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Annual Firemen's Barbecue Saturday

In City Park

The Annual Barbecue of the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department—for all Sterling people—will be held here in the City Park at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14.

Everyone in the community is invited out. Women are asked to bring a cake or two pies to the barbecue. Roy Martin said he had 43 goats promised by ranchers for the barbecue and the usual trimmings will be served.

A donation booth will be hung for those who wish to contribute to the fire department, it was said.

So—come out Saturday night enjoy a good meal and see some demonstrations. You're invited.

John Blair and Glenn Schneider will do the barbecuing and Tom Cleveland will cook the beans.

The entertainment committee is composed of Gary Maricle, Troy Templin and Dub Fincher.

Present officers of the association are as follows:

Ross Foster, president
Roland Lowe, vice-president
Troy Templin, fire chief
Gary Maricle, 1st assistant
Dub Fincher, 2nd assistant
Dan Glass, marshal
Jack Peel, asst. marshal
D. K. Hopkins, treasurer
C. A. Tucker, reporter
Jim Cantrell, sheriff
Andy Daniels, chaplain

Baptist VBS

The Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church is scheduled for July 16-20. The school will be held from 8:30-11:00 a.m. each morning.

School will begin Saturday, July 14 at 8:30 a.m. with preparation day. On this day the pupils will go through the joint worship service, be registered, have a parade, come back for refreshments and then dismiss. There will be a school picnic on Friday morning, July 20, and the school commencement will be held Sunday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

The department leaders are: Joyce Salvato—4-6 grades, Nona Gay Hopkins—1-3 grades, Gwen Templin—4-5 year old, Martha Lawson—2-3 year old, Cindy Edwards—nursery for the workers' babies, Carolyn Slaughter—pianist and Pearl Bowen, refreshments.

All children are encouraged to be present Saturday, July 14 at 8:30 a.m. to register and participate in the parade. Don't miss it.

Wins Art Show Ribbon

Maxine Turner, local artist, won three second places with her paintings at the Snyder Art Show July 4. She won second in Contemporary, second and honorable mention in Landscapes, and second and honorable mention in Portraits.

Mrs. Turner now has won 19 ribbons at art shows this year.

Rabies Shots for Pets and Horses Today

Today, Friday, July 13, will be the day for all pets—dogs, cats and others—to come to Sterling City for their annual rabies inoculation. At the same time, anyone with horses that have not had their Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis shots can bring them in for the shot.

Dr. Don McDonald, veterinarian, will be present on the west side of the courthouse between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. the 13th to give the rabies shots and the VEE shots. The cost of the rabies shot has gone up this year like everything else and the cost is \$3 per animal. VEE shots are \$4 per animal.

Many horses were given the VEE shots in July, 1971, and since the shot is supposed to be permanent, do not need another shot. However, there are some young horses that have not had the shot and it will be available on the 13th. This shot must be given by a veterinarian.

The VEE shot will cost \$4.00 if the animal is brought to town today. For those who prefer, they may make arrangements for Dr. McDonald to go to their ranch to give the shot next week but there will be mileage charge of 50¢ per mile, one-way, to the ranch.

It is emphasized that pet owners should take advantage of this opportunity to protect their pets as well as themselves. There is no cure once an unprotected animal has been exposed to rabies and it develops in that animal. An animal that has had the shots can be saved if exposed.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week include:

Mrs. Delbert Dearen
Mrs. Martin C. Reed
Mud Allen

Patients in the Sterling County Nursing Home on Thursday morning of this week were:

Mrs. Jim Duke
Jim Duke
Mrs. Cliff Carpenter
Mrs. Lucy Norman
Mrs. Lilly Revell
B. O. Bailey
Larkin Longshore
Earnest Turner
Mrs. J. E. Bynum
Mrs. Larkin Longshore
W. J. Williams
Mrs. John Lane
Mrs. Robbie Grace
Noble Read
Julius Olson
J. B. Ratliff
Mrs. Minnie Pinson
J. B. Sites
Roy Morgan
Mrs. Henrietta Long
Owen Armstrong
Mrs. Noble Read

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Durham and two grandsons, Phillip and Lance Arp, left Tuesday for Antonito, Colorado to vacation.

