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PECAN QUEEN CONTEST SLATED

The Third Annual Pecan Queen's Contest will be held at the Civic Room, of the National Bank at 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 17. According to Gene Clark, President of Coryell County Pecan Growers Association.

Four girls will compete for the title of County Pecan Queen. The winner will compete for the state title July 14 to 16 at the 49th Annual Conference of the Texas Pecan Growers Association at the El Tropicana Motor Hotel in San Antonio.

Ginny Hairston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hairston of Gatesville was the 1968 County Pecan Queen and was second runner-up at the State Contest held in July of 1968 at the State Pecan Growers Association meeting in Brownwood. Mr. Bob Cummings of Gatesville will be Master of Ceremonies for the Contest.

The four contestants from Coryell County that will com-

pete for the County Queen are Jeanie Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone of Gatesville. Jeanie is 17 years of age, a senior of Gatesville High School. Miss Boone has been a member of the Gatesville High School Band for three years. She has been a member of the Stingettes Drill team for two years. In her sophomore year she was a honor student, in her junior year, she was on the Annual Staff. Other high school activities that Jeanie has been involved in are, member of the Spanish Club for four years, Future Teacher of America four years, and member of 1969 Annual Staff. Jeanie is a Teen Scene Model.

Martha Ann Parrish, 18 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Parrish of Purmela, will be one of the contestants in the

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Walls Begins Production

Monday morning at 7:30 p.m. production began at Walls Manufacturing.

Exactly six months to the day after agreement was reached between Walls executives and local interest for supplying a site, production begins with seven employees reporting work. Bob Vidler, Gatesville plant

manager, explained recently that employees from Clifton who live in the Gatesville area will be transferred in small groups as production increases.

Seven employees began work on small operations such as pockets on Monday, noted Vidler. Today, another group staged work as production reached the second operation.

The assembly line process set up by Walls consist of many single step operations. Pant pockets, shirt pockets, sleeves and other operations involving small material usage are completed before pants and shirt are worked on.

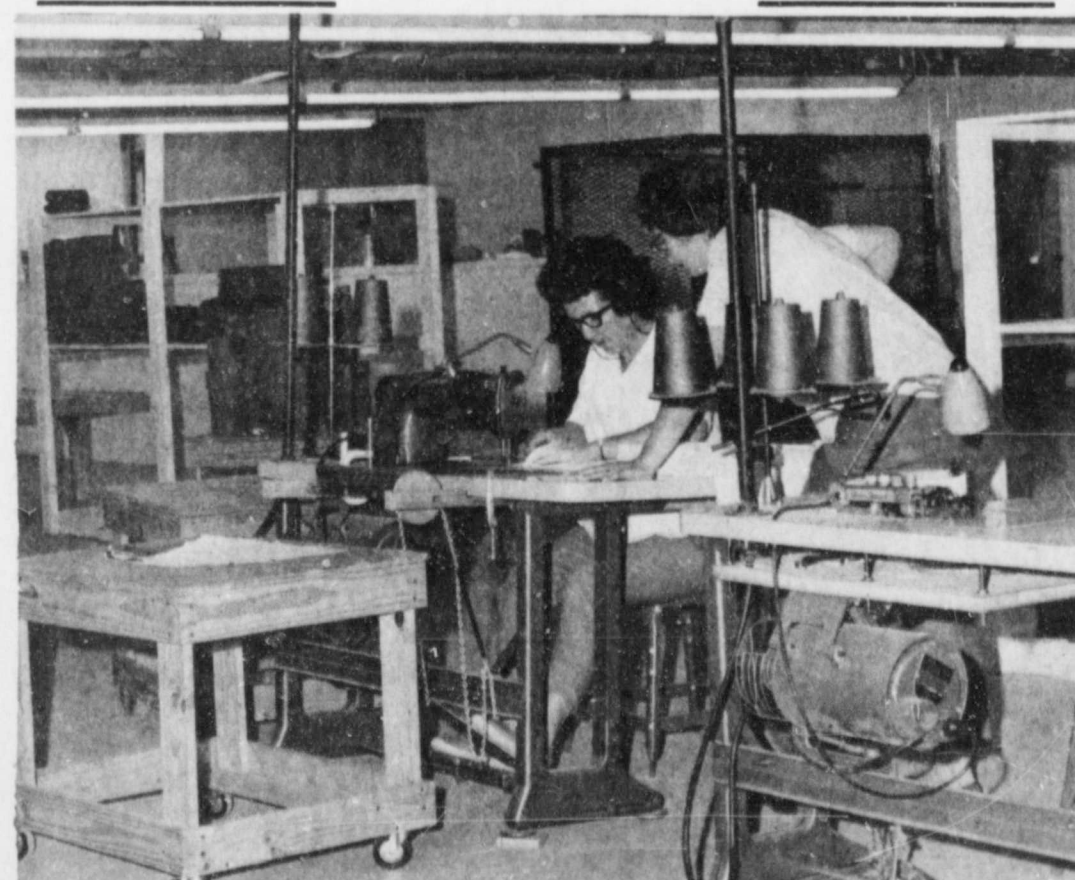
Vidler reported that production levels for the plant are expected to be 60 dozen units per day.

Twenty-five Gatesville area workers are scheduled to be transferred from Clifton as production justifies their transfer.

The Walls workday begins at 7:30 a.m. and is over at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Vidler noted that the Walls schedule calls for a 25 minute break from 10:00 to 10:25 a.m. with lunch break coming at 1:00 p.m.

Vidler reported that the schedule breaks the work-day into three almost equal parts, two 2 1/2 hour sessions in the morning and one 3 hour uninterrupted session in the afternoon.

The new Walls plant will hold an open house in the near future. Vidler expects the production level and employment level to reach normal levels before the celebration. No date has been set.



Walls employees began work Monday on production jobs at the Gatesville plant. The number of employees will be increased as production reaches subsequent stages. Pictured left to right are Alpine Galloway, Penetha Ray and Irene Helms.

Mountainview School Under Investigation By DPS



Superintendent George B. Adams and Assistant Superintendent, Mack Morris of the Mountainview School for Boys, display several weapons allegedly taken from three of the boys (interviewed by the House Committee), following an attempted escape earlier this month.

HOUSE COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARINGS ON MOUNTAINVIEW

AP Reports Included
Legislative investigation findings concerning alleged brutality at the Gatesville State School (Mountainview) has been turned over to the Department of Public Safety.

The State House Committee on Juvenile Delinquency headed by Representative Vernon Stewart of Wichita Falls conducted hearings Friday and Saturday into the alleged brutality.

The House Committee heard testimony, Friday from individuals with second hand reports of incidents at the school.

Mrs. Shirley Tyler, a Houston junior high school teacher, said she visits boys she knows at Gatesville, particularly the Mountain View unit, once a month and has received 200 complaints in six years.

