

## "Spirit of Ranger" Places Seven In All-District Band

Saturday, Dec. 2, ten members of the "Spirit of Ranger" plus two chaperones and Mr. Helmcamp, band director, journeyed to DeLeon to compete with students from 19 neighboring towns for chairs in the All-District band. Making the band and position made for each are as follows:

Teresa Dudley, 4th chair Alto Saxophone; Darla Franklin, 4th chair Baritone Horn; Lupe Hernandez, 2nd chair Alto Clarinet; Lewis Pounds, 1st chair Eb Soprano Clarinet; Kenneth Poyner, 2nd chair

French Horn; Dickie Williams, 1st chair Baritone Saxophone; Bernie Yancey, 6th chair Cornet.

There were as many as 20 students trying out in some of the sections. Twenty clarinets tried out for 18 places while 19 cornets tried out for 8 places. Seventeen Alto Saxophones tried out for 4 places.

After the tryouts Saturday morning the All-District students reported to the De Leon High School Auditorium for an evening rehearsal from 1 last until 5:45. At 7:30 a concert was given featuring the All-District Band.

Participating schools in the district are Albany, Baird, Ereckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Clyde, Comanche, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Gorman, Granbury, Hamilton,

Hico, Ranger, Rising Star, and Stephenville.

Mr. Helmcamp said he was extremely pleased with the results of the contest and very proud of the ten students that tried out. Placing seven out of the ten is a very excellent percentage.

The next contest for band students will be All-District band tryouts to be held in El Dorado on Jan. 6. This is just like All-District except that it is composed of students from two districts.

## 'Unique War' Film To Be Shown to Lions

Bill Marslander, of the Ranger Lions Club, announces that on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, there will be an outstanding patriotic program during the meeting of the club.

Major Robert D. Bowles, Viet Nam veteran and Chief of the Facilities Branch of the U. S. Army Primary Helicopter School in Mineral Wells, will arrive in Ranger via helicopter at 11:45 a. m. where he will be met by city officials and escorted to Bryan's Steak and Coffee Shop, site of the meeting.

Major Bowles will address his audience on "The Unique War", the United States commitment and operation in Viet Nam. There will also be a 25-minute color film, narrated by Glen Ford.

A native of Illinois, Major Bowles served with the 173rd Armed Assault Helicopter Company at Lai Khe as both an armed helicopter platoon leader and operations officer. He is a senior army aviator, qualified in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal.

In making the announcement, Lion Marslander stated that he considers Ranger extremely fortunate in securing such outstanding authority on the world situation and urges attendance of all club members.

## Cisco Will Host Annual Eastland County Pecan Show Fri. - Sat.



TELLING SANTA what they want for Christmas during his visit to the Chamber of Commerce office last Saturday afternoon.

Plans have been completed for the 15th annual Eastland County Pecan Show which will be held in the Chicken on the Run in the Daniels Hotel Building in Cisco on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9.

The event will open with a queen contest to be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the Cisco High School Auditorium. Approximately 14 Eastland County girls will compete in the contest, which is sponsored by the Cisco Jaycees with Eric Ritchie as chairman.

All entries of pecans in the show must be entered by noon on Friday, according to A.D. Ellington of Cisco, president of the Pecan Growers Association.

A total of 40 nuts of any variety constitutes an entry. Ribbons will be given to the top three places of each variety. Plaques will be awarded to the exhibitor of the champion shelling pecan, the champion in-shell pecan, the champion native pecan, and the Grand Champion pecan of the show.

Top place entries in all varieties will be entered in the regional pecan show at Abilene Dec. 14-16. Entries of nuts from any place in the state may be entered in the county pecan show. Because of the good pecan crop in the county, over 200 entries of pecans representing at least 25 varieties are expected.

A bake show will be sponsored by the Eastland County Home Demonstration Council. Bake goods in the youth and adult foods division must be in place at 9:30 a. m. on Friday. The major requirement for all entries is that they contain pecans. All baked goods must be displayed on disposable plates and covered with a transparent wrap.

Cash awards and ribbons will be made to the top three places in each of the five divisions.

Ribbons and cash will be given to the top three entries in the centerpiece division. The centerpiece must include pecans or other parts of the pecan tree in various forms.

Judges for the show will be Dr. Benton Story of Texas A&M University and Tom Denman of the experimental station at Stephenville.

Jim Smothers, manager of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsor of the show has invited all county and out of county residents to attend the queen contest and view the exhibits at the two day show.

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## In this corner, with COLLINS

We received one of Santa's letters in the mail Tuesday morning. It was addressed to "Santa Claus", North Pole. The envelope had a Christmas seal for a stamp and was from John. We opened the letter and it contained a couple of drawings of what John would like for Christmas. We tried to interpret the drawings the best we could and seems John would like for Santa to bring him two pup-tents and two puppets. So John, we have forwarded your letter.

