

# STERLING CITY NEWS-RECORD

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National 4-H Club Week being observed during the period September 26-October 6 by 84,000 boys and girls in Texas has a special meaning in this state. It is also the fifth anniversary of the 4-H Clubs and their beginning in Texas.

Since 1914, when the Smith-Lever Act authorized the Cooperative Extension Service between the local government, the state, and federal branches, the 4-H Club movement has spread across the fifty states of this country, and seventy-two other nations as well. The first club was organized in Jack County, Texas in 1914 with just a handful of members. Now there are 2 1/4 million members in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Latest figures show that forty-eight percent of the club members come from farm homes, thirty-one percent from rural non-farm homes and twenty-one percent from urban homes. Originally, all club members were from farm homes but the decrease in rural homes and in the increase in the number of rural non-farm homes and urban homes has brought many boys and girls to the small cities or the fringe of the larger cities. They retained some of their rural background and the great number of 4-H programs available held something for them. There are now some fifty programs they can take part in during their span of membership.

The large number of programs now available is quite a change from the original club of fifty years ago. When first organized in 1914, the boys' projects were limited to corn growing. Girls were limited to tomato canning for home use. Sterling County club members take most interest in livestock projects, primarily sheep, cattle and range management. There is always a good turnout of boys and girls in the spring of the year to participate in the various judging contests which begin at the county level. These teams have made a very good showing in the district and state contests of the various kinds. During the past years, teams from Sterling have placed in the top three teams at the state 4-H club contests in College Station.

Two club members from this county have served on the State 4-H Council. Larry Glass served on the council in 1951 and Reynolds Lee Foster in 1960.

The boys and girls have always done a good job with their livestock projects in competition at the various district, state and national stock shows. Many have ribbons on their walls to show the results of their work in sheep, cattle and horses. One member, Clinton Hodges, attended the National 4-H Congress in Chicago as a winner in the sheep and wool program.

The screwworm-free period in Texas recently came to an end with the finding of a case of worms near Silverton on the caprock. Since then, two more cases of worms have been found. One case was found in Presidio County fifty miles west of Marfa and another in Sutton County, thirty miles southeast of Sonora. A sample sent in from Sterling County by R. T. Foster, Jr. was identified as non-screwworm. The sample was taken from the heads of two rams on the Fox headquarters place near Sterling Creek. This was the first sample sent in from the county in quite some time.

Phone in your personal items of news-your visits, your visitors, your parties etc. News-Record 8-3251.

## Next Week Is Highway Week

Next week has been declared Highway Week by Governor John Connally.

H. L. Bailey, resident highway engineer here, has said that there will be open house at the engineer's building up the Big Spring highway next Friday afternoon, October 9. Bailey has issued a cordial invitation to all people of this area to come out and visit and inspect the highway engineer's building that afternoon. He said that his office and work force would be on hand to make everyone welcome and free coffee and cookies would be served that afternoon.

## Oil Means a Lot To Sterling

A \$3.1 billion a year ingredient in the prosperity of Sterling County is the production of oil and gas, the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association says in its current survey of economic factors stemming from petroleum operations here.

Using just-published U. S. Bureau of Mines figures as a base, the Association has projected what oil and gas activities mean in this county. In 1962 Sterling County was producing more than 820,000 barrels of crude oil and 5.3 billion cubic feet of natural gas. The oil was valued at \$2.5 million the natural gas at \$652,000.

Sterling County ranks 133rd in the state as total value of oil and gas production. "Demand for Texas crude picked up last year to give us an increase of about 3 percent over 1962 on a statewide basis. This slightly improving trend seems to be holding this year as more autos are put on the road and nationwide business conditions accelerate," said James L. Sewell, president of the Association. "It will be several months, however, before we know to what extent individual counties are participating in the current market."

The dispersion of oil dollars through Sterling County business channels and the healthy effect given property values by petroleum industry activity are indicated by several figures published by the Association.

It is estimated that royalty payments to Sterling County landowners who are fortunate enough to have producing wells on their property create a "crop" worth about \$388,000 annually. These and other farmers and ranchers who have leased acreage for exploration receive additional rental and bonus payments, but sufficient current data is not available for measuring the amount.

Oil and gas operators invested an estimated \$1.3 billion in Sterling County last year in the search for new fields and in the development of zones where production has been found. The Oil and Gas Journal reports that 25 wells were drilled in the county in 1963, resulting in 11 oil wells, and 14 dry holes.

