

Stanton Bows, 66-62

Reagan County Notches Overtime Triumph

Reagan County's Owl defeated the Stanton Buffaloes by a four-point margin, 66-62, for the second time this season Friday night and handed Crane High's Golden Cranes sole possession of first place in the District 5-AA basketball chase. But this time the Owls, who won the first meeting 60-56, had to do it in overtime.

Crane leads District 5-AA with a 3-1 mark, while Reagan and Stanton have 3-2 records. McCamey, loser to Ozona Friday, is next with 2-3. Stanton is 19-5 for the season, and Reagan is 17-3.

The Buffaloes suffered one of their worst nights. They outthrew Reagan 24-22 from the field, but netted only 33 percent of the shots. From the free throw line, Stanton made only 14 out of 33 for 42 percent success. Reagan hit 41 percent of its shots from the field and 22 of 32 free throws for nearly 69 percent success.

J. Watson	1-9	6-8	5
S. Goodloe	1-6	0-0	2
S. Mendez	2-4	4-8	2
J. Watson	2-4	3-4	5
T. Tarvin	7-11	3-5	5
M. Henderson	0-2	2-2	5
Totals	22-54	22-32	26

Reagan helped Stanton in scoring in the third period when the Owls were leading 41-38 and Reagan's Terry Tarvin stole the ball from a Stantonite and dribbled down and scored in the wrong basket.

Joe Barnes, top shooter for Reagan with 22 points, hit a field goal to make it 55-51 Reagan's favor with 3:30 left in the game. Neither team could handle the ball very well and several changeovers occurred until Jones hit to make it 55-53 with just 55 seconds left.

Reagan lost the ball on a wild throw, Stanton lost it on another miscue. Then Jones made a steal under the basket and scored to tie the game at 55-55.

easy shot under the basket to put the Owls ahead 57-55 with 20 seconds left. Glen Evans brought the ball down the court and passed to Jones, who hit the game-tying bucket with seven seconds left.

In the overtime, Barnes hit a field goal, Sam Mendez a field goal, and two free throws and Tarvin hit one of each for the win. Jones netted a field goal, and three charities for Stanton's only overtime points.

Tarvin wound up with 17 points of his own, as well as two he gave the home team with his miscue. Jones hit only nine field goals in 23 shots, while Franklin with 12 shots, and Tooter Harrell with 14, netted only four field goals apiece. Harrell was next high scorer for Stanton with 12.

Stanton's B team got back into the win column, by snuffing out the visitors 63-42, with Dennis Jones hitting 31 points. Both teams have 3-2 records in district play.

EDITORIAL—

A Showcase?

Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes of Florida, wont be receiving an award from the Washington, D. C., Chamber of Commerce this year. In a startling speech on the floor of the U. S. House, he warned his fellow countrymen, "It is not safe to come to Washington. Don't come here if you can avoid it."

It is a scathing indictment of the nation's capital, where crime is at an all-time high. A Nixon task force is expected to make recommendations soon for a crash program against crime.

Indications are that the recommendations will include more judges to clear the dockets of case-jammed courts, a tightening of bail bond regulations and additional policemen for a department which is woefully undermanned. The cost may exceed \$1 million.

Necessity for such a program is obvious. Washington is rapidly gaining the distinction of the crime capital of the nation. Bank robberies occurred at a rate of one about every 3 1/2 days last year. And 1969 is off to even a worse start, with 17 in January. Muggings, robberies and assaults have become so common that residents fear to go out on the streets at night.

The crime wave already has affected tourism. City sales tax revenues were \$7 million short of estimates in 1968, although most of the loss was credited to spring riots. The bank robberies, bank officials say, are jeopardizing the entire system of finance and commerce in the city.

Efforts to control crime in Washington merit the support of its owners — every taxpayer in the land. The nation's capital should be a showcase, not a jungle. —The Dallas News

PERSONALS

Among the nine students who were chosen from Howard County Junior College, to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," was Stewart Thompson, of 2201 Warren Street in Big Spring. He is the son-in-law of Mrs. Frank Brandt of Stanton.

Mrs. Vera Osman is in Brownfield with her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Holmes, who is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ireton attended the funeral of his uncle, in Clinton, Oklahoma, Saturday.

