.

Mid Terms Nix Game

The Plains Cowboy and Morton game has been rescheduled due to mid-term exams. The new date and time is tonight, at 8:00 p.m. The "B" teams will play tonight beginning at 6:15 p.m. Tomorrow night hosts Cotton Center, with a "B" game preceding the 8:00 clock contest.



This was the gold that eight high school teams fought for in the recent PLAINS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT.



High jumping Royce Crowell of Eunice, pulls down a rebound against Lubbock Estacado, in the first round of play of the Plains Invitational.

Jr. High Tourney Opens Saturday A.M.

The Plains Junior High Basketball Tournament, with 12 teams, is slated for action this Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Four towns will be represented. There will 7th, 8th, and 9th grade teams competing from the host city, Denver City, Seagraves and Tatum, New Mexico.

The 7th grade play Seagraves and Denver City open at 8 a.m. At 9, Plains will tangle with Tatum. Consolation will be at 3 p.m. with the 7th grade championship to be decided at 6 p.m.

The 8th grade matchings show Seagraves and Tatum at 10 a.m. and Plains and Denver City at 11 a.m. Consolation is scheduled

for 4 p.m. and the championship game at 7 p.m.

PJHIT 9th grade play will open with teams from Seagraves and Denver City at 12 noon, Plains and Tatum play at 1PM. Consolation is a 5PM game with the championship to be decided at 8 PM

Quarters will be 6 minutes for the 7th and 8th grades, with 8 minute quarters in the 9th grade games. The Plains Gym will be the site of the activity, with the day divided into two sections. Admission to each half of the tournament (morning and evening) is 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for students and children.

McKee Is All-State

Jim McKee, all-round standout for Denver City's football team, gained new honors Wednesday to the AP second team "ALL STATE" team.

McKee who had been picked as a defensive and offensive player on the West Texas team, led his team in many games to a come from behind win. The tall and well built (6 foot, 190lb) senior is expected to receive many offers for football scholarships.

The C-R has learned that the University of Oklahoma will send a representative to Denver City to talk to McKee about signing a letter of intent to the Norman campus.

Denver City Rolls Past EHS, 72-53

Denver City unleashed a pent-up Mustang at the Estacado Matadors and when the firing was over the home team had gained revenge for an earlier setback in the Hub City by the tune of 72-53.

Ralph Russell led the home team's attack with 10 field goals and 11 free shots for 31 points as the Mustangs upped their season's ledger to 12-4.

Russell had plenty of help as Richard Cox had 19 and Mike McKinney added 10.

Lasel Green tossed in 17 to lead the 7-12 Matadors and Homer Morse added 16 more.

Denver City also won the B-team game, 59-39.



Come, let us adore Him!



ATTEND CHURCH THIS WEEK

First Christian Church
Omer R. Bantz, minister

Plains Church of Christ
Foy Cogburn,

First Methodist Church
James J. Futch, pastor

State Line Baptist Church
Jesse F. Allen, pastor

Tokio Baptist Church
Don Knight, pastor

Pleasant Hill Union Assembly
Roger Rounsaville, pastor

First Baptist Church
Pastor

Hillside Church of Christ
Tommy Allison, minister

Assembly of God
H. A. Tarkington, pastor

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Rev. James Swann S. A. C.

Plains Mission Baptist Church
Rev. Frank Ramos

Tokio Mexican Baptist Mission
Minister

First Baptist Church
John M. Ferguson, pastor

First Methodist Church
J. A. Cooley, pastor



Bethel Baptist Church
Warren H. Capps, pastor

Mexican Mission
First Baptist Church
Domingo Ibarra, pastor

Church of the Nazarene
Don Johnston, pastor

Faith Chapel, Four Square
Charles Collins, minister

Assembly of God
Rev. Ted Albritton, pastor

Church of God
A. R. Mitchell, pastor

First Presbyterian Church
C. A. Tucker, pastor

St. Williams Catholic Church
Rev. James Dwann S.A.C.

Church of Christ
Bill D. Allen, preacher

Trinity Baptist Church
C. J. McQuillen, pastor

Full Gospel Meeting
Rev. and Mrs. W. N. Nelson

First Christian Church
Kenneth Broad, minister

Bible Missionary Church
Emory F. Hemphill, minister

Spanish Assembly of God Mission
Angel Navarez, pastor

Gene Bennett

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Tokio News

Ferne Lowery

Tom Gray was admitted to the Brownfield hospital Tuesday for some test. He is reported doing fine and may get to come home this week end.

Recently guests of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Williams and family were Mrs. Williams sister and family Mr. & Mrs. Weldon Hill, Sherry, David, and Robert of Irving.

New Year's Eve and Day guest of Mr. & Mrs. Williams, and their children, Shelly, Mat and Brian were Mr. Williams sister and family, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Rogers, Mark, Marianna, and Melissa of San Antonio. Mr. Williams Mother, Mrs. Lillian Williams also was a dinner guest New Year's.

New Year's dinner guests of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Lowrey and Jerry were their sons and families, Mr.

& Mrs. Roy Lowrey, and Toni, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Lowrey, Tracy Tonya, Coy Lowrey of Denver City, also Mr. Carl Lowrey's Mother, Mrs. B.F. Lowrey, and N.C. Clanahan, a student from Tech.

Mr. & Mrs. William Worsham and Edith returned home Wednesday after visiting his parents Mr. & Mrs. Thurlow Worsham, and other relatives for the Christmas holidays at Delhi, California.

New Year's guests of Mr. & Mrs. Truett Jones, Russell, Jerri and Cindy were Mr. & Mrs. Butch Gayle and Debra Chadwick.

A number of the Tokio residents attended the funeral of a dear friend, Mrs. Melvin Waldrop at Seminole Monday. Mrs. Wald-

Public Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners Court will sell to highest bidder, one Burroughs Model 1500 posting machine.

rop was the Mother of Mrs. William Worsham. The Waldrop's are former residents of the Turner Community. They moved to Seminole in 1950.