Drilling operations included 13 wildcats in which operators hunted oil in new territory or at new depths. About \$709,000 of the drilling expenditures was lost to dry holes, the Association estimated.

The state governments financial interest in Sterling County operations is measured by the \$158,000 a year which the operators and royalty owners provide the state government in production taxes. These payments are in addition to those paid to local units of government and schools as property taxes.

## PTA Monday Night at 7:30

First Program of the Year

The Sterling Parent-Teacher Association will have its first meeting of the school year Monday night at 7:30 at the school auditorium.

Following the program there will be a reception in the lunchroom honoring teachers, parents and friends.

Marion Hays will give the devotional, and the organization president, will extend a welcome to all.

Superintendent of schools O. T. Jones will give a talk on the financial structure of our school.

The two principals, Earl B. Seago and J. R. Dillard will introduce the faculty members.

Everyone in the community is invited to be present.

## Rev. C. B. Stovall Buried Tuesday

The Rev. Claude B. Stovall, who served as pastor of the First Baptist Church here on two different occasions, was buried in Knox City Tuesday of this week. Funeral services were held in Abernathy.

Bro Stovall had died in a Lubbock hospital early Sunday morning following a period of heart trouble.

The late pastor served the church here in the '40s and then again in the fifties. He retired several years ago.

Attending the services from Sterling were Mr. and Mrs. Mud Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Humble and Mrs. Sallie Wallace.

## Jimmy Bauer in Japan

Misawa, Japan — Airman James J. Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Bauer, Jr., of Sterling City, Texas, has arrived with his unit for temporary duty tour at Misawa, AB, Japan, a Pacific Air Force Base.

Airman Bauer, an aircraft electrician, came from Cannon AFB, New Mexico. His unit normally operates there under the direction of the Tactical Air Command (TAC), which provides firepower and other air support for U.S. Army forces.

The airman is a graduate of Sterling High School.

Mrs. Forrest Foster returned home last Saturday from Georgetown, Idaho. She had been visiting her daughter and son-in-law, the Johnnie Shields there. She flew from Salt Lake City, Utah to Alamogordo, New Mexico and rode on into Sterling with Alfred Chapple.

## LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club met Wednesday noon in the community center for the regular weekly luncheon. Leslie Baker of San Angelo was a guest and the prize went to Roland Lowe. (But since he furnished the prize for the day, it was redrawn and then went to Nelwyn King, club sweetheart.)

Secretary Sherman Conner reported that the club made \$85 for its part of the broom and mop sale with the 'blind' made products last week.

It was reported that a fire insurance inspector came out and inspected the fire department last week, and that the flooring for the community center would have to be gotten out of the fire house. Also a little work had to be done on the trucks.

## Wilmer McDonald of Arkansas Dead

Wilmer McDonald, 70, of Green Forest, Arkansas, was found dead on a road near his home Thursday morning of this week. He was presumed to be a suicide; and he had been in poor health recently.

Mr. McDonald, who was preceded in death by his wife seven years ago, had lived in Green Forest about 14 years. He moved there from here.

McDonald is a brother-in-law of Oscar Meyer here and the late Will Meyer.

Burial will be there Saturday morning and the Hubert Williams have gone to the services. Mrs. Williams is a niece of McDonald.

## Legion Meeting Next Tuesday Night

Earl B. Seago, commander of the local American Legion post, reminds members of the meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. The commander urges all members to be present. Matters of business to be acted on, according to Commander Seago are—disposal of property, use of the Legion Hall, proposed social activities, etc.

Following the business session there will be a domino tournament.

Lee Wayne Igo, son of the Fred Igos, got an arm broken in two places at playground play Wednesday. The arm was broken at the wrist and between the wrist and elbow.

CARDS of all kinds, stationery, notes, etc. See Mrs. Sallie Wallace, ph. 8-2372.

## Klondike Beaten By Eagles 38-8

### 14 Cases Disposed of in County Court

Seventeen cases were scheduled for trial here in county court Monday, before Judge W. R. Brooks. A jury had been summoned for the day, but all defendants waived jury trial and pled before the judge.