Lions Club members and guests of the local Lions remember the fine program for today's (Thursday) meeting. The program will be a film entitled "The Unique War" Bill Marshlander is program chairman for the meeting. The meeting will be held at 12 noon at Bryan's Steak House.

Now and then a school child loses his or her coat at school. My son lost his car-coat last Thursday at school. He attends Young Elementary. The lost coat is a size 10-12, tan in color and is a corduroy. It has his name in it under the label. If you should find a coat that resembles this description please call 647-1101 or 647-3470.

You are reminded by the local Fire Department to be very careful about burning trash. The grass is dry and will burn very easy. The firemen were plagued with a rash of grass fires during the weekend and Fire Chief Charlie Isabell ask that each of us be more cautious about burning our trash in barrels that do not have covers on them.

"What is this theme and test jaz going on out at RJC?" That is the question being ask by the students. They thought they could go to RJC to goof off, but now they have to do a little work.

## An Ideal Christmas Gift

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## Your Home Paper

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## Ranger Wins 7th Straight Here Monday

The Ranger Junior College Rangers racked up their seventh straight win here Monday night, defeating the Falcons of Fort Worth Christian College, 118-58.

Ulric Cobb led the scoring for the Rangers with 21 points. Jim McCloud had 19, John Fairfax 15, Robert Spivey 13, Solomon McMillion 12 and Doug Clayton 11.

Ranger's next appearance will be Thursday in the Odesa tournament. The Rangers will play Lubbock Christian at 2 p. m.

## Lt. Waddington Participates In Joint Exercise

USS ESSEX (CVS-9) — Navy Lieutenant Commander Jack B. Waddington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Waddington Sr. of 71 Cypress St., Ranger, and husband of the former Miss Joanne Brooks of 1411 39th St., W. Bradenton, Fla., participated in a joint Canadian-United States anti-submarine warfare exercise in the Western Atlantic while serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare aircraft carrier USS Essex.

Canadian Navy vessels combined forces with the Essex and six other U. S. ships to simulate the localizing, tracking and destruction of mock enemy submarines.

The Essex, homeported at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R. I., serves as mobile airbase and logistic support center for a Navy Hunter-Killer Group.

## C. B. Rust Is Named District Deputy; Masons

C. B. Rust of Cisco has been named District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Masonic District No. 73, which includes eight Masonic Lodges in Eastland and Stephens.

Rust, who is owner and manager of Rust Funeral Home in Cisco, is a Past Master of Cisco Lodge 556. He has served on various committees and is a member of the Baptist Church in Cisco.

His appointment was made by the newly-elected Grand Master of Masons in Texas, J. W. Chandler of Houston, as the 132 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was concluded in Waco, Dec. 7.

District Deputy Grand Masters are appointed for each of the 132 Masonic Districts of Texas. They are the personal representatives of the Grand Master, head of the state's largest fraternal organization with nearly 250,000 members.

Attending the Baptist Association "M" Night in Eastland Monday evening were Messrs. and Mmes. Avery Sullivan, L. L. Bruce, R. V. Robinson, J. W. White and Mmes. Ruby Springer, W. A. Reuwer and J. B. Houghton.

## Honor Roll Listed At Ranger High School

The names of 53 students appear on the Honor Rolls of Ranger's two high schools for the second six-week period, according to announcement from the office of James W. Childress, principal.

12th grade "A" — Tom Goemnon, Alice Greer.

12th grade "A-B" — Jane Bradford, Eddie Herrington, Bradley Hodges, Randall Mahaffey, Bettie McKelva, Rudy Mendoza, Lewis Pounds, Jimmy Watkins, Betty Weeks.

11th grade "A" — Cheryl Mahaffey.

11th grade "A-B" — Becky Adams, James Brown, Donna Johnston, Mary McGee, Floyd Parks, Bobby Sipes, Lewis Webb, Bernie Yancey.

10th grade "A" — Teresa Ducey.

10th "A-B" — Gene Bily, Larry Butler, Kathleen Cole, James Dixon, Dennis Kennedy, Linda Mann, Jeanine Monroe, Barbara Perrin, Kenneth Poyner, Kathy Tribble, Margaret Williams, Larry Williamson.

9th grade "A" — None.

9th grade "A-B" — Janice Crawford, Kelly McDonald, Sharon McLean, Carolyn Nelson, Neva Nichols, Beth Pearson.

8th grade "A" — Rae Rippey, Paul Sullivan.