Sunday guests of Mr. & Mrs. Alton Elmore were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Rickey Elmore of Levelland.

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Elmore, Kelley and Shannon visited Mrs. Elmore's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Rucker and sister Kathy in Slaton, Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Gray and Vickie were guests, Saturday Night in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Sherwin.

Mr. Coy Lowrey and Mr. Robert Jones have moved to Denver City.

Claude Addison was admitted to the Yoakum County hospital in Denver City, Sunday afternoon for some tests.

Billy Chenault of Hobbs, New Mexico, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sherrin left Sunday for Dallas, Texas for eye surgery.

Cote Trout, Rodney Trout, and Danny Smith, N.C. Clanahan, Rita Jo Snodgrass, Carter Snodgrass, Charlene Hillhouse, Darrel Lowrey, Jerry Lowrey, Gary Joe Smith, Gregg Jones all returned to college Sunday or Monday to resume their classes.

In a continuing effort to keep Lubbock a West Texas medical center, West Texas Hospital has announced the planned opening of a Coronary Care Unit (CCU) by Feb. 1, according to C. J. Hollingsworth, administrator.

The new unit will include four private patient rooms and the newest monitoring equipment, including closed circuit television.

Equipment will provide trained nurse with a constantly-running electrocardiogram (ECG). Also, it will give information about blood pressure and will have an alarm system to warn supervising nurses when a patient is beginning to have heart difficulties.

Emergency Cart

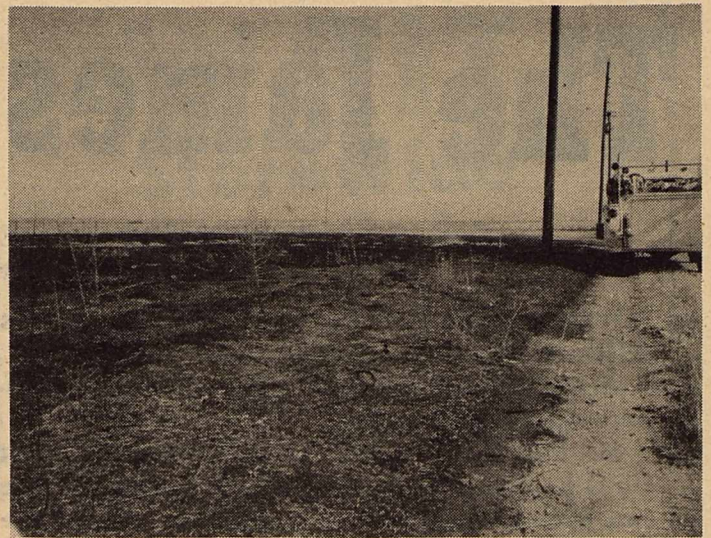
Other apparatus to be included in the unit will be an emergency procedures cart. This unit will include a defibrillator and pacemaker.

Specially-trained personnel will monitor each patient at all times. A patient whose heart begins to show either ventricular fibrillation (an ineffective wriggling, inadequate beat and incompatible with life) or cardiac arrest (lack of heart beat) can be detected immediately.

Necessary resuscitation can be performed and consequently restore the heartbeat to normal. Nationally, medical officials claim that at least 10 per cent of those dying from either of these conditions have been saved through monitoring systems and the split-second work on nursing personnel.

Timer Is Used

The unit will be equipped with a timer which begins as the patient goes into difficulty. This



No damage was done when a grass fire started Monday noon on the north side of Plains. The fire which burned over two lots on First Street, was brought under control in minutes by the Plains Fire Department.

device will be used to show personnel just how much time they have to save the patient's life without permanent brain damage due to poor circulation of blood in the cerebrovascular area.

Nurses will have three minutes to revive the patient before damage is incurred. The personnel will be aided by the arrangement of the unit.

The nurses station is in the center of the unit and personnel is never far from any patient. before damage is incurred. The All four doors will be kept closed on the rooms to allow each patient to be isolated from any noise, according to Hollingsworth.

A special device in the unit, coupled with others in physician's offices, will allow an ECG to be given over the telephone.

Nurses also will be able to take a permanent ECG reading from a patient at anytime.

A cardioscope will be provided in each room to allow the nurse or doctor to watch the patient's ECG during examinations or during emergency procedures at the bedside.

Each patient will be closely observed by nurses at the monitoring panel by closed circuit television. Thus, a nurse can tell if a sudden change in heart rhythm is due to an emergency or to a change in patient activity.

The ECG registered on the cardioscope gives the monitoring personnel the best possible knowledge of the patient's condition. The cardioscope measures and displays the electrical activities of the heart on a continuous basis.

At least one nurse on each shift in the unit will have special training in interpretation of these electrical impulses, according to Hollingsworth.

Hollingsworth says the hospital will expand the unit if the need arises.

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The James Earl Ray Case —

By BERNARD GAVZER
AP Newsfeatures Writer

When James Earl Ray broke out of the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., Sunday, April 23, 1967, the price on his head was like a supermarket clearance sale: a flat \$50. He was run-of-the-mill. No bloodhounds were out baying for him.

But today, James Earl Ray is perhaps the world's most celebrated prisoner. He is kept in a Memphis jail suite custom-designed for him. There are always two personal guards in attendance, around the clock, and the unblinking electronic eyes of two television cameras keep him in constant focus. His food is delivered in a locked, stainless steel box.

If few knew or heard of James Earl Ray when he escaped at Jefferson City, in time his name would be broadcast throughout the world and the FBI, Canadian Mounties and Scotland Yard would all have roles in a manhunt that was to cost more than a million dollars.

He is accused of assassinating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the apostle of non-violence.

