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Cotton Crop Biggest In History

Light Snow Halts Cotton Harvest

Light snow Monday and Tuesday put another halt to harvest of cotton remaining in the fields, but the sun was shining again Wednesday.

Snowfall estimated at two and a half to three inches had a moisture content of .22 of an inch. High temperature Tuesday was only 30 degrees and the low Tuesday night was 25 degrees.

Total precipitation for the year 1972 amounted to 30.54 inches, about 13 inches above normal.

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Total snow Jan. 1 and 2,

2 1/2 to 3 inches, moisture content .22 inch.

WEATHER REPORT

DATE	HIGH	LOW
Dec. 28	67	46
Dec. 29	63	38
Dec. 30	67	28
Dec. 31	53	22
Jan. 1	53	31
Jan. 2	39	27
Jan. 3	30	25

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South Plains Cotton Harvest Passes One Million Bales

The South Plains cotton harvest passed the one million bale mark during the last week in December according to W.K. Palmer, in charge of the U.S.D.A. Classing Office in Lubbock.

Samples from 1,013,000 bales had been classed at the Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland offices through Friday, December 29th.

Personnel at the four offices tested and classed samples from 203,000 bales during the week ending the 29th.

Estimates indicate that approximately two-thirds of this season's crop is now out of the fields.

2.9 and lower to \$37.50 per bale over the loan for high grade, premium micronaire cotton.

Average prices paid for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 premium micronaire range were: Strict Low Middling (41) staple 31-24.05 cents per pound, Strict Low Middling (41) staple 32-24.75, Low Middling (51) staple 31-22.00, Low Middling (51) staple 32-22.95, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted (42) staple 31-22.75 and

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Cottonseed prices were steady and farmers received \$45 to \$56 per ton for their cottonseed at gins.

Over 200,000 Bales Estimated

Lynn County's 1972 cotton crop will turn out to be the largest in the history of the county, and will possibly be near or exceed the 200,000 bale mark.

Lynn County ginners on Tuesday of this week reported a total of 141,732 bales ginned, plus 11,300 bales on the yards awaiting ginning, according to a survey made by the News. Also in addition are an estimated 10,000 bales harvested and in ricks.

Several ginners estimated the crop 75 percent complete.

As usual, O'Donnell leads the county in ginnings with a total of 40,470 bales ginned. Tahoka had ginned 25,755 Tuesday and there were nearly 3,000 additional bales on the yards awaiting ginning.

Previous record crop for Lynn County was in 1965, when 185,619 bales were ginned.

With about 153,000 bales ginned or on gin yards, this year's crop will surely total in the neighborhood of 200,000 bales.

Although much of O'Donnell ginnings come from Dawson county, this is offset, or almost offset by Lynn County cotton ginned Slaton, Southland, and other gins across the county line in other counties.

However, much of the county's cotton this year is bringing old price due to the weak market, late rains, early freeze, and hail storms. Prices being paid range from 15 to 23 cents, mostly, with the average price being about 17.5 cents per pound, or possibly a little more.

Ginnings by communities reported to the News Tuesday follow:

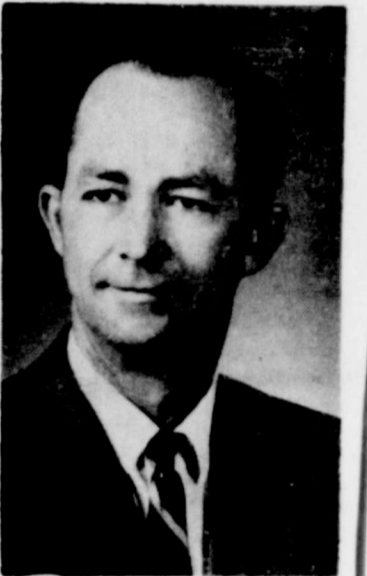
Tahoka	25,755
Wilson - Wayside	12,449
New Home - Lakeview	19,950
Petty	5,395
West Point	3,650
Grassland	9,458
Draw	5,620
New Lynn	2,192
O'Donnell	40,470
Wells	9,143
Newmoore	4,300
Gordon	1,150
Hackberry, half	1,200
TOTAL	141,732

Half of Hackberry's 4,400 bales ginned is credited as Lynn county cotton.