8th grade "A-B" — Melba McNabb, Jean Rogers, Beverly Truelove.

7th grade "A" — Mike Alexander, Robert Halbert, Dorothy Mann.

7th grade "A-B" — Elaine Butler, Terry Grimes, Randy Jacoby, Weta Mince, Debra Reasoner, Rosetta Rose.

## John Hensley Is Promoted By Mobil Company

John H. Hensley, an Eastland native and son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Hensley has been promoted to a chief engineer of Mobil Oil Corporation's Houston Industrial District.

A graduate of Texas A&M Hensley joined Mobil in 1956 and has been an industrial engineer in Dallas since 1965.

## MISS SHEPPEARD TO LEAVE DEC. 15

Miss Julia Sheppard, 605 Elm St., will leave Dec. 15 for Weatherford where she will make her home.

Miss Sheppard moved with her family to Ranger in 1923 and through the years has earned for herself the friendship of a host of people whose lives she has touched and blessed. She was an employee her family to Ranger in 1923 of Ranger General Hospital of her parents necessitated her remaining at home, she opened heart and home to other senior citizens and for ten years was engaged in home nursing.

Her many friends wish for her the highest measure of happiness and contentment in her new home.

## Final Services Held Wednesday For Mr. Walter

Funeral services for Herman Lewis Walter were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Arrington Hamner Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Eugene Williams, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating. Burial was in Eastland Cemetery.

Mr. Walter, 56, died at 1:30 a. m. Monday at Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 19, 1911, in Pompey, New York, he married Mattie Moore Dec. 15, 1943, in Comanche. They had lived in Olden since 1948, moving there from Brownwood.

He was a retired contractor and ceramic worker and was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Herman Walter of Comanche and Billy Jack Walter of Fort Worth; a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Dyer of San Antonio; two sisters, Mrs. Rodger Burdick of Fort Worth and Mrs. Elenor Squadrito of Syracuse, New York; seven grandchildren and two-bread grandchildren.

## CISCO METHODIST DISTRICT Annual District Conference To Be Held In Mineral Wells

The annual District Conference, Cisco Methodist District, Central Texas Conference, will convene in First Methodist Church of Mineral Wells from 2 to 8 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

District Supt. Dr. S. Wayne Reynolds will preside over the afternoon session which will be devoted to registration, organization, reports of pastors and committees and other matters of business.

The evening session, beginning at 7 p. m. will be a combined Youth Rally and worship service and will feature an anthem by the choir of the host church and the sermon by Bishop W. Kenneth Pope.

Rev. B. Thomas Tribble, local pastor, is currently serving on six of the district's 15 committees. Dean R. B. Golemon is a member of the Town and Country Committee and the District Methodist Foundation. Elected delegates from Ranger include Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bates, James Childress, George Kloss and B. S. Dudley Jr.; alternates are Mmes. B. S. Dudley Jr.

## Mrs. Turner, 64, Buried In Carbon

Mrs. Letitia Faye Turner, 64, died in Fort Worth, recently. A former Carbon resident, Mrs. Turner was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Thurman, of Carbon.

Funeral was held at All Saints Church in Fort Worth, with Father DeWolfe officiating. Burial was in Murray Cemetery.

Survivors include two sisters, Bess Thurman and Mrs. Bill Hamner of Fort Worth; one brother, G. R. Thurman of Rockport; a niece and three nephews.

## Santa's Visit

Hundreds of eager children greeted Santa Claus when he paid his official visit to Ranger Saturday afternoon.

Arriving promptly at 2 p. m. good Saint Nick lost no time in alighting from Ranger fire truck and proceeding to the Chamber of Commerce office where he greeted the kiddies, heard requests, presented each with a bag of candy and assured all that he would return on Christmas Eve.

Even the weather was cooperative in creating a holiday air as Ranger officially opened the Christmas shopping season. Stores were resplendent with seasonal decorations complementing the array of fine quality gifts for every name on everyone's lists.

Shoppers took advantage of complete selections at money-saving prices to make opening day successful for both merchants and customers.

## Bulldog Newsletter

DEAR FANS, Well, it's over. The 10-0 defeat at the hands of Clifton was a heartbreaker to say the least. The Clifton Cubs were a big, fast team that just would not be beaten, I was a little disappointed in our execution in some areas but felt our kids gave it everything they had, but it was just not our night to win. I was real pleased with our goal line defense as they saved us from an even worse defeat. My honest opinion is that Clifton is liable to deal somebody some misery before this thing is over. They are capable of winning it all and I hope they do. The hardest thing I ever had to do as a coach was to walk into that dressing room after the game and face those heartbroken young men. Here was a group that had dedicated heart and soul to an undefeated season and in 48 tense moments it had been washed down the drain. Although it is hard for them to realize it now this has been a great year and one long to be remembered. This team at the first of the year was given a chance to win maybe 6 of it's games and finish 2nd in the district and yet it was 13 weeks before they tasted defeat and this was no mediocre schedule either. Before we fell, there were only 3 defeated teams left in the state in Class A out of 213 teams. To me this is a product of Dedication and is something these kids can be proud of for a long time.