Bank to Pay Higher Interest On Savings and C.D.'s

The directors of the First National Bank of Sterling City Tuesday decided to pay more interest on savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

D. Kirk Hopkins, cashier and executive vice-president said the rate would be 5% on passbooks savings, paid quarterly. The raise will be retroactive to July 1. The old rate was 4½%.

On Certificates of Deposit, the new rate will be 5½% issued in 90 day automatic renewals, said Hopkins.

HOLDERS of the old 5% C.D.'s should present them for conversion to the new rate on the 90 day anniversary dates, said Hopkins.

LIONS CLUB

The Sterling City Lions Club met in the City Cafe here Wednesday for the regular weekly luncheon. The community center was still in a state of repairs—hence the change of eating places. No program was held—but the group met to keep up the regular meetings.

The club presented a musical program for the patients at the Sterling County Nursing Home here Thursday night.

Guests present at the meeting were Jimmy Hurt, Bill Green, Clinton Hodges and John McMillan.

Vice president H. L. Bailey presided. It was announced that all the reservations for the chartered bus trip to the Astrodome on July 28 was complete—the bus chartered, the tickets bought and motel rooms reserved. Two or three more new persons can be accommodated. So, if you would like to get in on the trip, see or call Jack Douthit. Cost is \$39.60 for two—on the bus and game tickets. Rooms will be between \$11.00 and \$12.00 for that night at the motel.

Lisa Horwood at State FHA Meet

Lisa Horwood, a junior in Sterling City High School is among the fourteen hundred youth delegates attending the 1973 national meeting of Future Homemakers of America July 9-12 in Dallas, Texas.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Horwood.

IMPACT '73 is the theme of the peeting. The new Program Action Impact, designed by the youth members and based on pilot in-depth action projects carried out during the past year, will be introduced. PACT sessions and Action labs will provide an opportunity for delegates to explore ways to carry out similar in-depth action projects in their own communities.

Lisa is serving as the area II fourth vice president for 1973-74. She is also president of the local FHA chapter.

The Little George Demeres have bought the three lots in the west part of town from the Baptist Church. They are clearing off the lots and will fix a home there soon.

4-H Dress Revue Held Here Tuesday

Sixteen Sterling County 4-H Club girls and seven adult leaders climaxed their clothing project with the first Sterling County 4-H Club Dress Revue Tuesday night, July 10. Each of the girls modeled the garment they had completed during the revue held in the Sterling City School auditorium. Amy Hodges, one of the girls completing a garment, acted as narrator for the revue.

The girls were divided into three groups during the time they worked on their project. Senior girls were those from age fourteen up. Members of this group were Amy Hodges, who won a blue ribbon and will compete in the District 7 Dress Revue in Abilene on August 7; Lupe Rodriguez, a red ribbon; and Rosa Hernandez, a red ribbon. Leaders who worked with this group were Mrs. Clinton Hodges, Mrs. R.V. Hamilton and Susan Turner.

The Junior group winner was Janice Greenfield who won a blue ribbon and will also compete in the District Revue in Abilene. Red ribbons went to Renea Hord, Minnie Medina, Rafaela Rodriguez, and Becky Hodges. Mrs. Robert Gartman and Mrs. Kathy Kidd were the leaders who worked with the juniors.

High score blue ribbon honors went to Angela Gonzales in the beginners group; however contestants must be 12 years of age or older to compete or participate in the District Revue so Angela will not get to compete there. Other blue ribbons in this group went to Terri Templin and Robbie Kay Gartman. Red ribbons went to Tonja Colvert, Lisa Rich, Cheryl Drennan, Vickie Lawson and Carmen Amador. Adult leaders were Mrs. Troy Templin, and Mrs. David Drennan for the beginners.

The girls and their dresses were judged Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Norva Kuykendall, County Extension Agent—Home Economics, Tom Green County, and Mrs. Fay Roe, County Extension Agent—Home Economics, of Coke County. The judges also scored each girl's garment on construction, the outfit on the girl, and the girl's posture, poise, grooming, and attitude.