In addition to bales actually ginned, the county's gins reported a total of 11,300 bales on the yards weighed in but not yet ginned as of Tuesday.

Joe Collins Named County Hospital Administrator

Joe Collins has taken over the duties of Administrator of Lynn County Hospital District. Collins, who was Administrator of McCamey County Hospital District for four years prior to coming to Tahoka, is a native of Eastland County. During his eighteen years of hospital administration he held the Administrators post at Sweetwater's Simmons Memorial Hospital and Blackwell Hospital in Gorman. An one year break in administration came in 1967 when he became Assistant Manager of the Texas Medicare Program and was employed by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Dallas.



JOE COLLINS

Collins is a veteran of World War II when he served in the Commando Group. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict in the early 1950's.

Immediately following WWII Collins was elected County Treasurer of Eastland County, a post he held for four years.

Collins and his wife, Helen, have moved to Tahoka and are living at 2220 North First Street. They have two daughters, Juanava, a nursing student at Texas Women's University in Denton, and Mrs. Don (Karen) White, a laboratory technician at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

They are members of the United Methodist Church and Collins has held membership in various civic organizations including the Lions and Rotary clubs. He was President of the

Chamber of Commerce of McCamey in 1970-71 and has held various positions in the Methodist Church over the years. Collins, a licensed pilot was Squadron Commander of the Civil Air Patrol in McCamey for three years. He is a member of the Texas Hospital Association and a 1967 nominee to the American College of Hospital Administrators.

Collins, who was hired by the Lynn County Hospital Board of Directors on December 11 stated "We have already found that the people are very proud of the new hospital and their doctor, and rightly so. I am looking forward to working with the Lynn County Hospital family and to becoming a part of the community."

Texas License Plates Renewal Begins Soon

Do you hate waiting in long lines? Do you shudder to think of the upcoming license plate renewal season? Does the thought of nearly eight million vehicles being registered in Texas this year scare you?

Well, you can cheer up. The Motor Vehicle Division of the Texas Highway Department will be mailing out renewal applications for 1973 license plates shortly after Christmas.

Vehicle owners who wish to avoid the long lines can simply return the entire application by mail to the tax assessor-collector in their home counties with the registration fee and \$1 per vehicle for handling and mailing.

There are three things to remember:

1. Leave the handy three-part form intact. Don't separate the three parts.
2. Mail it to the county tax office in your home county.

(Mailing to the Highway Department will only delay your getting your 1973 plates.)

3. Be sure to include your registration fee plus an additional \$1 for each automobile to be registered by mail.

You may apply for your license plates by mail after January 1. However, county tax offices won't be sending the license plates until after February 1. You should allow at least 30 days from the time you apply for the license plates to be returned.

The 1973 plates must be displayed on your vehicle by April 1.

In-person registration will begin at county tax offices and, in some counties, special substations on February 1. Even though the automated registration application has speeded up the registration process, the waiting lines will grow progressively longer by the March 31 cutoff date.

V.F. Jones was in charge of the program.

L.H. Traweck's Funeral Held

Services for L.H. Traweck, 60, of Route 1, Wilson, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Wilson with the Rev. Louis F. Balderach, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Traweck died about 7:30 a.m. Monday at his home following an extended illness.

He was born Jan. 19, 1912 at Emblem. He moved with his family to Lynn County in 1922. He attended school in Wilson.

Traweck was married to the former Miss Elvera Mueller on Dec. 28, 1938. He was a farmer and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Sandra Gayle Traweck of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Lou Cox of Sulphur Springs and Mrs. Erlene Jones of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers were Lynn Maeker, Zollie Moore, Odie Echols Jr., Delmar Wilke, Werner Klaus and E.C. Staben.

