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Snooter Knows

By JAMES E. KELLY

(Opinions expressed in this column are the views of the writer and should be so interpreted).

COULD IT BE THAT THROUGH the failure of the Texas State Legislature to complete its job of passing a publication law with a strong enforcement and penalty clause, some Texas counties have had to resort to a complete investigation of county financial affairs?

There is on the statute books now a publication law which requires county governments to publish quarterly and annual statements of the financial condition of the county. But the effectiveness of this law is nil because the legislative body framing it failed to attach a penalty to be assessed against the official or officials delinquent in abiding by it.

The publication law says in part:

Art. 1609. County Finances —publication of financial report of county by county clerk.

"Immediatly after the first regular term of said court in each year said clerk shall publish once in some weekly newspaper published in his county . . . . an exhibit showing the aggregate amount paid out of each fund for the four preceding quarters, and the balance to the credit of debit of each fund; also the amount of indebtedness of said county, with their respective dates of accrual, and to whom and for what due; also the amount to the debit or credit of each officer or other persons with whom an account is kept . . . .

"Art. 1636. County Finances —publication of notice of county treasurer's reports after inspection by the commissioners' court.

" . . . . Prior to the adjournment of each regular term of the court, the county judge and each commissioner shall make affidavit that the requirements of this article have been in all things fully complied with by them at said term of said court, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in said county treasurer's quarterly report made by said treasurer to said court, and held by him for the county, have been fully inspected and counted by them giving the amount of said money and other assets in his hands. Such affidavits shall be filed with the county clerk and recorded in the minutes of said court the term at which the same were filed; and the same shall be published in some newspaper published in the county . . . . "

Failure of the law body to affix a penalty to this law makes it discretionary with an official whether or not to publish the quarterly and annual reports of the financial condition of the county. Thus, the failure contributes toward leaving taxpayers in some counties wholly in the dark as to what is going on with the dollars they have invested in taxes.

In Martin County, as well as in some other Texas counties, the authority who had the power to have the quarterly and annual statements published chose to accept the course which kept the public in the dark by not having these statements published in the newspaper as rquired by the publication law.

Had this law been made really mandatory, compelling county of[illegible]s to issue these statements and present them to the taxpayers in public print, is is quite likely that now Martin County would not be suffering the humiliation of being investigated from end to end to reveal the true status of its financial condition.

The publicizing of the financial statements would have placed before the eyes of the taxpayers the receipts and disbursements of funds . . . . revealing the nature of the items purchas- whom and for what the items were purchased . . . . andand how much was paid for them. ed and from bought . . . .for

This method of displaying the handling of the county's finances in black and whie would prevent officials from holding anything under cover regarding the operation of the county's financial affairs. It would show the public whether their officials were endeavoring to give the county an honest and efficient administration.

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COUNCIL TALKS TAXES, BUDGET

The Stanton City Council in regular session Tuesday night, July 7, discussed numerous city problems, but tabled action on most of them until a special meeting to be held, Wednesday, July 14.

Highlights of the meeting revolved around the following:

Traffic control on the newly-widened Highway 80 through Stanton; persons who chase the fire engine to fires; parking space for Greyhound buses near the City Cafe terminal; dirt fills on washed out streets, sewer line extensions; delinquent taxes; and the city budget for the 1954-55 fiscal period.

Police Chief Ed McCain appeared before the Council to discuss problems involved in controlling speeding on Highway 80. Final action was withheld until the State Highway Department completes a traffic study and comes up with its recommendations.

McCain and Fire Chief Jack Young called attention to the hazard that "fire truck chasers" create, and a check is being made of city ordinances to see what police action should be taken with future violators.

Councilman Wheeler proposed that the parking space for buses be set on North Front Street adjacent to the City Cafe. The plan would cause eastbound buses to circle the block, but Wheeler stated, "I believe this would be the safest method," Alderman Bob Deavenport seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Buster Moore, city maintainer operator, said that since recent rains, many streets cannot be graded due to washouts. In many places service lines are too near the surface for the grading of the street. Action on dirt filling was postponed until budget plans are complete.

In regard to sewer line extensions, the Council reaffirmed a past policy that extensions be paid for by the property owner, who will be repaid by revenue from the line.

At the request of City Secretary George Shelburne, the Council instructed him to concentrate efforts in collecting delinquent personal taxes to those of the past four years. Shelburne said recent efforts to bring the delinquent tax roll into better shape have been meting with good results.

A preliminary city budget was presented which estimated tax collections would run slightly under $28,000. Estimated receipts from water - sewer - and - trash collections was $46,000, slightly under last year's receipts. In discussion revolving around the budget, council members were interested in how much street repair could be done and a balanced budget still maintained.

In other action the Council approved bills for the month, which included payment of $1,228.50 for the recent aerial dusting of the city and $214.50 to Gulf Bitulithic Company for the topping of College Street between the Old Bankhead Highway and Highway 80.

Cost of the insect spraying included $958.50 to Mathieson Chemical Co. for 9,000 pounds of

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Time Arrives For Absentees To Cast Votes

The legal period for absentee voting for the July 24 Democratic primary arrived Tuesday, and Mrs. Bobbye Yater, deputy county clerk, said the clerk's office had received one request for an absentee ballot.

Actually, the ballots have not yet been delivered to the clerk's office, Mrs. Yater said, but they are expected by July 10. They will be sent out immediately to absentee voters who qualify.

Absentee balloting will continue until midnight of July 20 and all such ballots must be postmarked not later than that date and must be received in the county's clerk office no later than 1 p. m. on election day.

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Woman Gulps 33 Sleeping Pills

A 27-year-old Stanton woman who had taken an overdose of sleeping tablets was given emergency treatment and released after several hours last Friday at Martin County Memorial Hospital.

Hospital attendants said the woman walked into the building about noon and said she had taken 33 of the tablets.

Sheriff Dan Saunders, who was called to the hospital, said he talked briefly with the woman, who told him, "I won't try it again."

Oil News

Moore Field Is Location Of Two New Projects

By JAMES C. WATSON

Two new locations have been staked for immediate drilling in the Moore field of Southwest Howard County which is 12 miles due east of Stanton.

A. K. Turner, Jr., et all Production Company of Big Spring will drill No. 3-A Hewitt to 3,500 feet with rotary tools.

Drillsite is 990 feet from north and west lines of section 30, block 33, T-1-S, T&P survey and five miles southwest of Big Spring.

W. W. Holmes of Amarillo will dig the other project in the Moore area as his No. 2 Maggie Bates.

Frazier Is Named As Interim Judge

BULLETIN

Bruce Frazier of Courtney formally was sworn in as Martin County Judge and County Ex-Officio School Superintendent at a meeting of commissioners court in Stanton at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Bond of $1,000 for each post was set by the commissioners and approved by them.

The oaths of office were administered by County Clerk Doris Stephenson.

After these formalities, the commissioners briefly discussed county finances. All agreed that rigid economies will be necessary for several years to come.

Commissioner Joe Froman suggested that the county sell four of its eight road maintainers and perhaps three pickups now assigned for the use of three of the commissioners.

He said the maintainers were just "sitting up there" and the county needs funds so urgently, it seemed a good idea to him to sell them and realize perhaps $20,000 or $25,000. He suggested the sales be made by advertising and competitive bidding, with the court reserving the right to reject bids.

In further discussion, Froman added he feels that if rigid economies are practiced, it should not be necessary to raise taxes "as high as some have indicated they ought to be raised." Froman and Commissioner Stanley Lewis seized the initiative in opposition to "raising taxes too high."

Froman indicated he would bring these matters up officially at next Monday's regular meeting of the court at 10 a.m.

Before taking the oaths, Frazier resigned as a member of the board of managers of Martin County Hospital. He said he had asked Sam Wilkinson, president of the board, to take up with other members the matter of his successor and submit a list of several names to the commissioners from among whom Frazier's replacement might be selected by the commissioners.

It was indicated this action also would be taken at next Monday's meeting.

Frazier indicated that Miss Mary Belle Johnson, who has been secretary to the county judge for nearly two years, would be retained in her position.

Before the meeting adjourned Wednesday, Frazier made a statement thanking members of the commissioners court for the confidence they had placed in him and promised his best efforts toward handling his new duties in the best interests of the county and its citizens.

Present at the meeting, in addition to those already named, were County Attorney Ralph Caton, Justice of the Peace M. L. Gibson and newsmen.

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Bruce Frazier, Sr., 65, former Howard County resident and a farmer-stockman in the Courtney community of Martin County for the past eight years, Tuesday afternoon was named county judge to succeed James McMorries who last Saturday submitted his resignation from the office effective as of midnight, July 6.

Frazier was appointed to serve until the general election in November. The candidate duly elected then will take over the job.

Frazier received notice of his election, and accepted the appointment, over telephone at the Veterans Administration hospital in Big Spring where he has been undergoing a complete physical checkup for the last eight days.

Oath Set Wednesday

He said he would leave the hospital on a patient's pass Tuesday afteroon and would meet with the county commissioners at 10 a.m. Wednesday to make bond, qualify, and take the oath of office.

In a telephone interview with the Reporter Tuesday afternoon Frazier said, "I am rather flabbergasted at the appointment.

"I have never occupied a position like that before and have not aspired for the job.

"But considering the shape we're in now, if I can be of help and service to the people of our county by serving as their interim county judge, I shall certainly be glad to try my best."

Frazier indicated that, after his business Wednesday morning with the commissioners court, he would return to the Big Spring hospital to have his physical examination completed. He expects this to take approximately three more days.

On Hospital Board

Frazier presently is a member of the board of managers of Martin County Memorial Hospital, having served in that capacity since January of this year, when the county took over operation of the institution.

The appointment of Frazier was the last act taken by the commissioners in a somewhat hectic day of apparent indecision over what to do about appointing a successor to McMorries.

The question was not resolved until the commissioners recessed for lunch to talk things over and decided to appoint Frazier.

Only one person had made formal application for the job vacated by McMorries. That was Lynn White of Stanton, a for-

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McMorries' Letter Of Resignation

July 3, 1954

Honorable Commissioners of Martin County, Texas
Stanton, Texas

Dear Sirs:

I have given careful consideration to the possibility of resigning my office, an office that the Citizens of my beloved County gave me the honor to hold for five and one-half years. During this time I have tried to serve my County with honor. We have in my opinion accomplished much for our County, perhaps more than any other county around us. We have spent a lot of money, money that some may think was not spent wisely. Yet to me it seemed to be in the best interest of the County.

I am being blamed for the financial crisis in the County. This is not true. So after careful thought I have decided that in the best interest of my County, I will offer my resignation. I realize that by my staying in office the remainder of this year the operation of the County would be hampered to the extent that the County could not operate smoothly.

Therefore in the best interest of the citizens of my beloved County I hereby offer my resignation from the office of County Judge and Ex-Officio Superintendent of Martin County, Texas, effective midnight July 6, 1954. It has been indeed a pleasure to have had the opportunity of serving with you on the Commissioners Court. We have accomplished much for our County, I am proud of these accomplishments, we all have worked hard to provide our people with the things they so richly deserved.

Sincerely,
(signed)
James McMorries

Manager Named To Head Local Farmers' Group

A manager has been selected for the Basin Growers' Association and will begin his duties here July 15, according to an announcement this week by Woodford Sale, vice president and a director of the organization.

Selected as manager was Oscar Fanning, 29, who will move here with his family from Willcox, Ariz., where he has been manager of the Cochise County Farmers' Association since October, 1953.

The Basin Growers' group is a new association recently organized for the primary purpose of supplying Mexican National labor and some commodities to agriculturist members in this area — Martin, Howard, Glasscock and Midland counties.

Offices will be in the Peters Building (formerly the PMA office) north across Highway 30 from the Texas & Pacific depot.

Fanning and his wife, the former Evelyn Scott Stevens of El Paso, were here last week looking for a place to live. They have a daughter, Betty B., 6, and hope to find a "nice, furnished two-bedroom house."

A native of Floydada, Texas, Fanning was graduated from Texas Tech in 1949 with a major in journalism. He has been in farmers' association management work since September, 1951, having spent 1 1/2 years in New Mexico and the rest of the

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LIONS' JUNIOR RODEO SET TO GO

Folks who want to see the parade kicking off the Lions' Club Junior Rodeo in Stanton next Saturday night had better get down to a spot somewhere along St. Anna Street by 6 p. m., says Jim Eiland, parade chairman, for the procession is going to take place promptly at that time.

And, he added, those who don't want to miss any of the rodeo performance itself had better get to the Sheriff's Posse Arena a little before 8 p. m., because the show positively is going to start on time, with a sparkling grand entry.

The parade will form on College Avenue, in front of Stanton School, and will proceed east on St. Anna through town and on out to the rodeo grounds.

The Stanton police patrol car will lead the procession and will be folowed in order by an American Legion color guard, Boy Scouts (for whose benefit the rodeo is being staged), Girl Scouts, a music truck provided by Bentley's, the mounted Martin County Sheriff's Posse, units from Stanton automobile and farm implement dealers, the rodeo contestants, and the city fire truck.

Eiland said there possibly will be other units to join the parade.

The Sheriff's Posse is assisting the Lions Club with the event and will stage the rodeo and supervise the contests.

Phillip White, president of the Lions, said Wednesday that much interest is being shown by junior entrants in the area. He added, however, that other contestants still are wanted. Entry blanks may be secured at the Chamber of Commerce, the county agent's office, Cap Rock Electric Co-Op, White Motor Company and the sheriff's office.

White said the rodeo will be strictly for junior competitors, and events 9, 10, 11 and 18, which originally were included on the entry form and were shown as open to adults, have been canceled.

Entries will be accepted up to rodeo starting time.

A meeting of all Lions Club committees helping with the affair will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, July 9, in the district courtroom in Stanton to work out last-minute plans, White said.

Directors of the Sheriff's Posse have announced that no one will be eligible to ride with the Posse in the parade unless he is a member of the group in good standing, has reached his 16th birthday, and has bought the required uniform.

Would-Be Yeggs Fail To Snatch $2,000 In Safe

Investigation of a break-in last Wednesday night at Blocker's Service Station on St. Anna Street, Stanton, still is continuing, Police Chief Ed McCain said Wednesday.

McCain said intruders broke into the building by prying loose a hasp on the rear door.

"It had to be before midnight when they got in there," said McCain. "That's the only time the place wasn't patrolled regularly that night."

He added that he was the only officer left in Stanton the first part of Wednesday night, as Patrolman Walter Graves and the sheriff and his deputies were all out on other police calls. McCain was holding down the telephone in the sheriff's office and monitoring the radio there while the other officers were out on their duties.

The break-in was discovered eary Thursday morning when a service station employe arrived to open the place.

According to Blocker, the safe contained about $2,000. Of this amount, $450 was in cash and the remainder in checks.

Apparently nothing was taken. The cash register was entered and two rolls of pennies were broken open but were left in the drawer.

McCain said the investigation is centering around some "definite suspects."

POLICE CHIEF WARNS FIRE ENGINE CHASERS

Stanton Police Chief Ed McCain Wednesday issued a blunt warning to motorists who chase the fire engine or speed to the scene of fires here. He promised that future violators can expect to be arrested.