Ray's guilt or innocence, and his fate, will be considered by a jury in Shelby County Criminal Court building, Memphis, in a murder trial due to start March 3, 1969.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., father of the slain man, says he is convinced that "no one man took my son's life. It's going to be proven. I don't care what anyone says. I know."

Two of Ray's closest kin, brothers John Larry and Jerry William, figure that — as John Larry says — "if Jim did it, then it was for money and that means somebody else is in on it."

Arthur J. Hanes Sr., lawyer and onetime mayor of Birmingham, Ala., was picked originally by Ray to head the defense. Hanes was dropped Nov. 12 by Ray, who then engaged Percy Foreman of Texas. This resulted in delaying the trial until March 3. But before Hanes was dropped, he described the case as a sinister international Communist plot in which the slain King and the arrested Ray both were victims.

The greatest impetus to a conspiracy explanation has come from Ray author William Bradford Huie, a writer who has had exclusive access to Ray's story.

Huie, in an article in Look Magazine, says Ray has been writing a journal, or extended memorandum, which Huie says he has checked out to be accurate. On the basis of what he has been told or



About the Writer

Bernard Gavzer of the AP Newsfeatures staff in New York has been involved as an investigative-reporter in three assassinations: President John F. Kennedy, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was co-author of the AP's report on critics of the Warren Report. Among awards given him is the Mike Berger Award, presented for his report on New York's race riot.

otherwise learned, Huie has concluded:

"That the plot to murder Martin Luther King Jr. existed as early as August 15, 1967, eight months prior to the murder on April 4, 1968.

"That Ray was drawn unknowingly into this plot in Montreal on August 18, 1967, and thereafter moved as directed by the plotters.

"That as late as March 23, 1968, less than two weeks before the murder with which he is charged, Ray did not know that the plot included murder or that it was aimed in any way at Dr. King."

Mystery Man Appears

The key element in this alleged plot relates to Ray's purported involvement with a blond Latin who he says he knew by the name "Raoul". This mystery man, Ray reportedly said, was first contacted in a Montreal tavern, The Neptune, and later seen in Birmingham, New Orleans, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Raoul, by Ray's count, gave him \$8,250 in cash and had promised him \$12,000 and safe passage to some foreign country after a "final" job.

(Montreal police officials say a thorough investigation failed to show that such a man existed).

Huie contends that the grand scheme behind slaying Dr. King was not to remove the Negro leader but rather to use his murder to trigger lasting violence between the white and black races.

The State of Tennessee is not concerned with conspiracy. It has charged Ray alone with the death of Martin Luther King. It claims it has assembled a chain of evidence which it will present in an attempt to convince a jury that Ray did fire the fatal shot.

Any reconstruction of the events relating to Ray's life and times and to the assassination of Dr. King brings frustrations and contradictions. It is like tracing an architect's plan and inexplicably finding a brick wall where there should be a window.

It might be argued that James Earl Ray can shrug off all sorts of suspicious questions. Why was he a man of the many aliases police say he took? John Willard, Eric Starvo Galt, Paul Bridgman, Ramon George Sneyd? Why did he run to Mexico, Toronto, Lisbon, London? Answer: He was a convict on the run. How did he get the money — about \$12,000 — to keep on the move? Answer: Like a thief.

So he may say. But Ray was no



JAMES EARL RAY

EDITOR'S NOTE — The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King set off one of the great manhunts in this nation's history, a manhunt which ended, according to police, when James Earl Ray was arrested in London. But how did Ray, an escaped convict on the run, come to get to London, what trails did he take? AP Writer Bernard Gavzer recently spent months tracking down every clue, interviewing dozens and dozens of persons, sifting through official documents, in an effort to retrace Ray's steps. Many questions still are unanswered, questions which may not be answered until Ray's trial in March. But the following story by Gavzer gives the most definitive picture yet of the police work involved in tracking Ray.

Clyde Barrow or Al Capone. For nearly a year after his escape — until April 19, 1968, when the FBI said he was the man wanted in the King slaying — no one was actively hunting him. He was hardly worth the time, energy or money. He was a hood with \$50 on his head.

As a fugitive, it is entirely possible that he could have received help from people who knew he had escaped at Jefferson City. But that wouldn't mean they had a part in or criminal knowledge of the assassination. Indeed, according to Ray's purported account of what happened, he did receive money, a hiding place and a pistol from a St.

Louis area friend in the first week after his escape and again late in June, and from two friends in Quincy, Ill., early in July 1967. These were areas in which Ray had lived.

There also was a possibility, or theory, that Ray had been spotted as a fugitive and was blackmailed into the actual killing or blackmailed into letting the conspirators use his fingerprints and otherwise set him up as a decoy. And there was the prospect that Ray was only one tool of a complex conspiracy in which other gunmen also were being keyed for a killing.

These propositions arise in examining the links in the chain of evidence. It is a chain that can be imagined to have links of different heft. One can pick it up at the end, the link with the date, June 6, 1968, the one that marks the day Ray was confronted at Heathrow Airport, London, and told he was wanted for the slaying of Dr. King. Another could be marked April 23, 1967, the day he escaped from the penitentiary.

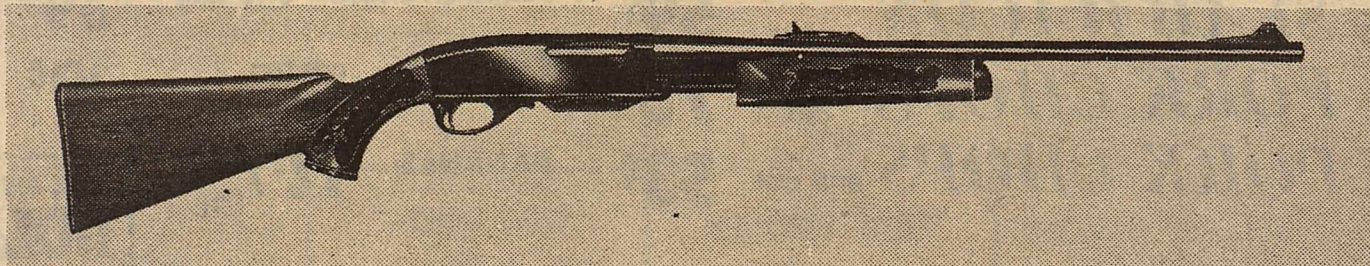
But the day — in terms of the Tennessee case — is April 4, 1968. On that day, Martin Luther King Jr. was slain.

