

County Gets \$619.42 Mixed Drinks Tax

State Comptroller Bob Bullock reports that more than a half-billion dollars were spent in Texas last year to buy mixed drinks. Mixed drink sales for 1978 totaled more than \$685 million, with mixed drink sales for Oct., Nov. and Dec. of 1978 adding up to more than \$106.8 million. Bullock said his office has mailed checks totaling \$4.8 million to 243 Texas counties and 305 cities as their share of the 10 percent gross receipts tax on mixed drinks for the taxes collected in the last quarter of 1978.

Colorado County received a check for \$619.42 from the mixed drinks tax and the City of Columbus \$382.21. Fayette county received \$719.16. Austin county, \$436.20. Lavaca, \$177.11; and Wharton county \$3,459.54. The city of El Campo received \$447.54 and the city of Wharton \$2,818.42.

No Rice Dist. Classes Feb. 23, 26th

An In-Service session for faculty members of the Rice School District has been scheduled for Friday, Feb. 23rd, hence there will be no regular classes on that date. Also the district will observe a "Spring Break" on Monday, Feb. 26th, hence all schools will be closed Friday, Feb. 23rd through Feb. 26th.

Tony's Dinner

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Giraffes With Mt. Kilimanjaro In Background



Three giraffes form a colorful picture with snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro in the background as seen on the Camera Safari made by the George Burkes and friends to Africa in December.

George Burkes Report On Camera Safari To Africa

[Editor's Note: Marian and George Burke and son Mark and friends Elizabeth and Worth Hoskins of Van Horn recently enjoyed a Parks East Camera Safari in Eastern Africa. The Burkes relate some of their observations and experiences in the following and succeeding articles in the Headlight.]

On December 17th, Marian and George Burke left Houston and New York on a Parks East Camera Safari of the principal game parks of East Africa. They were accompanied by their son, Mark Burke, a third year medical student at Baylor College of Medicine; and their friends, Elizabeth and Worth Hoskins of the 101 Ranch in Van Horn, Texas.

The Burke's daughter and sister, Marianne, who is teaching English as a foreign language in Rome on Dec. 18th. There they enjoyed a day of sightseeing and departed after midnight via Alitalia Airlines for Tanzania. At dawn the flight was over Egypt and the Nile River - a spectacular sight. After stops at Khartoum, Sudan and Modadihu, Somalia, a beautiful seaport city on the Indian Ocean, they arrived at Dar-Es-Salaam, the capitol of Tanzania. The group was then flown to Arusha, the tourist center of northern Tanzania. They were met on their arrival by their Tanzanian tour minibus driver, a Masai named Godson Laiser, who greeted them, procured their luggage and loaded all for the drive to Mt. Meru. The hotel is located in a lush tropical area with many colorful flowers and a beautiful view of Mt. Meru. Laiser spoke English, as well as several other languages, but since the official language of Tanzania is Swahili, "Jambo" (Hello) greeted us throughout the journey.

Lush Green Countryside Our first morning we drove through lush green countryside to the Lake Manyara Hotel. This is a beautiful lodge perched atop the Great Rift Wall overlooking Lake Manyara and the animal-filled Rift Valley. From this vantage point one can look down and see rhinos, and cape buffalo grazing, wart hogs, elephants and small scattered groups of zebras and wildebeests.

Our route down from the rim passed a number of tremendous baobab trees and numerous monkeys and troops of baboons were on and alongside the road and in the overhanging trees. One of the highlights of our two day tour of this area was seeing and photographing the famous tree climbing lions napping in the upper reaches of the park's acacia trees, as well as one atop one of the large mud castle-like termite hills scattered about some of the park.

We drove down to a bayou-like arm of the lake which contained a large herd of hippos and

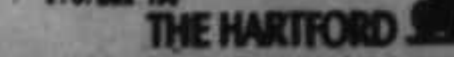


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If you have any questions, please contact Ronnie Miller, Box 43, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 or phone 234-2743.

buck and a family of lions on a rocky area. Flocks of wild guinea, sparrow and an occasional secretary bird were frequently seen along the roadside.

Late in the afternoon we arrived at Lobo Lodge, one of our favorite spots of the tour. It was constructed into the side of a ridge and partially enclosed by huge boulders so as to conserve the natural surroundings and give the guests the feeling of camping out on safari in a natural setting. It was built on several levels with most of the materials coming from the area such as E. African cedar, cypress, camphor, olive, etc. The next morning we awoke to see a giraffe just below calmly grazing on the foliage of the acacia tree just outside the window of the Hoskins' adjoining room. Several brilliantly colored lizards and some rock hyraxes scurried about in the rocks.

[Continued next week]

EGYPT NEWS

Mrs. B. H. Tolliver Canasta Club Mrs. C. E. Carter had two tables of the Canasta Club for her guests last Thursday, Feb. 1st, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Heyne Dromgoole. The scorers were Mesdames Marshall and Rutledge. A pleasing party plate was served each player after the game.

Clifford Bluntson was on the Honor Roll at Wharton County Junior College this semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bluntson Jr., and is a sophomore.

FFA To Be Busy During This Month

The Rice Future Farmers of America will be having a busy time during the month of February, chapter advisor Troy Krensek told the members of the Rotary Club at their meeting last week. Krensek described the activities which the FFA members will be attending and extended an invitation to all citizens to attend the annual FFA Show and Sale at Rice High School this Saturday.

Free Car Wash

Mrs. W. N. Lehrer this is your ticket for a free car wash at Johnny's Kwik Kar Wash located next to Johnny's 66 Station in Eagle Lake. Clip this out and present at Johnny's for a free car wash effective through Feb. 20, 1979.

ribbons; and to all the business men and individuals who participate in the sale; as well as to the sponsors of the show and sale, the three Lions Clubs in the county.

T. J. Smith introduced Mr. Krensek in the absence of Jack Listowski, program chairman for the day.



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