"Every city has an ordinance against chasing fire trucks and rushing to the scene of a fire in an automobile, and Stanton is no exception.

"These curiosity seekers may not realize it, but they always slow down firemen, ambulances, and police trying to get to the scene of the fire. And they contribute immeasurably to the chances of a bad wreck, not to mention the fact that there may be someone inside a burning house or building. If rescuers are blocked off by traffice from the scene of the fire, the results obviously may be disasterous.

"Sunday night, when the Talton house out on Gray Street was on fire, both the fire truck and the truck I was in had to go off the road and jump the bar ditch to get around some of the cars. And that wasn't the first time this has happened.

"We're not threatening anybody, but when the saving of property and, possibly, lives is at stake, and the proper functioning of the fire, medical and police departments is obstructed, we have no choice except to arrest violators and file charges against them."

ARSON INDICATED IN SUNDAY NIGHT BLAZE

Police Chief Ed McCain said Tuesday that officers are convinced arson was involved in a fire which extensively damaged the interior of a residence at 603 Gray Street, in West Stanton, about 9:30 p. m. Sunday night.

McCain said an investigation which was begun shortly after the fire is continuing.

Firemen called to extinguish the blaze discovered a kerosene-soaked rug in the hallway of the residence, where the fire apparntly began, and also found a bedspread soaked with kerosene in one of the bedrooms.

Three rooms were damaged heavily by fire, McCain said, and the rest of the house, including furnishings and clothing, suffered smoke damage.

No one was in the residence at the time. The house is owned by J. H. Talton but occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Napper and their two children. The Nappers were away on a trip to Carlsbad, N. M., Sunday but returned home Monday afternoon.

Patrolman Walter Graves turned in the alarm. He said he saw smoke pouring from the house as he was driving north in the city patrol car on the Lamesa Highway. The Stanton Volunteer Fire Department responded immediately and had the blaze out in a matter of minutes, he said.

Chief McCain said the house was insured by the owner for $7,800 but said Mrs. Napper told him there was no insurance on the contents.

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Take It Easy On Your Vacation Trip!

These vacation trips which require all the time allotted you for your vacation to drive your car to get there and back, leave you pretty much of a wreck after you arrive home.

These long-distance drivers, with what they think is a limited time to spend on their vacation, grudge an extra minute they spend on the road. They speed and weave in and out of traffic; they take foolish chances.

They short-change themselves on sleep and drive when they are tired. They can't take time to be courteous. They never give the other motorists a break. And if anyone infringes slightly on their rights, they bellow.

The fellow who maps out his point of destination within a distance that allows him to take it easy driving to get there and back has a much more pleasant trip.

The Texas Safety Association says:

"And it doesn't bother him that he hasn't established any record for miles covered per day. He's had time to enjoy the country through which he drove, time to be pleasant and courteous to all he met, and he hasn't worried himself into a nervous breakdown or a serious accident."

The Association continues:

"Pattern your behavior after the example of MR. TAKE IT EASY. Remember a vacation is a time to enjoy yourself . . . to get as much pleasure and relaxation as possible . . . to iron out tensions so that you'll come home refreshed."

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Here's A Thought For When You're Hungry

We were tipped back on our heels the other day when we read a statement issued by the American Meat Institutute.

It had to do with an item of food highly delectable to the appetite of many of our Stanton citizens. The announcement made by the AMI indicates there is an incredible number of people throughout the United States to whom the item to which we allude is ravenously appetizing.

Now we uncover the "meat" of this editorial. It's hot dogs of which we speak.

During the 14-week period that began with Decoration Day and will end with Labor Day, the AMI says 2,624,640,000 hot dogs, a string that would girdle the earth eight times, will be consumed in this country!

The institute said further: "That works out to 21 of the dogs for every man, woman and child between the ages of five and 60."

The consumption of many of this fabulous number of hot dogs can be traced to sales registered at football games, baseball games, carnivals, home barbecues, and the like.

The good old hot dog gets more popular all the time.

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Accidental Death Rate High In Agriculture

Governor Allan Shivers has issued a proclamation designating the week of July 25-31 as Farm Safety Week.

The governor said: "More acidental deaths occur, for each 100,000 workers, in agriculture than in any other major industry of the nation. Texas, with its widespread farming and ranching operations, is in a position to help reduce this accidental toll."

The Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee is urging all Texans not only to observe the special week of July 25-31 but to make the other 51 weeks just as safe as humanly possible.

"It's a real challenge to every farm family. I have never yet met a farmer or a member of his family who wanted to get involved in an accident. The way to prevent them is to practice prevention every day," says H. Walter Hammond, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

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Kansas Knows What Real Standstorms Are

During a severe Kansas sandstorm a man was seen driving a combine down the road at a high rate of speed. In response to a question, he explained: "I planted that wheat and I'm going to harvest it if I have to chase it all the way to the Gulf of Mexico."

That's Kansas for you in sandstorm years. We know. We lived up there.

Unless the wheat field this farmer was following found refuge on an island in the Gulf of Mexico, and he succeeded in getting a tugboat to tow him across to it, he'd never have the opportunity to harvest his wheat.

Whenever Kansas makes up its mind to pull a sandstorm (it's usually in drouthy years) it pulls a good one. It fills the air so full of sand that prairie dogs have been known to be seen up in the air digging their holes. Under such circumstances there would be little chance for the farmer to run down his wheat and harvest it.

We have known drouth years in Kansas when grasshoppers invaded the country in such numbers they ate the bark off trees, all the woodwork off wheat binders and threshing machines, and ate the fence posts down even with the ground.

Oh, but those were sandstorm and drouth years one could talk about and never be censured for telling a lie.

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Fellow in Arrhus, Denmark, dug for treasure in his garden and unearthed a 50-year-old cask of beer. It was suds a disappointment. He thought pirates drank rum.

There's a prisoner in Fairview, Mo., who won't be able to "come clean." Police have removed all soap from his cell, as once before he soaped himself and slipped through the bars.

READ AND USE THE REPORTER CLASSIFIEDS!

Philosopher Discusses Novel Voter's Test In Picking Candidates

Dear editar:

I don't know much about politics or politicians either, and my forecast on how any election is gonna come out is about as dependable as a Russian promissory note. Also, I have never understood why people run for office when there's anything else to do, although there must be some good reasons as nearly every office that's available, there is always somebody willin to run for it.



And also, the reasons candidates give why they ought to be elected have always appealed to me. I sort of keep a mental scrapbook of them, and the other day I was pleased to add a new one.

This candidate, accordin to a statement I read in a newspaper which drifted in here on a dry wind, said he ought to be elected because, as he phrased it, "you haven't heard too much about me."

Accordin to him, not having heard about a man is a strong recommendation, in these days of investigations, and he may have a point, as I'll admit the less you know about some candidates the more you might be in favor of em.

But what I'd like to see is this system applied to other endeavors, not just limited to politics. For example, if banks would make loans on the same basis, all a man would have to do to swing one would be to find a bank that never had heard of him, and with the number of banks there are in this country, I figure I could operate for years without ever once bein turned down.

This idea of investigating a man thoroughly before extendin him credit is what keeps more money from circulating, is what keeps merchandise sittin on store shelves instead of windin up in homes where it was intended.

What this country needs is to get away from this eternal suspiciousness, back to where a man's word, if it ain't as good as his bond, is at least good for a television set on credit.

I doubt if this candidate I mentioned is gonna win. Don't see how he can if nobody ever heard of him, but he has hit on an idea which certainly would help some people if it was applied universally by banks and stores. It would help me if it was applied just in a 10-mile radius for one week.

Yours faithfully,

No Surplus Problem



Bible Comment

Society Needs To Practice True Morality

We often read today of widely publicized divorces and extra-marital relationships in supposedly high levels of society.

Surely there ought to be a sort of "noblesse oblige" on the part of the well-placed privileged, which would help to establish and maintain sound moral and social standards in martial relationships, as in all other relationships.

This is not suggested in any Pharisaic or censorious spirit. Those whose martial lives have been happy and well adjusted might well thank God, and look with compassion upon those less fortunate, the victims of failure and error.

What is significant and of concern is the great lack of decency today in human relationships, the lack of consideration for others, and the lack of common sense and the weakness of will where moral and social issues are concerned.

When a large portion of the population has no religious affiliation or professed faith, the Commandments and the law of God, as they are accepted by sincere Jews and Christians, can have no essential sanction.

But the Commandments and the law of God are not arbitrary decrees. Their sanction is in their inherent right and wisdom, and the evidence of the rightness in human experience.

True morality comes down very much to a matter of decency and straightness. The essence of immorality is dishonesty and crookedness. The good man is the upright man, and "man" in this sense means woman also.

BROTHERS HAVE GUESTS

Mrs. Kate Butler of Roosevelt, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Butler of Elk City, Okla., visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brothers and Mrs. M. C. Brothers over the weekend.

What Was The News Of Note?
-Twenty-Five Years Ago-

(The following was taken from the Stanton Reporter of July 5, 1929.)

This week the American Legion post here began the organization of a rifle club. Some of the guns have arrived this week, being the old model Springfield rifles which have been discarded by the Army for more up-to-date rifles now in use.

C. C. Russell of Putnam, closed a deal for 160-acre Harry Haislip's farm located in the water district north of town.

J. E. Stokes, drilling contractor, who has just completed drilling six wells for the water district north of Stanton, began Tuesday on the well that is located on the water lots of the Stanton Water Works.

Application has been placed in the hands of the proper authorities for the extension of Rural Free Delivery Route Number 1, leading the carrier, Sam Stamps, over an additional 30 miles and adding a large number of boxes to his already big list.

At the directors' meeting of the Home National Bank June 28, a 5 per cent cash dividend was ordered to be paid to all stockholders at the close of business June 29. An additional 6 per cent was added to the surplus account and another addition 7 1/2 per cent was ordered to be placed in the undivided profits account.

LOCALS

Mrs. W. D. McWhorter of Albany is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hill.

Miss Noama Atchison left Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Lee Wilson and children of Ozona, for a trip to New Mexico and Colorado.

WEEKEND VISITOR

DeWitt Davis of Dallas was home over the weekend.

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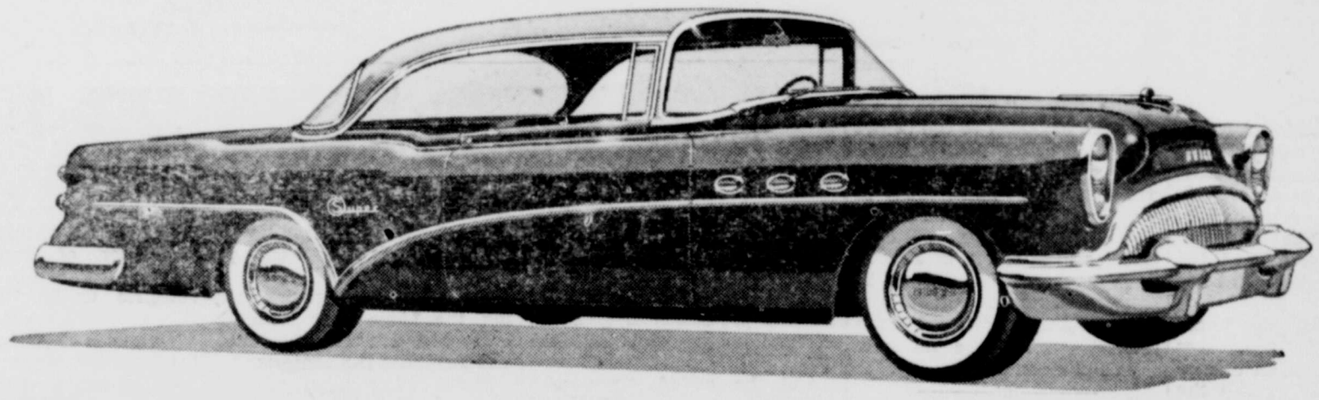
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We expect it. It has happened before. And there is good reason for it – popular appeal.

Take, for example, the car model shown here.

We call it a Riviera. Most people call it a "hardtop."

When Buick introduced this body type in 1949, it was a completely new thing. And it was an instant hit.

Today, Buick "hardtops" outsell all other models in the line. It's the styling America has taken to its heart.

So today you find that every major car maker has his own version of this Buick original. (And we can't blame them a bit. They know a good thing when they see it.)

Maybe you've noticed other such borrowings from Buick.

The diagrammatic sketch shown here lists some of the Buick advances that are now reflected in the styling of other cars – or will be soon.

For you can be sure that the great panoramic windshield first shown by Buick this year will be copied. It's too good to pass up.

And you can be sure that the full rear-wheel cutout now on every 1954 Buick Riviera and Convertible will show up elsewhere in the future. It's a sports-car touch that hits a really popular note.

We're sure of such things.

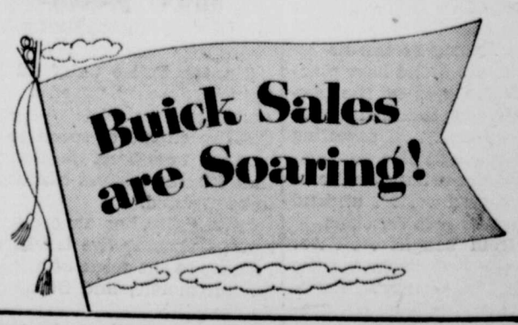
We're sure because the tomorrow-styled Buick of today seems to be just what people want. Because Buick sales are soaring. *Because Buick now outsells every other car in America except two of the so-called "low-price three."*

So to you we say—why wait another day to see and drive a new Buick? It's the beauty of the year. It's the buy of the times. And it's a wonderful way to head up the parade.

Drop in this week for a demonstration, won't you?

KEY TO SOME STYLING "FIRSTS" BY BUICK

1 Riviera "hardtop" body type **2** Panoramic windshield **3** Visored headlamp grouping **4** Hooded tail light assembly on Skylark **5** Full rear-wheel cutout **6** Fender sweepspears **7** Ventiports (*Remember Buick's first ventiports on front fenders? Some folks even bought copies of those chrome rings to put on jalopies!*)



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FROM WHERE I SIT



By Hila Weathers

Manager of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce

THE FIRST DAY after our vacation was heart-warming in that so many of you came by to say "we missed you, and glad you are back!" It's a mighty satisfactory feeling, and we really appreciate your kind words. Then, too, our highly regarded editor of The Stanton Reporter asked that we please have our column ready—not much to say, but glad to cooperate.

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WE WERE HONORED to have as out-of-town visitors last week Sam Coker and Jess Ward, both of the Texas Electric Service Company. Sam is a genuine friend of Stanton and Martin County and visits with us quite often. And it is our good fortune to know personally the wife of Mr. Ward. We're always glad to have our TESCO friends to come by.

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CONGRATULATIONS to both the Rogers Electric Company and the Stanton Electric Company upon their new locations. The Rogers' are now located at 208 N. St. Peter Street, in the building formerly occupied by the Polk Barber Shop, and Stanton Electric is located in the former Eckert Dry Goods building at 207 N. St. Peter. We extend best wishes to both firms in their new places of business. Go by and visit these folks, and notice the attractive arrangements and displays.