Boys have told her, she said,

of "the pit," where guards force boys to work and to smear sewage on each other's faces. "And if one refuses, his partner is forced to dunk his head," she said.

Mrs. Tyler said beatings "are a daily routine."

The Rev. Frank Briganti, an Austin Catholic priest who was

briefly chaplain at Mountain View, said that "apparently there wasn't a day that went by that some kid or another wasn't getting the hell kicked out of him."

The Rev. Mr. Briganti said he had heard of a boy having an epileptic seizure while in solitary confinement, and "the manner in which it was cured was by dropping a tear gas

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John W. Reesing

Elected V. P. of

Houston Bank

Herbert H. Decker, President of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, has announced several changes in the bank's official staff effective January 1st.

John W. Reesing, a native of Cranfills Gap, was elected Assistant Vice President. He is a graduate of Texas A & M University and a veteran of World War II. Mr. Reesing has been with the bank since 1952, serving first as an Appraiser and since 1959, has been Supervisor of Appraisals. Mr. Reesing is married to the former Hallie Jo Jackson of

Wednesday's opening sessions will center around vocational education and small school administrators. Coryell County's three small schools, Evant, Jonesboro, and Oglesby will be represented by L. L. Pruden, P. T. Lemons, and Morris Owens, respectively.

Thursday's session will feature an address of the conference by Governor-elect Preston Smith. Senator A. M. Akin Jr., sponsor of the Foundation School Program will also attend the Thursday session.

Mr. McKemie reported, Monday concerning the value of the Advisory Conference "We almost have to go or miss out on important things." He explained that the discussions are aimed at making complete explanations of "red top" involved in the educational programs. McKemie has planned to attend four sessions on Thursday.

its work which would then be turned over to the D. P. S. for further investigation. Barnes said "I consider these cases as isolated incidents." He continued that his "presents here should not be taken as an indictment."

He explained that there had been other investigations by the D.P.S. and F. B. I. of alleged brutality. He noted that in the past, attendants had been released for improper treatment.

Barnes reported that "since these alleged wrongs were brought to my attention it deserves his inspection," further explaining that he had appointed the committee in the first place.

Chairman Stewart reported, Sunday morning that his committee would make recommendation at the next legislature. The House Committee lead by Stewart viewed the alleged conditions as creating a "hate complex" in the youth, coming out of the school.

Stewart said his committee would return to Gatesville soon to complete its investigation.

However, Barnes said Sunday that all findings of Stewart's committee and of the Sunday investigation group had been

turned over to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Their report will be made to the Texas Youth Council, a three-man board which oversees the Gatesville schools and other state reform institutions.

Texas Ranger Capt. Clint Peoples was directly in charge of the investigation.

"It is in the hands of the

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Mrs. Cooksey Suffers

Stroke While

Burning Trash

Mrs. Dollie Cooksey, 88, of South Lovers Lane in Gatesville died, Monday about 1:30 p.m., of a stroke suffered while she was burning trash at her home.

Mrs. Raymond Bird a witness to the incident reported that she had seen Mrs. Cooksey burning trash. Mrs. Cooksey reportedly often burned small piles of rubbish in her yard.

Justice of the Peace, Stony Hammock, reported Mrs. Cooksey had received burns when the fire got out of hand.

House Committee Chairman, Vernon Stewart of Wichita Falls reviews the register at the "Adjustment Center" with Asst. Superintendent, Mack Morris. Only five youths were enrolled at the Center, Saturday afternoon when the Legislative Committee toured the facilities at Mountainview. Enrolled were the three youths who allegedly attempted escape and two youths allegedly fighting among themselves.

The members of the House Committee on Juvenile Delinquency appointed by Speaker of the House Ben Barnes reviewed cases of several youths at the Mountainview facility. The group headed by Rep. Vernon Stewart (seated at left) interviewed several youths during their visit to the school.

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Fifth Annual Conference Of Industrial Development Slated For January 8

State Senator Murray Watson, Jr., announced that the Central Texas Industrial Development Council will hold its Fifth Annual Conference at Kaiser Auditorium, Baylor University, on Wednesday, January 8th.

This is a Central Texas meeting of professional industrial developers and others interested in industrial development work. Watson, who serves as president of the council, stated that the purpose of this year's conference is to discuss "promoting and prospecting for industrial development."

Commerce Industrial Development is providing administrative and staff assistance to Senator Watson. The Chamber has mailed letters of invitation asking for representation by the 23 neighboring Chamber of Commerce, Mayors and civic officials from 33 nearby cities and towns have been invited as well as the Texas Highway Department, local educators and county officers, Representatives of the Waco Industrial Foundation and the Chamber's Industrial Development Committee will also attend.

The conference is scheduled to start at 8:45 a.m. on January 8th. A registration fee of \$3.00 will be requested.

Complete Records Help Taxpayer File Correct Return

Taxpayers who kept good financial records last year should have no trouble preparing their 1968 Federal income tax return, Stanley Ferguson, administrative officer of the Waco office of Internal Revenue Service, stressed today.

Complete records are especially important, the IRS spokesman said, to taxpayers who elect to itemize deductions in filing.

Accurate expense records, such as cancelled checks, receipts, records of contributions, are essential if a taxpayer's return is selected for audit. All records should be retained for as long as they may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

Another advantage, he declared, is that taxpayers with good records can complete and mail their Federal tax returns as soon as they receive their W-2 withholding tax certificates, thus eliminating last-minute searches for such papers as the April 15 filing deadline draws near.

Through 1969, records and receipts should be accumulated to ease the tax filing job for 1970. A final tip: A copy of the previous year's return is one of the best guides for preparing the current return.

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bomb in his cell." M. B. Kindrick, superintendent of Gatesville State Schools for Boys, reached at his home on the grounds late Friday, said all comment on the subject must come from Turman. "I don't know too much about what these complaints are," Kindrick said. He said he passes all complaints he receives on to Turman.

Turman told newsmen all the allegations were "a collection of rubbish," then testified they were "malicious misrepresentations."

"We know these charges to be false because anytime a charge has been made, no matter how minor, we asked the Department of Public Safety and sometimes the FBI to make an investigation," Turman said.

The most recent FBI investigation, he said, was last summer in connection with charges by a boy that he had been mistreated. Turman said a \$75,000 damage suit has been filed against him in connection with the alleged incident. Doctors who examined the boy "found not a scratch on him—not a one," Turman said.

Stewart suggested it would be hard to investigate an alleged beating because "youngsters, if they are scared enough, are not going to admit they were mistreated if they fear retaliation."

Turman said his experience has been that boys do not fear retaliation because everything at the school happens in public.

He said the Youth Council has a standing policy of immediately firing any employee who hits or curses a boy, and beating incidents are reported to the local district attorney. He said of the 83 employees fired over the past five years, more than half were dismissed for striking a boy.