Connie Jones of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bizzell of Ralls, visited their grandmother, Mrs. Lila Flanagan, last week-end.

Mrs. Elma Nichols is spending this week in San Marcos, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crunk, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Graves and children, and Suzanna Brown, visited in Colorado City, last week-end with Mrs. Graves mother, Mrs. Cline.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith, and her mother, Mrs. Henry Yarbrough of Lorraine, visited Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, last week-end.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ohmer Kelly, is her mother, Mrs. Pat Wilson, from Coahoma.

"The Chamber of Commerce of the United States predicts that the federal government will spend a total of \$1-85.6 billion in fiscal 1969 (ending June 30), running about \$6.2 billion in the red," notes a release by the Public Service Company of Colorado.

"The Chamber's Government Operations and Expenditures Committee chairman points out 'that the spending total would have been \$191.6 billion and the deficit \$12.2 billion if Congress had not cut back proposed expenditures.' Without the June enactment of the surtax he points out, 'the deficit would have been a dollar-debasing \$24 billion.'"



Fourteen Enter Co-Op Contest

An exciting, all-expense-paid trip awaits the winners of an oratorical contest sponsored by Cap Rock Electric Cooperative. Pictured on this page are the fourteen contestants who posted their entries before the December 13, closing date.

They are Robert Herren, Bruce Nichols, Johnny McGregor, and Larry Shaw, Sands High School; Debbie Hazlewood, Debra McMeans, and Dean Duke, Stanton High School; Dickey Stanley, Louis Dunnam, and Rayn Walker, Big Spring High School; Bonnie Hill, and Beth Holcomb, Flower Grove High School; Tim Winn, Coahoma High School, and Eulene Ledbetter, Midland High School.

Each contestant will give a five to eight minute talk on "My Future in Rural Texas." The contest will be held at the Cap Rock "Willie Wired Hand Room" in Stanton at 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 8. An all-expense-paid trip to the nation's capital will be awarded to the winning boy and the winning girls at the time. Alternates will also be named.

The Cap Rock winners will join winners of similar contests sponsored by other electric cooperatives across Texas on the fifth annual Texas Electric Cooperative Government - in - Action Youth Tour to Washington, D. C. Approximately 90 young people will be making the trip. They will meet in Waxahachie on June 6, to begin the 12 day chartered bus tour to the capital city.

While in Washington, they will see their government in action, visit with their congressmen, and other government officials, and see many places of historical interest in the Washington area.

The public is invited to attend the contest on March 8, in Stanton.

Tax Man Sam Sez:

Many taxpayers resemble the groundhog in their approach to preparing their income tax return and/or in keeping the records that they need to prove their deductions to keep from paying too many tax dollars. Every time these taxpayers come out of their hole — or wherever taxpayers hibernate the year around — the bright sunshine casts such a long shadow on the Form 1040 and that shoebox full of records (?) that it "plumb nigh" scares them to death. Sorry! There is only one approach that these folks can take and that is to face right square up to the old Form 1040 and those messed-up tax records and — shadow or no shadow — get with preparing that tax return. However, don't you take any bets that these folks won't find April 15th to still be a mighty windy day.



New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crunk of San Marcos, are the proud parents of a baby daughter born January 31, in a San Marcos hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces, and has been named Amy Carol.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elma Nichols, of Stanton.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Crunk, of San Marcos.

Read the Ole Reliable for the latest hometown news!

LEGAL NOTICE

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 0.000 miles of safety lighting loc, at three interchanges, US 80 (East), SH 137 & US 80 (West) on Highway No. 1H 20, covered by 1 20-1-(68)153 in Martin County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., Feb. 25, 1969, and then publicly opened and read. This contract is subject to the Work Hour Act of 1962, P1-87-581 and Implementing Regulations.

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W. Allen Wallis, president of the University of Rochester, remarked: "Inflation can be generated only by government. Business firms, labor unions, or consumers with excessive market power can do many objectionable things that are contrary to the public interest; but one objectionable thing they cannot do is cause inflation — or, for that matter, prevent it."