There are so many people to Thank for this great season I think I will try to itemize some of them.

First—To the Seniors on the Team (Hamilton, Brown, Brown, Orms, Sunday, Stoke's, Golemon, Squires, Wilson, Falls, Mendoza and MaHaffey) Good Coaches are a by-product of Good Players. Thanks from the bottom of my heart for making me a good coach. You will always have a place in my heart because you were my very first team and because you gave me your all. I've loved you as my own Sons and I will miss you all.

To the returning players; I want to express my heartfelt thanks also. "Keep you r

heads up, work hard and next year we will be even better!" To Coach Jones, You were the best Assistant a man could ask for. A truly excellent line coach. Thanks also for putting up with me and my many moods.

To Boone Yarbrough, An excellent scout and an encouraging friend.

To Mr. Clark and Mr. Childress and the other faculty members who have supported our program so loyally.

To The Parents of the boys for letting us have their lives for some of the time. (nearly all of it)

To the Quarterback and Mother's club members for all the support and encouragement you have given, Friends like you are few and I appreciate you and what you have done for us.

To the Local Press and Radio (Pat Collins and Jay Slaggs) Thanks for the loyalty and support.

To the Band and Mr. Helmcamp, a special thanks for all the enthusiasm before, during and after every game. You've been a tremendous help.

Our Special Thanks also goes to the Cheerleaders. (Ann, Karen, Margaret, and Shelia). You've worked hard and long on our behalf and we sincerely appreciate it. Thank You so Much!!!

To the businessmen down town and to our local ministers also goes a word of appreciation for all the help and encouragement for a successful season that you have given.

Last, but not least a word of appreciation for my family. A Coach must have a special kind of family with great love and understanding "Fighting Bulldogs" make for him. From Linda's "Beats" on our front Window, Chucks ever present self on the bus and sidelines, to Mark's own rendition of the fight song and "Go Be-dogs". I'm fortunate to have just that kind of Family.

If there is anyone I have left out it is surely unintentional. This will be the final newsletter until the 1968, their debut.

Sincerely Yours, Charlie Smith.



NEW OFFICERS were elected by members of the Cross Timber Shrine Club at their annual Christmas party last Saturday night at the Victor Hotel in Cisco. The new officers, shown above, are (from left) Carl Garner of Eastland, secretary; Joe Dennis of Ranger, president; and Glenn Spradlin of Cisco, vice president. Some 40 members and guests enjoyed dinner and a game hour.



COACH JACK DUVALL

## RJC Football Coach Submits Resignation

Ranger Junior College head coach and athletic director, Thomas J. Duvall has submitted his letter of resignation to the RJC Board of Regents.

The resignation is effective June 1, 1968. Duvall has been head coach at Ranger for three years. He formerly was head coach at Ranger High School.

Duvall said he is not at this time ready to announce his future plans.

The RJC board is expected to act on Duvall's resignation at its next meeting, Friday night.





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### STATE Capital NEWS

By VERN SANFORD

AUSTIN—Texas will almost double its population—to nearly 18,000,000 by 1990—and residents will have more money to spend, if not as much money to live in.

These are among predictions for the not-so-distant future contained in a new forecast look at the state's economy prepared by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Their publication, Texas 90: An Economic Profile of Texas in 1990, includes these highlights:

New factory growth will bolster the Texas economy more powerfully than any other factor between 1967 and 1969 as the state becomes constantly more dependent on manufacturing. Value added by manufacture (a measure of difference in value between the raw materials that go into a factory and the goods shipped out) will increase to \$37,500,000 a year.

Due to rapid expansion is the work force—although not uniformly in all industries. The dynamic employment growth will be in the service industries: laundries, barber and beauty shops, auto repairs, transportation, hotel management, recreation, professional services, etc.

Texas agriculture will approximately double its output (cash receipts from farm products are seen as reaching nearly \$5,000,000,000 in 1990), although farm employment probably will decrease.

Texas cities will lead the population growth trend. By 1990 both the Houston and the combined Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan areas will have populations of more than 3,000,000. That nearly equals the entire U. S. of 1790. All areas of the state's biggest standard metropolitan statistical areas will see massive growth.

Negro population while increasing in numbers, now represents less than 13 per cent of the total, compared to 25 per cent a century ago.