"Have you ever tried a plant?" asked Rep. Curtis Graves, Houston.

"Yes, constantly," Turman replied.

"In my mind, a great deal may be going on that you don't know anything about," said Stewart.

"There is less abuse on these campuses than in nine-tenths of the communities in this state because everything is done publicly," Turman replied. "... Kids are not too intimidated to send fabrications to their parents who visit them... We have yet to have one single case filed as a result of an FBI investigation. And we've had hundreds (of complaints)."

Graves asked Turman to furnish the committee inventories of tear gas grenades, reflecting how many have been used. Turman said three canisters of tear gas have been used in the past 10 years to quell outbursts of violence, plus an indefinite number for practice.

Queen Contest From Page 1

Coryell County Queen Contest, Martha is a senior in Gatesville High School. Miss Parrish was the Jaycee Rodeo Sweetheart in 1965. Miss Junior Gatesville in 1967. Semi finalist Miss Teenage America 1965. Farm Bureau Queen of Coryell County 1968-69, a member of regional and all state choir in 1967.

Martha is also a member of the Spanish Club, Future Homemakers of America, a Manager of Stingettes Drill Team and a member of Student Council.

Marsha Tippet, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gene Tippet of Route 2 Gatesville. Marsha is a junior in the Gatesville High School, a member of the Future Homemakers of America, member of the Spanish Club. She has been a member of the basketball team, the pepeteers, and Future Teachers of America. Dolores Jean Ortega, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie E. Ortega, of Gatesville will also vie for the Coryell County Pecan Queen. Dolores is a senior in Gatesville High School. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Stingettes Drill Team for three years and Co-Captain for Junior and Senior year.

Everyone is urged to attend the selecting of the Coryell County Pecan Queen, said Gene Clark.

Scouters To Hold Banquet January 11

J. Olin Hudson, President of the Heart O' Texas Council, Boy Scouts of America, announced today that Dr. Tom Haggal of High Point, North Carolina will be the principal speaker at the Heart O' Texas Council Scouters' Banquet, January 11, 1969, at the Allico Center in Waco.

Dr. Haggal is perhaps best known as a layman spokesman for Scouting to Council and Regional meetings, both nationally and internationally. He speaks to over 300 business conventions a year. In addition to his heavy nationwide schedule of speaking engagements, Dr. Haggal is heard daily from coast to coast on the syndicated radio program, "Values for Living."

Highlights of the program will be the awarding of the Council's highest award--the Silver Beaver--to four men. Make your reservations now for the Banquet at the Council Service Center, 3112 Franklin, Waco, Area Code 817, 754-5447, or through the eight District Chairmen in the Council.



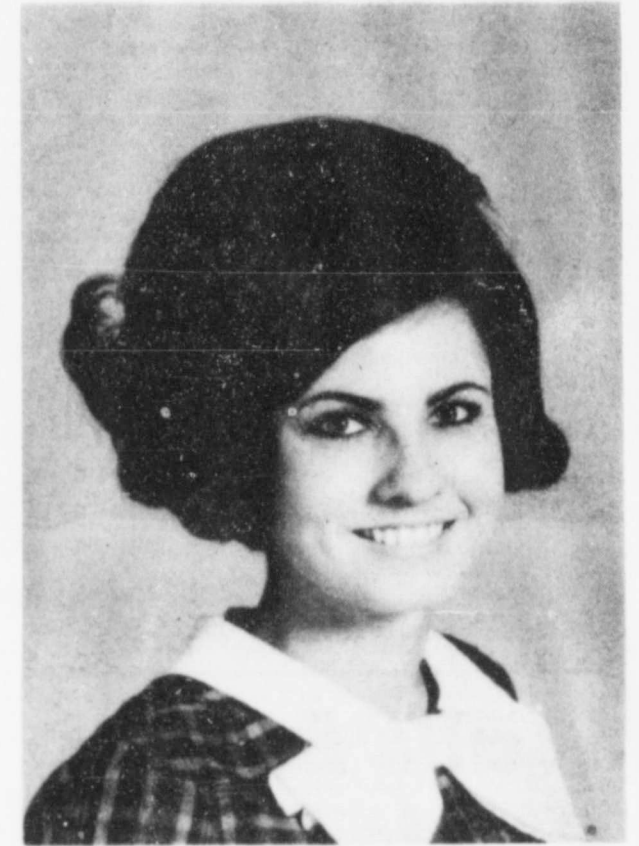
Miss Dolores Ortega



Miss Jeanie Boone



Miss Marsha Tippet



Miss Martha Parrish

My Neighbors



"I suppose I should have my head examined coming here..."

Hospital News Babies

Baby boy born January 2 at 6:24 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Morgan of Gatesville.
Baby girl born January 3 at 2:56 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gauldin of Copperas Cove.

Baby boy born January 4 at 1:05 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cotton of Gatesville.

Baby boy born January 4 at 7:55 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hill of Gatesville.

Twin boys born January 4 at 9:05 a.m. and 9:14 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bannister of Oglesby.

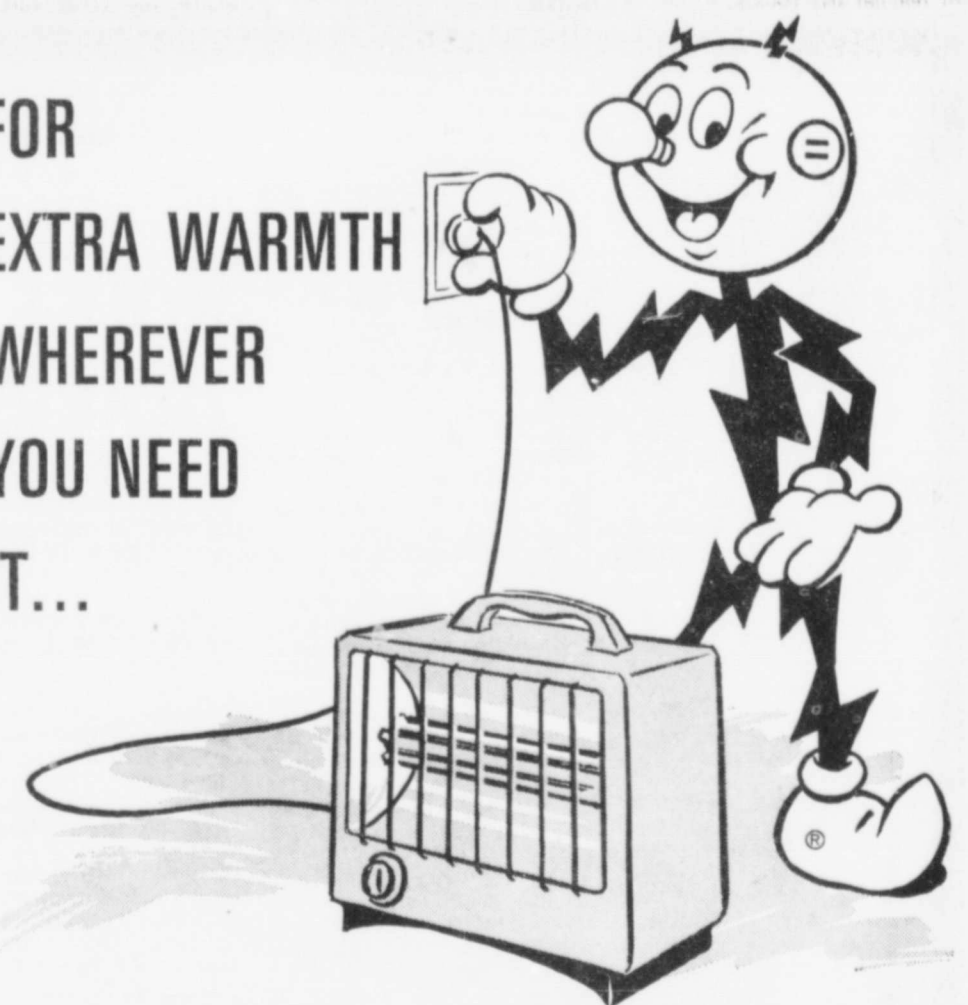
Baby boy born January 5 at 3:23 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Whitt of Hamilton.