Judge Brooks handed down decisions in fourteen of the cases and three cases were continued for constitutional reasons.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Chesley McDonald  
Frank Stewart  
Lee Wayne Igo

Dismissals since Thursday of last week include:

Mrs. T. A. Hutchinson, expired Thursday morning  
Pink Russell, transferred to another hospital  
Gary Boyd  
Patsy Mireles  
H. L. Weatherford of New Mexico

Mrs. Mims C. Reed and infant son  
Mrs. A. A. Maxey  
Ginger Lou Ditmore  
Mrs. Rosa Zapata and infant daughter

### To Bankers' Meet This Weekend in El Paso

A number of officers and directors of the First National Bank here will attend Installation Credit Division of the Texas Bankers Association meeting in El Paso this weekend. The group will stay at the El Paso Hilton Motor Hotel.

Going will be Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Foster.

Mr. Hildebrand is president of the bank, Worth Durham is vice-president, and Hopkins is executive vice-president and cashier. The other men are directors.

## Glorieta Oil Discovery in Sterling

Designation of M&M Glorieta pool has been requested for Marcum Drilling Company, Midland, No. 1 E.F. McEntire, section 3, block T, T&P survey, a new discovery four miles southwest of Sterling City on the east side of the El Kay 1,900-foot Clear Fork pool in Sterling County.

The strike pumped 41 barrels of 27.8 gravity oil, plus 60 per cent water, daily thru perforations at 1,878 to 1,879 feet, after treatment with 500 gallons of acid.

Texaco Inc. acidized with 4,000 gallons, fracturing with 12,000 gallons and was preparing to test the Wolfcamp through perforations at 7,466 to 4,477 feet in No. 31-B Sterling Fee, section 3, block 31, T-4-S, T&P survey, a one mile south outpost to the Credo multiphase Wolfcamp field of Western Sterling County.

Earlier, oil was recovered on pumping tests through perforations at 7,531 to 7,551 feet, after injection of 2,500 gallons of acid and 30,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

### Visits Brother on His 90th Birthday

Mrs. D. C. Durham visited relatives in Winters last Sunday. The occasion was celebration of Robert Kennedy's (her brother) 90th birthday. Mrs. Durham is 93 and she and Robert have a younger brother, John who is 87.

### Play Miles Here Tonight at 8

The Sterling City Eagles trimmed the Klondike Cougars 38 to 8 here last Friday night in a non-conference tilt. It was the third game—and the third win—for the locals.

In the first quarter, Speedy Sparks, the Eagle quarterback, on a sneak, plunged six yards for six points and then passed to Barry Todd Churchill for the two extra points. That was the only scoring of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Bill Foster, Eagle halfback, took the pigskin over for a T.D. and a pass from Sparks to Wayland Foster garnered two more for the Eagles.

In that same quarter Klondike's Ken Scott—on a pass from Joe Garcia—got the lone Cougar T.D. and David Neill picked up the two extra points after touchdown.

The score at halftime was 16-8. The Eagles made six first downs to 5 for the Cougars in the first half.

In the third quarter, Sparks plunged through the line for six more points and he passed to Mike Arp for the 2 extra. A little later in the third, Wayland Foster scooted 24 yards for another Eagle T.D.

In the fourth quarter, Mike Arp ran for an Eagle counter and a pass from Sparks to Churchill picked up 2 more points, giving the Eagles a final score of 38.

Coach Dillard's boys have a real good working club and it is a thrill to see the linemen doing their job each play.

**Play Miles Here Tonight at 8**  
The Eagles play the Miles Bulldogs here tonight at 8 in a non-conference game. Miles normally plays 6-Man football.

### Game To Be Broadcast

Lester Caffey of KTEO, 1340 on the radio dial, will broadcast the game. He'll tape game here tonight and it will be broadcast Saturday morning at 9 a.m. The station can be heard in daytime, it was said.

## Local Cancer Group Met Tuesday Night

The Sterling County chapter of the American Cancer Society met at the community center Tuesday night. Meeting with the group was Louis J. Droll, field representative of the Texas Division.

Mr. Droll presented the local chapter with their certificate for the coming year. It was accepted by president Dally Nichols.

Secretary Mrs. Larry Glass called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Riley J. King, Dan Glass, H. L. Hildebrand, Mrs. Arthur Barlemann, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. S.K. Horwood, Mrs. Larry Glass, Dr. Wm. J. Swann, Mrs. Tom Asbill, Hubert Travis, Earl Seago, Mrs. F. S. Price, Ross Foster and Jack Douthit.