Mrs. Jean Holland, County Extension Agent at Large, Home Economics, Sterling County, commended the girls and the leaders for their achievements in the clothing project. This is the first clothing project for the 4-H Club here and the fact that all were scored either blue or red ribbons is commendable. There were no white ribbons given though this is the third category that is usually used.

Following the revue, the girls and leaders served punch and cookies in the school lunchroom.

THANKS, FIREMEN

Our sincere thanks to the Sterling Fire Department for putting out the grass fire Sunday at the Ted Harris Ranch.

Harry Abernathy (Foreman)

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Another Oil Well on Collins Estate

Casing was set at a Sterling County prospect when Capata Corp., Midland, was waiting on cement after setting 4½ inch casing at 8080 feet, the total depth, at its No. 2 Collins Estate, in 72-17-SPRR, ¾ mile northwest offset to its No. 1 Collins Estate, Sterling County Ellenburger oil discovery, 17 miles north of Sterling City and 1½ miles west-southwest of the one-well Spade (Ellenburger) field.

It reversed out 92 barrels of oil, no water, on a drillstem test in the Ellenburger using a 1,500-foot water blanket. Gas surfaced in 63 minutes, water blanket in two hours and 45 minutes and oil in two hours and 53 minutes at the three-hour test taken at 8,044-080 feet. Flowing pressure was 1143-2,922 pounds; 60-minute initial and 120-minute final shut-in pressures were 2,637 pounds each.

It reversed out 240 feet of oil on a drillstem test taken at 8,001-020 feet, probably in the Mississippian.

It recovered 1,160 feet of gas and 360 feet of slightly oil and gas cut drilling fluid on drillstem test in the Wolfcamp at 5,890-6,120 feet.

The discovery was finalized June 19 for 300 barrels of 50 gravity oil, with gas-oil ratio of 450-1, through an 8-64 inch choke and perforations at 6,096-100 feet. It recovered 1,600 feet of oil and 300 feet of heavily oil and gas cut mud and 170 feet of filtrate water on a test of the Mississippian at 8,025-46 feet; and 900 feet of gas and 618 feet of gas and slightly oil cut mud on a test of the Wolfcamp as 5,781-6,050 feet.

MIMS REED HURT IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

Mims Reed was hurt in a motorcycle accident near San Antonio last week. He received a broken hip and collar bone.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Reed went to San Antonio following the accident, and for the surgery that was performed on him.

Mims, who lives in Hurst, Texas, was in San Antonio on a visit with relatives at the time of his accident.

Returns From Holy Land Trip

Mrs. Dayton Barrett returned last week from a tour of the Holy Land, Europe and the Middle East. She was with a group from Odessa which also included Mrs. Dick Mitchell of Garden City.

On the way to Israel, the group toured in Rome, Athens, Cairo, Damascus, and Amman. In Israel, they visited Jerusalem, Tiberias, and Tel Aviv. They returned by way of Switzerland, Germany, Amsterdam and London.

Mrs. Barrett said the trip was quite interesting.

GRASS FIRES SUNDAY

There were three grass fires south of town Sunday afternoon. Some were started by lightning and rain put them out.

On the Harris ranch and in that direction, the fires were not big and destructive. The local fire truck made runs to the fires.



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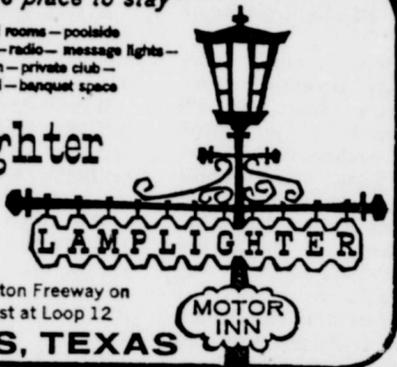
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For more information, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Ave. (P.O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas, or see the representative when he is in your area. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo at 949-4608.

Starting July 1, Medicare will be extended to 1.7 million disabled people under 65. Disabled people who have received social security disability payments for 2 years or more will be able to get help from Medicare in paying their hospital and doctor bills and other covered services, according to J. M. Talbot, social security manager. Medicare was previously available only to people 65 or over.