Baby girl born January 5 at 1:17 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shores of Gatesville.

Patients

Mrs. W. T. Bannister
Mrs. Jimmy Whitt
Mrs. Cecil Rivers
Mrs. Alice McCarver
Mrs. Willie Reuter
Mrs. Jackie Jones
R. S. Meeks
Mrs. Nettie Doherty
Mrs. Irvin Kitchens
Mrs. Windy Cummings
Mrs. Jerry Shores
Mrs. Bobby Cotton
Mrs. Bobby Hill
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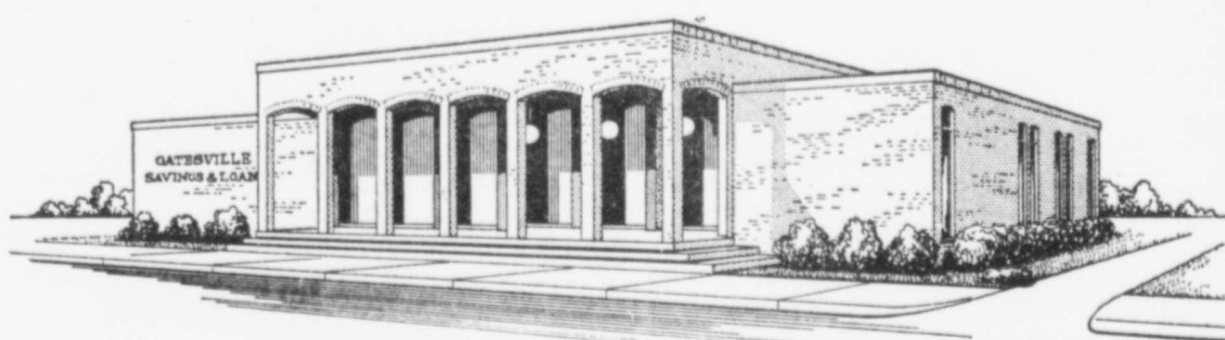
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Highlights and Sidelights

Vern Sanford

Another legislative session is just around the corner.

Lawmakers are due back in town Tuesday (January 14) for their 61st biennial meeting, and most observers predict it will be a lively session.

Senators and representatives soon will be bickering mightily over the following, and probably hundreds of other less spectacular matters:

Spending and taxation—Nearly everybody is convinced there will be a big tax bill. But one of those who isn't is none other than Gov.-elect Preston Smith. He is hopeful that he won't have to be concerned with a tax program this year. However, there are demands for appropriations increases and school teachers want a \$200 million pay raise.

Recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education, particularly those of district consolidation and tax burden equalization. Liquor-by-the-drink legislation—What again? This time, apparently, proponents will try the constitutional amendment (let-everybody-vote-on-it) route.

Minimum wage legislation. Constitutional revision.

Increasing workmen's compensation from \$35 to \$49 a week, maximum and broadening coverage to public employees. Air and water pollution control measures.

Implementing the statewide water plan.

Raising the public welfare spending ceiling.

Incoming governor has indicated he will attach personal priority tags to these major program areas: education (with emphasis on vocational and technical training), law enforcement, finance, pollution measure, and water matters.

NEW BUDGET PLAN DRAWN

Legislative Budget Board has recommended \$1.1 billion in general revenue spending for 1970-71 -- about \$77 million more than the bare bones minimum level estimated by Gov. John Connally.

LBB calculated its own modest version of appropriations needs would leave \$60.7 million in unearmarked general revenue, but that takes into account no new major programs such as implementation of the governor's public school study or teacher pay boosts.

Board decided to order a stop to salary supplements for major college officials from private funds and to recommend the state pay whatever is needed to get top men. This would cost about \$308,500 a year.

Under LBB proposals the governor would get a pay raise, too, from \$40,000 to \$55,000 a year. That would keep him ahead of lesser appointed officials, some of whom actually have been paid more than the chief executive considering their incomes from private sources.

Budget proposal also includes \$8.2 million in state office building (to cut down on \$1.5 million annual rentals paid by the state to house agencies in Austin) and an \$850,000 state records storage center.

APPOINTMENTS

Hawthorne Phillips, formerly of Harlingen, has been named executive assistant attorney general. He succeeds A. J. Carubbi Jr., who joined a Houston law firm.

Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin also named Pat Cain of Austin to serve as his administrative assistant, replacing W. E. Wells who will take a Houston finance job.

Martin said Odessa District Judge George Kelton will join his staff as co-chairman of the opinions division.

Robert Owen, former Crockett County attorney, will head the consumer protection division and Phil Warner will be assigned to the attorney general's insurance, banking and securities division.

Governor Connally appointed Paris attorney Henry Braswell judge of the Sixth Judicial District (Lamar and Fannin Counties).

Connally, moving fast to catch up on a backlog of appointments, also announced these selections:

William B. Blakemore II of Midland to Public Safety Commission replacing J. C. Looney of Edinburg.

James L. Luther of Burnet to the Texas Aeronautics Commission.

George Dillman of Dallas, Ed Hunter of Houston, Gene Lehmann of Kerrville and Don Russell of San Marcos to the Texas Tourist Development Agency. Reappointed to the same agency was John McCarty of Dallas.

Judge Peter M. Curry of San Antonio and Judge Raleigh Brown of Abilene, reappointed as presiding judges of the Fourth and Seventh Administrative Judicial Districts.