Honorary pallbearers were Russell Moore, Harlan Dean, Gilbert Steinhauer, Olin Crews, Bernhard Ernst and Curtis Wilke.

Jean Tibbles Visits Lions Club

The Tahoka Lions Club has received a third foreign exchange student during the past week.

Miss Jean Tibbles, 20, of Germiston, South Africa arrived last Saturday night. She will stay with the M.G. Ehlers family while in Tahoka. She will be here approximately 10 days.

Art Organizational Meet Jan. 9th

A meeting to form an Art Organization for Tahoka and the surrounding area has been called for Tuesday January 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Juana Ortega At Sheppard AFB

Airman Juana Ortega, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Ortega of Wilson, Tex., has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., after completing Air Force basic training.

During her six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., she studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Sheppard for specialized training as a medical services specialist.

Airman Ortega is a 1972 graduate of Wilson High School.

Meeting place will be the Meeting Room of the First National Bank in Tahoka.

A discussion on the formation of the group, a name, and election of temporary officers will be on the agenda.

The meeting was called as the result of a questionnaire concerning art published earlier in the Lynn County News. It is stressed that you do not have to be an artist to join this group but should have an interest in art of some form.

Practicing artists are invited to bring a sample of their skills to display during the meeting.

Mrs. Zella Taylor returned Wednesday from San Antonio where she had been visiting relatives.

Harley Henderson was taken back to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview Monday for possible further surgery. He had undergone surgery there on his gallbladder about three weeks ago.

Past Days In Lynn County

Copied from July 7, 1950

C.N. Woods, Tahoka jeweler who plays golf as a hobby, made a hole-in-one while playing in a foursome on the Lubbock Country Club course a few days ago.

"Shorty" stepped on the No. 3 tee box with a No. 7 iron, hit the ball, and it rolled in the cup 140 yards away. Other members of the foursome were Q.B. Taylor, S.P. Boling, and Oscar Taylor.

This was his third hole-in-one a very rare thing in golf. He made his first in 1935 on the Old Country Club course 135-yard No. 9 hole, and his second in 1936 on the Tahoka course 200-yard No. 2 Hole.

Sixty people attended the third annual Tahoka Junior Chamber of Commerce Installation banquet held Thursday night of last week in the American Legion Hall.

New officers were installed by Ralph Krebbs of Lubbock vice president of the Texas State Jaycees organization.

Waggoner Carr, also of Lubbock, gave the address of the occasion, speaking on the abilities and opportunities of young men in the building of a better country.

Charles Reid of the local Jaycees, was master of ceremonies at the banquet, and he also presented the progress made by the organization during the past year and the financial statement.

Bouquets of flowers were presented Mrs. Seth Lewis, wife of the outgoing president, and Mrs. W.T. Hines, wife of the incoming president; Wilton Payne, treasurer; and A.V. Barnes, secretary.

Officers for the past year have been; Seth Lewis, president; Dr. W.A. Schaaf, vice-president; Jim Lindly, treasurer; and Granville Ayer, secretary.

Dr. Prohl Tells Of Trip To Greece

Dr. Emil Prohl, who recently retired from practice of medicine here, told Rotarians last Thursday of the trip he and Mrs. Prohl made to Greece and other Mediterranean countries last year.

He was surprised to find Athens a modern city, although the country dates back to centuries before Christ.

Dr. Prohl said Athens is the seat of culture dating back 4,000 years, for it was here we had the most early day development of medicine, mathematics and science, astrology, literature, and the arts.

He also told of their visit to Turkey and Italy and a medical meeting aboard ship in the Mediterranean.

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healthy respect for some of the vital problems which the nation's economy may have to face in the new year. Hence, readers of this Babson Forecast are advised to be psychologically prepared to cope with possible disruptions of varying intensity along the labor front, on the monetary scene, in the fight against inflation, and in areas of high sociological sensitivity.