The Stage Is Set

Let the examination of evidence begin at a point at which there were three hours to kill.

3:15 P.M. — South Main Street in Memphis is pretty quiet as far as sidewalk traffic. North on Main,

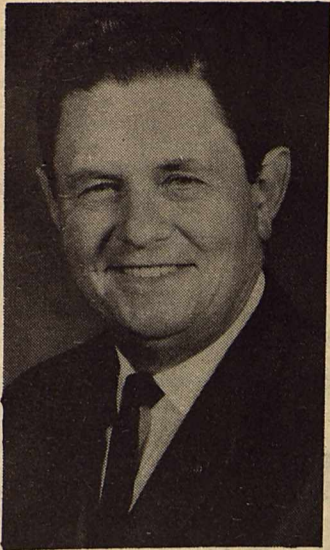
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THIS REMINGTON GAMESMASTER is similar to the one authorities say was used, with a telescopic sight, to slay Dr. King. It is considered a prime hunting weapon of great accuracy and suitable for hunting bear and larger game.

ADDITIONAL EDITOR'S NOTE: - - - - - This is the first of what we hope will be many

special reports on the State, National and International hot spots. Our purpose is to give you the most complete news coverage of any weekly county newspaper. If you feel that special features, such as the "JAMES EARL RAY CASE" are worth while, then please let us know. By the same token, if you do not enjoy this type of special feature, then please let us know. S. Jim Smith, Editor



Credit Union To Hold Meeting Jan. 20

The Yoakum County Federal Credit Union will meet Jan. 20, 1969, at 7:30 p. m.

The meeting will be held in the club room of the old court house building.

The Board of Directors met and declared a 5% dividend to all stock holders, this was the highest in the history of the credit union.

At the Jan. 20, meeting, there will be a short business session, the financial report will be given, and the new officers will be elected.

Rev. Bob Wear of the Crescent Park Church of Christ in Littlefield will be the featured speaker. Rev. Wear is a native of Oklahoma, but has been in Texas for 23 years. He is well known as a speaker on Americanism, basic Americanism. The subject of the address will be "The Picture".

All those that can be invited to attend this enlightening evening, in Plains, Texas.

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RAY (CONT)

closer to the center of downtown, near the Peabody Hotel and Goldsmith's and Lowenstein's department stores, there are shoppers on the street. But here, in the 400 block of South Main there are sample goods outlets and resale and service stores and a skid row quality. A man could be noticed or missed with equal chance.

One man, dressed in a black suit and wearing a white shirt with a narrow black tie, halted at 422½ South Main, which is the doorway to a roominghouse above some street level stores. He went up the dismal stairwell to the screened door.

Mrs. Bessie Brewer, the manager, was impressed by his dress and manner. Folks who can pay only \$8 or \$10 a week rent can't afford such suits.

Mrs. Brewer led the man toward a second section of the rooming house in an adjoining building. They had to go through a break in the wall, serving as a rough doorway between the two dilapidated structures. As they went along, B.L. Reeves, a man of 74, saw the new lodger. "He had his back to me, but I judge he was about 5'11. He had dark hair and a pretty neat haircut."

Mrs. Brewer had a kitchenette available, with its window onto Main Street, but the man said no. A sleeping room would do. They went along the dreary, dark hallway toward the bright light at its end. The light came from the bathroom, and from the dark end of the hallway the light heightened the impression that one was walking along a tunnel. They went past Room 4, where Willie Anschutz lived, to Room 5. It was empty. There was another room on that end, Room 6, which was a kitchenette where Charles Quitman Stephens, 46, and his common law wife lived. It had one wall joining onto the south wall of the bathroom. The window of the bathroom faced onto a backyard that extended to a retaining wall. It was about 10 feet from the top of the wall to the sidewalk on the west side of Mulberry Street.

Mrs. Brewer said Room 5 was \$8.50 for a week. The man handed her a crisp \$20 bill, holding it with two hands, and paid for one week. She asked his name.

"John Willard," he said.

From Room 5, with its south window, it was possible to look across Mulberry Street to the Lorraine Motel, which was a modern addition to the old Negro Lorraine Hotel. By bending a little, one could get a very good look at the door of Room 306, which seemed

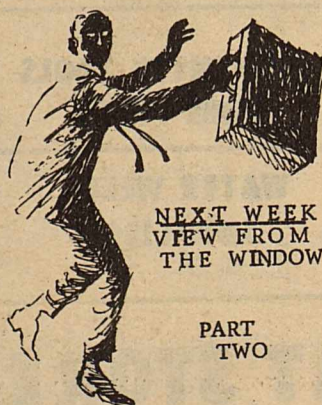
to be the focal point of all the doings over there.

In that room, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was conferring with his staff and aides. There was the Rev. Andrew Young, executive vice president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Rev. James Bevel, one of Dr. King's closest aides, and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, and some white newsmen and Joseph Louw from Public Broadcast Laboratory, the non-profit television enterprise, which was doing a documentary on Dr. King.

If Dr. King had been on schedule, he would have been in Detroit. But the Memphis garbage men were locked in battle with the city. The week before, Dr. King had come to give public support in a march on March 28, and that had erupted into wide disorder. Now a rally was scheduled, for 8 p. m., and he would again give his voice to the strikers. The night before only 3,000 came to the Mason Temple because of a violent storm, but tonight it was expected that as many as 13,000 would come to the 10,000-seat Temple.

