

Some Of Texas Barbecues Are Not So Rugged

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—Backstairs at the Texas White House:

Some of the routin' tootin' Texas barbecues are not quite as rugged as they appear. Take the barbecue given last Sunday by President Johnson at Stonewall, Tex., for West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. The big slabs of beef which dripped so succently over charcoal fires outside the school gymnasium where the party was held actually were pre-cooked at a commercial plant

which specializes in this sort of thing. The barbecue cooks, colorful in their Levis, checkered shirts, broad-rimmed hats and boots, said the meat was "about 65 per cent cooked at the plant" and then quick-frozen. On the morning of the barbecue, the meat was trucked to the site of the party and placed over the charcoal.

"By the time we get the meat warmed up, the other 35 per cent of the cooking is done," a

cook said. There was nothing pre-cooked or frozen, however, about the big spareribs barbecued on the Johnson ranch for about 200 guests last week. The LBJ ranch spareribs were cooked over wood fires and the slow process took from early morning until almost four o'clock in the afternoon.

The brand on the President's cattle is "JO" and in addition, his registered Herefords carry

serial numbers tattooed in their ears, as well as on their horns. When Johnson first set up his herd, he wanted "J-J" (Bar-Jay-Bar) as his brand. It turned out, however, that this brand had been registered years before by another cattleman. Whereupon Johnson borrowed the "JO" brand from an uncle.

Seldom has a president had such words of praise for associates as those employed by

Johnson at last Sunday's barbecue when he pulled out all stops in talking about Secretary of State Dean Rusk and White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger.

Of Rusk, the President said, "keen, analytical, patient, kind, courteous and courageous—one of the greatest men of our time—my strong right arm."

And he applied his accolade to Salinger:

"One of the most trusted, able and loyal people working

for the government... I don't know what I would have done without him, day and night, for the last month."

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Predicts Comeback In Roof-Thatching

By DICK WEST
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — This

is the season for what Undersecretary of Agriculture Charles S. Murphy once described as "turbulence in the crystal ball." Pundits, taxi-drivers, television announcers and others equipped with occult powers have been telling us what we can expect in the year ahead. At the same time, pundits, taxi drivers, television announcers and others equipped with bifocal hindsight have been explaining what happened in the year just past.

Among them, they have pretty well preempted the field, but I refuse to be left out. And so, as my contribution to the year-end wave of forecasting and reviewing, I predict that roof-thatching will make a comeback in 1964.

Thatching On Upswing
This ancient craft already is on the upswing in England. A thatched roof, which may cost as much as \$1,120, has become a sort of status symbol in the mother country.

According to the National Geographic Society, English thatchers are getting more business than they can handle. There is even a shortage of thatch.

It is only a question of time before thatching becomes fashionable in this country. And when it does, it will go a long way toward solving our economic problems.

There is, for example, the pressing matter of finding employment for workers who lose their jobs because of automation. Thatching could be the answer.

It takes a skilled thatcher upwards of two months to thatch an average sized cottage in England. He uses a mallet, knife, shears and something called a leggett which is used to beat the thatch into place.

Spend A Year
At that rate, a thatcher would spend a year on a ranch style home in the U.S. suburbs. At least until someone invented an electronic leggett.

And what of farmers sorely beset by surplus production of corn, cotton and other crops? Let them grow thatch.

It takes some four million reeds in five-foot lengths to cover a cottage roof. Think what would be needed for a thatched-roof split level!

It is true that America is a backward nation as far as the art of thatching is concerned, but that handicap can be overcome.

Dr. Wells Is Under Pressure To Enter Race

By EUGENE J. CADOU
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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Four

of the numerous possibilities for the Indiana Democratic gubernatorial nomination appeared to be in front as the New Year began.

They are Dr. Herman B. Wells, former Indiana University president and now head of the I. U. Foundation; Roger D. Branigin, Lafayette attorney; State Sen. Marshall Kizer, Plymouth, and former Bloomington Mayor Tom Lemon.

Dr. Wells, a reluctant aspirant, has been pressured by Statehouse leaders to run. He has rejected these overtures in the past and may continue to do so.