Spanish surname population increasing rapidly and now makes up 15 per cent of the Texas total.

Once more Gov. John Connally's plans are the No. 1 topic of state capitol speculation.

In a press conference here, Connally vigorously denied rumors he may be the next U.

S. Secretary of Defense. He plans to serve out his term as governor. But less than 12 hours later in Washington, he acknowledged the secretary's job "would be very difficult to turn down" if offered. With the rumor mill still buzzing, he flew to France on a promotional mission for HemisFair '68, the world's fair in San Antonio next year.

Before he left Texas, Connally had kind words to say about two men who have been mentioned as prospects to succeed him: former Congressman Frank Icard of Wichita Falls (who has stated he does not intend to run) and Secretary of State John L. Hill (who indicates that he plans to announce by mid-January).

Actual declared-candidate list picked up one new name: State Rep. Don Gladden, Fort Worth liberal, announced for lieutenant governor against House Speaker Ben Barnes. Gladden said he would like to run on a ticket headed by Sen. Ralph Yarborough as a candidate for governor. Houston attorney Don Yarborough another likely gubernatorial candidate, said he would not seek the governor's office if the senator does.

Texas Supreme Court will review a Harris County case in which a dealer in foreign cars claimed \$862,000 in damages to his cars from flood waters which he said city of Houston could have controlled by a culvert.

High court also agreed to take careful look at a Jefferson County suit by a man who claims his vision was damaged by an improperly fitted pair of contact lenses.

Court of Criminal Appeals ordered a new trial for a man imprisoned for 30 years, because his lawyer made an inadequate defense, maintained no law office, and actually had appeared in court only twice in 10 years.

Federal Judge Jack Roberts held Mooney Aircraft Corp. Kerrville plane builders, cannot recover \$291,000 in income taxes and interest the firm claims it paid under protest.

Secretary of State Hill, after extended study, has sanctioned five brands of low-cost electronic voting devices for use in Texas elections.

Systems are IBM Votomatic, Seismograph Vote Record-

er, Datamedia Vote-A-Corder VIP-A-Maker and Cubic Electronics Vote Counter.

Advocates of the electronic devices point out that they insure fast, accurate counting and cost only \$195 (or less) each as compared with conventional voting machines which sell for \$1,900.

### Personals

Mrs. W. C. Sanders has returned from a visit with relatives in Corsicana.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Dortha Harris were Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Guest of Sweetwater and Miss Jill Guest, student at Baylor University in Waco.

Guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edwards is her mother, Mrs. Ida Stephens of McCamey.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Woods Sr. included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hamilton and Mrs. Betty Woods, Jane and Sarah of Odessa and Gloria Jean Woods of Hobbs, N. M.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mrs. Mildred Bonney were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonney and family of Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bonney and family of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bonney of Grand Prairie and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bonney and family of Abilene.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Pounds and Mrs. W. G. Pounds were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sures of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Belknap, Judy and Jerry of Irving, Mrs. James Odum III and Jimmy of Denton, Mrs. Norman Harris and children of Orange, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pounds of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gooch, Kelley and Leslie of Odessa and L. H. Pounds of Dallas.

Mrs. James R. Clark and Janie and Jean Dixon enjoyed touring the brightly decorated shopping section of North Park, Dallas last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Estes have returned from Dallas where they visited their son Billy Gene. Billy left Dallas on Tuesday for the Marshall Islands where he will remain for the next two months.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dinesmore were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Creager of Kaufman.

Holiday guests of Mrs. Jim Searcy were Mr. and Mrs. Coy Nichols, Jesse Ray, Janie and Gina of Sallisaw, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bruce and daughter, Carion of Grand Prairie.

Recent guests of Mrs. Martha Ussery were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ussery and family. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mathis and daughter and Mrs. Anna Mae Mathis of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brazil and daughter of Arlington.

Mrs. Lottie Davenport returned Sunday from a two-week visit with relatives in Fort Worth and Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Lee Russell visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Blanton and family during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson and son of Lewisville were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Cantrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cross and family of Snyder spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson.

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Newtigger will leave Friday for Lubbock to attend a symposium to be conducted in the tabernacle of the Church of

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SHOPPING RANGER for what he'd like to find under the Christmas tree is Shalor Barker, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barker. He finds many of his choices at Ben Franklin Store.



RANGER STORES offer a wide variety of Christmas trees. Mrs. J. D. Johnson selects a tall pine.

### Washington

As it looks from here

MAR SURLISON  
Congressman  
17th District

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The method of electing the President and Vice President of the United States came under long and strenuous discussion at the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

Little difficulty was encountered in agreeing that the President and Vice President should be elected officials, but there was wide disagreement on the method. At the 1787 Convention and since, there have been proposals to elect the President and Vice President by direct popular vote, election by the Congress, election by the State Legislatures and election by Electors, which is the present system.