Strike Threat

A year from now, we may look back and credit labor relations with having molded the profile of 1973's business pattern. Whether the nation is to suffer an inordinate degree of economic dislocation during the coming twelvemonth could depend to a considerable extent on just how aggressively and persistently labor leaders press their demands, and also on how the Administration handles the labor issues in its effort to stave off serious, long-term

negotiations involving the Teamsters and United Auto Workers. The fact that both of these significant contract expirations will be quite close together is disturbing, since industrial production could plummet sharply for an indefinite period if either or both groups should strike.

Inflation - Grave or Tolerable?

Prospects for 1973 hinge so importantly upon the inflation threat that an early examination of this subject seems appropriate. There are two types of inflation, monetary and price. In trying to pull the economy out of its recent recession, the monetary authorities opened the spigot and increased the money supply. They accomplished their objective, and their recent actions have been more moderate. In 1973, therefore, we can look for the monetary officials to "lean against the wind" whenever it becomes

necessary to squelch any fresh threat from inflationary forces. But unless price (and wage) inflation commences to slip out of control, it is not likely that the severe tightening of money and credit which precipitated the 1968-'69 credit crunch will be repeated.

This does not mean we have put inflation entirely at rest. Some price and wage inflation seems unavoidable in the year ahead; the primary question is just how severe it will be.

Determining factors will be the behavior of labor, management, and the Administration. If labor is aggressive and adamant in its demands and if management makes little or no attempt to hold costs to a reasonable rate of increase, the seeds will be sown for a potentially dangerous crop of inflation of the cost-push type.

Babson Views '73 Problems, 'Far From Pessimistic'

By Babson's Reports Inc., Wellesley Hills, Mass., December 28, 1972. Our Forecast a year ago was heavily laced with reasons for optimism regarding economic and financial prospects for 1972. In retrospect, our two key predictions proved to be correct. On the economic front we envisioned the emergence of a more hopeful attitude on the part of businessmen and consumers that would speed up the economic recovery. On the financial front we projected a good year for the stock market in 1972, and indicated that the Dow Jones Industrial Average would pierce the 1,000 mark in either late summer or early fall.

Home Free In '73?

1972 turned out to be a year of almost unbroken economic and business progress. The public might well have been more keenly aware of this healthy environment had it not been for the politically

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Tahoka School Menu

Jan. 8 - 12 - 13

MONDAY: Meat Loaf and Tomato sauce, English Peas, Cornbread, Butter, Apple - sauce Cake.

TUESDAY: Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Onions, Pickles, Purple Plum Cobbler.

WEDNESDAY: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Butter, Peanut Butter Cake.

THURSDAY: Bar - B - Que Franks, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Lime Jelly with pineapple.

FRIDAY: Turkey Sandwich, Buttered Corn, Tossed Salad, Cherry Cobbler.

NEW HOME NEWS

BY MRS. W. W. DAVIES



Mike and Sheila Fillingina spent Christmas in Ruidoso. Mrs. Hubert Tankersley, H.R. and Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Stark of Tahoka went to Ruidoso on Saturday, December 23rd. On Sunday Hubert, Mike and Sheila joined the family for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stark, Rickey, and Robin. All returned home on Tuesday.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris and family were, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Murdock and Brian from Huntsville. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nipp, Lubbock, Mrs. Alma Murdock, and Mr. and Mrs. Range Morris and Kristi.

Joe Earl Cooley of Arlington spent Wednesday night here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooley.

Joe D. Unfred has been kind of "puny" the past two weeks. We hope he will soon be his robust self again.

Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Roper had all their children home for Christmas with the exception of Gary and his family who live in Ferwood, Mississippi, was unable to come. Mrs. Roper's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Drake from Lovington, New Mexico also had Christmas dinner with the family.

Mrs. L.K. Nelson's mother Mrs. Tom Smith of Lubbock is in Room 515 West Texas Hospital for treatment.

Jerry Inman and children of Clovis, New Mexico visited here with us Saturday, they and Helen were spending part of the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Bishop in

Slide, after spending Christmas at Muleshoe with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Evans and family from Friona spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Evans and other relatives.