Larry Shaw Bruce Nichols



Beth Holcomb Ryan Walker



Dickie Stanley Louis Dunnam

Farm & Ranch Review

1969 Census Of Agriculture — Texas farm and ranch operators are reminded that good records will be needed when filling out the forms to be used in the next census of agriculture. James Mallett, extension farm management specialist, said the questionnaires will be mailed in January 1970, and response is required by law. Information is strictly confidential. Good records will make the reporting job more meaningful and easier to do.

Valuable Experiences — 4-H Club members, about this time of the year, are involved in a most rewarding part of their 4-H training. It's the stock show season and they are exhibiting projects which have been underway for months. Through their projects they learn patience, discipline, and sportsmanship — including how to win modestly and lose gracefully. They learn to work, play, cooperate with others, and how to present demonstrations with poise and confidence. Visit a show in your area and see these citizens of tomorrow in action.

Poultry House Ventilation — It requires skillful adjustments of the openings in poultry houses during the winter season to keep the poultry population comfortable. And no small consideration, says Ben Womell, extension poultry specialist, is the amount of air required to properly ventilate for moisture removal during the winter season when temperatures vary widely from day to day.

Yield Grades For Lambs — the adoption of yield grade standards for lamb carcasses and slaughter lambs becomes effective on March 1. Use of the new yield grades is completely voluntary on the part of packers, says Frank Orts, extension meats specialist. He adds that existing quality grade were not changed and will continue to be available.

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For Sale: A frame Church Building 36 x 72 with Annex 30 x 60. Asbestos siding, located at Frankel City. Contact Box 976 or phone 458-3467, or 756-3354, Stanton, Texas. 1-5-2tc

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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

MARTIN-HOWARD-MIDLAND SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Jack Buchanan, Bob Cox, Bernard Houston, Larry Shaw, Bobby Howard.

Five new Great Plains contracts were recently approved by the state office of the Soil Conservation Service, reports Jake D. Hodges, district conservationist assisting the Martin-Howard Soil and Water Conservation District.

Federal cost-shares for these five contracts is over \$22,000. The contracts are all on farm land totaling 1,915 acres. Cost-share for these contracts include 305,000 feet of parallel terraces (57 miles or enough to run from Stanton to Colorado City) leveling old terraces 2300 feet, and a strip cropping on 446 acres. Last year the Soil Conservation Service assisted in designing, laying out, and field checks on over 92 miles of parallel terraces in Martin County. If these terraces were placed end to end, they would reach from Stanton to Sweetwater.

The Great Plains Conservation Program provides cost-share payment on conservation practices, in order to help an individual establish a complete conservation plan on his farm or ranch. Payments are based to 50 per cent to 80 per cent of the actual costs, or average cost of installing these conservation practices. At the present time, the Stanton Work Unit has 34 active Great Plains contracts, covering 38,879 acres. There is still a limited amount of money available for new contracts.

Since the new cotton program does not require any diverted acres, most farmers will be planting more cotton than they have in the past. Now is a good time to look at

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Mrs. Richard Lance Kitchens

Richard Lance Kitchens, son of Mrs. D. M. Costlow of Stanton, and Richard M. Kitchens of Childress, married Sharon Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Melton, Jan. 18, in the chapel of Memories in Breckenridge.

The Rev. Richard Russell, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiated for the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Ben J. Dean, Jr., organist, and Mrs. Lewis Hood, soprano, furnished the wedding music.

Mrs. S. W. Gilbert of Forest, Miss. was her sister's matron or honor, and Juana Hamil was the bridesmaid. They wore identical gowns of blue wool crepe with matching mantillas. The dresses were in A-line styling and had rolled collars and long sleeves. Each carried a single long-stemmed white rose.

The bridegroom's father was the best man. His brother, Gary Kitchens of Stanton, was groomsman. Ushers were

S. W. Gilbert of Forest, and Bryon Giham of Childress, the bridegroom's stepbrother.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white street-length sculptured brocade gown. The sleeveless bodice was fashioned with a high neckline and modified A-line skirt. Her shoulder-length white mantilla was edged with lace scallops. She carried a cascade arrangement of gardenias and stepanotis.

Following the wedding ceremony, a luncheon was held in the Breckenridge Woman's Club. Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, aunt of the bride, was hostess. After a wedding trip, the couple will be at home at 222 Bryant St. in Stephenville.