There are presently pending before the Congress proposals for a Constitutional Amendment which would abolish the present Electoral College System. Others would maintain the Electoral System but provide that each candidate for whom votes were cast for President and Vice President within each State would be credited with such proportion of the electoral vote as he received. In other words, if a candidate received 51 percent of the total vote within a given State, he would receive only 51 percent of the electoral vote of that State, and the opposing candidate would receive 49 percent. Under the present system, a candidate receiving 51 percent of a State's vote, receives the entire electoral vote of that State.

The Constitution of the United States provides that "Each State shall appoint, in

by Electors, and by 1892 the present practice had evolved.

It is almost unanimously agreed that some change in the present process of Presidential elections is in order. Congressional Committees are studying a variety of amendments which reveal broad differences as to the precise nature of the present inequity, as well as the method by which it should be remedied. If, however, people are to have a more direct voice in the election of the highest officer of the land, changes from the present system are necessary. Political parties, as such, have no standing under the Constitution but under the present system it is the political parties which stand in for people and between them and the election of a President and Vice President. Since political parties have no Constitutional standing, they should remain as intended—to be private and free of Federal regulation.

Numerous flaws exist in the idea of the President and the Vice President being elected directly by popular vote. Perhaps any plan will not be perfect, but there is a need for the influence of the voting constituency to be brought closer in determining who heads our Country.

### LVN XMAS PARTY

The Licensed Vocational Nurses Association, Division 64, will meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday, Dec. 11, at the Corral Room, CJC Annex, in Cisco for their Christmas party. All members are urged to attend.

### Personals

Recent guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huffman was his cousin, Ed Nabors of Blanket.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parnell and sons were weekend guests of relatives in Glen Rose and Stephenville.

Mrs. J. R. Sumrall has returned to her home in McCamey following a two-week visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Vergie Higdon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thompson and son of Colorado City were recent guests of her mother, Mrs. Vergie Higdon.

Mrs. F. P. Brasher Jr. is visiting with her mother, Mrs. A. G. Hudgins in Wharton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Warford and son, Donald of Baytown are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Warford.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Bush and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell attended Associational "M" Night in Eastland on Monday evening.

Mrs. C. E. Beck Sr. has returned from a visit with relatives in Weatherford.

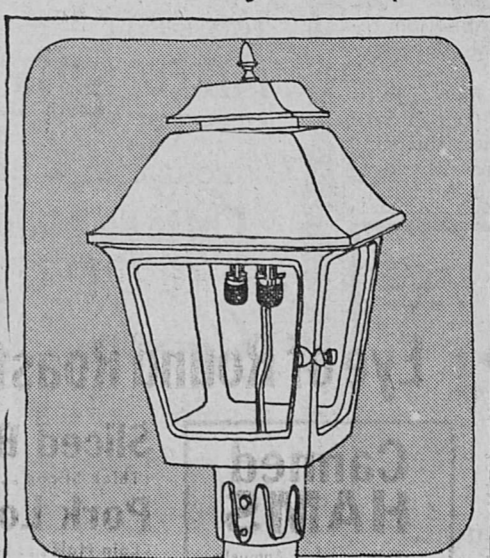
Mrs. Lydia Clem left Monday for a visit in the home of her daughter and family in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Berle Vick and children visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vick of Morton Valley Sunday afternoon; also Mrs. George Webber and daughter of Abilene visited the Berle Vick's on Monday.



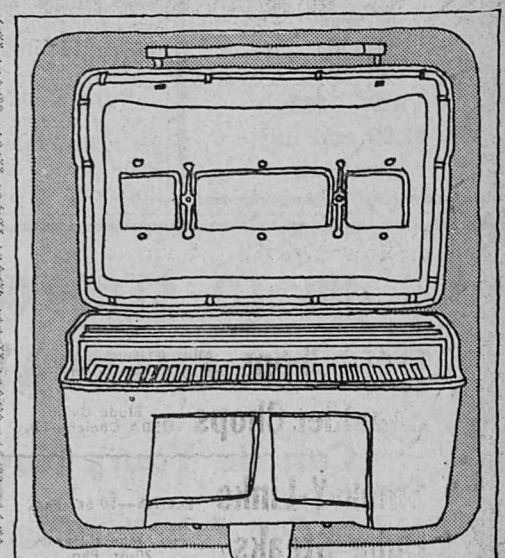
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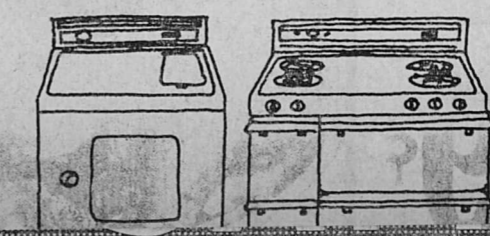
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## THE RANGER STORY

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# Court of Civil Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District of Texas:

**MOTIONS SUBMITTED**  
Texas Liquor Control Board v. Jimmy Brett Barrett. Appellee's motion to affirm on certificate; Dallas.