Paul Fulk of Wolfe City, reappointed to the Texas Aeronautics Commission.

L. P. Sturgeon is the new executive secretary of the Texas State Teachers Association. This former New Boston school superintendent succeeds the late Charles H. Tennyson, longtime head of TSTA, who died last month.

Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Bishop, adjutant general of Texas, has been reappointed as a principal member of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee.

TECHNICAL TRAINING BOOSTED

House Education Committee has urged at least \$30 million outlay during the next biennium for vocational-technical education in Texas.

HEC, which conducted study and 10 hearings, found that 16 vocational schools should be provided in 10 years to furnish 180 such facilities. It said all private technical and business schools ought to be regulated by the Texas Education Agency and that James Connally Technical Institute at Waco should be operated as a separate entity for training scarce vo-tech instructors and counselors.

WATER HYCINTH ERADICATION

A plant hormone called "2-4-D" will be used in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's campaign in the spring to eradicate water hyacinths in the Nueces, Frio and Atascosa Rivers.

Marion Toole of the P&W Department says that state workers, cooperating with the Galveston office of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will apply the hormone when the plants are just beginning active growth. No harmful side effects are expected to result from the program, he said, since "2-4-D" is a hormone, not a poison. "We've sprayed Caddo Lake and areas around Houston and Beaumont," he said, and never had reports of any injurying.

Toole says that the department plans to carry the program to other areas of the state after the South Texas work. He reports that the department has been getting pressure from Louisiana about the problem with the Sabine, and since the upper Sabine is in Texas, this state must deal with the water hyacinth infestation there before Louisiana can get approval for control where the river links Texas and Louisiana.

SHORT SNORTS

All statewide elective officials (except the governor and

and Louisiana.

INAUGURATION

During the pre-session lull, secretaries and other workers in the Legislature are busy addressing invitations from Governor-elect Smith and Lt. Gov.-elect Ben Barnes to the January 21 inauguration festivities. Smith's inauguration promises to be the most public of any such event since Austin became the capital of Texas. He wants everybody to come help him celebrate his assuming the chief executive's office.

Five of the six inaugural balls scheduled will be free. The formal ball in Austin's Municipal Auditorium, featuring Henry King and His Orchestra, will be the only one for which admission will be charged. But the "free" balls should like great fun. Television Star Jimmy Dean, a native of Plainview, Texas, will entertain at each of them. And other famous Texans--Glen Campbell, Buck Owens, Ray Price, Charlie Pride and the Casino Brass--will play for dancing.

COURTS SPEAK

Texas Supreme Court threw out orders of a Shelby County court which attempted to invalidate Department of Public Safety drivers' license suspensions of 83 who did not live in the county.

High court exonerated two Victoria doctors sued by a woman who broke her hip in a fall from a hospital bed after electric shock treatments. Thirty-two death penalty cases were pending as of the end of the last fiscal year says the Board of Pardons and Pardon in its annual report.

GUARD UNITS PRAISED

Texas' Army National Guard is at the "highest state of efficiency and readiness ever achieved," Fourth Army spokesman commented.

Annual general inspections of 121 units reflected that more guard units were rated "superior" than last year, despite massive reorganization. Twenty-one units received distinction in Fourth Army judging.

SHORT SNORTS

All statewide elective officials (except the governor and

lieutenant governor) who serve two-year terms began new terms on January 1.

More got out than in state prisons last year. A total of 5,485 inmates were released (1,921 through parole) while 4,736 were admitted.

Forty-one applications for permits to sell \$29 million in securities in Texas were filed during the last two weeks with the State Securities Board.

Application has been filed for West End State Bank, Westgate City, Beaumont, with the State Banking Board. Board also heard bitter political charges in hearing on application for a new state bank at Hurst.

TEXAS FARM BUREAU NEWS

Texas Farm Bureau's 1969 legislative program will be launched here Jan. 22-23 at a joint legislative-membership conference at the Terrace Motor Hotel.

More than 400 county Farm Bureau leaders--including presidents, legislative and membership committee chairmen--are expected to attend the conference which gets under way at 1 p.m. Jan. 22 and concludes at noon next day.

Purpose of the bi-annual meeting, according to TFB President Sidney Dean of Victoria, is for Farm Bureau leaders to get a better understanding of state and national issues affecting agriculture and to discuss plans for implementing Farm Bureau policies. A membership report and awards program is also scheduled during the meeting. The TFB, which ended its 1968 year with 110,689 member families, is staging a state-wide enrollment campaign Jan. 13-18.

Governor-elect Preston Smith will address a banquet on the evening of Jan. 22. All legislators and high state government officials have been invited to attend the banquet.

Roger Fleming, Washington, D. C., secretary-treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will open the Jan. 23 session with a discussion on "County Leaders-The Key to Effective Participation."

Two key leaders of the House and Senate will speak to the group on the final day of the conference, according to Ed McKay, Waco, TFB legislative director. Senator William N. Patman, Canada, will give pointers on effective contacts with elected officials. Rep. W. S. (Bill) Healy of Paducah will discuss the state's tax and spending problems.

Dean will open the conference on the afternoon of Jan. 22 with a talk on the purpose of the meeting. Following this, McKay will discuss major national legislative issues and Farm Bureau's policies affecting these issues. Cliff Lay-

Ofcharik Receives Bronze Star

LAI KHE, VIETNAM--Army Master Sergeant Edward F. Ofcharik, whose wife, Gertrud, lives at 510 South 13th Street, Copperton, Texas, received the Bronze Star Medal Dec. 5 near Lai Khe, Vietnam.

Msg. Ofcharik was presented the award for meritorious service in ground operations against hostile forces in Vietnam.

At the time of the presentation he was battalion maintenance sergeant with Company D, 1st Battalion of the 160th Infantry in Vietnam.

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Miss Susan Lynn West, 11 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. West, of Dallas, died 2:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 31, 1968 in a Dallas hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 1, 1969 at Lee's Chapel, with the Rev. Mark Rutherford officiating.

Burial was in Restland Cemetery at Gatesville.

Surviving are her parents; one sister, Tammy West, Dallas; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim West, Oglesby; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Veda West, Oglesby; and paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. J. E. West, Oglesby. Pallbearers were Benny Burns, Rickie West, Donald West, James West.

Rites Held For Long Time Resident Of Levita

Funeral services were held January 4, 1969 at 2 p.m. at Scotts Funeral Home Chapel for Earl W. McCorkle, long-time resident of the Levita-Ater Community. Rev. G. L. Derrick officiated and burial was in Ater Cemetery.

Mr. McCorkle died in the local hospital on January 2, at the age of 74.

He was born April 8, 1894 in Bell County and came to Coryell County as a child. He moved to Levita in 1955.

He was a member of the Levita Baptist Church and a retired farmer.