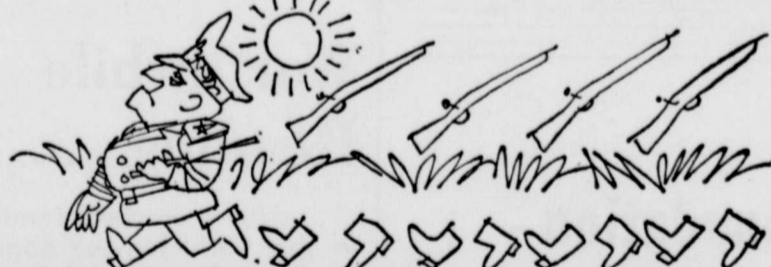
### Car Crash Kills Soldier Nephew of Mrs. Loyd Murrell

Gerald H. Martin, 24, of Loraine, home on furlough from the army was killed in a two car crash about three miles north of Loraine last week.

Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church in Loraine, with burial in the Roscoe Cemetery.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. G. C. Martin of Loraine, a twin brother, George Martin of Loraine, two sisters, Charla Mae and Arlita Martin of Loraine, his paternal grandmother Mrs. Mae Martin of Sterling, also an aunt, Mrs. Loyd Murrell of Sterling and a number of other aunts and uncles.

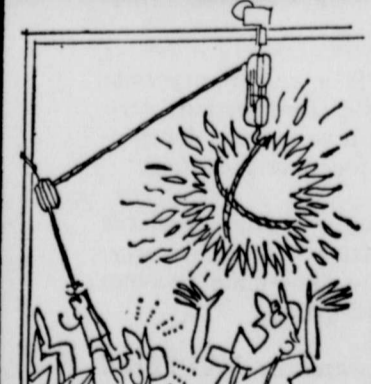
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Cdr. Alan Shepard, first American NASA astronaut in space and a former 4-H Club member, urges boys and girls to use 4-H Club opportunities to "go places and do exciting things." The 4-H youth movement began more than 50 years ago. Now 76 nations have youth movements similar to the 2 million-member-strong American example. 4-H is designed to provide urban, suburban and rural boys and girls practical experiences in the American Agri-business system, economics, leadership and citizenship through projects related to pets, agriculture, the home and other youth interests. It is administered in Texas by the Agricultural Extension Service, a part of Texas A & M University.

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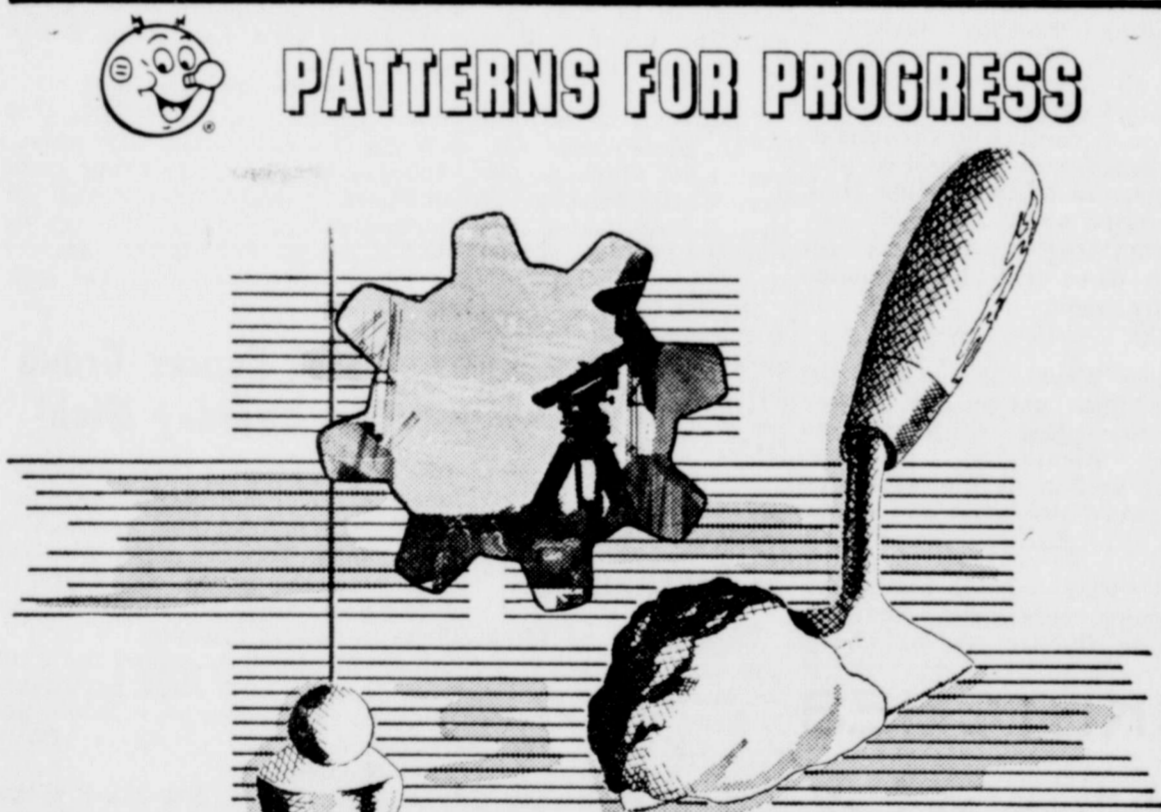
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Rolls  
Crunchy Cookies
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7**  
Fried Chicken & Gravy  
Creamed Potatoes  
Buttered Peas with Cream Sauce  
Lettuce & Tomato Salad  
Rolls  
Cocoanut Rocks
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
Beef Stew with Vegetables  
Buttered Spinach  
Lettuce & Tomato Salad  
Rolls  
Crackers  
Strawberry Cake
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
Hamburger Patties  
Fried Sweet Potatoes  
Farm Peas  
Green Salad  
Rolls  
Cinnamon Rolls

