

Silver Taps Respect Poor

Enough has been written about Silver Taps that its significance should not need to be described here. It is the student body's way of paying last respects to one of its own, and as such it logically should resemble a funeral service in matters of dress and behavior.

Unfortunately, many students at Monday's ceremony chose to wear clothes appropriate for Midnight Yell Practice. Some students wore shorts, tennis shoes, and blue jeans. Others left shirttails hanging out, talked, and smoked in violation of the traditional atmosphere of reverent silence.

A few individuals who arrived minutes before the ceremony began elbowed their way through the crowd for a better view. Others insisted on looking around to see who was standing behind them.

For newcomers who have not been briefed as to the procedures of Silver Taps, such actions reflect poor judgment. For others, they reflect simple, unexcusable thoughtlessness.

There is nothing any of us can do now for Lawrence Sherrill. Silver Taps was held so that we could demonstrate, to his friends and relatives, that his passing was not ignored by fellow Aggies. That is all we can do; but it is the least that is expected of us.

Silver Taps is a funeral service; it should be treated as such. —J.W.F.

Sheriff Implicated In Civil Rights Trial

By BILL NEIKIRK
Associated Press Writer

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP)—Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price warned three young civil rights workers, "You all see how quick you all can get out of Neshoba County," a jail matron testified Tuesday at the trial of 18 men charged with conspiracy in the trio's death.

The deputy is among those charged with violating the civil rights of Michael Schwerner, 24, Andrew Goldman, 20, both white New Yorkers, and James Chaney, 21, a Meridian Negro.

Deaths of the three near Philadelphia, Miss., during the racially troubled summer of 1964 attracted worldwide attention. The White House took a hand in the fast-paced investigations.

Justice Department attorneys claimed at the outset of the trial they would prove that Price arrested the youths, then released them from jail and later in the night was in one of three cars that cornered them in a station wagon on a back road where they were shot.

Ast. U.S. Atty. Gen. John Doar told the all-white jury of seven women and five men at the trial's opening Monday the government's case would include testimony from paid informers. These witnesses remained under wraps.

Mildred Herring, who teams with her husband to run the Neshoba County jail, recalled the Sunday afternoon, June 21, 1964, when Price and Rainey brought the men to jail.

"No one talked to them in jail," Mrs. Herring testified, adding that they "caused no trouble."

She said Price came back to the jail shortly after 10 p.m., some four hours after the arrest of the three men, and said Chaney wanted to pay off the fine. Chaney, she said, borrowed \$20 from Schwerner and gave it to Price.

As they picked up their belongings, Mrs. Herring said, "Deputy Price told them, 'You all see how quick you all can get out of Neshoba County.' They thanked him and went out."

On Aug. 4, FBI agents dug into an earthen dam eight miles southwest of Philadelphia—on the farm of one of the defendants, Olen L. Burrage. The bodies, clothed and all in one spot, rested under 15 feet of dirt. The state never filed murder charges in the deaths and federal authorities cannot prosecute under murder charges unless the crime took place on federal property.

Specifically, the 18 are on trial under a 97-year-old Reconstruction era law. The indictment said they conspired together to "injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate" Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman. Conviction could bring a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Draft Quota Set

Texas' draft boards have received a quota of 1,159 men for November, reports Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state selective service director.

Figure compares with 977 for October, 1,180 for September, 1,421 for August, 974 for July and 975 for June.

National call totals 22,000, all for the Army. State draft boards will forward 4,650 men in November for pre-induction examination, compared with 4,000 for October.

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State Capitol Roundup

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—Gov. John Connally dropped a political bombshell on the state capitol scene by reportedly telling 45 top supporters in a meeting at the Mansion that he has about made up his mind not to run for re-election.

Word of his unexpected reluctance promptly leaked to newsmen. Connally confirmed that the meeting was held and the possibility of a fourth term was discussed.

"My mind is not finally and irrevocably made up," he stated. "I have a pretty firm idea what I am going to do, but I am not prepared to announce the decision. I may decide within the next few days, but I think it will be longer—two weeks or later." Backers began deluging the governor's office with telephone calls and some newspapers are sounding editorial appeals for the governor to run "just one more time."

U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough's name figures increasingly in the list of prospective gubernatorial candidates following a disagreement between Connally and the senior senator over flood aid.

Lt. Gov. Preston Smith, who already has announced as a candidate for the top spot, continues his campaigning in East Texas where he is conducting a "listening tour."

Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr has stated repeatedly he might run for governor if Connally does not.

House Speaker Ben Barnes says he will run for lieutenant governor regardless of Connally's ultimate decision.

Court Races Spotlighted

State high court races are assured more than ordinary attention in 1968 primaries by the early announcements of three incumbent judges that they will not seek re-election.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Wesley Dice is the latest to reveal plans to step aside at the end of his present term. States Attorney Leon Douglas immediately announced as a candidate for the place.

Earlier announcements were made by State Supreme Court Associate Justices James R. Norvell and Meade F. Griffin that they will retire after next year. Potential candidates to succeed them include Austin District Judge Tom Reavley, Chief Justice James G. Denton of the Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals, Associate Justice Matt Davis of the Texarkana Court of Civil Appeals and Houston District Judge Sears McGee.