3:50 P.M. — Loyd Jowers, who owns Jim's Grill at 418 S. Main St., which is the store just below the section where "John Willard" had rented his room, started to pull his car to the curb as usual. Only this time a 1966 white Mustang was there. Jowers pulled up real tight, bumper to bumper, because he didn't want his rear bumper to be too close to the fire hydrant. "I figure the bumper of that Mustang was about in line with the door there," says Jowers, pointing to the south door jamb. "It had out-of-state plates. Red and white." Alabama, Arkansas and Illinois have red and white. But Jowers didn't see which state.

At 418½ South Main, there was an open rickety stairwell right up to the roominghouse section. No screen door, or hallway area in that part, as there is at the 422½ entrance. A man could go up or down those steps in half-a-minute and lug a cannon through there without necessarily being seen.



NEXT WEEK
VIEW FROM
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D.C. Women In Meeting

The Denver City Chapter of Upsilon Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, held their regular monthly meeting in the hospital room of the Yoakum County Bank, Monday Night.

Mrs. Bobby New, presented the program on how to make your home more livable, and individual. Special emphasis was given on accent items in your home. Mrs. New also showed the many different styles of furniture, and passed around samples of upholstery material to the members.

After the regular meeting refreshments were served by the two hostesses: Mrs. David Massengale and Mrs. Ross Goodwin.

Members attending were: Mrs. Bill Mc'Glasson, Mrs. Albert Medford, Mrs. Bobby New, Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. Royce Newton, Mrs. George Ford, Mrs. D. an Kerr, Mrs. Don Grubbs, Mrs. Roy Gibson, Mrs. Billy Bob Keen, Mrs. Walter Ayres, Mrs. Mrs. David Massengale, Mrs. Ross Goodwin, Mrs. Jack Bowers, Mrs. Marcell Dorthy, and Mrs. Mike Rogers.

Sudie Thompson Up For State Honor

Mr. Kyle Adams, of the South Plains Public Health Department announced today, that he has nominated Mrs. Sudie Thompson of Plains, Texas for the Bryant Award, in the state of Texas.

Mrs. Thompson is the Home Demonstration Agent for Yoakum County. She has cooperated with the Public Health Department locally and other ethnic groups as well as her own Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. Thompson has been Home Demonstration Agent in Yoakum County since 1963, and was a homemaking teacher before coming to Yoakum County. She is married to Joe H. Thompson who is with Pan American Oil Company. They live in Plains, Texas.

She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northwestern Louisiana State and has done twenty hours of post graduate at Texas Tech. It was through her work at programs were planned and executed with Home Demonstration Clubs on water sanitation, venereal disease, birth defects, gun safety, snake bites, backyard poisons, household poisons, farm safety, cancer programs, and drivers education programs.



Miss. Diana Lynn McMurray and Richard Alton Elmore pledged double ring wedding vows at 7:00 p. m., December 30, in the First United Methodist Church, Levelland. The Reverend J. Lloyd Mayhew, Minister, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McMurray Levelland, are parents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Elmore of Tokio are parents of the groom.

Given in marriage by her Father, the bride wore a formal gown of white velvet. Her bridal cap was a cluster of three satin roses and leaves embroidered with pearls, from which fell a shoulder-length veil of silken illusion. The bride carried a cascade of feathered carnations and white orchids on a white Bible.

Altar decorations included baskets of white gladioli accented with fiesta pink carnations and greenery.

Miss. Jana Johnson and Miss. Sally Rowell, friends of the bride of Levelland, served as matron of honor and bridesmaid. They were attired in floor-length gowns of fiesta pink velvet and carried nosegays of matching pink carnations.

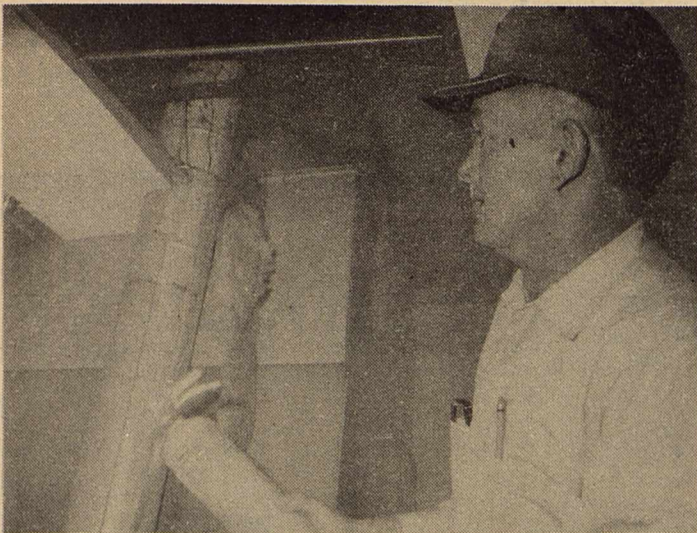
Benny Redman of Levelland served the groom as best man and Tommy Elmore, of Tokio

brother of the groom, was a groomsman. The guests were seated by Randy Jennings, and John Spence.

Mrs. T. W. Bowers provided traditional wedding music at the organ and Mrs. Billy McMurray sister-in-law of the bride, sang "Twelfth of Never" and "The Wedding Prayer."

A reception was held in Fellowship Hall of the church following the ceremony hosted by the parents of the bride. Miss. Gayle Burris presided at the registration table for the guests while Judy Baggett, Vicki Redman, Pam Galloway, and Helen Wilson presided at the reception table. Other members of the reception party included Mrs. Paul McMurray, Mrs. Ted H. Sonnenburg, and Mrs. Bobby McMurray.