The bride is a senior physical education major at Tarleton State College. She attended Cisco Junior College, and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. The bridegroom, a graduate of Lee High School in Midland, also is a senior at Tarleton State College. He is a member of the baseball team, and Silver Keys, social club.



Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes presents Sen. Doc Blanchard a gavel after naming him to head the Senate Committee on Insurance during the 61st Legislature. Blanchard represents Martin County in the Texas Senate. His home is in Lubbock.

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COFFEE, Folger's		1 lb. can 59c
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Community Property - Dividends, Capital Losses, And Married Students

(This series of news stories was prepared by the staff of the District Director of Internal Revenue Service in Dallas, and is being published by your paper to help you save tax dollars and trouble. The tax instructions that you receive in the mail from Internal Revenue Service do not fully explain all of the tax benefits available to you under community property law.)

If a married Texan receives taxable dividends (not interest from savings and loan association and other similar source) he may be able to claim up to \$100 additional dividend exclusion due to the community property law in Texas. The state law varies even in community property states on whether dividends are separate or community income. In Texas, dividends are community income, therefore if you have more than \$200 in dividends, you can claim a \$200 exclusion (\$100 for each spouse) regardless of which spouse owns the stock, or if you file separate income tax return you should split the dividend with each spouse reporting 1/2 of the total. There were about 200,000 tax returns from Northern Texas with dividends of more than \$250 million according to statistics of income for 1966. This is an important community property benefit that can result in saving several dollars in tax for a large number of taxpayers in our area.

Another very worthwhile tax benefit available to Texans that is not available in

United States Representative Geore Hansen from Idaho stated: "Foreign aid's catalog of the absurd is still growing. Washing machines can now be added to the list of snafus by the aid brigade. In Nepal, two brand-new washers were to be used for home economics instruction. The only hitch was that they cou-

non-community property states is the tax treatment of a capital loss. IRS's "Your Federal Income Tax" booklet explains — if your capital losses exceed your capital gains, the deduction for excess loss is limited to: (a) \$1,000, or (b) your taxable income for the current year, whichever is smaller. . . if you and your wife file a joint return, you may deduct up to \$1,000 of capital losses between you both, if you file separate returns and both have capital losses you may each deduct up to \$1,000 on each return. In Texas, where the capital losses are from community funds, you can file separate returns, and claim \$2,000 in capital losses instead of the \$1,000 allowed in non-community property states. This is an important tax saving for thousands of Northern Texans each year.

Students married during 1968 must also take community property into consideration in filing their tax returns. This is especially true where one or more of the students' parents continue to provide principal support to one or both of the newlyweds. First, Internal Revenue cautions students not to file a joint return if their parents plan to claim them as dependents on their return.

Here is an example of how community property affects students: You were married in 1968 and you continued to live with your parents in Texas while attending college. Your father provided support for both you and your spouse, and during the summer vacation you earned \$1,000 in wages, which under the comm-

mon't be demonstrated because they couldn't be turned on — no electricity."

The American Farm Bureau Federation commented that according to the Census Bureau, the number of farm households has declined from 4,091,000 in 1960, to 2,944,000 in March, 1968. During the

community property law in Texas, constitutes community income to you and your wife in the amount of \$500 each. You and your wife should file separate returns to obtain a refund of the taxes withheld. Your father may still claim you and your spouse as dependents, provided he meets the principal support requirement, and provided you do not file a joint return.

Additional information on the effect of the Texas community property laws on your income tax liability can be obtained from local offices of the Internal Revenue Service. Ask for Document 555, "Community Property."

(The next story will explain retirement income credit.)

Sharon Cave Among Baylor Students Cited

Sharon Jane Cave, Baylor University student from Stanton, is one of 129 new members recently initiated into the Texas Gamma chapter of Alpha Chi, national honorary scholastic society at Baylor. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Cave of Stanton, Miss Cave is a senior student majoring in English - Speech. She is a 1965 graduate of Roby High School.

Each year Alpha Chi calls attention to the importance of personal scholarship by selecting for membership those ranked in the top five per cent academically from junior, seniors, and law and

734,000 were families. Husband and wife were both present in 43,267,000 families, while 5,273,000 were headed by a woman and 1,194,000 by a man. There were 7,049,000 households composed of lone women and 3,661,000 of lone men.