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PLEASE REMEMBER that July 12 is to be Dollar Day for July, and we will have the five silver dollars to give to the first five peope who answer their telephone on that day with "This is Dollar Day in Stanton!" So, be ready on that day with the correct answer.

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ENTRIES ARE BEING received in the office for the Lions Club Junior Rodeo which is scheduled for Saturday, July 10. If you have not filled in one of the application blanks, come by the office, as we have them for you. Of course, we mean the JUNIOR participants. Let's not only see the parade but also attend the rodeo and lend every effort to make this an outstanding event. The Lions Club members really have put much time and thought in sponsoring this rodeo, and all plans are ready to go—Saturday.

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WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS to the directors and supervisors of the FHA for their selection of Margaret Moffett as clerk in the office down the hall from us. They couldn't have made a better choice, and we're happy for them and Margaret.

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Boy Scouts Attend Summer Ranch Camp In Record Numbers

When the closing date of the Buffalo Trail Boy Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains rolls around July 10, nearly 700 Boy Scouts and Explorers will have spent six-day camping periods at the Ranch during the summer, according to the Rev. Clyde Lindsley, chairman of the camping activities committee of the Buffalo Trail Council.

This will be one of th largest numbers ever to attend the camp during the summer season, which this year consisted of six r[illegible]ods of six days each.

The total number of Scouts in the Council area attending long-term camp (six or more continuous days) is expected to exceed 1,000 when all reports are in from other camps, including Philmont Scout Ranch, Sweetwater Camp and independent troop camps and expeditions.

The last camp at the Ranch opened Sunday evening, July 4. The camp is directed by Joe Niedermayer, director of field service for the Council, assisted by Council district executives H. D. Norris, William McRee, Lloyd Longley, Hollis Alford and Bob Eastus, along with unit leaders and a staff of specialists.

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SEE DAVIS MOUNTAINS

The Carl Clardy and Hubert Greggs families spent the weekend in the Davis Mountains.

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RETURN FROM MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Dickison and family have returned from a trip to Missouri.

Buffalo Trail Council To Hold Swim Meet In Midland, Aug. 21

The Eighth Annual Swimming Meet of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boys Scouts of America will be held in Midland on August 21, it was announced today by Rev. Clyde Lindsley, Chairman of Camping and Activities. The meet is expected to bring some two hundred Scouts and Explorers from the eight districts of the council extending over seventeen counties.

There will be competition in two divisions, one for Boy Scouts ages 11, 12 and 13 and the other for Explorers ages 14 through 17.

Preceding the council meet, each district will conduct its own meet and send their first and second place winners to the council meet. Trophies for each division will be awarded and ribbons will be presented to individual winners. Both division trophies were won by units from Wink, Troop No. 65 and Post No. 65 sponsored by the Wink Lions Club. James Hill is leader of both units.

Te meet will be held in one of Midland's new municipal pools, probably the one at Hogan Park Following the meet there will be a barbecue furnished by the council.

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VISITING MOTHER

Pvt. Henry Graves who is stationed at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Fannie Graves.

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O. B. BRYAN RETURNS

O. B. Bryan has returned from a 3-day meeting in Mineral Wells.

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SPENDS WEEKEND HERE

Sammy Foreman of Lenorah spent the weekend with Bobby Bryan.

WEST TEXAS PRESS COMMENTS

Will wonders never cease? A bird's nest was the cause of doing several hundred dollars worth of damage to the Texas Electric Service Co. at the Wink Sub-station one day last week. Birds had built their nests in some high tension wires and put the town without lights or power for nearly an hour, reports the Wink Bulletin.

The Bronte Enterprise spoke in its last week's issue for help that all weekly newspapers are needing at this season of the year. The editor said:

"We need help, folks, in gathering vacation news. Won't you phone the office, or call in person, or write us a postcard so we won't miss anyone who is on a vacation or who has returned from one."

The Memphis Democrat announces that the county Democratic executive committee has met and arranged the names of candidates as they will appear on the Hall County ballot to be voted July 24. Gov. Shivers heads the list of state candidates.

From The Memphis Democrat (Hall County) comes the report that the citizens of the town and the area surrounding will hold a Community Clinic to express their views on things they believe will help make the community and territory better places to live in and work. The Democrat added: "There is no reason why we cannot go forward instead of gradually losing ground as we have in the past 25 years."

It was the first visit to the Texas Press Association for Aaron Edgar of the Munday Times. The convention was held in Ft. Worth, and Edgar got plenty hot plodding around various points of interest. A bus driver wanting to fill his air conditioned bus with passengers and get back to town his invitation was accepted by the Munday Times editor and his wife who were soon enjoying the comforts of an air conditioned hotel.

The Anton News is the first weekly newspaper to come to the attention of this column as having been given the order to print the election ballots for the July and August primary elections The ballot order was given by the county Democratic Executive Committee of Hockley County.

Coleman County is to have a network of rural telephone connections. The REA has been granted a loan of $540,000 to be used in building the lines to be known as the Coleman County Rural Telephone Cooperative. It will be a dial telephone system.

The Brewster County Democratic Committee meeting in Alpine last week decreed that no "write-ins" will be valid in the July primary, according to the Alpine Avalanche. The committee also ruled the names of J. C. Eperson for judge of the 83rd judicial district and R. C. Garnett, candidate for justice of the peace, would be placed on the ballot. The two candidates recently deceased, had legally filed with the committee before their deaths.

It's to the best interests of their young folks that the citizens of Big Lake are looking after. The Big Lake Wildcat says, "If the painting of the swimming pool goes along smoothly, the pool will be ready by the Fourth of July." Big Lake is putting the finishing touches to a new swimming pool the city has provided for the teenagers, a form of entertainment that will keep them at home instead of going off to other towns to swim.

Peter Engelking, 43, for a quater of a century a reporter, editor and news executive of the Austin American-Statesman, died last week of a heart attack. He began his newspaper career on the Statesman in 1930 as a copy boy, part time employe while a student at the University of Texas. Engelking was rarely ever absent from his desk because of illness.

Dick Reavis who writes the column "Howdy!" in the Coleman Democrat - Voice becomes all agitated over a little thing like the U. S. mail system's failure to deliver some very important pictures from the engravers in time to make that issue of the Democrat-Voice. Dick says: "It's little things like this that keep the humdrum out of the trade, and sponsor ulcers the size of dessert dishes."

In June 1906 the Eden Echo was established in Eden. This week the Echo will have rounded 48 years of publication. Editor Dufrain said in his column, "Along the Fence Lines", it is believed to be the oldest business institution with continued interrupted service in Concho County. He has just recently moved into the plant a new linotype machine purchased from the Dallas Times-Herald in Dallas.

The Baird Star editor remarks: "June in Texas is a wonderful time. We have all the lush green of spring and a riot of color in blooming flowers with less of spring's uncertain weather." And we might add, this June has had its over-ration of storms sweeping West Texas, destroying crops and doing other property damage.

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MISS SHIRLEY JEAN BURKS

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin L. Burks of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Jean, to Guy Merwyn Eiland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy A. Eiland of Stanton. Miss Burks attended the University of Arkansas and is now a junior at Baylor University. Mr. Eiland is a senior at Baylor. The wedding will be held at 8 o'clock the evening of Saturday, August 7, at the First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff.

Snooter Knows...

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This method of publicity applies to all forms of activity in which the taxpayer's dollar is involved . . . . such as city government, school districts, hospitals, and so on. The people who have their tax dollars invested in these forms of activity should know the facts right out in public about the operation of these institutions.

Then the people will have an opportunity to register their criticism as to the way their business is being handled. In this manner, more efficient management would be encouraged and applied to the operation of the business in question.

The newspapers of Texas have been fighting for a publication law that will make it an offense to be charged against the individual in authority for failure to publish statements of the county's financial condition and other statements involving operations for which the public is paying taxes. To date, only the aforementioned weak law exists on the statute books, and it is free of being enforced.

How much longer will the legislature put off passage of this much needed law—one with teeth in it? As long as the legislature evades its responsibility in this regard, it is helping materially to keep taxpayers in the dark and is, in effect, making it easy for unscrupulous officials to mismanage public finances.

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WHATEVER THE STANTON Lions Club has to do with putting on an entertainment, while standing around among 'em you can expect to have pulled on you such sleight-of-hand tricks as producing a rabbit from under your hat or lifting your billfold from your pistol pocket. Just anything can happen on occasions sponsored by the Lions club.

A coming event is the Junior Rodeo to be held at the Sheriff's Posse Arena July 10. There will be a colorful parade that will go into action at 6 p.m. Saturday night, headed by the color guard of the American Legion followed by the Sheriff's Posse. The members will be all diked out in their new and striking blue-and-white uniforms, astride their prancing steeds. Then there will be in the procession five troops of Girl Scouts, three Boy Scout troops, units from Stanton automobile and implement dealers, an old-time chuck wagon, and clowns and jokers.

At 8 p.m. the rodeo is scheduled to get underway. This feature of the program will be handled by the Sheriff's Posse.

No use powdering your faces or parting your hair. Just come as you are. There will be plenty of dust kicked up in the Posse's Arena Saturday night, July 10, as the junior ropers flip their lasso loops at the wily Brahma calves. Look for spills and thrills and some bloody noses where Junior fails to stay put in the saddle and he and the ground contact each other.

Be there with your spurs on. You may need them to hold you in your seats as the thrills and chills creep up your spinal column.

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THE OZONA FLOOD TRAGEDY has set Stanton citizens to serious wondering if the same tragedy by the same method couldn't happen to them. The citizens sense the situation in Stanton, much after conditions which existed in Ozona . . . very poor, if any at all, drainage facilities to carry off the flood waters in case of a 14-inch rain falling on the watershed—much less, as 5 or 6-inch rains flood most of the town of Stanton.

Stanton can thank its stars it was Ozona that sacrificed human lives and property that amounted to a million dollars due to lack of a proper drainage system.

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BANOTHER 5-CENT PIECE from Big Spring went down the coffee drain last Friday afternoon at one of Stanton's drug store coffee emporiums. The expenditure of the 5-cent piece was a voluntary contribution from a Big Spring gentleman to finance a cup of coffee for this writer. The gift of the cup of Java was made by my good friend, Judge Charlie Sullivan who presides over the 118th district court.

Judge Sullivan had a grand jury in session wrestling with questions and answers connected with Martin County finances. He thought a couple of times Friday the grand jury would be able to report, but as the jury didn't, Judge Sullivan's anticipation to appease his disappointment caused him to appear at my desk Friday afternoon and make me an offer to drink a cup of coffee with him.

Not a whit backward in accepting gifts, especially one which has a monetary value of $1.12 a pound attached to it, I accepted the Judge's offer.

Judge Sullivan has been a mighty busy man over here in Stanton, holding court and keeping an eye on the door of the grand jury room. He expected any minute to be called upon to accept the findings the jurymen had been mulling over for two days.

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READERS OF THIS COLUMN may wonder if we haven't gone a little daffy over this flood business . . . mention being made here and in an editorial on page eight of The Reporter. Fact of the matter is that in thinking over the serious plight Stanton is in if heavy rains visit the vicinity with drainage facilites no better than they are, we are a bit addled over worrying about what can happen to Stanton. And there is no study being made by the citizens to remedy the situation.

Mary Lynn Hamilton, Bride-Elect Honored With Miscellaneous Shower

Miss Mary Lynn Hamilton, bride-elect of Jerry Kennemer, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the James Jones home, Tuesday night, June 29.

Hostesses were Mrs. Jones, Mrs J. R. Sale, Mrs. J. C. Sale, Mrs. J. C. Mott, Mrs. D. E. Ory, Mrs. Morgan Hall, Mrs. Phillip White, Mrs. John Pinkston, Mrs. F. O. Rhodes, Mrs. J. E. Pollock, Mrs. Edmund Tom, and Mrs. Guy Eiland.

Miss Hamilton's chosen colors, blue and silver, were carried out with a blue punch bowl and silver appointments.

The table, covered with a white cutwork cloth, held an arrangement of white gladiolu centered with miniature bride and bridegroom figures.

Garden flowers decorated the home.

Members of the house party were Miss Mary Beth White, Miss Angie Chesser, Miss Yvonne Ory, Miss Joyce Petree, Miss Jere Coon, Miss Shirley Shoemaker, Miss Eula Belle Mott, Miss Jeanette Graves, Mrs. Terrell Pinkston, Miss Anna Belle Heckler, Mrs. Bob Cox, and Miss Patsy Pollock.

Miss Hamilton also was honored with a kitchen shower in the home of Mrs. Morgan Hall, Thursday night, July 1.

Hostesses were Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. David Baulch, Mrs. James Tunnell, Miss Patsy Pollock, Miss Eula Belle Mott, Miss Yvonne Ory, Miss Angie Chesser, and Miss Mary Beth White.

Attending were Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Tunnell, Miss Pollock, Miss Mott, Miss Ory, Miss Chesser, Miss White, Mrs. Carl Lloyd, Miss Engenia Martin, Miss Jeanette Graves, and Miss Hamilton.

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VISITORS FROM RICE

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen of Rice visited Mrs. T. Y. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones over the weekend.

City Health Official Warns Of Fly Menace

Many Stanton citizens are contributing to the fly epidemic and the possible outbreak here of disease—such as the dread polio—by failing to separate garbage from other refuse and keep it covered up, Mrs. F. O. Rhods, city sanitarian, charged Tuesday.

"Garbage is supposed to be separated and put in a container with a lid on it," she insisted.

"If lids have been beat up, lost or blown away, they should be replaced immediately.

"The threat of a disease outbreak increases daily, as the number of flies increase.

"We absolutely must do something about this now, before it is too late. I beg everyone to cooperate, but if they don't the city undoubtedly is going to have to take sterner measures."

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O'Donnell Man Arrested On Booze Charge

A man identified by police as Rock Williams, of O'Donnell, was arrested and placed in the County Jail in Stanton about 11 p. m. Saturday night on charges of transporting alcoholic beverages through a dry county.

The arrest was made by Stanton Police Chief Ed McCain and Patrolman Walter Graves.

The officers said they noticed the out-of-town car driven by Williams turn off Highway 80 into Stanton and decided to follow as a matter of routine to see where the car went. But when they turned around, they said Williams speeded up his vehicle.

They overtook him on St. Anna Street, near College Avenue, and said a search of the car turned up six pints of wine, three cases of beer, and a pint of whiskey.

Williams Sunday afternoon posted a $500 appearance bond in County Court and is to return here July 12 to enter his plea to the charge.

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REBEKAHS TO INSTALL

A formal installation service be held Monday night, July 12, at the IOOF Hall for incoming officers of the Stanton Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. G. A. Bridges will be installed as Noble Grand.

All members are invited to attend.

THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM announces the appointment of OGAL AVERY 703 Burleson as distributor for Stanton effective Sunday, July 11.

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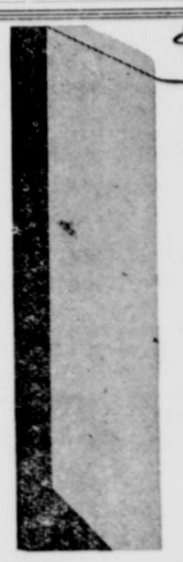


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Text Of Finance Committee's Report

Telephone Company Appoints New Midland District Superintendent

Floyd C. Reed of Huntsville has been named district commercial superintendent for the Midland district of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, which includes the Stanton exchange.