Amid a shower of rice, the couple left for a honeymoon trip to New Mexico. The bride wore a going away dress of pink



State Line News

By MARGARET BOX

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gayle, Charlene and Ronald returned home last Friday after spending a week in California visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Turner, Leora and Louella visited her father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Willingham, in Mexia during the holidays.

Mr. T.F. Fillinghim is a patient in the Methodist Hospital and has been for several days. Mrs. Fillinghim is staying in Lubbock with relatives. Their daughter, Christine, from California has been here visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Bean returned home after a two-week visit in Tyler with relatives.

Mrs. Hayden Box came home Thursday after a week in the Seagraves Hospital with pneumonia and the flu. She is feeling much better.

Others on the sick list or have been are: Terry Bacon, Dayne Melissa, and Jennifer Bacon, Mrs. Bertie Davis, Robert Box, Tom Box, Tommy Guy Box, Shelley, Frazier, Don Young, Sue Russell, Louella Turner, Leroy Box, and probably others in the area as there is a lot of flu, sore throat, and bad colds in the area.

Mrs. Grace Hughes visited Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Teague in Plains Tuesday afternoon.

College students returning to their schools following the holidays are Leora Turner, Hobbs Junior College, Roger Seals, South Plains College, Jerry Hartman, South Plains College, Dan Field, Eastern New Mexico University, Sara Kay Field, McMurray College, Gill O'Neal, Texas Tech, Linda Barron, McMurray College.

Mrs. Les Barr and children of Lovington visited her mother, Mrs. Lorena Houston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Young Dloya Cloya Don, and Donetta Gay went to Morton Sunday and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Woods, and children. They spent the night and returned home Monday. Don visited his uncle, Mr. Garland Young, in Muleshoe Monday.

Purely Local

By JEWELL ANDERSON

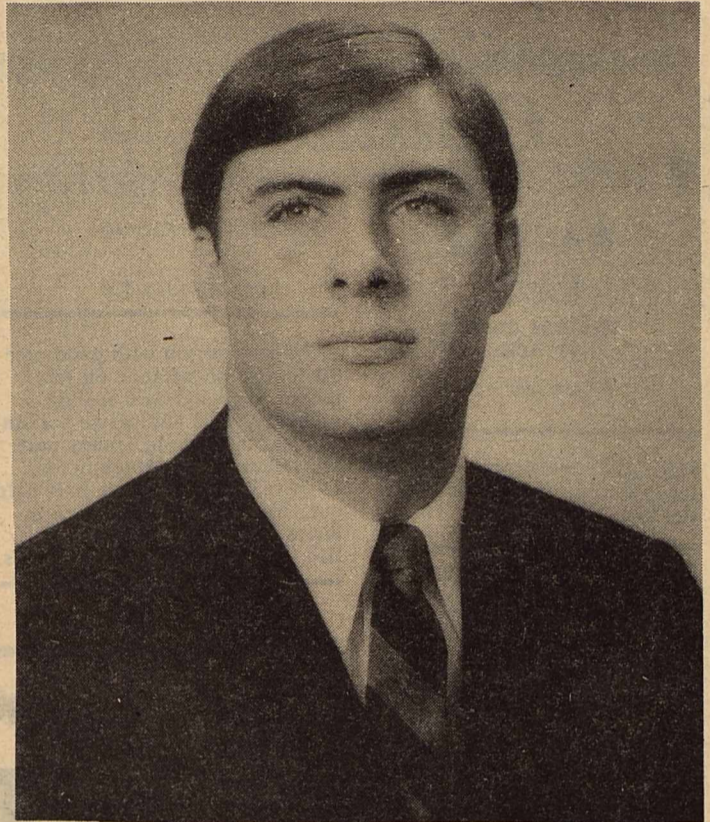
Mrs. J.V. Been had as guests Christmas Day, De Lynn McGinty of Lubbock, Mrs. Alma Lynn McGinty, Mrs. Alma Been and Kathy.

Guests in Mrs. Alma Lynn McGinty's home the weekend during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Jay Earl Bryson of Odessa, Miss, De Lynn McGinty of Lubbock, Mr. J.V. Been and Mrs. Norell Sloane.

Mrs. J.H. Daniels and Mrs. J.V. Been had lunch New Year's Day with Mrs. W.E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers and children of San Antonio visited her mother, Mrs. P.M. Williams last Wednesday. They all visited in the Charles Williams home.

Mrs. Charlie Newell received word last week that her son Clarence was in the hospital in Seminole with the flu.



Harold Lee Swann, son of Mr. & Mrs. Garland Swann, of Plains has been elected, President of his fraternity, Texas Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. This is a national social fraternity with 67 active members at North Texas State University, Denton, Tex. This chapter maintains a home at 604 Ave. C, Denton.

As a pledge Swann was honored when chosen as "outstanding pledge" of his class, later he was given an award for having the highest scholastic grades of the pledge class. Swann is a 1966 graduate of Plains High School.

Commissioners Hold Court

Mrs. Tom Box, Mrs. Leroy Box and Kimberly, and Mr. Box and Kimberly, and Mrs. Grace Hughes went to Hobbs Monday for eye check for Mrs. Hughes.

Mrs. Pearl Spears has been ill with flu since Christmas Day. She is much better she reported, but still staying home. Her daughter and families, Joan Fisher and Mary Lou Sherrin of Tokio, spent Christmas with her.

Marvin Lee Brown Jr. and Billie Jane of Corpus Christi spent two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Williams, and Newelene, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brown Sr., of Prairie View. Brown Jr., is in the U.S. Navy stationed in Corpus Christi. They left for home Monday.

Dick Payne is a patient in Yockum County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Kerby received a letter dated Dec. 27th, from their son, Jimmie in Vietnam, he was to receive the Bronze Star. They also received word not to send anymore mail as he would be starting home very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve McGinty returned home Sunday to Lubbock. He is attending Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robertson and children visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Robertson, Sunday.