Veterans Administration

(Editor's note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.)

Q — I have been waiting to file my 1968 income tax return until I receive a statement from the Veterans Administration as to the amount of service-connected disability compensation I was paid last year. When may I expect this statement?

A — Since your service-connected disability compensation is not taxable, you will not receive any statement from VA and need not delay filing your return. As a matter of

graduate students.

The general objective of the society is the stimulation, development and recognition of scholarship and those elements of character that make scholarship effective.

The 89 chapters of Alpha Chi are in 27 states, but centered primarily in the Southwest. Although the national constitution extends membership to the upper 10 per cent of the eligible classes, the Baylor chapter limits selection to the top five per cent.

Faculty sponsor of the Baylor chapter is Dr. Harold Osborne, professor of sociology. Miss Cave was initiated into the club during a formal initiation service and banquet Nov. 11. Miss Cave will remain a member of Alpha Chi as long as she maintains her high grade point average. New members are added to the club each year.

Read The Stanton Reporter for the latest news from your home county!

The Exchange Desk

THE ALPINE AVALANCHE: "Receipts at the Alpine Post Office for the calendar year 1968 totaled \$102,283.77, highest in history, according to Postmaster Billy Vest."

THE MUNDAY TIMES: "Citizens of Knox County are reminded of the county meeting of the Governor's Committee Report on Public Education, which will be held in the Munday High School Auditorium Feb. 10, 1969."

There will be a panel to discuss and answer questions regarding the Governor's report."

THE McCAMEY NEWS: "An organizational meeting has been scheduled for today (Thursday, January 30) at 7:30 p.m. in the east club room of the Park Building, for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of organizing a Civil Air Patrol Squadron for McCamey. All persons interested are invited to this meeting. Colonel Joseph I. Johnson, Commander of Group XVI of Odessa, will be present to discuss the organization."

THE MITCHELL COUNTY NEWS: "The official Texas Historical Marker for First State Bank will be erected on Feb. 13th, at 2:30 p.m., announced Mrs. Witt Hines of Colorado City, chairman of the Mitchell County Historical Survey Committee."

"The marker will be placed at site, on Hwy. 80 and Main Street in Lorraine. Dedication plans will be announced by Mrs. Hal Bennett, chairman of program arrangements."

"The cast aluminum marker, with Swedish steel effect, measures 14 by 24 inches, and is sponsored by the Mitchell County Historical Survey Committee."

"This is the 28th official Texas Historical Marker to be erected in Mitchell County."

THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT: "In a meeting here Monday,

The oscillation of the earth's axis with respect to the sun determines the seasons of the year.

SACRED ISLE

Iona is Scotland's sacred isle. On this three-mile-long island and rock and heather is the "graveyard of kings," in which Macbeth is buried among 60 monarchs of Scotland, Ireland, and Norway.

fact, veterans' benefits generally are exempt from taxation and need not be reported on income tax returns.

Among these exempt veterans' benefits are pension payment, educational assistance allowances, grants for specially-equipped homes and cars for the severely disabled, and payment to surviving dependents of deceased veterans.

The only reportable item is the interest earned on G. I. insurance dividends left as deposit or credit with VA. This interest is not considered a veterans' benefit and must be reported as income. Veterans were advised on the anniversary date of their policy in 1968 of the amount of interest their policy earned for the year.

Q — I neglected to have some needed dental work done while in the Army because I was anxious to get out of service. Can I get treatment from the Veterans Administration? I have been out of service three months.

A — Under a new VA policy, a veteran may receive such treatment, without regard to supporting military records, if he applies within six months after release from service, and if it is determined professionally within eight months after separation that the condition is service-connected.

With supporting military records, a veteran may receive VA dental treatment for service-connected conditions during the first year after release from service.

Q — I have kept my World War II National Service Life Insurance as a term policy. Is there any way I can find out now how much my premium will be increased for the next five-year period? Also, can I find out the comparative costs and advantages of permanent plan G. I. insurance policies?

A — Yes. By writing to the VA office where you send your G. I. insurance premiums, you can obtain information about your present term policy, including the next five-year premium cost. VA insurance officials will also be happy to send you information about the comparative costs and advantages of permanent plan policies.