Branigin, a former president of the Indiana State Bar Association, is eager to enter the fray but is concerned about whether he will be opposed by the powerful Statehouse machine of Governor Welsh. Negotiations along that line are in progress.

Kizer, his party's floor leader in the 1963 Senate session, showed strength in the standing when 17 Democratic state senators appeared at an Indianapolis meeting Saturday at the home of Robert Montgomery, former publicity director of the state committee and head of the radio and television school of Butler University. Those attending discussed his possible gubernatorial bid.

Majority Present
There were 24 Democrats in this year's Senate. Lake County senators were conspicuous by their absence at the Kizer gathering.

An Indianapolis Times poll of 1962 state convention delegates, many of whom will return at this year's gathering, showed Branigin and Lemon tied for first choice at 151 votes, Wells third with 124 tallies and Kizer fourth with 77.

Other preferences, in order, were former State Auditor Albert Steinwedel, Seymour; Eugene Bainbridge, Munster, former state senator and state purchasing agent; William Fortune, Indianapolis, former state auditor who switched from the GOP to the Democrats; Clinton Green, secretary of the Indiana Port Commission; Robert L. Rock, Anderson, Democratic House floor leader in the 1963 session; Rep. J. Edward Roush, Huntington; James Courtney, Sen. Jack Mankin, Terre Haute, who said he didn't attend the Kizer gathering because of a minor ailment; Adj. Gen. John Anderson, Shelbyville, and Gordon St. Angelo, Huntington, member of the State Committee, tied, and Donald Foltz, Clinton, State Conservation Department director.

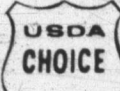
Welsh Favor Sought
Welsh is sure to receive visits from many of the hopefuls within the next few days. Nearly all agree that if Welsh can't nominate his successor candidate because this is the last year of his regime, he can almost veto the chances of any aspirant.

There likewise may be meetings with such gubernatorial candidates as John Hurt, Indianapolis and Martinsville attorney; Richard Martin, Welsh's publicity head, and Jack New, his executive secretary.

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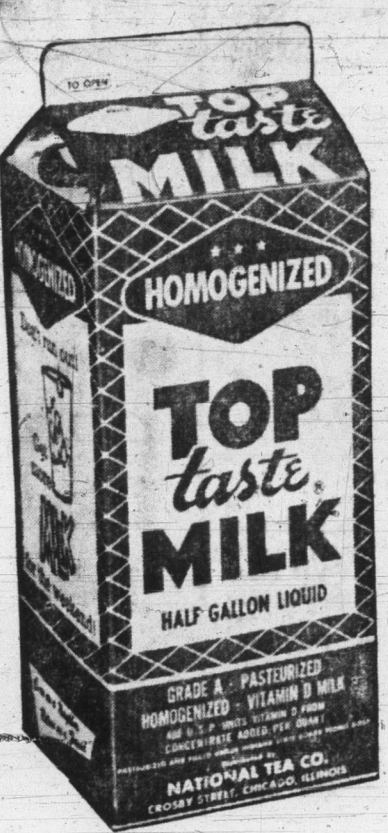
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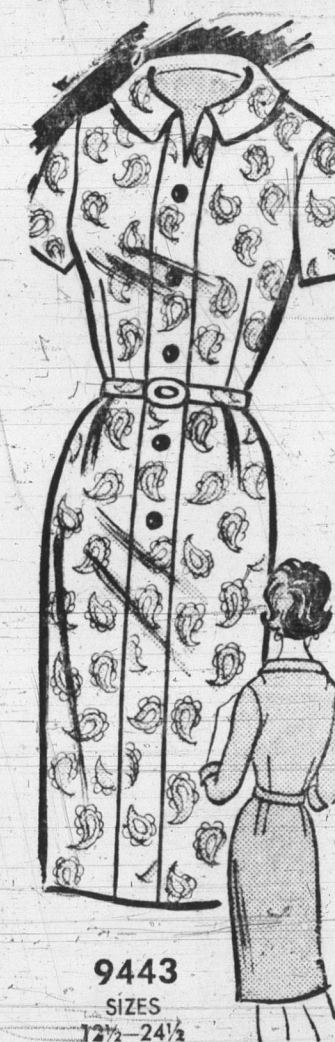
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