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Jerry E. Capps v. Jimmy E. Huff. Appellant's motion for permission to file briefs; Dallas.

Angus A. Howeth et ux v. Charles H. Massey. Joint motion to extend time for filing briefs; Tarrant.

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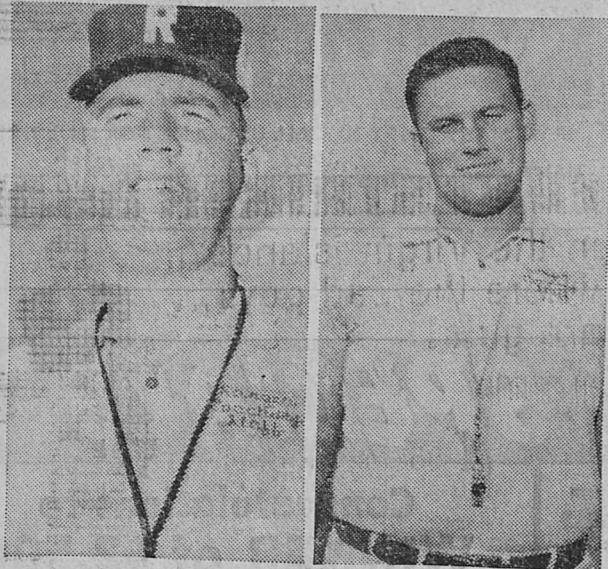
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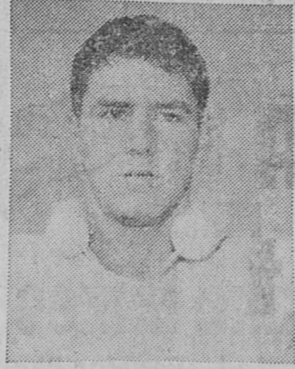
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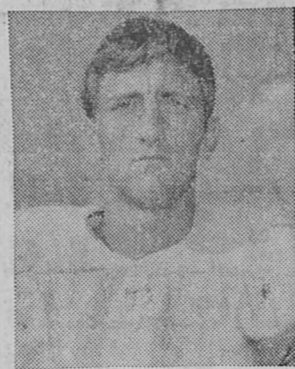
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**HOW SECURE IS SOCIAL SECURITY?**

Thirty years ago, the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, better known as social security, went into effect. It was intended to provide a minimum floor of financial security to cushion the years of reduced earning power after retirement. It has withstood all objections raised against it—objections centering on its being an invasion of free enterprise, of the employee's right to decide how much he wished to set aside for his retirement and to choose his own retirement plan. Employers who felt it to be a costly and needless additional expense to business and not the American way of doing things, have come to accept it.

Social security has become the greatest social welfare program ever undertaken involving some 180 million U.S. citizens. The appalling fact is that most of the people now under social security, and those paying the taxes to support it, probably do not realize that they are not buying an insurance policy, that they have no contract of any sort

which guarantees payment of benefits of any certain amount, that funds are not set aside for the payment of benefits and that current benefits are paid out of current social security taxes or from funds which the government borrows. If obligations to pay benefits outrun the willingness of working people to pay taxes and budgetary limitations prevent other financing, Congress can, at any time, change the law to redistribute, withdraw or discontinue benefits conferred. The fact is that the description of the program given in the official booklet "Your Social Security" to the effect that 9 out of 10 working people, "are now building protection for themselves, and their families under the Social Security program" and that "the amount will depend on your average earnings" is just plain poppycock.

Mr. Charles Stevenson, a senior editor of The Reader's Digest, has raised the question, "How Secure Is Your Social Security?" This is a question that concerns every one of us. First consider cost. The top amount paid into the government annually 10 years ago for a covered worker was \$189. Now it is \$580.80 and presently scheduled increases will raise this to \$745.80 in 20 years if no additional changes are made. And, judging by past history, they are almost certain to be. This latter figure represents 11.3 per cent of the first \$6,600 in wages that a working person takes in.