"Those eligible for coverage," Mr. Talbot said "will include disabled workers, disabled widows and disabled dependent widowers between 50 and 65, disabled mothers 50 or older who get social security benefits because they have young or disabled children in their care, and people who get benefits because they were disabled before age 22."

Effective January, 1973, a child disabled before age 22 may now qualify for social security benefits on the account of a retired, disabled, or deceased parent-worker, according to J. M. Talbot, social security manager. Previously, a child had to be disabled before age 18 to qualify for disability benefits on a parent's record.

In many cases, a child's dependency on the parent is extended beyond age 18 because the child spends additional years in school and has no regular earnings before his twenties. Extension of the age to 22 recognizes this dependency.

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**Lions Bus Trip to
Astrodome**

The chartered bus will leave the front of the school at or just before 6 a.m. on the morning of the 28th.

Rooms have been reserved for the group at the Roadrunner Motel near the Astrodome.

Games to be seen will be Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Right after the game Sunday the bus will leave for Sterling City.

- Signed up so far are—
- Seth Bailey—1
 - James Thompson—2
 - D. Kirk Hopkins—3
 - Tom Asbill—2
 - Jeff Davis—1
 - Speedy Sparks—1
 - H. L. Bailey—2
 - Mark Sullivan—1
 - Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Grigsby
 - Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cannon
 - Amos Lawson—3
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D.P.S. Recruiting Men and Women

MIDLAND — Major E. K. Browning, Jr., Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety's 49 County West Texas Region, announced today that an intensive effort is being made to recruit men and women for a school to begin at the Department's Academy in Austin, June 26, 1973.

Major Browning stated this is the first time since the Department was created in 1935 that applications are being accepted for women for the position of Patrolman.

Major Browning said the Department has been successful in recruiting persons from minority groups to the position of Patrolman. Efforts to recruit from these groups are continuing for this school.

All persons making application for the position of Patrolman must be between 20 and 35 years of age, between 68 inches and 76 inches of height, must weigh not less than two pounds nor more than 3 1/4 pounds per inch of height and visual acuity no worse than 20/40 correctable to 20/20. A person must be of good moral character, excellent physical condition and must have a minimum of 30 semester hours of college credit.

Persons selected as recruits will be assigned to Austin for an 18-week training school beginning June 26, at the Homer Garrison, Jr. Law Enforcement Academy. Successful graduates will be assigned to either the Highway Patrol Service, License and Weight Service, Motor Vehicle Inspection Service or the Driver License Service, according to the needs of the DPS and consideration of personal preference.

The salary during training will be \$600 per month. Room and board while at the Academy will be approximately \$55 per month.

When a person is commissioned as a Patrolman, his salary will increase to \$743 per month. Patrolmen also receive longevity pay after five years of service, a monthly uniform cleaning allowance and travel expenses when away from their home stations.

Recruits must furnish their own uniforms which consist of khaki shirts and pants, black shoes, belt and tie. When commissioned as a Patrolman, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, ammunition and related equipment are furnished.

Group life and hospitalization are paid for the employee, and dependent coverage is available at reasonable rates. Patrolmen participate in the Employees Retirement System of Texas, as well as Social Security. Vacation, holidays and sick leave are provided.

Browning said interested men and women should contact any DPS office or Patrolman for an application. After completing the application, it should be presented to the DPS office either in Midland, Abilene, San Angelo or El Paso for the examinations.

Browning urged persons interested in attending the June 26 school to contact the Department immediately.

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Oil Industry Is Significant Here

The petroleum industry in Sterling County played a significant role in 1972 in helping to satisfy the unprecedented demand for Texas' crude oil and natural gas.

Sterling was one of 190 of Texas' 254 counties which produced oil and gas valued in excess of \$100,000 in a record year for the state's No. 1 industry, according to figures compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

The county ranked 128th in the state in the value of petroleum produced, \$5.4 million. The sale of crude oil brought \$4.7 million; natural gas, \$725,000.