**Social Security Tips**

Floyd B. Ellington, district manager of social security in San Angelo, issued a reminder today to all persons who are receiving social security benefits that they must notify the Social Security Administration whenever something happens that might affect the payment of their benefits. Some of the events which must be reported are:

1. Earnings from all types of work if the beneficiary is under age 72 and expects to earn more than \$1200 during the year.
  2. Death of a beneficiary.
  3. Change in marital status—unless the beneficiary is receiving payments as a retired worker.
  4. Change of custody of a child or other person for whom you are receiving benefits.
  5. Change in address.
- "Social security beneficiaries received a list of these and other events that must be reported with this check earlier this year," Ellington said. "If they do not have this list, they may pick up another at the social security office.
- "In fact, anyone who has a question about social security should get in touch with us to get correct information."

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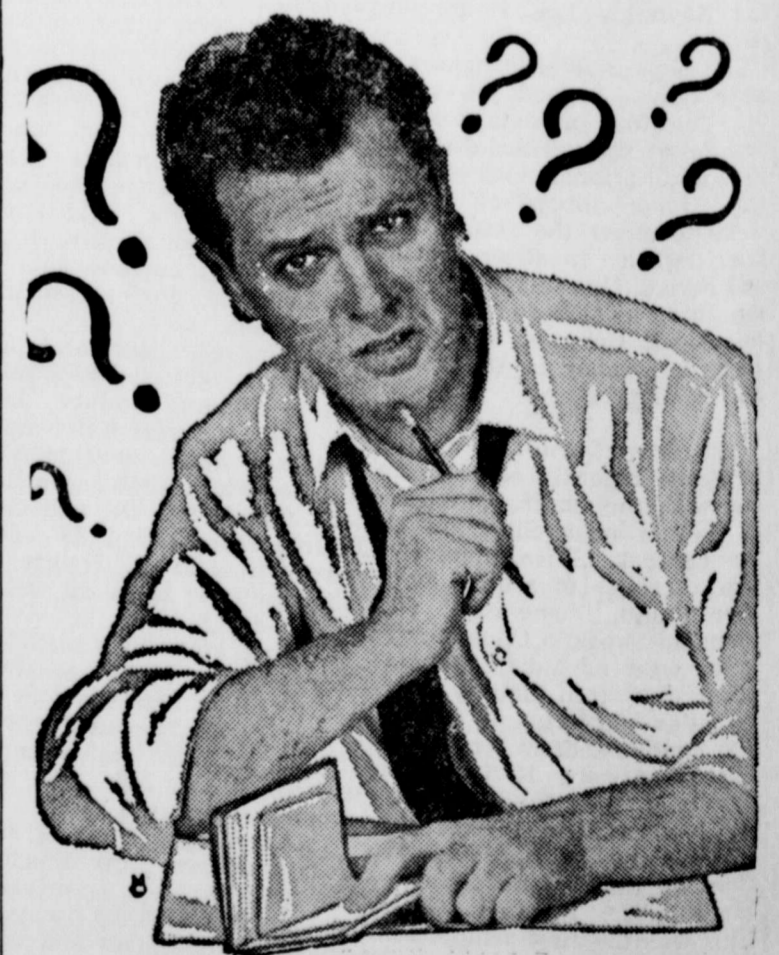
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 Service — 8:00 p.m.