Mr. E.S. Bandy is home after spending a few days with his son Ralls, in Ft. Worth.

Mr. H. Roberts, a former resident of Plains, now of Floyada visited Mrs. W.L. McClellan and Ralph Sunday.

Ralph McClellan spent Monday night in Lubbock with his daughter Mrs. Steve McGinty and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Keck and Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson attended open house last Tuesday night at the home of Rev. & Mrs. Omar Bantz in Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Marie Grisham and Helen visited Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Walfenbarger and boys in Sundown Sunday evening.

Commissioners Court convened in Special Session with the following members present to wit: Gene Bennett, County Judge presiding, Vance Brown - Commissioner, precinct #1, H.C. Cotton - Commissioner, precinct #2, Raymond Bookout - Commissioner precinct #3, Johnnie Fitzgerald - Commissioner, precinct #4, Ruby Heald - County Clerk and Ex-officio clerk of Commissioners Court.

Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Cotton seconded to approve and pay bills as presented, Vote carried 4-0.

Commissioner Bookout moved and Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded to approve bonds of Bobbie Duane McDonnell as Deputy Sheriff, Vote carried 4-0.

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INTERIOR PICTURES OF THE FIRE THAT BROKE OUT IN THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PLAINS JUST AFTER THE NOON HOUR. RELATED PICTURE ON PAGE ONE. (STAFF PHOTO)



ENGAGEMENT REVEALED—Mr. and Mrs. James T. Gould, 1418 E. Reppto, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vicki Carol, to Charles Royce Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Kelley of Tokio. Miss Gould, a 1968 graduate of Brownfield High School, attended South Plains College and is a sophomore student at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. Ken Kelley attended Plains High School and is a 1967 graduate of Brownfield High School. At present he is engaged in farming. Vows will be pledged at 4 p.m. on Feb. 8 in Calvary Baptist Church of Brownfield.

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Elmore Vows

knit with matching accessories and a corsage of white orchids, taken from her bouquet.

Mr. Elmore is a graduate of Plains High School, and is presently a student at South Plains College. Mrs. Elmore is a senior at Levelland High School. They will be at home at 116 Lubbock Highway, Levelland.

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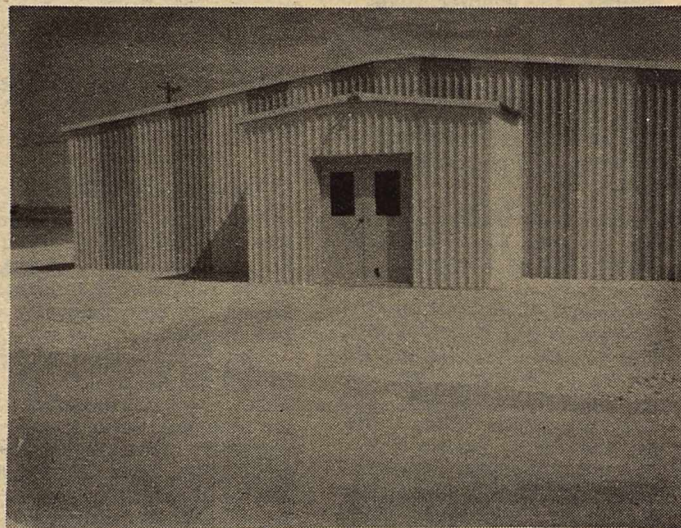
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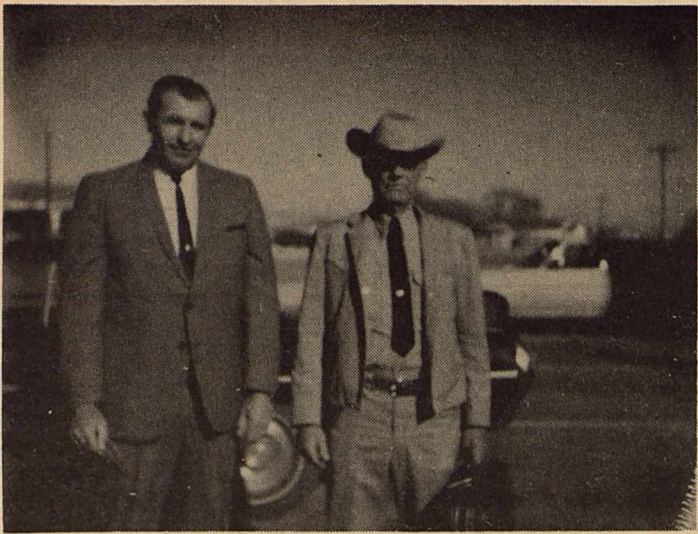
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County Attorney Vernon Towne Tax Assessor-Collector E. W. Craig and Sheriff Joe Deaton comprised the first group. Commissioners Vance Brown and Raymond Bookout comprised the second group.

Little change about the court house will be expected as all officers involved except Sheriff Deaton is new as a head of the office. He is not new as a peace officer to Yoakum County, having served as deputy sheriff under two previous sheriffs. Wayne Carter, deputy under former Sheriff Olan Heath, and Bobby Duane McDonnell, a well known native Plains citizen, will serve as deputies under the new sheriff.

All of the County Commissioners, including Vance Brown, H. C. Cotton, Raymond Bookout,

and J. Hennie Fitzgerald, the County Clerk Ruby Heald, County Treasurer Wilda Hancock, Auditor Charlie Gillis, and Veterans Administrator Art York were present for the installation as were numerous local visitors to the court.

Following the installation, Judge Bennett expressed congratulations to the newly elected officers and a hearty welcome to the County's Officer Community. The Judge stressed the importance of cooperation and coordination among the various offices. Judge Bennett also called attention to the dignity and responsibility of office holding.

County Attorney, Vernon Towne addressed the group and offered the cooperation and counsel of his office in all matters pertaining to county government.