Reed will replace Marshall Kemp, recently named district manager.

Reed's appointment was announced by E. J. Ernest, Northwest Texas division manager.

Reed comes to Midland from Huntsville where he was district commercial superintendent for the company's Huntsville district.

In the new position, Reed will have charge of telephone company commercial operations for the 20 towns in the Midland district. These towns are Midland, Odessa, Crane, Big Spring, Seminole, Stanton, Alpine, Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, Grandfalls, Iraan, Kermit, Marathon, Marfa, McCamey, Monahans, Presidio, Rankin, Sanderson and Wink.

A native of Oklahoma, Reed joined the telephone company in 1939 at Port Arthur when that exchange was being converted to dial operation. He was transferred to Houston in 1941.

During 1942 and 1943 he served as a radio code and communications instructor for Air Force pilots at Randolph Field.



FLOYD C. REED

He was a chief radio officer with the merchant marine from 1943 to 1945.

He returned to Houston following his tour of duty with the merchant marine and in 1949 was promoted to relief manager. He later was promoted to manager for the company's operations at Brenham. He became district commercial superintendent for the Huntsville district in September, 1953.

An active church member, Reed's hobbies are radio and golf.

He and his wife plan to move to Midland in the near future.

Dr. E. O. Ellington
DENTIST
No Appointments for Friday Afternoons
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Big Spring, Texas

Former Stantonite Rejoins Arrington Funeral Home Staff

Ronald Dee Gilbreath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt H. Gilbreath of Stanton, was graduated June 25, 1954, from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science and now is associated with Arrington Funeral Home of Stanton.

Gilbreath, a graduate of Stanton High School, was with the funeral home for 1 1/2 years before leaving to take the Dallas course.

Subjects studied by Gilbreath included embalming, mortuary administration, dermatology, cosmetology, chemistry, anatomy, first aid and microbiology.

Gilbreath successfully passed the Conference Examination of the Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States, which enables him to engage in the mortuary profession in any state, subject to reciprocity governed by Texas rules as they apply to morticians from other states who desire to practice their profession in Texas.

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Collier Family Holds Reunion In Stanton

The family of Mrs. J. B. Collier enjoyed a family reunion at

Attending were Mrs. Collier's her homeSunday, June 27, in Stanton.

three daughters and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Munn of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Ode Hazlewood of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hazlewood of Courtney. Also present was a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Sullivan of Pecos.



MAJOR GENERAL KEARIE L. BERRY

Maj. Gen. Berry Is Selected Chairman Of 1955 March Of Dimes

AUSTIN, Major General Kearie L. Berry, Adjutant General of Texas and Commanding Gen. at the Texas National Guard, has accepted the State Chairmanship of the 1955 March of Dimes in Texas.

In accepting the post General Berry said: "Having been a prisoner of war for 40 months, I have some idea of the feelings of people who are prisoners of an iron lung. It took an all-out war to get myself and others released-so let's mount an all-out attack aginst polio."

With the polio incident in Texas rising to a figure almost double the 1953 total for this time, General Berry feels that early organization for the coming campaign is important. "We must plan, we must practice, we must smooth every rough edge so that when we set the March of Dimes into motion we will be certain it will be one of the greatest," he stated. "Fighting polio is worse than fighting a war—we can't see our enemy."

Holder of the Combat Infantry Badge, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, General Berry served with distinction in the Pacific Theater. With the fall of Bataan he was made prisoner of war and was held in camps in Luzon,Formosa, Kyushu and Manchuria. Returning to the United States in October 1945, following his release, he served in various posts until his retirement from active service on June 30, 1947.

Appointed Adjutant General of Texas in May 1947, he was reappointed in 1949, 1951 and 1953. As Commanding General of the Texas National Guard, he directs military activities for many thousands of servicemen on a year-round program.

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Special Train To Carry Farm Bureau Members To Convention

A special train will carry Texas Farm Bureau members to the national convention in December in New York, TFB President J. Walter Hammond has announced.

The state farm organization has completed arrangements for the 11-day trip which will include sight-seeing tours of St. Louis, Wiliamsburg, Washington, D. C.; and New York City. The Farm Bureau Special will leave Dallas Dec. 7 and return Dec. 18.

While in New York the Texans will attend the 36th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation .An estimated 175 members and their families are expected to attend from the Lone Star State.

The group will first stop at Williamsburg, birthplace o f American history, for a comprehensive tour of the restored colonial settlement. A chartered bus will take them through Jamestown to Old Point Comfort, Va., where they will board a steamer for Baltimore.

In Washington, the Texans will visit many of the government buildings and other points of interest. They wil aso tour George Washington's colonial home across the Potomac at Mt. Vernon.

A sight-seeing tour of the most interesting places in New York is also planned for the group.

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New Teacher Hired For Stanton School

One new teacher recently has been hired for Stanton High School and one who taught in elementary school last year has resigned, according to School Supt. O. W. Winstead.

Coming to teach junior and senior English next year is Miss Alta Hawks, who has been a member of the Roxton, Texas, high school faculty. Miss Hawks has a master's degree from Southern Methodist University.

The resignation accepted was that of Lloyd M. Hearn who taught seventh grade here. Hearn will teach next year at Greenwood School, Winstead said.

In other activity around the school so far this summer, the Homemaking Cottage has been moved from its former location at the southeast front of the school grounds to a spot in the rear, or on the west, of the elementary building.

Winstead announced that steel bleachers for seating 616 persons have been ordered for the west side of Buffalo Stadium. Date the bleachers will arrive for installation is not yet known.

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Say you saw it in The Stanton Reporter.

Probers List Transactions They Question

Editor's Note:—For the first time in its 48 years of publication, The Stanton Reporter is publishing in detail the report of the investigation made into the Martin County financial affairs by a committee of three appointed by Judge Charlie Sullivan of the 118th district court.

The report is a voluminous document of many pages of typewritten copy on 8½x14 copy paper.

The very moment the report was filed for record at the county courthouse it was open for public inspection.

This is an instance that comes in the life of a newspaper when the newspaper is met with two courses to pursue, one of which it must decide upon. They are:

1. Whether to print the news story in which the facts have been established that the public may know what is going on, or take the other course:

2. Fail in its duty to publish the facts, thereby lending its support toward keeping the public ignorant of what is going on.

The Reporter choose to adhere inviolately to course number one, placing itself among those newspapers which "do their duty and let the chips fall where they may."

Following a three-week survey of the county's financial records, the accounting committee submitted its report to District Judge Charlie Sullivan at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 1. He, in turn, handed the document over to District Clerk Doris Stephenson for placing on the public records.

James E. Kelly, Editor

REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO THE HONORABLE CHARLIE SULLIVAN, DISTRICT JUDGE, MARTIN COUNTY:

On the 9th day of June, 1954, you made and entered your order appointing us as a Finance Committee under the terms of Article 1638, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, to "examine into the condition of finances of the County".

In accordance with your order, we have entered upon an investigation of these matters, and in the interest of time, through further study and investigation should be continued, we now wish to make this report, and would show you the following facts:

I.

In our work, we have not attempted to make an audit, but an examination of the expenditures of the County. We have examined in detail each check, voucher, and invoice for each fund. We also checked the record of accounts allowed from the Clerk's office and check register from the Treasurer's office. We checked the minutes of the Commissioners Court to substantiate some disbursements which referred to them as authorization.

From our examination of the bills and accounts allowed, it is the opinion of the committee that the proper safeguards of good accounting are not followed. Numerous bills are paid where there is no evidence of an invoice from the vendor. This is especially true in regard to posts and stays. There were some 17,250 posts purchased from January, 1952 through May 10, 1954, costing some $9,484.00. On all of these, there was no invoice of any kind, but were paid on the authorization of the County Judge. A great number of these posts were purchased from relatives of the County Judge, specifically Melton McMorries, Whit McMorries, McMorries Brothers, and Ray Whirley. We believe that in instances such as these, an invoice should have been prepared showing under whose authority they were purchased, where they were to be used, the quantity purchased, the unit price, and the amount. We feel that further investigation should be made of these payments to determine if these posts were actually received by the County and used for County purposes. Someone should be required to sign a receipt that they were received as billed. This method should be followed in all purchases if the funds of the County are to be safeguarded and properly accounted for.

TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING COMMISSIONER VAUGHN

On January 31, 1952, County Treasurer's checks Nos. 1117, 1118, 1119, and 1120, each in the sum of $116.80, were issued to Oliver Vaughn to reimburse Mr. Vaughn for post delivered on January 27, 1952. These checks were indorsed by Mr. Vaughn and cleared through the bank on February 1, 1952. On this same day, Mr. Vaughn was issued a treasurer's receipt No. 14, for reimbursement for "overpayment for post". Mr. Vaughn states that he has never bought and paid cash for posts or other materials. His memory fails to recall what happened to the money or why he received it. Mr. Vaughn seems certain of his indorsements but nothing more.

II.

We have investigated some specific transactions affecting the disposal of County Funds, and our finds are shown below:

On December 22, 1952, Comr. L. E. Welch was given a check in the amount of $137.50. The reason given for this payment was for "expenses incurred". On questioning Mr. Welch on June 24, 1954, he could not recall the nature of these expenses; however, on June 25, 1954, he made the statement the Court purchased a hat each for Dan Saunders (Sheriff - elect), Sammie Houston, four highway patrolmen and Judge McMorries in Midland. Mr. Welch paid cash for these hats and was then reimbursed from County Funds. Mr. Welch stated that Judge McMorries definitely purchased a hat which was included in this payment. Dan Saunders affirmed this in his statement, that he, Judge McMorries, Sammie Houston and the highway patrolmen received these hats.

On April 12, 1954, Check No. 6877 was issued to "The Family Store" in the amount of $100. The reason for this payment was shown as "merchandise for County". Statement by Bill Rhodes, the proprietor, showed that this payment was for hats for the Sheriff, deputies, and a Texas Ranger, and that Judge McMorries called him at Christmas and instructed Mr. Rhodes to give them the hats. Mr. Rhodes charged these to McMorries' personal account, and sent

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FUEL FOR A GROWING EMPIRE

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McMorries a statement for the bill, and received the attached county check in payment. None of the commissioners could remember approving this bill for payment by the County. According to Sheriff Dan Saunders, he did not utilize the gift certificate, and the records do not indicate that the County was reimbursed for this unused certificate. Deputy Sheriff A. C. Abernathy stated that Judge McMorries told him and Wood (Texas Ranger) that he was going to buy them a hat. Mr. Abernathy did not know the County eventually paid for this.

On page 281 of the Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings, the Court unanimously approved the payment of $190.00 to Deavenport's for "merchandise". Upon questioning Mr. Deavenport, this amount represented gift certificates purchased by Judge McMorries for gifts to various officials. Mr. Deavenport had originally charged this amount to Mr. McMorries' personal account, but he received County Check No. 3291 in payment of this bill. None of the commissioners could remember seeing this bill or approving it, nor could they recollect any action taken on this bill.

On August 11, 1952, County Checks Nos. 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260 in the amounts of $25.88, $25.88, $25.87, and $25.87, respectively, were issued to Alvis Brewer, proprietor of the Vogue Cleaners of Stanton. The pay order and the checks showed that these payments were made for the following: "5 — 710-15 equipment tires for spares for Co. Pickups." There was no bill from Mr. Brewer on file in the Accounts Allowed. According to statements of some commissioners and Mr. Brewer, this payment was made for a suit of men's clothing. Apparently this was purchased for Kyle Shoemaker, former sheriff of Martin County, to reward him for his efforts in securing out-of-county automobile registrations. No reason has been found for marking this payment "for tires for spares".

On February 9, 1954, County Check No. 6624 was issued to James Jones Hardware, in the amount of $60.75. Of this amount, $58.05 represented the purchase of a 6" skill saw and case. Judge McMorries noted on the ticket "purchased when remodeling court room". The custodian of the Court House stated that he had never seen such implement, and that the only skill saw he observed in use in remodeling the court room was by the contractor, Hoot Tom, who used one of his own. Hoot Tom came before the committee and stated that the only saw used on the remodeling job was his personal saw. Only Commissioner Vaughn remembers that the Court might have acted on payment for the saw.

On July 27, 1953, Check No. 4917 was issued to the Goodyear Service Store, in the amount of $290.50 marked "account as of 6-25-53". This payment covered the purchase of a power mower for $89.50 and 5—800 x 15 nylon tires and tubes, $201.00. Explanations offered by the County Judge and Commissioners have differed. Comr. Lewis and Froman state that the Judge had several very old tires stored in the County barn, and that he gave some of these old tires to them. Comr. Vaughn "thinks the tires were new", and Judge McMorries stated they were new tires. None of the commissioners could recall authorizing the County Judge to purchase these automobile tires from Goodyear for his car to replace those tires stored in the County barn. Regarding the lawn mower paid for by this check, there was no extra mower available in June or July for Mr. Crow's use when the old "reo" mower broke down. He states that he saw the mower now used by the Hospital for the first time around April, 1954. Mr. Crow also states that last week the Judge asked him to go to the Judge's house and pick up a mower and a grass catcher and take them to the County barn. This was the first time he saw this lawn mower.

On May 4, 1953, County Check No. 4221, in the amount of $160 was issued to Williams Service Station, Lamesa, for two auto air conditioners for the Sheriff and Deputy. The Deputy, Mr. A. C. Abernathy, later returned his. The Williams Service Station refunded $79.50 in the form of a check, which was endorsed by James McMorries and given to Mr. Abernathy along with $20 cash to distribute to the Highway patrolmen. This refund of money was not returned to the County Treasurer. This committee has checked the indorsements on this check, and is confirmed in this by the statement from Mr. Abernathy.

Thereafter on June 18, 1951 a check was drawn to Frank Parker (Check No. 1065) in the amount of $20 in the payment for "Hauling off trees around Courthouse yard," and also on June 19, 1951, another check was drawn to McMorries Brothers (Check No. 1066) in the amount of $69.50 in payment for $25.00 for truck and $22.50 for winch truck, $22.00 for Mexican labor in hauling off trees". This committee has questioned both expenditures as a duplication of services already provided for by the Fannin Company.

III.

PUBLICATIONS IN PAPER. On November 11, 1954, County Checks No. 6174, 6175, 6176, and 6177 were issued to the "Stanton Reporter" reason given "Christmas Cards". The copy of the paper shows that this was in payment for Christmas Greetings from Judge James McMorries and Commissioners Oliver Vaughn, Stanley Lewis, I. E. Welch, and Joe Froman.

On February 11, 1952, County check No. 1175 was issued to James McMorries, in the amount of $47.60, for the reason: "reimbursement for ad run in Stanton paper regarding water suit". This advertisement appeared in the issue of the Stanton Reporter, Thursday, January 24, 1952. At the bottom of this ad there appears the statement: PAID FOR BY CITIZENS OF MARTIN COUNTY WHO DESIRE TO KEEP THE INTERESTED PERSONS ADVISED AS TO THE STATUS OF THE WATER SUIT."