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Marion H. Hays, Minister  
 Bible school — 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning worship — 11:00 a.m.  
 Night Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday Mass — 7:00 p.m.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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This new examination incorporates revised qualifications standards and replaces previous examinations. Persons who have not yet been appointed from earlier examinations must pass this new one if they are still interested in being considered for these positions.

To qualify for non-research positions, applicants must have an engineering degree or an equivalent combination of appropriate college work and professional experience. For positions involving highly technical research, development, or similar functions a bachelor's degree in engineering is a requirement. Additional professional experience and/or education are required for the higher grade levels.

Full details concerning the requirements to be met as well as instructions on how to apply are given in Announcement No. 332-B.

Announcements and appropriate application forms may be obtained from many post offices throughout the country or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. 20415.

#### NEW EXAMINATIONS

A new examination for Food and Drug Officer has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission for filling positions paying from \$7,030 to \$15,665 a year in the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D. C. metropolitan area.

Persons appointed to these positions will perform professional work requiring scientific knowledge in connection with the overall enforcement of food, drug, cosmetic laws, orders, and regulations.

No written test is required. To qualify, applicants must have had appropriate education, or a combination of education and pertinent experience. The experience may have been acquired in food, drug, and related law enforcement work or in a business or industry that is subject to regulation by food, drug, or related laws.

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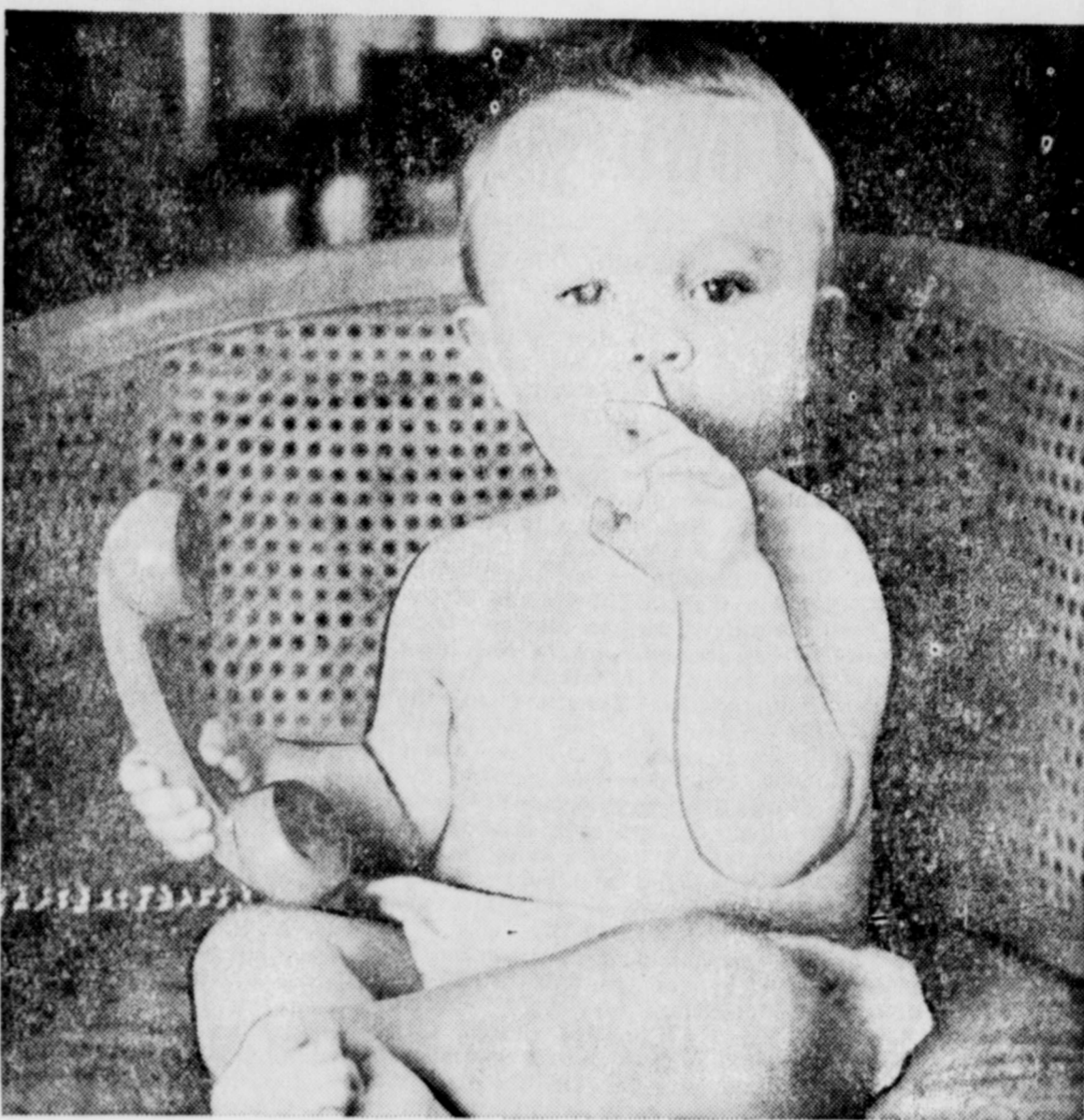
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# The History of Sterling County