Our son, Dan Cowan, his wife, Mary and the children, Connie and Denton came Saturday for a delayed Christmas visit. They left for home Monday morning, on Sunday, Carlton and his family spent the afternoon with us.

Gary Dean and his family and Kay Dean all of Dallas arrived here Saturday Dec. 23rd to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Dean. And on Christmas day and throughout the week Wesley and Jimmie Dean and their families from Lubbock visited in their parents home. The Dallas Deans returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boswell Edwards and Mrs. Bessie Strain had all their children and grand children home for Christmas except John Lynn and his family who are in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pectol and children returned home Monday night from Phoenix, Arizona, where they spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adair, on the trip to Phoenix Ben spoke at the Avalon Road Church of Christ, in Albuquerque, Wednesday evening, and in the South Side Church in Phoenix Sunday. The Pectols were the fourth car behind the terrible bus truck wreck near Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. In which 19 people from Austin were killed, Ben worked for an hour helping with the injured.

Mrs. C.B. Nowlin took her mother Mrs. Fronia Smith of Lubbock to Clovis Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wavel Milsap. Mrs. Nowlin returned home Wednesday, Mrs. Smith stayed for a longer visit with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kopecky returned home Thursday morning after spending Christmas with their son, Sgt. William J. Kopecky, his wife, Toni and son, Brian in Point Arena, California.

Rev. and Mrs. Leo Cole, Donna and Lori visited relatives in Silvertown, Estaline, Turkey, Flomot, Kitague, and Plainview, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Christmas visitors here with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family were, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson, and family of Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs.

W.J. Fleming and boys, of Childress, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bittick, of Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Ray Phifer and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Belev and Bob Belev and family in Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Davis visited relatives in Mangum, Erid, and Watonga, Oklahoma, leaving Saturday they returned home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sharp went to Kirbyville Saturday to visit his brother, Laverne Sharp and family. And to do a bit of fishing. They returned home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Harrison of Odessa visited here Wednesday with Wayman and Alice Smith, Mutt and Marie have bought lots and are preparing to build a home 1 1/2 miles east of New Home, and return here to live.

The Harrison girls, Jo Ann and Mary June live with their husbands and children in Odessa, Buddy is with the police Department in Lubbock. We welcome this good family back to our community.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brown on the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday, Dec. 20 in the Friona Hospital. Weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. her name is Tracy Elizabeth. She has one big brother, Trent. Terry is minister of the Friona Church of Christ. Grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. T.F. McKenny of Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, New Home.

Mrs. C.M. Greer of Tahoka is a great grandmother. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Allen Carter of New Home on birth of a son weighing 7 pounds and 13 oz. at 10:57 p.m. Sunday in Lubbock Osteopathic Hospital. The father is a truck driver for New Home Butane Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Smith spent Christmas in Lubbock with her mother Mrs. R.M. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Denton and Sue left Friday afternoon when school dismissed for the holidays and visited relatives and friends in Paris, Clarksville, Blossom and Yantis, returning home on Friday.

Since Thursday was declared a postal holiday we took the afternoon off and with Winston's sister, Mrs. Jo Spikes and her son, Jim of Lubbock drove to Portales, New Mexico on business and had dinner in Muleshoe before returning home.

Christmas visitors here with school Supt. and Mrs. Russell Howell and Kim were Mr. and Mrs. Simon Terrazas from Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Blair drove to Louisiana Saturday on a short combined pleasure and business trip.

Mrs. J.W. Clements from Marietta, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Jack Clements and girls from Mauguss Okla., were here last week for the Christmas holidays. With Jack and Jackie.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Edwards had all their children and their families home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morrow and Brad had Christmas dinner for her family. Present were, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Ewing and Craig of New Home, and Mrs. Jerry Smith and Crystal of Lubbock.

Miss Pandi Phifer and Miss Melody Peek students in West Texas State University in Canyon were home for the holidays.