On September 10, 1951, County check No. 117 was issued to the Stanton Reporter, in the amount of $100.90. Of this amount, $42 represented an advertisement in the August 24, 1951 issue inviting the public to attend open house of the remodeled courthouse. This advertisement listed the names James McMorries, Oliver Vaughn, D. E. Bloomer, I. E. Welch, and Joe Froman. No title of their official capacity appeared in the advertisement.

$10.50 of this amount represented advertisement welcoming the Humble Oil and Refining Company to Stanton extended by "Martin County Commissioners Court".

IV.

FLOWERS PURCHASED FROM COUNTY FUNDS: We have found that the Commissioners Court has purchased flowers for funerals, sickness, and for the opening of the new bank here, and have paid for these purchases with County funds. In the instances where this information was available, the flowers were sent in the names of the County Judge and the Commissioners. We are attaching a detailed list of expenditures for this purpose. This committee feels that these are not proper expenditures of County funds and should have been paid for by the individuals involved.

V.

MEALS FURNISHED OFFICERS PAID FOR BY COUNTY FUNDS DIRECT TO THE PLACE OF SERVICE. From November, 1952 to February, 1954, the County paid some $500 for eats, mainly for the highway patrol, direct to various restaurants. This amount does not include meals paid for by county officers out of expense money drawn from Copnty funds. This Committee feels that this is not a proper expenditure of County funds.

VI.

TRAVEL EXPENSES. In examination of expenditures for travel and expenses we find that each Commissioner is paid a set amount for "in and out of county travel". In 1952, each commissioner received $75.00 per month. In 1953 each commissioner received $100 per month, and the same for the first five months of 1954.

In addition, each commissioner, with the exception of Commissioner Welch, uses a county pickup truck which is maintained by the County. Judge McMorries is allowed six cents per mile, by the Commissioners Court, on his personal car which has been reported as follows: 1952—$2,326.58; 1953 — $2,832.64; Five months of 1954—$1,211.12. Only one Commissioner (Vaughn) ever remembers seeing the bills for this mileage which are paid monthly. These are now paid on an affidavit of claim against the County, which states number of miles driven and amount, but fails to show where travel occurred and for what purpose. No actual speedometer reading is shown.

The expenditures for travel and expenses for special trips to Austin and various other places are made by the Court, allowing a lump sum of money, usually $400 to $600 for the trip, which is drawn in advance. On very rare occasions is any accounting whatever made of actual expenses but states only expenses to Austin, Houston, Dallas, or San Antonio, etc.

We believe more explanation is needed regarding the withdrawal of $500.00 in expense money by Commissioner Lewis the third day after taking office; and more explanation is needed regarding checks Nos. 6975, 6976, 6977, and 6978, issued to the four Commissioners and endorsed by Judge McMorries.

The total expenditures for travel and expenses of the Commissioners and County Judge are as follows: 1952—$11,241.73; 1953—$12,288.62; Five months, 1954—$5,050.84.

In April, 1952, the Commissioners voted to reimburse Judge McMorries for a trip to Corpus Christi made in April, 1951. Also the statements of all commissioners indicate that on only two occasions did they ever go to Corpus Christi—the first time in the spring of 1951 on a deep-sea fishing trip which was supposedly paid for by the Fannin Company following completion of the 1951 Road contracts and the second time during the fall of 1951 when the Commissioners alone to the County Judge and Commissioners Court Convention on which occasion the commissioners each drew travel allowance individually. (The County Judge was ill during the fall convention and did not attend.) According to the statement of Oliver Vaughn, the County Judge later complained that he had personally paid for the deep sea trip and checks were issued to reimburse James McMorries

Including this payment of $500.00, Judge McMorries drew a total of $950.00 (not including mileage check) for travel in the month of April, 1951.

This Committee feels that the amount paid the County Judge and Commissioners is unreasonable and extravagant in the following aspects:

(1) In the amount of money drawn for each trip, (2) The

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Ticklers — By George



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C-O-O-O-L—Even without the mermaids, Carter Barron Amphi-theater in Washington, D.C., is a nice, cool place to be when the thermometer is having apoplexy, and a water show is in town. "Miss Washington" contestants, making a heart-warming spectacle in cool surroundings, are, from left: Jean Skidmore, 19; Ann Weaver, 20; Shirli Culpepper, 19, and, reclining, Jacklyn Traten, 18, all from the Washington area.

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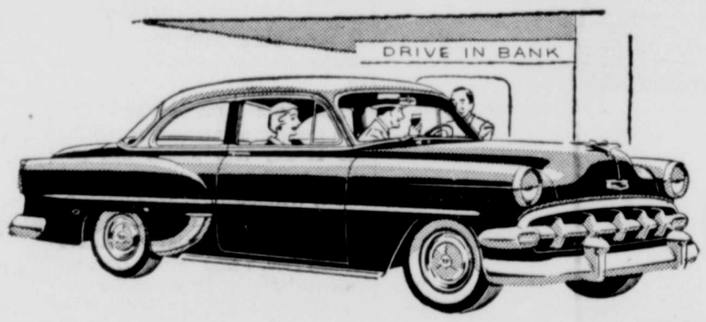
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necessity of the trips, (3) The necessity of so many officials making these trips, (4) The definite lack of accounting for these expenditures.

This Committee feels that an accounting for these expenditures should be required of each individual involved, specifying hotel bills, costs of meals, purpose of the trip, and that if any money drawn was not expended properly, a refund should be made to the County. A survey was made to compare travel expenses of Martin County with counties picked at random over the State. This comparison, as shown by the tables and chart proves that travel has cost the taxpayers of Martin County many times the cost in the other counties.

THE AMOS JONES TRANSACTIONS

At the time this Committee commenced this investigation, the former County Treasurer, Mrs. Pauline McDonald, brought to our attention two checks she felt to be of a highly suspicious nature, and expressed her belief that the posts for which these checks were ostensibly drawn, were never actually delivered to the County.

These two instruments were:

Warrant No. 22, amount of $337.50, dated March 8, 1954, payable to James McMorries, for "stays and posts paid cash to Amos Jones". This check was indorsed as follows: "Deposit Only, James McMorries".

Check 7009, amount of $472.00, dated May 10, 1954, payable to Amos Jones, for "1040 4" line post at 40c, 35 6" corner posts at $1.60 for Three League Road", indorsed as follows: "X His Mark, Witness: I, James McMorries, witness and endorse this check".

According to the statement made by James McMorries to the committee on June 25, 1954, the following events transpired:

Some time in May, Mr. Amos Jones and his son came by Stanton en route to New Mexico, and contacted Judge McMorries. Mr. Jones asked Judge McMorries if the County needed any posts, and Judge McMorries replied that Martin County needed a load of posts, and at that time ordered a load of posts from Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones left, advising Judge McMorries to have the money ready, and that he would be back by Stanton in a few days.

Judge McMorries had a county check No. 7009, dated May 10, 1954, executed Payable to Amos Jones for this load of posts. This check lay on Judge McMorries' desk several days, and Judge McMorries indorsed the check with an "X", witnessed the indorsement himself, and cashed the check. Mr. Jones came back by Stanton the second or third week in May, and Judge McMorries gave Mr. Jones the money, and told Mr. Jones to bring the posts out to Stanton. Later, Judge McMorries received a telegram from Amos Jones' son, Paul, dated June 7, 1954, stating that this load of posts (for which Amos Jones had already received payment from Judge McMorries) would be delivered soon.

Judge McMorries did not check these posts when they arrived but was told by Comr. Joe Froman that the posts had been delivered.

When this committee questioned Judge McMorries on June 25, 1954, about the condition of this load of posts for which check No. 7009 was issued, Mr. McMorries replied that he, personally, had not checked the condition of these posts, but he assumed they were satisfactory, as he made the same agreement with Mr. Jones for this load that he had for the prior load Mr. Jones delivered to the County.

Agreement for this prior load of posts occurred around the first of March, 1954, when Mr. McMorries met Mr. Amos Jones in Burnet, Texas, and paid Mr. Jones $337.50, in advance, out of his own pocket, and instructed Mr. Jones to deliver a load of posts to Martin County. Upon returning to Stanton, Judge McMorries had the county issue him Warrant No. 22 in the amount of $337.50 on March 8, 1954 to reimburse Judge McMorries for the cash payment to Mr. Jones for these posts. Judge McMorries stated that this load of posts delivered in March was of good quality, and that the load of posts he purchased from Mr. Jones in May, 1954, should have been of the same quality because there was no difference in their agreements on the two occasions.

Mr. Amos Jones stated that he has delivered only one load of posts to Martin County. Mr. Jones stated that he had not seen Judge McMorries for a period of four years prior to June 5, 1954. On June 5, 1954, Judge McMorries came to Amos Jones' at Marble Falls, Texas, and asked him if he could deliver a load of posts to Martin County right away, because Judge McMorries had sold his posts and had to replace them immediately. Judge McMorries offered to pay Mr. Amos Jones $480.00 for 1200 posts at 40c each. Mr. Jones agreed to this, and said he would have Erwin Penny deliver the posts to Martin County the next day, June 6, 1954. Judge McMorries gave Amos Jones five $100.-00 bills and would not take any change. Before Judge McMorries left Amos Jones' place on June 5, 1954, he wrote out a telegram on a piece of paper and told Amos' son, Paul Jones, to be sure and recopy the message, and send the telegram to Judge McMorries the next day. Judge McMorries told Amos Jones that the Grand Jury was going to investigate the posts and that he (Judge McMorries) had to replace these posts.

On Saturday, June 17, 1954, Judge McMorries went back to Marble Falls and told Mr. Jones' boys that he thought officers from Stanton would come to Marble Falls to check on the posts. Judge McMorries said the Jones boys were to tell these Stanton officers that they had delivered three more loads of posts to Martin County in March or April of 1954. Judge McMorries told Amos Jones that he had marked an "X" for Mr. Jones' signature on a check and cashed it. Mr. Jones stated that he had never seen the check and did not know the amount, and that he never used an "X" for his signature.

Amos Jones' son, Paul Jones, stated on June 28, 1954, that he had never done business with Judge McMorries, and had never given Judge McMorries a receipt for anything. James McMorries, on June 12, 1954, told Paul Jones that officers from Stanton might come to Marble Falls and investigate Judge McMorries, and that Paul was to tell the Stanton officers that he hauled some posts to Stanton in March for the amount of $337.-50. Judge McMorries also told Paul Jones to tell the Stanton officers that he came to Stanton on his way back from Mexico on May 9th, and that Judge McMorries had ordered 1200 posts. Paul Jones stated that he was not in Stanton at any time; that he was not in Stanton on May 9, 1954. Judge McMorries returned to Marble Falls on June 26, 1954, and asked Paul Jones if his father, Amos Jones, had signed a statement, and Judge McMorries then said "Well, I guess we are all into it now".

On June 29, 1954, Judge James McMorries made another statement to this committee regarding these transactions with Amos Jones, which differed radically from McMorries' original statement of June 25, 1954. According to this statement, these events transpired:

Judge McMorries said the county treasurer had been talking on the street that many bills were being paid without the Commissioners' approval. Judge McMorries and the Commissioners discussed the County Treasurer and her talking, and knowing how the commissioners felt about the County Treasurer, Judge McMorries decided to run a bill through, made payable to himself, for reimbursement for posts hauled to the county by Amos Jones. This bill was paid, and Judge McMorries cashed the check and put the money in his desk drawer under lock where it remained until June 29, 1954, at which time he turned in $337.50 to the County Treasurer showing the reason for this return of money "Drawn to be kept to try to find out if County Treasurer would act in accordance with Article 1713, R. C. S. as promised commissioners."

On June 29, Judge McMorries stated that the County never received any posts for Warrant 22, amount of $337.50. Judge McMorries stated that the commissioners court approves all bills paid by the County, and that they authorized him to pay bills between regular meeting dates of the Commissioners Court.

In his statement of June 29, Judge McMorries said that he had county check No. 7009 in the amount of $472.00 issued to Amos Jones before he ever contacted Mr. Jones, and that Amos Jones never came by Stanton, although the Judge was expecting him. On May 20, 1954, Judge McMorries went to Marble Falls after having cashed this check. McMorries did not find Mr. Jones at home. On May 29, 1954, Judge McMorries returned to Marble Falls and found Mr. Jones, and told him to deliver some posts as soon as possible. Judge McMorries learned on Wednesday, June 9th, that the posts had been delivered. Judge McMorries gave Amos Jones $500.00 on May 29th, and, as the price of the posts was $480.00, and as Mr. Jones could not give any change, Judge McMorries told Mr. Jones that he would pick up the change the next time he went fishing. Judge McMorries returned to Marble Falls on June 13 and visited the Joneses for quite a while.

Judge McMorries got a receipt from Amos Jones dated May 29th, signed by Amos Jones with an "X" and witnessed by his son, Paul.

THIS COMMITTEE FINDS THE FOLLOWING INCONSISTENCIES AND EXCEPTIONS:

A. TRANSACTION INVOLVING WARRANT 22, $337.50 PAYABLE TO JAMES McMORRIES:

McMorries stated on June 25, 1954, that this payment was made to reimburse himself for paying cash to Amos Jones for a load of posts, as per agreement between him and Mr. Jones at Burnet, Texas; and that these posts were delivered and were of good quality, and that this transaction took place in March, 1954.

Mr. Amos Jones has stated

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Famous Statue

HORIZONTAL

1 Depicted famous statue, the —— Belvedere
7 It was found in the ruins of ——
13 Dark red
14 Fight
15 Place
16 Different
18 Japanese outcast
19 Pronoun
20 Ruined
22 Preposition
23 Unaspirated
25 It is now in ——
27 Paradise
28 Wing-shaped
29 Gutta (ab.)
30 Cerium (symbol)
31 Measure of area
32 Half (ab.)
33 French novelist
35 Bearing
38 To the sheltered side
39 Opposed
40 That is (ab.)
41 Musical compositions
47 To (prefix)
48 Feline
50 Pattern
51 Mimic
52 Made amends
54 Whispers
56 Arboreal mammals
57 Deepest
24 Nullify
26 Hydrocarbon
33 Unprofessional
34 Ester of oleic acid
36 Storehouses
37 Most precise
42 Hebrew measure
43 Bows
44 Paid notice
45 Fresh-water duck
46 And
49 Boy's nickname
51 Fruit drink
53 Greek letter
55 Isle of Wight (ab.)

VERTICAL

1 Sealed glass bulb
2 Hesitated
3 Table scrap
4 Behold!
5 Closed curve
6 Atop
7 Brother of Cain (Bib.)
8 Nostril
9 Trinity term (ab.)
10 Follower
11 Last syllable
12 Baser
17 Salutation (coll.)
20 Guards
21 Greek coins

Here's the Answer





Sunday School Class Honors Mrs. Davis With Surprise Party

The Friendship Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church recently honored their former teacher, Mrs. Ivy Davis, with a surprise birthday party in her home. Mrs. Waymon Etchison and Mrs. L. H. Batton, present teacher of the class, were hostesses.

Mrs. Davis was presented with a friendship quilt which was made by the class.

Mrs. Ivan White presided over the business session. Mrs. D. E. Ory offered the opening prayer.

The class objective for June was to help the Mexican Mission in Stanton. A report was made that this had been done.