He explained how the conduct of one officer reflected unfavorably on all other offices, bringing unfavorable criticism on the entire county government. He explained that while complete agreement at all times could not be expected, "agreeable disagreement" was essential. In the event that the cooperation called for is obtained and the sage advice of these two able officers is adhered to, a smoothly operated and capable, satisfactory government may well be enjoyed during the ensuing years.



NEWLY-ELECTED LEADERS OF STATE'S LARGEST FRATERNITY

These four men were elected to top office in the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas during its 133rd Annual Communication held in Waco. Heading the 240,000-member fraternal order during 1969 will be (left to right): J. Guy Smith of Dallas, regional commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, who was elected Grand Master of Masons in Texas; Deputy Grand Master Hal Burnett of Alpine, a rancher; Grand Senior Warden Joe W. Steed of Mount Pleasant, who is Field Representative for the General Land Office of the State of Texas; and G. D. "Honey" Hindman of San Benito, a retired ginmer who was elected Grand Junior Warden. Over 4,000 representatives of 970 Texas Masonic Lodges attended the Waco meeting.

Club Meets

At the Council meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs of the area, officers were installed with Mrs. Ruth Rucker presiding.

There were 13 members present, 4 Club Presidents, 5 Council delegates, 1 agent President. There will be a clothing work shop held Jan. 20th-24th at 9:00 a. m. There will be four classes.

The four clubs will help with Senior Citizen Organization--Stanford Valley--Miss, Sherrle Pippin will be Queen candidate for the Livestock Show, she will sell tickets for membership to Livestock Association.

An Officer's training meeting will be held Jan. 31, 1969 at 10:00 a. m. for all council officers, club officers, and all standing committees.

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Tuna Rice Casserole

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| 3 tablespoons regular margarine or butter | 2 cups cooked rice |
| 3 tablespoons regular all-purpose flour | 1 cup (6-7 oz. can) tuna, drained and flaked |
| 2 cups milk | 1/4 cup chopped parsley |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1 cup KELLOGG'S SPECIAL K cereal |
| 1/2 teaspoon paprika | 1 teaspoon regular margarine or butter, melted |
| 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese | |

To make cheese sauce: melt the 3 tablespoons margarine in saucepan over low heat; stir in flour. Add milk gradually, stirring until smooth. Increase heat to medium and cook until bubbly and thickened, stirring constantly. Add salt, paprika and cheese, stirring until cheese is melted.

In buttered individual ramekins or a 1 1/2 quart casserole, arrange layers of rice, tuna, parsley and cheese sauce, ending with sauce. Measure Special K, then crush to 1/2 cup; combine with the 1 teaspoon margarine. Sprinkle over tuna mixture. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) about 15 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serve immediately.

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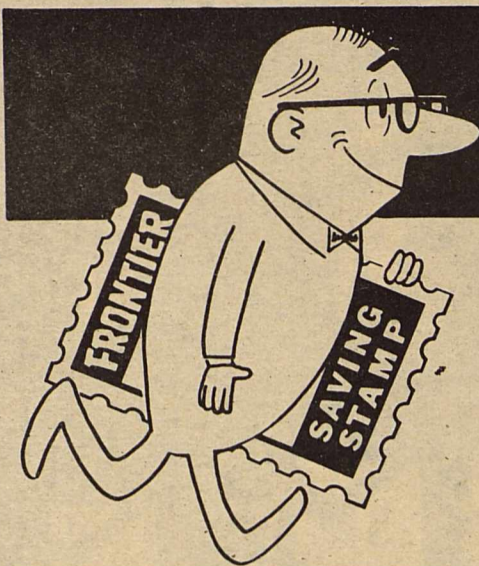
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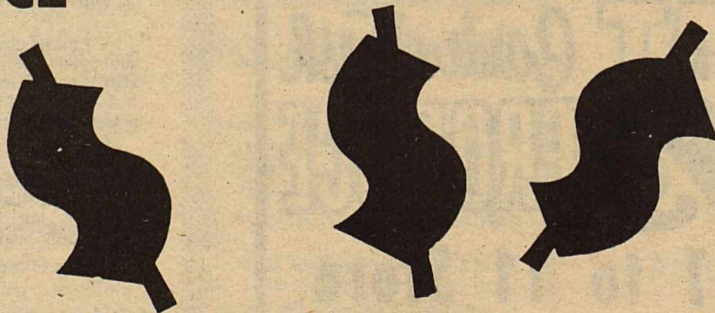
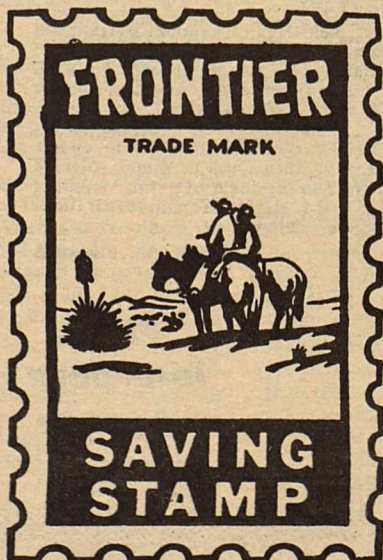
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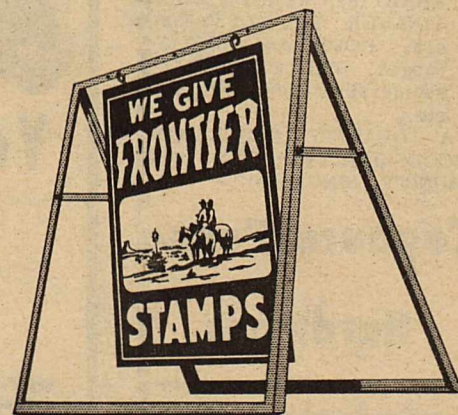
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