BY IRA LEE WATKINS  
(Continued From Last Week)

As has been pointed out, these school houses were built with money raised by the community wherein the building was erected. They were all one-room, one-teacher schools, and it was indeed a heterogeneous group which attended them. There was a wide range of ages and sizes of children. Some of these pupils rode horseback long distances to school, even as far as six or eight miles. The length of the school term varied in the different schools and in the same school from year to year. Sometimes school held for two or three months and occasionally it held for as many as ten. The length of the term depended upon the amount of money available. The school simply ran as long as the money lasted. School terms were usually held in fall and winter months, but in 1892, school closed at Divide on the twenty-sixth day of July. (27). Occasionally, when a school was forced to stop the teacher would continue the term by conducting a private school supported by tuition. Those were the days in which writing was an art, and consequently, during the summer months the teacher would sometimes conduct private penmanship schools.

The method of certification of teachers in those days is rather a contrast to that of today. There existed a county board of examiners, composed of three men, who gave examinations to prospective teachers and then granted them their certificates. Teacher's salaries ranged around forty dollars per month. The school board at Kellis in 1891 advertised that they would pay that sum to a competent teacher.

After a few years, Sterling City became the center of educational activity of the county. In 1902, bonds were voted in the amount of \$5,000 for the purpose of erecting a two-story frame building at Sterling City. The story of the county's educational development is closely related to its community development. In the early 1900's there were many schools and communities in Sterling County, but twenty-five years later the county was one large community and all the children were all going to school in Sterling City.

The above changes may perhaps be attributed to 4 things: first, as soon as many of the settlers became well established in the ranching industry, they moved into Sterling City and built homes there; second, the introduction of automobile about 1907 made the county a smaller unit and shortened the distance from town to the ranch; third, many people moved into town to give their children the advantages of a larger school; and fourth, in 1919, by a special act of the Texas Legislature, the educational system of the county was changed to the County Unit System. Transportation expenses were allowed pupils who wanted to come in from the rural sections to the Sterling City school. At the same time, provisions were made whereby schools might still be maintained in the communities if they wanted them. The schools of the county were financed and managed on the county unit basis, the superintendent of Sterling City Schools becoming superintendent of all the schools in the county. (28). The result was that within a period of four or five years, most of Sterling County's school children were attending school at Sterling City. Since that time about two-thirds of the population of the county has lived at Sterling City.

In 1899, the population of Sterling City was estimated to be four hundred. (29), while the population of the entire county in 1900 from the U.S. Census statistics was 1927. At that time about two-thirds of the county's population lived in the rural sections. In 1930

the population of Sterling County was 1431 and that of Sterling City was 886. (30). Thus we see that by that date only a little more than one-third of the county's population lived in the rural areas.

While Sterling County was developing her schools and increasing in population, she was also giving due attention to her churches. The first church to be organized within the present bounds of the county, as has already been mentioned, was a Methodist church at Montvale. It was organized sometime in the middle 80's. The first pastor, a Reverend Mr. Allen, was a circuit rider and worked out of San Angelo. Before the Montvale church was organized, a preacher would come in occasionally and hold services, and sometimes hold meetings in the summer. By June, 1891 there had been organized in the county four Methodist churches, a Baptist church, and a Christian church. (31). There were at that time about six preachers in the county. These early churches were served for the most part by circuit riders, and services were held as a rule only one Sunday out of each month. On the other Sundays, people went to a Union Sunday school at Sterling City. By 1895, the Methodist church at Sterling City had a regular pastor, the Rev. G. W. Gardner. He preached on the first Sunday in each month at Sterling City, and the first Sunday night in China Valley. On second Sundays he preached at Garden City, on third Sundays at Sterling City, and on fourth Sundays at Salt Creek. The first church house to be built at Sterling City was built by the Methodist in 1896. The building was shared with the Baptists for several years. Up to that time both denominations had used the school house. The Baptists built a church in 1899.