Court Speaks

Reversing a 32-year-old decision denying right of parents to recover damages for death of a child due to pre-birth injuries, State Supreme Court recognized the right of parents to collect compensation in such case. Suit involved the death of a two-day-old infant as a result of injuries sustained before birth in an auto-truck accident.

- Court in other actions:
- Upheld denial of applications for savings and loan institutions in La Grange.
 - Agreed that the City of Fort Worth and Fort Worth schools can tax Greyhound buses within their jurisdictions.
 - Set a November 22 hearing on a Negro's suit against a Houston club manager who refused to serve him and allegedly jerked a plate out of his hand.

Airport Aid Allotted

Texas Aeronautics Commission has allocated \$467,260 to 24 towns and a county for airport development.

Funds went to Wharton County (\$24,500) and these communities:

Alpine, \$14,000; Bay City, \$20,000; Canton, \$18,000; Clifton \$9,760; Dimmitt, \$20,000; Dublin, \$18,000; Ennis, \$27,500; Gilmer, \$18,000; Granbury, \$20,000; Kenedy, \$18,000; Knox City, \$20,000; Kerrville, \$20,000; Levelland, \$18,000; Liberty \$18,000; Littlefield, \$18,000; Livingston, \$20,000; Llano, \$20,000; Madisonville, \$27,500; Paducah, \$14,000; Shamrock, \$18,000; Slaton, \$18,000; Stamford, \$18,000; Weslaco, \$10,000; and Wills Point, \$20,000.

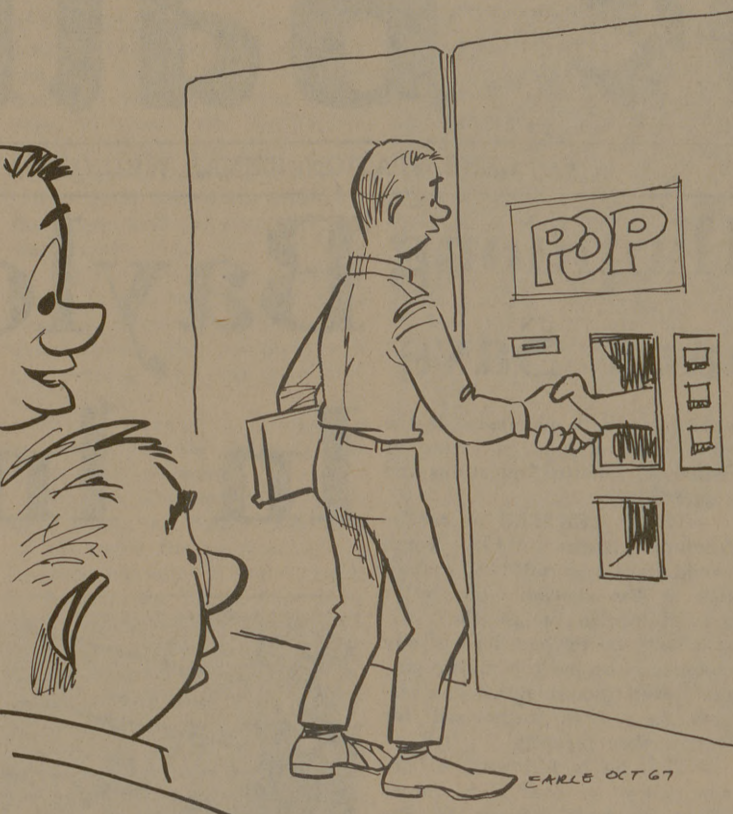
Short Snorts

New Texas calendar of events, listing 300 fairs, festivals and celebrations for fall, winter and early spring, is available through the State Highway Department and its tourist bureaus.

Dr. James B. Henderson of Coleman was named new executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission to succeed Dr. S. B. Walker who resigned to re-enter private practice.

Charles Murphy, executive director of the Texas Aeronautics Commission, was elected regional vice-president of the National Association of State Aviation Officials, representing Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"They've come a long way! We used to get nothing for our dime when th' machine was empty, now it shakes your hand!"

Bulletin Board

THURSDAY

The Amarillo Hometown Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Chicken Shack for dinner. All are requested to bring \$1 to eat.

The Brazoria County Hometown Club will hold its organizational meeting after yell practice in Room 2-C of the Memorial Student Center.

The Matagorda Hometown Club will meet in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m.

The Texarkana Hometown Club will hold its organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 2-D of the Memorial Student Center.

The Waco-McLennan County Hometown Club will meet in the Reading Room of the Y.M.C.A. immediately after Yell Practice.

Port Arthur Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge of the YMCA.

Galveston Island Hometown Club will meet in Room 3C of the M.S.C. after Yell Practice.

Austin Hometown Club will meet after Yell Practice in room 3B of the M.S.C.

Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet in the M.S.C. at 7:30 p.m.

Bell County Hometown Club will meet in the M.S.C. after Yell practice.



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