A quilt made by the class was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shearin of Ft. Worth, who recently lost their household goods by fire. Mr. Shearin is a former music director of the First Baptist Church of Stanton.

Mrs. R. B. Cozby of Doner, La., formerly of Stanton, gave a talk on the mission work she is doing in Doner.

Cokes and homemade cookies were served to Mrs. Geneva Franklin, Mrs. Faye McClane, Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Mrs. Jean Nowlin, Mrs. Alba White, Mrs. Chalmer Wren, Mrs. Lillian White, Mrs. Walter Graves, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Batton, Mrs. Cozby, Mrs. Ory, Mrs. White and Mrs. Etchison.

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STANTON YOUTH TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

A/3c Emilio C. Estrada, son of Pedro Estrada of Stanton, is presently being trained as an administrative specialist at Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

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In addition to playing tick-tack-toe with the machine, visitors were able to speak into an ordinary telephone mouthpiece and then listen to their voices over the instrument. Many grinned during this experiment, and some seemed embarrassed, but nearly all said something like "Whew! I never knew I sounded like that over the phone."

Other attractions included an ingenious display demonstrating how microwave towers work. These are the towers that transmit radio and TV waves across the country.

Visitors were ushered through the Stanton exchange, having an opportunity to watch the wizardry of wires in action as Stantonites not in attendance went about the business of dialing numbers on their telephones.

One of the more interesting exhibits was a miniature set up showing exactly what happens in the telephone central office when one dials his number.

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Text Of Finance Committee Report--

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that for a period of four years he had not seen Judge McMorries until June 5, 1954; and that he did not make delivery of posts to Martin County in March or April of 1954, and had never received payment for such.

Mr. Paul Jones has stated that he has never been to Stanton, and did not make any delivery of posts in March or April, 1954.

McMorries stated on June 29, 1954, that he did not purchase this load of posts; that the county never received such posts; that he faked this transaction to trap the County Treasurer.

McMorries stated on June 29, 1954 that he cashed this warrant, and put the money in his desk drawer.

However, McMorries indorsed this warrant for deposit only, and deposited it to his personal account in the First National Bank of Stanton, Texas.

B. TRANSACTION INVOLVING CHECK NO. 7009, AMOUNT OF $472.00 PAYABLE TO AMOS JONES, FOR POSTS:

On June 25, 1954, McMorries stated that Mr. Jones and his son came by Stanton early in May, and they agreed to supply Martin County with a load of posts.

Amos Jones stated that the first time he had seen McMorries in four years was on June 5, 1954, when McMorries came to Marble Falls to purchase a load of posts.

In his June 29th statement, McMorries stated that on May 29, 1954 he contacted Mr. Amos Jones at Marble Falls, paid him $500.00 on that date to get Mr. Jones to deliver a load of posts to Stanton as soon as possible.

Amos Jones stated that McMorries paid him $500.00, telling him to keep the change, on June 5, 1954, the first time Amos had seen McMorries in four years.

McMorries stated on June 25, 1954, that he kept this check to Amos Jones on this desk for a while, then cashed it, and Mr. Jones came through Stanton and at that time, May 20, 1954, McMorries gave Amos this money.

McMorries, in his June 29th statement, said he took the cash to Marble Falls on May 29th, and on that date paid Amos Jones.

McMorries stated on June 29th that he had a receipt dated May 29th covering this payment.

According to testimony of Bobby Jean Yater, a receipt was photostated for Judge McMorries, and that it was written on the back of an envelope, dated May 20, 1954, and signed with an "X" representing the mark of Amos Jones and witnessed by Paul Jones.

C. RETURN OF $337.50 BY JAMES McMORRIES TO COUNTY TREASURER, RECEIPT DATED JUNE 29, 1954, Receipt No. 774. The reason for this return was as follows "Drawn to be kept to try to find out if County Treasurer would act in accordance with Article 1713 VCS as promised the commissioners".

In connection with this, the Committee questioned the four Commissioners, and they were unanimous in replying that McMorries never told them he was going to get paid on a fake bill; that McMorries never promised them he would run a fake bill through the treasurer reimbursing himself in order to trap the Treasurer; that they would have not approved such a transaction; and that as far as they knew all bills they approved were genuine; and that they would not, under any circumstances, approve the payment of a bill for which they knew the County had not received full value.

It is the conclusion of this Committee that James McMorries received payment of County Funds for $337.50 for reimbursement for paying Amos Jones for posts, fraudulently; that James McMorries never made such purchase of posts for the County;

Further, that James McMorries has tried to get Amos Jones to distort the true nature of these transactions; that Judge McMorries has distorted the truth about these transactions in his statements to this Committee, and has contradicted himself radically in his explanations to this Committee.

We also feel that Judge McMorries, in his statement of June 29th, falsely stated that he cashed Warrant 22 and retained said money in his desk, for bank records show, as does McMorries' indorsement on this warrant, that this warrant was deposited to McMorries' personal bank account.

This Committee concludes that James McMorries fradulently received $337.50 of County Funds for a purchase that was never made.

VIII

GENERAL. It is the opinion of this committee that the tenure of the present County Judge and Commissioners Court, viewed from the perspective of the past three or four years, clearly indicates that the County Judge has encouraged a spendthrift policy, individually and collectively, on the part of the Commissioners' Court. In view of the statements of the commissioners to this Committee, we wonder why they have made no complaint of the many liberties and authority taken by the County Judge.

There seems to be a serious misunderstanding on the part of the Commissioners in regard to their responsibility for the disbursement of County funds. In questioning them in regard to certain disbursements, they disavowed any knowledge of them and seemed to believe that only the ones made from their precinct funds were their responsibility. None of them seemed to know very much about the General County Fund, and in approving bills for payment, they each said that about all the bills they paid any attention to were the ones on their precinct.

It is our understanding from Mr. Wine that the 1952 Road Bond ($250,000.00) was to be used only for the purpose of furnishing right of way for US Hwy. 80, State Highway 349, and Farm Road 1212; however, one of the first disbursements made was to transfer $15,000 to General County Fund, which was used for other purposes; and to spend $16,238.55 for caliche and construction. In addition to the above, there were transfers made to Road & Bridge No. 1 for $4,698.05, Road and Bridge No. 2 for $3,464.81; Road & Bridge No. 3 for $4,450.63 and Road and Bridge No. 4 for $3,944.38, which was explained as money expended prior to receipt of bond money.

We find that while this fund is depleted, we have knowledge of several thousand dollars still due on this project: L. C. Hazlewood, $3,710.00 plus 6 per cent interest due 12-1-54; E. B. Dickinson, $3,250.00 plus 6 per cent interest due 11-15-54; Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, $5,000 approximately.

We discussed some of the transactions with Mr. Wine, such as the transfer of the $15,000 from 1952 Road Bond, and the matter of the County Judge drawing mileage. He said that neither of these should be allowed, and that he had discussed it with the Commissioners Court. We fail to find in his Audit Report where he made exception to it. All exceptions taken to irregularities should be set out in an Audit Report so that anyone concerned might be able to have knowledge of it, even though there would probably be no one examine it.

We sent out a request to a number of Counties to find out how much they have expended for travel for the Commissioners and County Judge. From the replies we have received to date, we find that Martin County leads the rest by a very large margin for waste and extravagance in this one type of expenditure alone. This is fully covered under the heading of "Travel", charts, and by the replies we have received.

From our questions we have asked various officials, it seems to be common practice to take checks and money belonging in the Treasury and retaining it for various uses. We feel all county funds should be kept in the proper depository, and not retained either temporarily or for a long time in the possession of any county official.

We feel further investigation should be made into various contracts, expenditures, and other transactions, and that information is needed from the following firms or individuals:

Driskill Hotel, J. R. Fannin, Henry Stafford, Morton Equipment Co., Rocket Service Company, Mr. Otis, of Rascher-Pierce.

This committee has questioned the Commissioners extensively regarding various transactions and have found that they display extreme lack of knowledge, or extreme neglect, of the financial affairs of the County. Two of them stated that they believed they saw only a relatively small portion of the bills for the County. Even on occasions when the minutes named some specific commissioner proposing action, these commissioners in many instances, could not recall the transactions. Many of the answers received by this committee were either "I don't know", "I don't remember" or were vague.

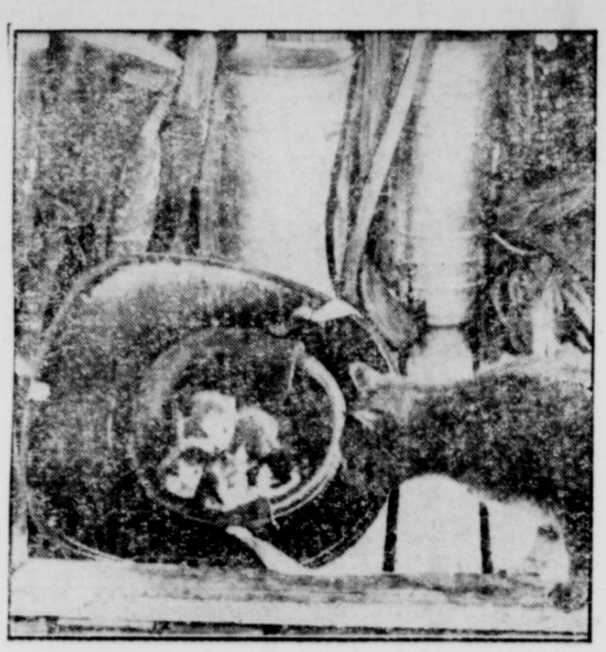
This examination reveals an apparent premeditated and arranged state of confusion around the records and accounts of the County. There is seemingly an attempt to discourage any intelligent accounting of the expenditures of County funds, and thereby shield from public view many questionable expenditures.

We wish to call attention again to the scope of this report, which is preliminary in nature, as this committee has not made a complete investigation of County finances and feels that a complete investigation should be made.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)
JESSE M. MILES, JR.
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Mrs. Stroud graduated in May with a B. A. degree. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Long of Big Lake.

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DAUGHTER FOR McCASKLES

A daughter, Connie Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad McKaskle at 2:55 a.m., Saturday, June 26 at the Big Spring Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

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More About County Finances---

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mer justice of the peace of precinct 1. White addressed a brief letter to the court, asking that he be considered for the job. It was read aloud at the meeting by Commissioner Oliver Vaughn.

In addition to White and Frazier, however, at least six men were mentioned for the post. They were Grover Springer, W. N. Orson, Jack Jones, Jim McCoy, Jess Miles and Guy Eiland.

Named Unanimously

The motion to appoint Frazier was made by Commissioner Stanley Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, and passed unanimously.

After the appointment had been made, the commissioners joined in a statement that "This has been a most difficult decision to make. We have done the best we could. We would like it known that we chose the man we thought best qualified of those considered. But it was hard to settle on one; they're all good."

The meeting Tuesday got underway about 10 a.m. with all the commissioners and Judge McMorries present.

First business consisted of reading the minutes of all meetings, regular and special, from May 10 through July 3. The minutes were approved as read, except for minor correction.

Judge McMorries then asked to be excused from the meeting and asked that the record show this fact and that he was appointing Commissioner Lewis to act as chairman during his absence.

New Chairman Chosen

After McMorries had left the room, Commissioner Joe Froman moved that the appointment of Lewis as chairman be rescinded.

"He's not the commissioners court," Froman said, referring to McMorries. "We're the commissioners. We ought to elect our own chairman."

The order then was rescinded by unanimous vote, and Commissioner I. E. Welch was named chairman.

After a five-minute recess, Commissioner Froman moved that the court adjourn to meet again at 10 a.m. Friday, July 9, in the district courtroom to appoint a county judge to succeed McMorries. His motion included an invitation for the public to meet with the court and advise with them on the appointment. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At this point, Vaughn told reporters who were present:

"We want the public to know that anybody and everybody is welcome at our meetings. In fact, we want them to come out and help us."

Commissioner Froman added with a smile, "And that goes for reporters, too."

Meeting Adjourns

The meeting then adjourned—but not for long.

The commissioners got to discussing their action and finally decided they should not put the appointment off, but should make one immediately.

So they convened again.

After discussing until 12:30 p.m. the various individuals under consideration for the appointment, they decided to recess, go to lunch, and settle upon an appointee.

They went back into session about 5 minutes to 2 p.m. and made the appointment of Frazier without further delay.

The meeting then adjourned, and Frazier was telephoned at Big Spring and told of his selection.

The developments at Tuesday's meeting were the latest in a series of fast-breaking events the past month during which the county commissioners and the county judge have been under investigation—and rebuked severely—by the Martin County grand jury for their handling of county finances.

Other Developments

Other outstanding developments during the last 7 days were the filing on Thursday, July 1, of its report of findings by a three-man accounting committee appointed by District Judge Charlie Sullivan to assist the grand jury in its probe, a report by the grand jury after studying the committee's findings, and the subsequent resignation of McMorries and his withdrawal from the July 24 primary before last week was out.

Judge McMorries, 34, who had held his office for five and a half years, submitted his resignation to commissioners court at a special meeting last Saturday, to be effective at midnight July 6 (Tuesday).

The judge Friday had publicly announced his intentions of resigning as of July 20, but at the Saturday meeting, he advanced the date after the commissioners demanded that he step out of the job immediately.

In an extemporaneous statement made after submitting his resignation, McMorries said:

"I have made some mistakes and I am sorry. I take the blame and don't blame anybody else. Whatever I've done, I'll face the people with it.

"As I look back, I'm proud of our accomplishments, perhaps more than those of any other county around us.

"I guess we spent a lot of money foolishly, and I'm sorry. It's all my fault, and I'm ready to answer for my mistakes."

Withdraws From Race

Saturday also, the judge requested formally in a letter to Morgan Hall, chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee, that his name not be placed on the July 24 primary election ballot and that his filing fee be returned.

He previously had filed for re-election, running against Jim McCoy, a former deputy sheriff and tax collector here and a veteran West Texas peace officer. McCoy now is unopposed for the post.

When McMorries submitted his letter of resignation, Commissioner Stanley Lewis moved it be accepted immediately instead of on July 20. Commissioner Joe Froman seconded.

Taken aback, McMorries insisted, "I'm not resigning on that basis."

After a few moments of silence, he said:

"I declare this an executive session and ask that all newsmen leave the room."

Garvis P. Ross, a radio news reporter, immediately left, but Franklin Reynolds of the Big Spring Herald and Randolph Mitchell of The Stanton Reporter, remained in their seats.

"I decline to leave," Reynolds informed the judge. "We owe it to our readers and feel that we are entitled to stay here and cover this meeting."

Recess Declared

Apparently admitting their right to remain, McMorries then said, "Well, in that case I declare a 15-minute recess."

As the judge left the room, Commissioner Oliver Vaughn addressed the two newsmen.

"You two gentlemen," he said, 'were exactly right in refusing to leave."

Commissioner Stanley Lewis walked over and shook Reynolds' hand saying, "I admire your punk."

When the meeting resumed, Lewis, who had introduced the motion to make the resignation effective immediately, withdrew his motion whereupon McMorries advanced the date of his resignation to midnight, July 6.

It was accepted unanimously.

The commissioners then voted to adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 6, and the meeting started to break up. But County Attorney Ralph W. Caton, who has been the central prosecutor of the county's financial investigation and who had come into the room after the recess, interrupted.