It will probably be to your advantage to find out about these various plans as soon as possible. In any event, you should keep in mind the fact that the modified life plan, which offers the lowest permanent plan premium, is available only through age 60.

the Commissioners Court of Reagan County passed an order re-districting the Commissioner precincts so that each commissioner will represent approximately the same number of people. The new precinct lines go into effect February 1, 1969.

"The plan re-districts the county on the basis of 1,000 houses, and each precinct will take in a part of Big Lake and its boundaries."

ANDREWS COUNTY NEWS: "Firemen again warn local residents and motorists that grass in the area is tinder-dry. The county has averaged four grass fires a week during the past three weeks. The fire Sunday occurred 7 miles out on the Seminole Highway. The fire Monday afternoon was 2 1/2 miles out on the Big Spring Highway."

THE FORT STOCKTON PIONEER: "Fort Stockton is in search for a municipal water supply of better quality and more volume moved into a new phase Tuesday night as the City Council voted to finance the services of a well-known Midland hydrologist to study the local water situation."

"Upon recommendation of William Smith, chairman of the city's new Water Advisory Board, the council agreed to hire Midland hydrologist Ed Reed to conduct a study of the present city water supply in the Belding area and to furnish a map of Pecos County showing the potentials for both desirable and undesirable water supply areas."

THE EDEN ECHO: "Eden FHA chapter is on the production line of a special entertainment feature to be presented tonight at the High School Auditorium."

"At the FHA Rodeo Fashion Show, the stage setting will feature western cowboy trappings and volunteer performers will dramatize the rodeo theme."



BOYS CAMP MEETING DISPLAY—An old Bible and a photograph of an early day priest will be featured in one of the twelve dioramas in the Sul Ross State College Museum which is being completely remodeled.

Ruling Favors Stanton Team

The executive committee of District 5-AA has ruled against Crane in its protest against a decision made by officials in last Friday's basketball game played in Stanton.

Stanton won the game, 72-71.

Coach Arlen White of Crane had protested an official's decision over a field goal awarded the Buffaloes late in game.

The executive committee said it had no jurisdiction in the case because it was a judgment call on the part of the arbiters.

Two Big Spring officials worked the game.

Kansas City Man Indicted After Hearing

Bobby Randall Crain, 22, of Kansas City, is under indictment in Howard County for the murder of A. D. Blount on December 9, 1968, one mile south of Big Spring.

Crain who had been in Howard County jail since December 20, was released from

custody on a writ of habeas corpus hearing in the 118th District Court last week.

Judge Ralph Caton ruled that Crain was held without proper cause, and that District Attorney Wayne Burns failed to show probable cause during the hearing.

Crain left the Howard County courthouse and apparently Big Spring.

Sheriff A. N. Standard of Howard County said: "This man was released only hours before the grand jury met and returned an indictment of murder with malice."

Crain's attorney, Guilford Jones, court appointed, reported to Sheriff Standard that Crain was in a mental hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Standard said his department would continue in its efforts to make an arrest and

return Crain to Big Spring.

Blount, well known in Martin County, was shot to death about 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, in the hallway of his apartment in the rear of the Pet-A-Zoo, one mile south of Big Spring on U. S. Highway 87.

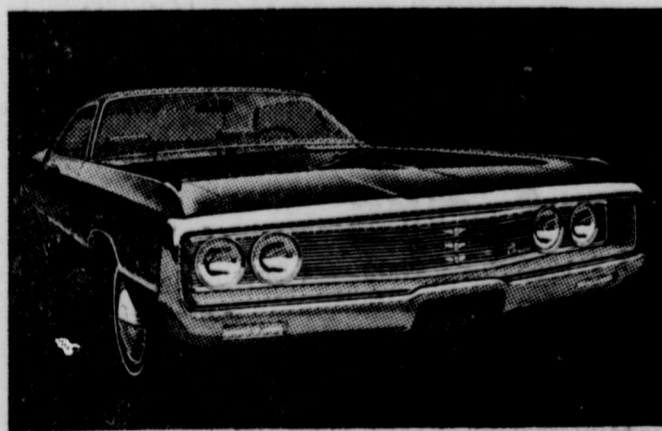
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