But despite this record year, due in large part to nine months of production at 100 percent of the maximum efficient rate, the nation's largest producer of petroleum could not produce enough to satisfy demand.

"To further stimulate production, we need a restoration of the open market force," said Robert A. Buschman of San Antonio, president of the Association.

"This would produce two much-needed effects: First, it would channel the state's petroleum products to the most efficient and highest priority uses; second, it would help provide part of the capital needed so desperately to build refineries and superports and to carry on expensive exploration and production activities," Buschman said.

This study by the Association also shows that production last year in Sterling County resulted in the payment of \$684,000 to royalty owners.

The state of Texas received \$272,000 in production taxes from county wells; \$218,000 on crude oil output and \$54,000 from natural gas production.

Oil and gas producers and developers spent \$1.1 million drilling six wells in the county last year with \$890,000 of that figure lost in four dry holes.

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Nichols-Wilson Wedding Held

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Nichols of San Angelo are parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. James Curtis Wilson of Sterling City are parents of the groom.

A choir of Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. Mike Turk, Miss Sherri Moore, Miss Mary Moore and W. R. Turner, the bride's grandfather, provided wedding music.

Mrs. Jerry Kent was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Miss Lana Dennis, Mrs. Dean Lee and Mrs. Jimmy Houpt. Best man was Larry Wilson, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jim Terry, Bobby Bynum, and Kenneth Blane, all of Sterling City. Lee Wayne Igo of Sterling City and Jimmy Williams of Snyder were ushers.

Rodney Nichols, the bride's brother, and Coy Baldwin were candelighters, and Kristi ti Nichols, the bride's sister and Todd Turner were ring-bearers. Terri Hanson was flower girl.

The bride wore a gown of satapeau and venise lace with a high neckline, Renaissance sleeves, sheer yoke, lace peating at the wrists, long sleeves, slender skirt and chapel train.

A reception in the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony. Houseparty included Mrs. Franklin Flint, Mrs. Marty Smith, Mrs. Charles Hale, Mrs. Robert Kinsley, Mrs. Ricci Allen, Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Mrs. Randy Gesch, Mrs. Sidney Mills and Mrs. Steve Duncan.

Mrs. Wilson is a graduate of San Angelo Lake View High School and is a student at Angelo State University, where she is a member of the Rodeo Club. She is employed by San Angelo Center. Her husband is a graduate of Sterling City High School and a student at ASU. A rancher, he is also a member of the Rodeo Club.

The couple will live north of Carlsbad after a wedding trip to Red River, Cloudcroft, and Ruidoso, N. M.

Son to the Chapoys

A son, named Juan Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Chapoy in the Shannon Hospital last Friday, July 6. The baby weighed six pounds.

Mrs. Chapoy is the former Victoria Munoz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Munoz of Sterling City and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chapoy of San Angelo.

Sheri Lynn Foster is spending two weeks at the Lions Club Camp in Kerrville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Foster.

RAIN TUESDAY NIGHT

Nearly a half inch of rain fell here Tuesday night. The threatening clouds dropped varied amounts over the county, and it was all welcome.

BAKE SALE

The cheerleaders are having a bake sale Saturday. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. in front of Bailey's old store. If you have a special order, call one of the cheerleaders: Marylynn Rich, 8-3995; Linda Currington, 8-4891; Judy Copeland, 8-4151, or Carol Jones, 8-2071.

Joint VBS Here This Week

The joint Presbyterian and Methodist Vacation Bible School is being held this week and 46 students had been in attendance. Classes will end today and certificates will be presented today.

Mrs. Bobby Myrick has been superintendent at the Presbyterian Church. Helping were Mrs. Aaron Clark and Mrs. David Glass as co chairmen for refreshments. Working with the fifth and sixth graders are Mrs. Bill Davis, Mrs. Tommy Foster and Melinda Terry. Working with the third and fourth graders are Mrs. Michael Foster, Mrs. Bobby Myrick and Kim Rich.

Headed by Mrs. Clinton Hodges at the Methodist Church, Mrs. Arthur Barlemann Jr. is in charge of the refreshments.