Commissioners Scored

"Wait a minute!" he said, looking at the four commissioners.

"When you were elected to your offices, you were supposed to fill them and perform your duties fully. This thing can't be all one man's mistake."

"Well," said Commissioner I. E. Welch, "I've sure made some mistakes."

"Me, too. I have, too," joined in Commissioner Froman.

The commissioners, as well as Judge McMorries, have been criticized severely by the grand jury as having shown "incompetence, gross negligence, and carelessness" in the management of county finances.

The first step to bring the snarled county fiscal situation to public notice was taken the latter part of May of this year when Caton announced he was commencing a study of the county's financial affairs as a result of what he called "rumors of irregularities." His action was taken, he said, at the request of many taxpayers in the county who had become alarmed over the rumors.

Grand Jury Probe

When the June term of 118th District Court opened here on June 7, Judge Charlie Sullivan turned the matter over to the Martin County Grand Jury which, assisted by Caton and District Atty. Elton Gilliland, made a preliminary investigation of the situation.

After two days of probing, the grand jury reported to Judge Sullivan and asked that he appoint a committee of three accountants as provided by Texas statutes to thoroughly examine into the true condition of the finances of the county.

The grand jury recommended that Martin County citizens Ray P. Simpson, Jess Miles and V. C. Bearden be named as this committee, and this was done by Judge Sullivan on June 9.

The three-man committee, after examining records of the past several years and interviewing county officials, commissioners, the county judge and a number of other individuals, on July 1 submitted to the court a report of their findings. Judge Sullivan promptly filed the report for record with the district clerk, making it a public document, and referred it to the grand jury for its perusal and action.

The committee's report — text of which appears in Section Two of this issue of the Reporter—revealed a story of "waste and extravagance," including a county financed deep-sea fishing trip, Christmas hats for public officials, and "unreasonable" expenditures for travel expenses by the county judge and the commissioners.

Record of Travel

For example, the judge and commissioners drew a total of $11,241.73 in travel expenses in 1952—compared with a total of $1,779.43 drawn by corresponding officials in 23 neighboring counties included in a survey by the committee. In 1953, the travel expenditures were $12,288.63 compared with a total to $2,018.25 for the 23 neighboring counties.

The county judge's travel expenses in 1952 amounted to $5,643.23 compared with the 23-county average of $98.41 for that year. The figure in 1953 was $5,284.33, and the average travel expense of county judges in the 23 counties for that year was $119.23.

Post Transactions

The committee recited a number of questionable fence post transactions, the most notable of which involved one Amos Jones of Marble Falls, Burnet County.

In one transaction, a county check for $337.50 was cashed by McMorries to reimburse him for money allegedly paid Jones for posts. After investigation of this transaction, the committee found that the posts for which McMorries received reimbursement were, in fact, never purchased and concluded that "James McMorries fraudulently received $337.50 of County Funds."

Another fence post transaction involved a $472 county check made out to Amos Jones but endorsed with an 'X' and witnessed and cashed by McMorries.

Although a load of posts costing $480 later was delivered to the county and paid for by McMorries, the committee found that Amos Jones could sign his name, had never used an "X" for his signature, and had never seen the $472 check.

Jones and his son, Paul, made written statements contradicting McMorries on a number of points involved in the fence post transactions.

(The Joneses, both scheduled to appear before the grand jury, came to Stanton from Marble Falls on Wednesday night of last week, but the elder Jones was hospitalized the next morning a short while before the grand jury met. His physician said he had suffered a heart seizure.

His son went before the grand jury, and a committee of jurors Friday called on the father at the hospital to confirm his statement.

Jones had recovered somewhat by Saturday afternoon when he was dismissed from the hospital, and he and his son returned home to Marble Falls.)

The grand jury, after studying the finance committee's report and interviewing again the county judge, commissioners, former County Treasurer Mrs. Pauline McDonald and others, Friday made an interim report to Judge Sullivan and recessed until 9 a.m. Monday, July 12.

Grand Jury Reports

Excerpts from the grand jury's report follow:

"Referring to the report of the Finance Committee. . .we believe the statements of Amos and Paul Jones . . . are true and that they were made voluntarily without

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Stanton Girl Scouts Return From Camp

A group of Stanton Girl Scouts has returned home from Camp Boothe Oaks in Sweetwater.

The girls left June 28 and returned Sunday, July 4.

Attending were Jean Mott, Glen Reid, Fran Britton, and Linda Nichols.

Camp program included swimming every day, handicraft, two hikes, cookouts, and a "Come As You Are" party Saturday night.

The swimming pool at the camp was paid for by Girl Scout cookies that the girls sell every year.

Jean and Glen are members of Troop 5, and their troop leader is Mrs. Stanley Reid. Linda and Fran belong to Troop 7 led by Mrs. Souval Britton .

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RETURNS FROM DALLAS

Mrs. M. L. Gibson has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beinhauer in Dallas. Mr. Gibson drove down, and his wife and granddaughter, Charlotte, returned home with him. Leroy Gibson, who is attending North Texas State College in Denton, visited the group while they were in Dallas.

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MOVED FROM WYOMING

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilhite have moved to Lamesa from Newcastle, Wyo. Mrs. Wilhite is the former Yvonne Avery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogal Avery of Stanton.

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VISITING PARENTS

Mrs. Eugene Butler of Gary, Ind., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fuquay. Mr. Butler also was here for the weekend.

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Farm & Ranch Review



By JAMES E. KELLY

Immigration Commissioner Joseph M. Swing has said that a special "anti wetback' drive will begin in Texas about July 15. Swing said an advance party to man rail and road blocks arrived at McAllen July 6.

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Henry Record, rancher at Monument, N. M., was elected president of the Texas Cowboy Reunion held at Stamford last weekend. He succeeds O. F. Jones, manager of the Spade Ranch at Colorado City, as president.

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The drastic decline in cattle prices is bringing creases to the brows of ranchers. With the deep cut in prices there is no decline in the prices of labor or feed.

Dry weather is beginning to take its toll on the ranges. Grass is beginning to burn.

Two prominent West Texas ranchmen attending the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford said they attributed the decline to an oversupply of cattle.

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In a recent proclamation designating the week of July 25 as National Farm Safety Week, President Eisenhower said:

"I urgently request all farm residents to make every effort to develop safe work habits and skills, so that they may 'farm to live and live to farm.' I also request all persons and organizations interested in farm life and welfare to join in a campaign to free as many farms as possible from the tragedies and losses caused by needless accidents."

If the past few days are to be any criterion of what is to follow in the way of weather, Martin County farmers are all set to rest easy on the growing season for their crops. Clear hot weather prevails during the day and "cover-pulling" weather is enjoyed by the sleeper at night.

Those farmers whose cotton crops were destroyed by recent storms have about completed replanting.

A late Fall and a seasonable growing period likely will find Martin County cotton lands coming up with a 25 or 30 thousand bale crop at harvest time.

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Elmer Kelton, who writes the "Top of the Wind Mill" column in the San Angelo Standard-Times(is off deep in Ebensee, Austria. He found Coca-Cola signs there nailed up right alongside beer slogans. On the first day in Austria Kelton said he was approached by an elderly man who stroked his gray beard and said:

"Tell me, are the Indians still very wild?"

Keton found that Austrian bank executives dress considerably different from the way they do in Texas. He said:

"Even the well-dressed bank executive who cashed a traveler's check for me the other day proved, when he stood up, to be wearing a greasy old pair of leather shorts."

Kelton is a son of Buck Kelton, who was recently made manager of the McElroy Ranch holdings in Crance County. He is also well known by the ranchers of Martin and Glasscock counties.

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Crockett County has lost its oldest citizen, Mrs. J. H. (Granny) Wilson, age 101. She died at her home in Ozona while the citizens were recovering from the devasating flood of last week.

Mrs. Wilson married john Hastings Wilson when she was 21. They moved to Big Lake when it was still a part of Tom Green County, and the couple owned the first Buick in Big Lake.

The ranch home built by the Wilsons in 1902 still stands there.

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If you were ever a Taylor Countian, you won't want to miss its Old Settlers Reunion scheduled for Friday, July 16. On the program of entertainment are political candidates, an old fiddlers' contest, and horseshoe and dollar pitching contests. Prizes will be awarded the family coming the greatest distance, the oldest settler, and the oldest continuous resident.

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We gather from the Santa Fe crop report reaching this desk Texas could produce as much as 27,500,000 bushels of wheat. This amount, it is believed, will be reached if favorable weather will continue until the harvest is completed in the northern Panhandle counties.

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Canada has one on Texas. It's about the only country in North America that can boast of something Texas hasn't. At Calgary, Alberta, each year in July, they hold Chuck Wagon race, said to create as many spills and thrills as the old-time Roman chariot races. A description of the race we read in a magazine goes like this:

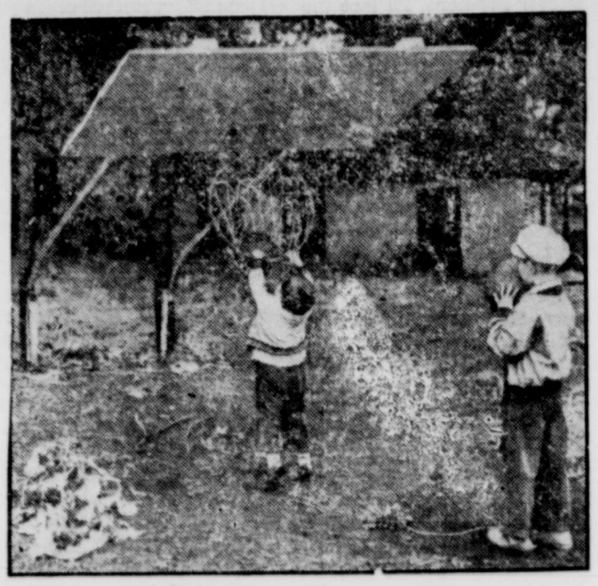
"A stove is set on the ground just behind the tailgate and canvas shelter propped up by poles is stretched out from the wagon top. Four outfits compete. The object of a chuck wagon race is to see which outfit can break camp, load the stove and everything else on the wagon, and get to the finish line first."

Harvesting of the Foard County wheat crop has been completed, and it is estimated that the yield for the county is in excess of 500,000 bushels. Most of the oat and barley crops have been harvested and have been stored on the ground.

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The Big Bend country around Alpine hasn't anything the Martin County area hasn't got. We're speaking of a pitting machine provided for grazing lands by the Soil Conservation Service.

Down Alpine way they say these pits are about four inches deep, six inches wide, three feet long and about three feet apart. Each pit will hold approximately 24 gallons of water, and an acre will retain enough water to equal an acre covered two inches deep.



"T'S AN ILL WIND—"—It's just a breeze for Steve Baker, 3, at basket, and cousin Jimmie Connor, 6, to make baskets on the outdoor basketball court near Steve's home in Fort Scott, Kansas. A tornado which blew into town pounded the adult-size standard down to goal-scoring height for little boys.

COURTNEY OCCURRENCES

By KATHLEEN LEWIS

CLASS OF 1946 MEETS IN REUNION

The 1946 graduating class of Courtney High School met for a reunion at Cole Park in Midland Saturday night, June 26.

Class members attending were Mrs. Doris Snodgrass Sadler of Lubbock; Mrs. Georgia Yell Stroud, Mrs. Wilma Reinhardt Minton of Odessa; Mrs. Mary Vaughn Smith, Mrs. Mary Howard Welch, Mrs. Betty Beck Mims of Stanton; and Burl Notgrass of Midland.

Mrs. Notgrass and husbands of the other members also attended.

Special guests were two former room mothers, Mrs. E. D. Reinhardt and Mrs. O. L. Snodgras, Sr., Mrs. Oliver Vaughn, another room mother, was unable to attend.

RAINS BRING OPTIMISM

The Courtney community received between .6 and 1½ inches of moisture during the last rain. Most of the rain came Tuesday. Farmers are optimistic over the chance of having a good crop.

PERSONALS AND LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cross have as guests Mrs. Cross' sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Atchley and children of Grand Prairie, and Mrs. Fannie Bell Shauer and family of Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright and family of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhodes, Bub, Jan, and Mr. and Mrs. James Rhodes accompanied a group of friends to San Angelo for a Fourth of July outing.

Mr. and Mr. R. S. Lewis and sons went to Sweetwater last week.

Mrs. Joe Stewart and family visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Collins and family, in Ozona last week. The Collins family escaped the flood, but Mrs. Stewart said that it was a horrible sight.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sadler and Cindy of Lubbock, recently visited Mrs. Sadler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Snodgrass, Sr.

Foy Powell has recovered from the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hazlewood, Jr., attended a family reunion in Westbrook recently.

Mrs. Johnny White is reported recovering after having undergone surgery in a Big Spring hospital. Mrs. White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Echols.

Mrs. O. H. Ivie and daughters visited friends at Goldthwaite last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fields and family of Brownfield are visiting the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Fields.

Mrs. Johnny Murdock and baby of Odessa are visiting Mrs. Murdock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hull.

4-H GIRLS MAKE SKIRTS

Valley View 4-H girls made skirts when they met in the home of Mrs. Bob Thrailkill Friday, June 25.

Attending were Pat Thrailkill, Sandra Miller, Fran Thrailkill, Joyce Green, Zella Odom, Bonnie Green, junior leader, and Mrs. Mildred Eiland, home demonstration agent.

Mothers attending were Mrs. Jim Miller, Mrs. O. D. Green, Mrs. Helen Thrailkill and Mrs. Garth Odom.

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FLIES TO ALBUQUERQUE

Tom Ed Angel of Odessa flew last week from Midland to Albuquerque, N.M., where he visited Mrs. Gladys Hoffman.

He was given a free pass by an airline company after working for them three months.

Tom Ed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Angel of the Courtney community.

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CALIFORNIA VISITORS

Sunday visitors in the Clayton Burnam home were Jim Laws of Crescent City, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burnam, Jr., and children of Iraan; Mrs. Margaret Laws and Miss Sammye Laws.