Mr. McCorkle was married to the former Vida Verona Watkins on January 2, 1916. She survives him.

Also surviving are five sons, Truman McCorkle of Arcadia, California, Monroe McCorkle of Dallas, Garland McCorkle of Midland, Gene McCorkle of Port Neches and Bob McCorkle of Burleson; two daughters, Mrs. Valeta Barron of Austin and Mrs. June Grier of Irving; a sister, Mrs. Lola Williams of Ireland and 17 grandchildren. One son, William C. McCorkle, preceded him in death in 1945.

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Airman and Mrs. Kenneth D. Jones

Miss Janie Dotson and Airman Kenneth D. Jones were united in marriage in a candle-light ceremony Saturday evening, Dec. 28, in the First Baptist Church of Gatesville. Rev. Kenneth Patrick was officiant for the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dotson and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil (Boney) Jones, all of Route 3, Gatesville.

The bride wore a floorlength gown designed and made by her mother. Fashioned of white peau de soie accented with ap-

pliques of lace roses, it had a bateau neckline and long sleeves tapering to points over her hands. Her cathedral length veil was caught to a headpiece of rose appliques matching those of her dress. She carried a bouquet of white roses trimmed with stephanotis.

She carried out the tradition of wearing something old, new, borrowed and blue, and had a penny in her shoe.

Her attendants were Miss Opal Watkins of Gatesville, maid of honor, and Miss Susie Parrott of San Angelo, Miss

Sari Ryan of George West and Mrs. Joe Kopec of Waco. They wore floor-length empire gowns of royal blue crepe with long full sleeves and square necklines. Their headpieces were royal blue lace mantillas, and they carried long white candles ornamented with blue ribbons and white chrysanthemums.

Flower girl was little Miss Bonita Jones, sister of the bridegroom. She was dressed identically to the bridesmaids and scattered petals from a basket.

Best man was Larry Dean Jones of Gatesville, the bridegroom's brother. Groomsmen were Billy Jones and Robert Grinstead, both of Gatesville, and Joe Kopec of Waco. Ush-

ering and lighting the candles were Dann Mattiza and Wayne Shirley of Gatesville.

Ring bearer was Mark Davis also of Gatesville.

Wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Dwain Place, organist, and Gaines Smith, soloist, who sang "One Hand, One Heart," "The Wedding Prayer" and "Walk Hand in Hand with Me."

Playing before the ceremony and at the reception was Miss Mca Rogers of Post Oak.

A reception was held in the church parlor. Members of the house party included Miss Ginny Hairston of Gatesville, who registered the guests, Miss Frances Moore of San Antonio, Miss Janis Daniel, Miss Donna Cope, Miss Pam Price, Mrs. Kenneth Price, Mrs. Leander Guggolz and Mrs. J. W. Price of Gatesville, Carol Ann Barton and Diane Thompson.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yates of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mashburn of Copperas Cove, Susie Rents of Waco, Mrs. Parrott of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Freedman of Waxahachie.

After a short honeymoon trip to Austin, the couple will reside in Brownwood until Mr. Jones leaves for South Vietnam in January.

Cynthia Hill-Albert Price Exchange Vows

Miss Cynthia Susan Hill and Albert Ray Price were married in Kinney Avenue Baptist Church, Austin, December 21 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Jack E. Livingston officiated.

Parents of the newlyweds are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilbur Hill, 4604 Clawson Road, Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Price, Evant.

The bride wore a formal gown of alabaster soufflé silk, fashioned with a crescent neckline and three-quarter length sleeves. Cut crystal baguette and pearls outlined the neckline and keyhole detail and were repeated on the cuffs. The chapel length court train fell from the shoulders. Her triple tiered veil, of imported silk illusion, fell from a forward callot, fashioned of tiny pearls sprinkled on alencon lace cut-out petals, centered with a small dior bow.

Miss Julie Ann Hill, sister of the bride, Austin, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Miss Verlene Grant and Miss Kelly Harris, Austin. Attendants wore floor length gowns of ruby red boulevard velvet, accented with white alencon lace at the Juliet cuffs. A velvet cord of ruby velvet defined the empire waistline. They each carried a single white mum, and wore matching tiny handmade caplets on their hair, in pure white. The mums featured satin streamers.

Glen Doyle Price, Fort Worth, was his brother's best man. Freddie Finch, Austin and Mickey Lee, Evant, were groomsmen.

The bride is a graduate of William B. Travis High School, Austin, and has a pending Concordia Lutheran Junior College, where she is presently enrolled. She won a Journalism Scholarship to Trinity University, also.

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Jr., Jonesboro and they visited J. O. Foust on her old home place, fact is, her birth place in the Ames Community.

Miss Mattie Cooper spent Christmas week in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jo Belle Sadler, Fort Worth and went to Dallas one afternoon and ate supper with her brother, John Cooper, and his family, and received a personal gift from John, one of his paintings of "The Bog Hole," where following members of their family were baptized, Mattie, Jim, the twins, Annie and Fannie, Ollie Jo Beile, Bill, John and Charlotte.

Sunday's guests of Roy Humes were eight of his ten children, and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Windham, Denton, Mr. and Mrs. David Humes and Christie, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie White, Roger, Ronald and Marilyn, Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris, Tanya and Mark, Carrollton, R. F. Humes, Mike and Laurie, Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dol-

lins, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humes, Larry and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Latham, Jr., Shirley, David, Kyle and Beverly, Turnersville. Also Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wallace, San Angelo, and Mrs. John Bushnell, Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry Tharp had as their guests Sunday, Robert Jeffcoat, home from college, William Harold Tharp, Mrs. Lucy Mae Terrell, Clifton, Mrs. Dock Martin, Meridian, Owen Lee, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Lee, Cranfills Gap, Sharon Blanchard, Gatesville, Mr. and Mrs. James Lee, Mrs. Clyde Lee, Gatesville, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee, Purnela, Mr. and Mrs. Price Stanford, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Tharp, Turnersville.

Misses Mattie Cooper and Ellen Balch visited Mr. Bob McMinn, Mrs. Nannie Dollins and Mrs. Lora Dollins in the Sunset Home, in Clifton, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck Tharp and Miss Laura Tharp spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Dick Douglass and Carolyn in Austin. Others attending were Robert Tharp Jr., Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schwartz, Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whatley and Minda and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Liddle, Waco, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peck Tharp, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Weaver, Gatesville, Mr. and Mrs. Green Nuckels, Itasca, Mrs. John Bushnell, Austin, were callers in the home of Miss Laura Tharp during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fleming had all of their children at home during the holidays, including Margie and her family from Portland, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wallace had Dick's family with them Christmas Day and Mrs. Charlie Jones from the Rotunda, Gatesville, enjoyed the day with them in her old home place.