Mrs. Hodges works in the nursery and is assisted by Judy Copeland and Becky Hodges. Working in the kindergarten are Mrs. Wayne Bart and Mrs. Stan Horwood, Mrs. Larry Glass, assisted by Carol Jones and Marylynn Rich.

Working in the first and second grades are Mrs. C. J. Copeland and Mrs. Harold Orr, assisted by Amy Hodges.

MCT Pickwick Players Set "Runaway"

RUNAWAY, that new-fangled musical by Ed Graczyk, with music by Gerry Pyle, and produced by the Pickwick Players, opens at Midland Community Theatre on July 19.

RUNAWAY is the story of Ted, a modern Tom Sawyer, in search of his place in the world. Follow Ted through his magical adventures with a whole cast of runaways. Meet a professor who practices magic, a radio that talks back, a timid soldier, a girl who wants to be a boy, and many other delightful characters in this exciting musical.

All people with a bit of the runaway urge will be captivated by this world premiere show.

RUNAWAY opens July 19 with performances on July 20 and 21 at 2:30 each afternoon. Call the Theatre Centre box office, 682-2544, to reserve your seats. Tickets are only 75c for children and \$1.25 for adults. Box office opens Monday, July 16.

Come, run away with the Pickwick Players in this great new musical at Midland Community theatre, July 19, 20, 21.

Attending San Antonio College

Mary Amador, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Amador, left Sunday for San Antonio. She is starting at the second summer session of courses at Incarnate Word College. She will remain in that college this fall, studying studying to be a medical records administrator.

Drew Durham, son of the Worth Durhams, is enrolled in the law school of the University of Texas at Austin. He started this summer.

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to Dr. Swann, the nurses and entire hospital staff for their devoted care during my recent hospitalization.

The cards, gifts, visits and prayers were deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Merton Ferguson

P.D.'s Column

By The Associate Editor

With Watergate recessed until this week, there hasn't been much exciting news, except for the Peace Corps people being held for mercenaries in Uganda. One wonders what Amin's motive is, but no one, not even his fellow African leaders can understand him. We were there briefly last summer before the expulsion of the Asians and found the airport transit lounge quite nice, but we wouldn't want to spend any length of time in it, especially being thought a mercenary.

Mercenary is a dirty word in that part of Africa since the mercenaries took part in settling Zaire's—then Congo—problems in 1964, when a group called Simbas (lion) tried to take over the country from Tshombe, and establish a regime which worshipped former president Lumumba. The mercenaries actually did save the country, a lot of people both black and white, but their reputation and their intervention in Zaire again in 1967 without being asked by the government has given a bad reputation in central Africa.

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Incidentally, Zaire is pronounced Zy-ear' not Zare. The former Congo changed its name in 1971 to a more authentically African. Zaire is an adaption of "nzada" the Kikongo name for the Congo River.

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Zaire, a third the size of the U. S. has about 22 million people who belong to over 200 tribes. There are about that many tribal languages, many mutually unintelligible. The problems of uniting and governing such a diverse nation is staggering from that point alone, much less from trying to develop a viable economy without depending on old colonial powers for support. Considering that in 1960 when the Belgians left, there were only 20 college graduates in the country, Zaire has come a long way as have most of the African countries. Many are trying to go their own way, using what is good from the colonial past, but trying also to develop a truly African way of government and way of life. There are mistakes and extremes that we Americans often find ludicrous. However we forget that the leaders are often straight out of the bush and still linked in many ways to tribal tradition. Too, they have had as their guides Europeans who often transported their whole way of life to their colonies, including the pomp, circumstance, and superior feelings, and lack of understanding of different customs.

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Many countries in Africa have language problems with many tribal languages, plus a colonial language. They solve the problem in different ways. Kenya has two official languages, English and Swahili. Zaire has one official language French and four tribal languages, Lingala, Tshiluba, Kikongo, and Swahili which are taught in the primary schools. Many African nations might want to use a tribal language as the official one, but the rest of the world would find it difficult to communicate with them.

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Africa is indeed a vital and interesting place if one does not expect the old romantic dreams of wild animals and

primitive people. Those are all right, but so are modern cities and modern people.

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