In the rural communities, a few early churches were organized. Church services were sometimes conducted at ranch houses wherever a school house was not available. A Methodist church was organized in April, 1892 at a ranch house on the divide. The Presbyterians organized a church at Sterling City August 28, 1898, with perhaps a dozen members. It was organized by Rev. M. H. Smith of Ballinger. (32) They used the Methodist church house until 1918, when they built a building of their own. The Presbyterians later

organized a church at Lacy and the membership there was afterwards transferred to Sterling City in 1915. The Baptists had a regular pastor at Sterling City by 1895, the Rev. N. D. Bullock being the first. They later organized churches at China Valley, Iolanthe and Mulberry. In 1899, the Church of Christ was established at Sterling City with Henry Baker as elder. In that year the Christian church had a regular pastor, a Reverend R. P. Cobb. Also in 1899 the Seventh Day Sabbatarian Baptists held services at Sterling Creek, Sterling City, and China Valley with Reverend I. D. Barefoot as pastor. Iolanthe in the same year had a church of that denomination with Reverend John Reed as pastor. The Church of Christ erected its first building in Sterling City about 1905 and their present brick structure in 1933. The Christian church erected a building about the year 1915. In 1928 the Methodists erected their present building at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The Baptists erected in 1938-1939 a brick church of about the same proportions as that of the Methodists. As Sterling became a one-community county, the religious activity of the county came to be centered in Sterling City. At present the only church outside of Sterling City is a Methodist church at Moon Chapel, on the Divide. This church was organized about 1906 and called Moon Chapel in honor of its first pastor, Rev. R. D. Moon. The present building was erected in 1907, the lumber being hauled from San Angelo in wagons. (33).

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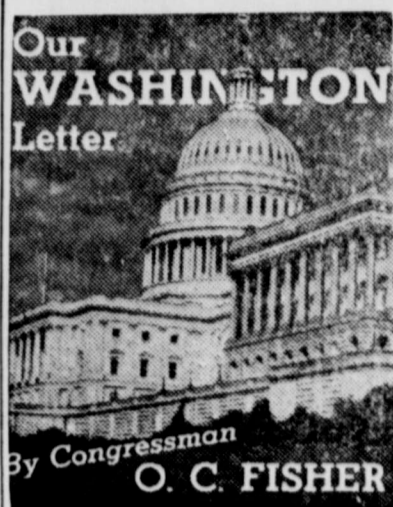
- Sept. 11 — Gail - Here
  - Sept. 18 — Flower Grove - There
  - Sept. 25 — Klondike - Here
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  - Oct. 30 — Open
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By doing this the Senate scuttled another pending resolution which had some teeth in it. The latter would have postponed the effect of a Supreme Court order on the subject for a couple of years and allow a little time to try to find means of coping with the Court's usurpation of power.

But the Senate liberals prevailed when the Democratic leader, Mike Mansfield, reversed his prior position and vetoed with the liberals.

The liberals and big city politicians support the Supreme Court's June 15 decision which outlawed the right to apportion one branch of state legislatures on factors other than population alone. Actually, the Supreme Court had no right to make the decision it did. It was a clear abuse of judicial power, and was contrary to the public interest.

In the case of Texas, the state constitution provides that the lower house be apportioned on a basis of population, but that in the case of the State Senate no one county (regardless of population) shall be entitled to more than one Senator. This is a basic part of our American concept of checks and balances and is in accordance with the federal system.

But under our system the Supreme Court has the last word. That court has gotten into the habit of making laws rather than interpreting the Constitution. And it did just that in this case.

In an attempt to curb the Supreme Court's usurpation of power, the House recently passed a bill to remove jurisdiction to review state apportionment actions from the courts. But when that bill was called up in the Senate it was soundly defeated by the Senate liberals.

Thus, the Senate has twice refused to curb the Supreme Court. That was a real bad break for Texas—and for all America, for that matter. The effect, if it stands, will be to disrupt the stability of our system of checks and balances, and will go a long way toward concentrating power and control in the big cities and in the pressure groups—at the expense of fair representation of rural areas, farmers, ranchmen and the small businessman.

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