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*Governor of Virginia Stand*

*Texas Longhorn*

*Great great man  
Invitation - only two remembered  
I didn't feel been here  
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*KISS -*

Fargo, N.D.

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*Beneath*

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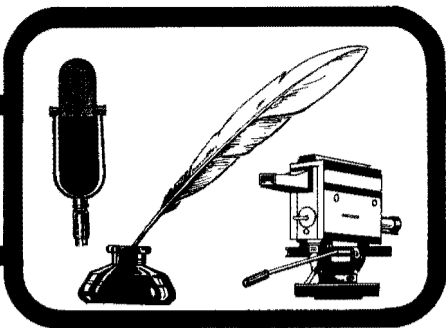
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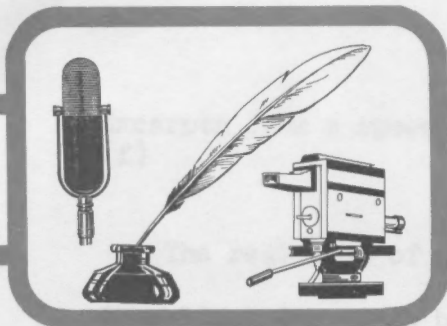
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