A donation to the burner has been given by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gardner.

Mrs. Roy Fleming has given a memorial to Mrs. Florence Thomas.

The Baptist Church gave a memorial to Mack Hardwick, brother of Mrs. Samantha Pruitt.

Buckners Entertain Out-Of-Town Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buckner of Gatesville had all their children home Christmas Day; also all their grandchildren, but one, and had two great-grandchildren present.

Those present were Alice Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Buckner, and Donna and Daronna, Mr. and Mrs. Lawell Buckner and Jan, Wayne, Sharon, Faye and Billy of Levita, Mr. and Mrs. John Powers, Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snodgrass and Shelly of Waco, Mrs. Joyce Reed and Melissa of Waco, who has just returned from England; Mr. and Mrs. Alton McLaughlin and Lynn of Gatesville, Diane Spurlock, Gatesville, John Parker, Fort Hood, and Butch Brown of Flat. Visiting Sunday Afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparkman, Purnela, Mr. and Mrs. John Powers, Mrs. Joyce Reed and Melissa, and Miss Patsy Landfried all of Waco.

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Eastern Star of District 3 Selects

New Officers For 1969

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club of District 3-Section 7 Order of Eastern Star met at a stated meeting at the Masonic Hall in Clifton, Texas, on December 29, 1968. This being the Yule Tide Holiday, a covered dish supper was the event of the evening after which there was an exchange of gifts in the spirit of love thy neighbor.

During the business session presided over by the President, Darrell Gent, new officers for the year of 1969 were elected as follows: Arthur Corley, president; Alvis Stovall, vice-

president; Leone Rundell, secretary; and Fannie Gent, reporter.

There were 27 present with members from Walnut Springs, Copperas Cove, Evant, Gatesville, and Clifton attending. Gatesville carried home the attendance banner.

The next meeting will be held in Evant on March 31--place to be announced later.

Each Past Matron and Past Patron of District 3, Section 7, is extended an invitation to join our organization.

Spots-Problems?

If getting spots out of shirts is a problem, here are some handy tips from the American Institute of Men's and Boy's Wear.

For lipstick stains—rub well with petroleum jelly before putting shirt in laundry.

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TURNERSVILLE NEWS by Laura Tharp

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harrup, Monty and Jennifer, Uvalde, Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne Chandler and Carl, Waco, Mrs. Billy Joe Scott, Cheryel and Janice, Gatesville.

Guests during the holidays in the home of Mrs. Bertha McClendon and Ralph were Mr. and Mrs. Gene McClendon, Pampa, Mrs. Fred Mayberry, Gatesville, Mrs. Sybil Mayberry and son, Eagle Pass, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. McClendon, Tyler, Mrs. Roland Fielin and sons Valley Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Latham and children, Shirley, David, Kyle and Beverly have moved into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buster. The

community welcomes them into our midst.

Mrs. Gus Weber and boys, Gary, Michael and Gregory, Houston, are visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. A. Foote, and Adriene Foote, until after New Year's and are enjoying fishing and hunting.

Mrs. Annie Foust had as her guests, Tuesday, Christmas Eve, three of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Foust, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Foust, Reed and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Young Jr., and children, Michael, Ivy, Lavinia, Robert, Brenda and Lisa and her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilhelm of the Ames Community.

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The eight "little ones" included a set of twin boys, born January 4 at 9:05 and 9:14 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Banister of Oglesby. Twins have never won in the 33 year history of the News-Merchants Contest, but in 1969 the 38 hours 41 minutes is not a bad showing for a "dynamic duo."

The top contender in Coryell County is James Kevin Morgan, 8 pound 3 ounce baby boy born at 6:24 p.m., January 2. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Morgan are the proud parents and this is their first child.

Mr. Morgan is employed at Black's Food Store in Gatesville. Mrs. Morgan is employed as a bookkeeper at Whites Auto Store in Gatesville. Young Kevin has two sets of equally proud grandparents to welcome him, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Snoddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gauldin, of Copperas Cove are the proud parents of the second baby known to be born this year. Their young lady arrived at 2:56 a.m., January 3 in Coryell Memorial Hospital. Another new addition to the "little ones" this year is a baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cotton, also of Gatesville.

The young man arrived at 1:05 a.m. on January 4 and is the first child of the Cottons. Bobby is employed with the City of Gatesville. Both parents are native Gatesvillites.

Although not qualified as a News-Merchant Contestant, being a resident of Hamilton County, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Whitt

have a bouncing Bundle of Joy born on January 5 at 3:23 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Whitt are both natives of Gatesville and moved to Hamilton, after their marriage, where Jimmy is employed with Thompson's Grocery. The young man has an older sister, Terri Lynn. He also has some proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Knox Whitt and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Franks; along with an equally proud great-grandparents, Mrs. Desie Whitt, Mrs. Amos Ellis, Mrs. Iva Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shores are the proud parents of a new "Miss Shores", who arrived at Coryell Memorial Hospital on January 5 at 1:17 p.m. The Shores live in Gatesville.

The fourth arrival this year at the Coryell Memorial Hospital is a bouncing boy born on January 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hill of Gatesville. A copy of the baby's birth certificate, signed by the attending physician must be brought in to the Coryell County News office on or before January 12, at 10:30 a.m. Also, the parents must reside in Coryell County and the baby must be born in Coryell County to qualify as the "Miss or Mr. 33rd."



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Hornets Drop District Opener 69-48

The Gatesville Hornets cagers made a somewhat less than impressive debut in district play as they were overpowered 69-48 by the Belton Tigers, Friday night. The towering Tigers outshot, outjumped and out-hustled the Hornets to hand Gatesville its tenth loss of the season against three wins.

At the opening tip-off, Gatesville seemed to take charge and rapidly jumped to a 5-2 lead in the first two minutes of play. After that opening burst, the Hornets seemed to collapse completely. At one point the score was 20-5 in favor of Belton, Big Red scoring 18 points before the inept Hornets attack could manage another basket. The score at the end of the first quarter was Belton 24, Gatesville 9.

In the second quarter, the Hornets regained some of their composure, and cut the Tiger lead to eleven points, 31-20, at halftime.

The third quarter resembled the first as the Belton boys really took charge, scoring 22 points to 8 for the Hornets. This gave the Tigers an insurmountable 53-28 lead at the end

of the third quarter, and the Belton reserves held off the Hornets in the final period of play, giving Big Red a 69-48 victory.

Pacing the Belton victory was Timmy Brown who popped 25 points through the nets, and was the game's leading rebounder, grabbing 13.

Raymond Cole led the Hornets attack with 16 points and did his usual fine job of ball handling. Reggie Schoenewolf scored 8 points for Gatesville, but was off-form, missing many long jump shots. Likewise, the rest of the Hornets team performed reasonably well, but not up to standards which they are capable of. Other team members contributing points in the game were Fred Rhea 5, Bobby Stovall and Danny Belf 4 each, Buddy Wiggins, Randy Schoenewolf, and Mike Moore 3 each, and Doug Freeman 2.