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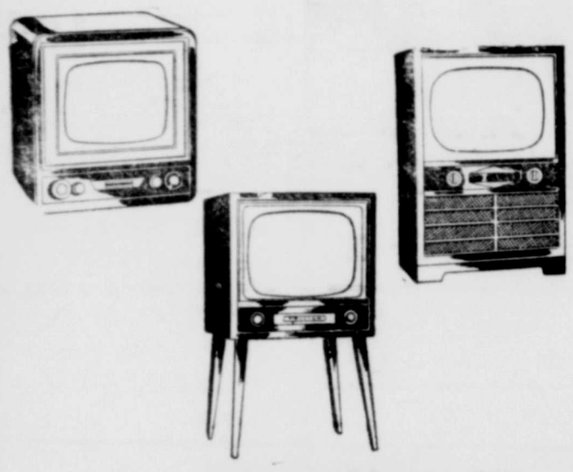
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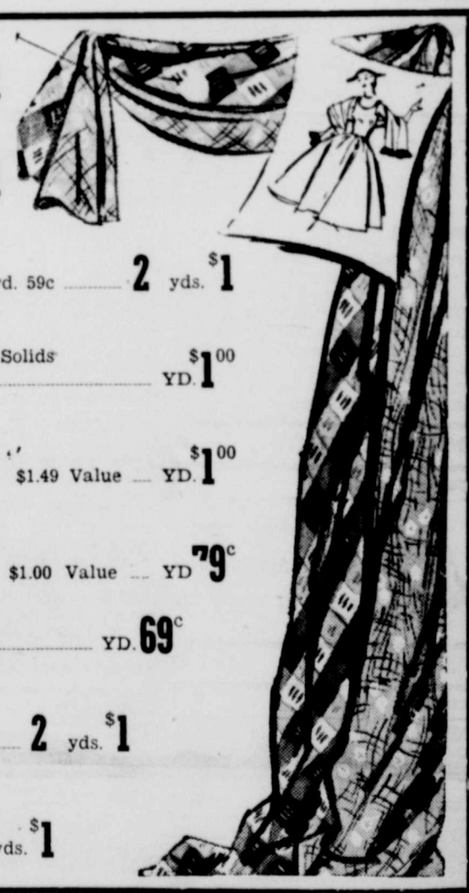
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VISITS GRANDMOTHER

Jim Laws of Crescent City, Calif., recently visited his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Laws and Miss Sammye Laws.

MIDLOTHIAN VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of Midlothian visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Alsup and Mr. and Mrs. H .L. Currie. Mr. and Mrs. Currie and sons returned home with the Sullivans for the weekend

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State Capitol NEWS

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texas' campaign trails are sizzling as figures in the quest for the state's top political job enter the speech-making home stretch.

Gov. Allan Shivers' bid for re-election was boosted by the announcement of State Sen. A. M. Aiken that he would support the governor. Aiken, champion of public education and co-author of the Gilmer-Aiken laws, said he has never doubted the sincerity, integrity, or ability of the governor.

In a string of campaign speeches broken by a brief personal visit to the Rio Grande flood area and a request to President Eisenhower to designate five hard-hit counties as disaster areas, Shivers:

1. Charged that opponent Ralph Yarborough does not have the interest of the state's people at heart. The governor said that his opponent has "never lifted a finger to help increase old-age assistance," but has worked to boost pensions for retired judges.

2. Received support from an Austin union barber who said that charges made against the governor in a Corpus Christi labor convention were "unjust." G. O. Eddleman said that the governor had always been helpful to the laboring people and that the "anti labor" accusation brought against Shivers was the work of labor's "would-be bosses."

3. Reiterated his stand against changes in segregation laws and hit out at Yarborough for "mud slinging."

4. Cited industrial gains and the fact that more people are working and making more money in Texas than ever before. "Is this what Yarborough wants to change?" Shivers inquired.

Yarborough Busy

Candidate Yarborough continued his campaign, aided by a chartered airplane that shuttled him to more than 30 towns for brief speeches.

He promised to "clean out" the Texas Insurance Commission if elected.

He also demanded an audit of the books of John Von Cronkhite, a former Shivers campaign manager whose name came up in the bankruptcy case of Lloyd's of North America.

Yarborough declared against third terms, saying that "when politicians become fixtures their cronies become fixers."

The candidate promised an administration dedicated to quick aid for farmers and ranchers, better roads and highways, better schools, and expanded veterans land, health, and state welfare programs.

Holmes Is Active

Covering the crossroads is J. J. Holmes of Austin. He is making a grassroots search for votes, spending little time in the big cities. It is his first race for governor.

Insurance Business

Texas insurance companies' charter amendment applications are receiving close examination before being approved, says Attorney General John Ben Sheppard.

He announced that his office has returned 10 to 27 applications in the last two months because of failure to meet insurance law requirements.

Draft Call

Letters calling for 2,416 Texans to be examined in August for military duty have gone out to state draft boards, according to Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield, state selective service director.

Texas boards will induct 1,092 men during the month who have received previous examinations. Wakefield said that draft calls for both July and August are running above previous months. The August call asked for men 20 or older, but authorized boards to call men below 20 if necessary to fill quotas.

Texas Navy

Now non-existent, the Texas Navy will be honored September 1-7, designated as "Texas Navy Week."

Gov. Allan Shivers credited the one-time Republic's small fleet as playing a big part in winning independence from Mexico.

"It was their fighting spirit that made the difference," stated the governor in his proclamation.

Toll Road

Moving ahead are plans for the state's first toll road.

After a month of consultation, the Texas Turnpike Authority voted to employ Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendorff, consulting engineers, to work out plans for the Ft. Worth-Dallas thoroughfare, cost of which will be an estimated $31 million.

-:- Personals -:-

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fellers of Big Spring visited Sunday with Mrs. Joan Long and Miss Carrie Alvis.

Ogal Avery has returned home Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. G. W. Aisup and Mrs. John Sullivan of Midlothian visited in Lubbock Friday. Betty Alsup accompanied them home for thee holidays.

J. M. Baulch has returned from a business trip to St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. G. ABridges visited Sunday in Lamesa with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bridgesa and family.

Miss Judy Reagan of Big Spring visited in the Phil Berry home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ringhoffer recently visited Mrs. Ringhoffer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bradley, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burleson, in San Angelo.

Billy Persons of Van Nuys, Calif., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Weathers. Billy accompanied his grandparents to Stanton after they visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Persons in Van Nuys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newland, Karen and Barbara, of Monahans, visited Mrs. Newland's mother, Mrs. Eula Eubanks over the weekend.

Mrs. Nobye Hamilton, Miss Lela Hamilton, and Horace Hamilton of Big Spring spent the weekend in Amarillo visiting the H. C. Hamilton family.

Miss Carrie Alvis and Mrs. Joan Long visited last week with Mrs. J. F. Fellers and Mrs. Cecil Hamilton in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mott, Eula Belle, Sara, and Ben; Mr. and Mrs. Elma Nichols, Jan, Dinah, and Randy; and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Reid and Gary went to Sweetwater Sunday where they accompanied a group of Girl Scouts home from camp.

Guy Eiland, who is attending Baylor University, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Eiland, over the weekend. Miss Shirley Burks accompanied Guy home from Baylor.

DAVISES HAVE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis had as guests Sunday night, Mr. Davis' twin sisters, Mrs. Fannie Belle Shauers and daughter, Karen, of Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. Mary Delle Atchley and son, Ronnie, of Abilene.

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BIG SPRING VISITORS

Mrs. Howard Reed and children of Big Spring visited in the Claude Edwards home Monday.

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Being an attorney and worshiping the highest ethical standards of my profession I have had for some years a strong desire to be District Judge. It will be a personal satisfaction far above the revenue from the practice of law to serve as an honorable, efficient judge of the District Court.

Many years ago, I organized one of the first Federal Farm Loan Associations in West Texas, and through my office for eleven years, more than One Million Dollars in loans were made, and collections for semi-annual payments amounted to approximately $50,000.00 annually. The Bank Examiner dropped in twice a year and audited my books. The books balanced, and the funds were properly handled. Later, I was mayor of Big Spring for two terms and handled thousands of dollars, and my accounts have never been questioned.

I know I have displeased some people that happened to be the other party to a law suit, but the religion of an attorney is to represent his client above anyone, and even to the sacrifice of his own popularity; and likewise, if I am your District Judge, I shall know no one's interest in and above the duties of my office and the interest of the people I serve.

CLYDE THOMAS

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE

(Paid Pol. Adv.)

Ozona's Catastrophe Could Happen Here

AN EDITORIAL

The sufferers in the flooded area in and around Ozona have the sympathy of Martin County people in this hour of distress. Homes and belongings were swept away on the flood tide. Business houses were flooded.

Lives were sent to watery graves and property damage to the amount of millions of dollars were the toll of the flood. People were marooned by high water and were evacuated by helicopters.

The Ozona catastrophe can well cause us to consider what could happen to Stanton. A 13-inch rain falling on the Stanton watershed as fell 14 miles north of Ozona in 24 hours, would send a sea of water that would inundate the town and wash away Highway 80 through Stanton as well as the railroad tracks of the T&P.

It would sweep away the Latin American village south of the railroad as well as most of the homes in south Stanton.

No drainage system whatever in Stanton to carry off the water.

No doubt Ozonans didn't figure their town would ever be washed away. Located in an area of Texas where rainfall is very limited, they felt they were safe from destruction by flood. However, lying calm and peaceful in the center of town was a hazard that provided a route to spread flood waters over the little city.

That hazard was dry Johnson's Draw. In the storm of last week the hazard that had lain calm and peaceful displayed how it could become a demon at destroying property and taking the lives of citizens when aroused to anger by flood waters.

Something could have been done by the citizens of Ozona to escape this disaster. Steps could have been taken to eliminate the danger of this Draw from ever turning its fury on the citizens. Dams, canals, and other means could have been taken to impound the water in case of heavy rains or divert its course from flowing into the town.

But why should we censure Ozona when Stanton is courting such disaster by failure to provide dams, canals, or other drainage facilities?

When a 5-inch rainfall visited Stanton a few years ago, falling on the watershed, a wall of water was sent into town and caused thousands of dollars of property damage to the business and residential districts of Stanton.

In order to remove the ocean of water that had accumulated in the Mexican Lake and surrounded the homes in South Stanton, sprinkler irrigation pipe had to be lain for almost a mile, from the lake to the top of the hill east of Stanton.

Electric motors were attached and the pumping of water from the inundated area began. This pumping went on night and day for a week, until the area had been relieved and the water sent over the hill.

A cloudburst falling on Stanton as descended on Ozona would arouse the hazards lying dormant in and around Stanton to reveal their hand at wrecking homes and snuffing out the lives of citizens.

Better BEWARE Stanton! Lock the stable before the horse is stolen!

Bridges Named WTCC Director

John A. Couch, president of West Texas Chamber of Commerce, last week announced that Cecil Bridges, Stanton manager of the Texas Electric Service Company, has been appointed a director to serve the WTCC in Martin County.

Bridges served in this capacity during 1951-52, and since then the position has been filled by S. W. Wheeler.

The immediate past-president of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, Bridges now is chairman of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee of that organization.

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SHELBURNES VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shelburne visited over the weekend with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Foreman and children, in Earth and Mrs. John Smith in Lubbock.

JOHNSONS HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Turkey visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ellmore Johnson recently. Miss Gladys Johnson of Lubbock also visited in the Johnson home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fore and children of Ft. Worth visited the Johnsons Friday, and the Johnson family accompanied them to El Paso for the weekend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gates and children visited relatives in Mangum, Okla., over the weekend.

PHILLIPS' ENTERTAIN WITH BARBECUE

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Phillips entertained friends with a barbecue Sunday, July 4, in their home.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phillips, Janet and Leslie of Big Spring; Bob Rankin and Ken Cunningham of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Louder, Luan and Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Phillips, Linda and Lila, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Phillips and Nancy, all of Stanton.

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Read the Classifieds!

More About County Finances---

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duress or promise of favor. These statements are a fair indication of some of the peculiar transactions conducted by the County Judge of Martin County. Referring to a receipt . . . in the Finance Committee's report, we find that the signatures on the receipt are genuine, but the signatures were placed on a blank envelope and thereafter, without the knowledge of the signers and after an investigation into the finances of Martin County was begun by this Grand Jury, the receipt was filled in above the signatures."

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(This was a receipt McMorries said Amos Jones gave him for $472 involved in one of the fence post deals. On June 25, McMorries told the accounting committee he had seen Jones on May 20 in Stanton and had got the receipt on that date. Later, on June 29, he said he got the receipt from Jones when he saw him May 29 in Burnet County.

Jones, in his voluntary written statement, said McMorries came to his place in Marble Falls on June 5 and ordered a load of posts costing $480. He said he had not seen McMorries for four years prior to that date and had never sold or delivered any other posts to McMorries.

Paul Jones, Amos' son, whose name appeared on the receipt produced by McMorries as a witness, said in his statement of June 28 that he had never done any business with McMorries and had never given him a receipt for anything. He added that McMorries came again to Marble Falls on June 26 and asked him if his father had signed a statement for Stanton officers. Upon being told that he had signed one, he said McMorries remarked, "Well, I guess we are all into it now."

Mrs. Bobbye Jean Yater, deputy district clerk, told the committee that on June 21 she photostated for McMorries in the clerk's office a receipt on the back of an envelope for "four hundred and something dollars for so many posts" and signed with an "X" representing the mark of Amos Jones and witnessed by Paul Jones. Mrs. Yater said the date of the receipt she photostated was May 20, 1954.)

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The grand jury's report also said:

"After carefully considering all evidence that has come before this Grand Jury to date, it is the opinion of this Grand Jury that the County Judge and all of the Commissioners of Martin County have shown incompetence, gross negligence, and carelessness in the management of the finances of Martin County.

Investigation Continues

"We want to emphasize that an investigation of this nature is very tedious, difficult and time consuming. It is our aim to make as thorough an investigation as possible and the investigation is far from complete at this time. We have this day issued subpoenas for ten out-of-county witnesses and two local witnesses, and we expect that other subpoenas will be issued as the investigation progresses. It is our desire to complete this investigation at the earliest possible date, but we intend to take as much time as is necessary to do a thorough job."

The grand jury report was signed by James D. Eiland, foreman, and Sam H. Martin, J. C. Sale, W. C. Holcomb, W. N. Orson, Fred E. Alexander, Otto Bearden, M. McKaskle and Howard Jenkins.

Grand jurors J. M. Baulch, Joe Lemon and Elmer Dyer had been excused, and their signatures did not appear on the report.

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Council--

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2-10-40 and $270 to a Hobbs, N. M., flying service.

Members of the Council expressed approval of the aerial campaign against flies and mosquitoes, which recently had reached epidemic numbers, despite the expense of the operation.

On motion by Alderman Wheeler, the following persons were named to the city's Board of Equalization: John Pinkston, Guy Eiland and E. Price.

The meeting then recessed until July 15. All councilmen and the mayor were present.

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WINSTEAD VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Winstead had as guests recently Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bridges of Premont. Mrs. Bridges is a sister of Mr. Winstead.

Manager---

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time in Arizona and California.

He lived in Mexico for 2 1/2 years and speaks Spanish fluently.

Fanning said the principal activity of the Basin Growers' Association will be the procuring of Mexican National farm labor and the handling of supplies pertinent to their employment. Later on, he expects the association of handle feed, fertilizer and other items for purchase at advantageous prices by its members.

A membership drive will be conducted in the area soon, Fanning said, and any bona fide producer of agricultural products — including landlords, tenants, corporations, and so on —will be eligible to join. Membership will be $5 a year.

In addition to Sale, directors of the association are Jim Tom, president; P. M. Bristow, secretary-treasurer; Edmund Tom and Bernard Houston.

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JULY 4 VISITORS

Mrs. G. L. Thompson had as visitors over the Independence Day weekend Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Driver, Leslie, Sandra and Jake of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Thompson and Kenny of Amarillo; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Price, Brenda, Leslie and Juandell of Midland.

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ABILENE VISITORS

Mrs. Melvin Hardiman and Larry of Abilene are visiting her sisters, Mrs. G. B. Shelburne and Mrs. G. L. Thompson.

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VISIT CLOVIS, N.M.

Mrs. Ellmore Johnson and children visited in Clovis, N. M., recently.

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