Social security is not a good deal for the younger workers. For example, if you're 25 years old, the amount paid into the treasury by the time you are 65 under the present social security rules will total \$19,392. For this you will be entitled to, as Mr. Stevenson puts it, a "...gratuity" of \$168 a month at age 65 if single and \$252 if married... It is pointed out that the National Association of Life Underwriters has calculated that the same schedule of payments would buy a private insurance policy, which would pay \$312 a month to a single person, \$263 a month to a married person... with either survivor to continue receiving

\$175.83 a month... as long as he or she lives.

The chance of collecting social security payments 30 or 40 years from now is becoming increasingly questionable. It will depend on the mood of the taxpayers of that later day. It is now estimated that the amount by which the promised benefits of social security exceed what the "insured" persons are supposed to eventually pay toward meeting these costs—are \$350 billion. That is a sum which exceeds the current national debt."

In conclusion, Mr. Stevenson suggests that "...a blue-ribbon commission could explore the possibility of requiring workers to buy annuity insurance from government-regulated private insurance investment funds just as some states require motorists to buy liability insurance." This might be one solution. However, solid evidence is mounting that it may already be past time for a critical appraisal and redirection of the social security program. The alternative is that the government of the United States may find itself unable to meet its

**ROTC Applicant Exam Deadline Is December 28**

The last opportunity for potential ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) applicants to take the CEEB tests for scholarship consideration is Dec. 28, according to Tolmer S. McKinley, chief of the education branch at Headquarters Fourth U. S. Army Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex.

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# New Pecan Queen Will Be Crowned Thursday

Fourteen Eastland County girls have entered the Pecan Show Queen Contest, according to Eris Ritchie, chairman. The contest, sponsored by the Cisco Jaycees, will be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Cisco High School auditorium.

The nominees will also appear in the annual Santa Claus parade at 3:30 p. m. Thursday.

The contestants and their sponsors were announced as follows:

Sara Howard of Rising Star, Rising Star Chamber of Commerce; Dixie Young of Eastland, Eastland Chamber of



DIXIE YOUNG

Commerce; Mary Jay of Gorman, City of Gorman; Lana Stacy of Gorman, Gorman Chamber of Commerce; Joan Kelly of Eastland, Eastland Jaycees; Sandy Ingram of Scranton, Nimrod Neighbors Progressive Club; Viki Mosley of Cisco, Cisco FFA Chapter; Sandy Warlick of Rising Star, Cisco Junior College; Mari-

lyn Roberts of Cisco, Cisco Jaycees; Kathy Kincaid of Eastland, Eastland County Farm Bureau; Mary Shults of Rising Star, Eastland County Farmers Union; Wanda Daniels of Olden, Olden FFA Chapter; Annabelle Ratliff of Ranger, Ranger FFA Chapter and Betty Medford of Carbon, Rising Star FFA Chapter.

The new queen will be crowned by the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association, and she will serve as hostess at the pecan show and other special events as well compete in the state pecan queen contest to be held in Brownwood in July, 1968. The 1967 Eastland County Pecan Queen is Susie Morgan of Cisco.

A. D. Ellington, president of the Pecan Growers Association, will crown the new queen. Master of ceremonies will be Mr. Ritchie, and musical entertainment will be presented by the Cisco Junior College Choir, directed by Al Lewis, and the Cisco High School Band woodwind ensemble, directed by Johnny Reynolds, student director.

Judges will be furnished by the county agent's office of Callahan County, Jerry Lackey, county agent, will be chairman of the panel of judges.

No admission will be charged for the queen contest, and the public has been invited to attend.

## Seaman Tweed Finishes Basic

Seaman Recruit William L. Tweed, USN, 20, son of Mrs. Jean L. Meyers of 205 North Walnut, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois.

In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instruction under veteran Navy petty officers. He studied seamanship, as well as survival techniques, military drill and other subjects.



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# F B Directors, Wives Enjoy Christmas Event

Eastland County Farm Bureau directors and their wives were guests at the annual Christmas dinner at the Bureau office in Eastland Monday night.

Reports were given by delegates to the state convention in Austin in November and Miss Susie Morgan spoke on the seminar she attended during the summer.

The serving table was covered with white and centered with a Christmas arrangement of candles, holly and mistletoe. Tables for four were also covered with white cloths and decorated with Christmas candles. A buffet style turkey dinner was served.

Mr. K. F. Kirk of Ranger gave the invocation. The group sang "Silent Night" while standing around a large Christmas tree.

Guests enjoyed games of dominoes and "42" following dinner.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Griffin, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Campbell, all of Carbon; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan of Gorman; Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Baucum of Olden; and Mrs.

Joe Baucum of Anson. Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. John Love, Pete

Hathcock and his mother, all of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Claborn and Cynthia, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Justice, all of Eastland.

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