The Copperas Cove Bulldogs will be in town, Tuesday night, January 7 to meet the Hornets in the GHS gym. Friday night the Bulldogs won their district opener as they edged Lampasas 54-50. Barry Lightfoot and Roger Berry scored 17 points

apiece to lead the Bulldogs' victory. When Gatesville and Copperas Cove clash, the Bulldogs will be favored to win, although the Hornets could give them a tough scrap.

Belton B's

Outscore Hornets 62-30

The Belton B-teamers overpowered the Gatesville reserves 62-30, Friday night. Gatesville was just no match for the Tigers, who jumped out to a 39-18 halftime lead and were never seriously threatened.

George Aldridge and Joe Bohlin each scored 11 points to lead the Tigers. Mike Matthews and Steve Palmer each scored 6 points to lead the Hornets. Other Gatesville scorers were Larry Moore 5, George Wright 4, Gary Kafer 3, Kenneth Brown 2, William Griffin 2, James McCarley 1, and Eddie Johnson 1.

Carl Hudspeth

Assigned As Ambulance Driver

PLEIKU, VIETNAM--Army Private Carl W. Hudspeth, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Hudspeth, Gatesville, Texas, was assigned Dec. 3 to the 1st Medical Company near Pleiku, Vietnam, as an ambulance driver.

Investigation From Page 1

DPS and the Youth Council to take action on anything that has been found," Barnes said, "and I'm convinced the board (of the Texas Youth Council) will take action if necessary. I'm convinced that any guard who is proved to have hit any boy will be fired."

Meanwhile, the Rangers investigating the school were non-committal. In Waco, Peoples said he would have no comment at the present time.

"We are in the process of investigation," the veteran Ranger said, "and there's not a chance in the world of our saying anything about them (results of the ploygraph tests) now."

"The House committee is a study group and when they make their recommendations to the next legislature they may want to recommend some changes in laws affecting these schools," Barnes said.

The House committee held hearings Friday and Saturday in Austin before the Gatesville trip. Two Corpus Christi television newsmen testified Saturday that their own investigation at Mountain View showed "brutality was more of a rule than an exception."

They said school records show 87 guards have been fired in the last five years for mistreatment of boys.

A Houston mother and father, who have a \$75,000 federal court damage suit pending, claimed guards beat their 14-year-old son so bad that he was hospitalized 56 days.

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Last Rites Held For Retired Oil Mill Superintendent

Mr. James Orren Griffin, 72, passed away in the Coryell Memorial Hospital on January 1, 1969.

Funeral services were held January 3, at 2 p.m. from Scott's Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bob Richmond officiating.

Coryell Native Dies

After Long Illness

Funeral services for William Nathan Wittie, 47, of Waco were held at 2:30 p.m. in the Connally Chapel with Rev. Sam O. Toole officiating. Burial was in Rosemount Cemetery.

Mr. Wittie died at 5:30 a.m. Saturday in a Houston hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Gatesville and graduated from Gatesville High School.

Mr. Wittie graduated from Baylor University in 1947 and was an independent insurance claims adjuster.

Surviving are his wife Ernestine; two sons, Billy in U. S. Navy and Bobby of Waco, one daughter, Susie, also of Waco; parents, Mrs. and Mrs. W. C. Wittie of Gatesville; four brothers, Ray, Odessa, Roy, Gatesville; Herman, Lubbock, and J. A., Odessa; and one sister, Mrs. Arlee Wigginton of Cisco.

Burial was in Coryell Church. Mr. Griffin was born in Brenham on Nov. 4, 1896 and was reared around Coryell Church Community. He retired as Oil Mill Superintendent in San Antonio in 1961 and moved to Gatesville. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He married the former Mrs. Ernamee Gilmer on Dec. 25, 1919, who survives him. Also surviving are a son, Melton T. Griffin of Tulsa; a daughter, Mrs. R. C. (Ann) Price of Buffalo, New York; four brothers, J. B. Griffin and V. O. Griffin, both of Fort Worth, J. H. Griffin of Alta Loma, T. A. Griffin of Gatesville and a half-brother, Lt. Col. Lorain Griffin, now stationed in Vietnam; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Hinton of Fort Worth, Mrs. Lucille McCoy of San Antonio and a half-sister, Mrs. Burna Ballard of Fort Worth and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were G. C. Adkins, Jr., G. C. Adkins III, Belvin Gilmer, Gaddy McDonald, Leland Griffin and Kenneth Griffin.

It is estimated that motorists have paid an average of \$22.9 million a day in state and federal fuel taxes in 1968, for an estimated total of over \$8.3 billion for the year.

Big Thicket National Monument Being Considered

WASHINGTON AP - The Interior Department is considering establishment of a Big Thicket National Monument in Southeast Texas, sources in the department say.

The Big Thicket area has been acclaimed by naturalists and conservationists as a unique concentration of certain plants, birds and other wildlife. Some wooded swamps in the area have been penetrated by man only rarely.

A national monument can be established by executive order. A national park, in contrast, must have congressional approval before it can be authorized and funded.

Bills to establish a 75,000 acre Big Thicket National Park died with Congress in October.

The National Park Service, a unit of the Interior Department, has sent a survey team to the area Northwest and west of Beaumont to examine the possibilities for establishing a national monument or a small national park consisting of isolated scenic and natural areas.

Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, who leaves office Jan. 20, favors a large project, whether monument or park, in the 75,000 to 100,000 acre range.

Sources indicate they don't expect the chances for estab-

lishment of a national monument to be diminished by the change in administrations. "There is great interest in it among conservationists in Houston and even in the Dallas area," one source said. "And many of these people are Republicans who would put pressure on the incoming secretary to follow through with the project."

Sources said the department feels that a cluster of isolated park areas connected by scenic highways, as advocated by Rep. John Dowdy, D-Tex., would be a headache to administer.

Dowdy and spokesmen for the area's timber industry have said a large park would take so much timber land both the industry and the area's economy would be hurt.

Prime sponsors of the 75,000 acre park have been Sen. Ralph Yarborough and Rep. Jim Wright, both D-Texas.

Interior Department officials indicate the arguments used by opponents of the large park plan are similar to those which have arisen when large parks have been considered elsewhere.

"In many cases we hear protests from local citizens afraid that the park will destroy their area's tax base and force people to move," one said. "But in almost every case, within a year those same people are making more from tourism than they ever did from the old businesses."



The Hornets' Fred Rhea, number 25, jumps, high to get off a jump shot against a Belton defender. Rhea scored 5 points in this game, which the Hornets lost 69-48. The other Gatesville player in the picture is number 21, Danny Belf.



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