Mr. Wallace Dove of Glenrose visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Smith one day last week. Mr. Dove is ASC office manager in Glenrose. He was manager of the Tahoka office a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brewster and Brad visited friends and relatives in Blanket and Zepher Saturday until Thursday.

Mrs. J.W. Clements and Katie drove to Snyder Sunday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Elliott.

Wives and widows going to school under VA's Dependents' Educational Assistance Program now can take on-the-job training, attend institutions of higher learning in foreign countries, and take correspondence and high school courses at VA expense.

Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Edwards To Be Honored

Loyd and Ethel Edwards will be honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception at their home, 106 East 14th Street in Post, Sunday, Jan. 7th from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were married Jan. 3, 1923 near Post. They lived in the Grassland community until 1942 when they moved to Post. Hosting the occasion will be the couples children, Mrs. Margie Harper, Mrs. J.W. Ro-

gers, Jr., and Mrs. Wade Peppers, all of Post and Leland Edwards of Midland. The Edwards have 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

After The Grandchildren Go

The borrowed crib is empty now, A bib hangs on the line, No tiny footsteps toddle by. The only thread is mine.

No crayons clutter up the floor, No dolls need dresses fixed. Is that the baby that I hear? My ears are playing tricks!

Beneath the chair I find a ball. The cushion hides a sock. So silent are my straightened rooms I hear the ticking clock.

For days the children filled the house, With noise and pure delight, And filled my heart with pride and joy From early morn till night.

How glad I was to see them come! How glad to see them go! Yet how I missed my dally naps, And favorite T.V. show.

Wright - DeBusk To Wed Saturday

Miss Debbie Ruth Wright and Ronald Elijah DeBusk will pledge wedding vows Saturday afternoon Jan. 6, at 5 p.m. in the Tahoka First Baptist Church.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

The Decon Says

The light bulb for us Christians is prayer and God has the power. But it is faith in God that makes the connection.



Nursing Home News

Hello again from Colonial Nursing Home. We hope that 1973 has started out to be a good year for you. We have had several visitors this week in spite of the cold weather. We still miss two of our home who are in the hospital. Mrs. Woods is still in the Lynn County hospital and seems to be doing well. Mr. Denton has returned to the Garza hospital at Post to recover from his surgery. We also have good reports on him.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens, daughter, Mrs. Garza brought a cake to the staff. We sure thank you. It made a good coffee break. Say, have you seen Edwardo Grow play dominos? Slim Elliott has been coming by for a few games. I think Mr. Grow is giving them a bit of competition.

Before we go further, we want to thank Mrs. Hammonds and the ladies for their faithfulness. They helped to start the new year right by visiting and singing.

We also want to thank the people from the Churches for the services on Sunday afternoon. They sure help to lift our spirits.

We appreciate the flowers shared with us in memory of Mrs. Carmack. Our prayers are with the family and with one of our aids, Nannie Luttrell and her family in the loss of her husband.

Visiting Miss Carrie Dilard was Mrs. Rehal Womack and Janet Carpenter of Lubbock, and W.A. Carpenter of La Palma, California as well as Mrs. Dora Carpenter.

Birdie Russell of Wilson visited with Mahala Harster and delivered some fruit and a planter of mums to her.

Visiting Mrs. Lou Willess, who has been low were Mrs. Trula James of Tahoka, Mrs. N.A. Pearce of Brownwood, Roy M. Griffin, Teray and Jack Buchanan of Hobbs, New Mexico, all nephews, and neices.

Mrs. Tom N. Hale and Mrs. Tom W. Hale made one of their special visits and left us another of those good cakes. Thank you.

Dr. Charles Tubbs of Post came by to visit his patients and also his wife, Ann Tubbs, came with him to visit Mr. Huffman and Dr. Kitchen. We look forward to their visits and hope that Dr. and Mrs. Tubbs will always feel welcomed.

Other visitors of Dr. Kitchen include Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Baxter.

Visiting Mrs. Taylor was Sue Hancock and Lisa Lud-ecke of Gall and Sandra Cunningham of Burk Burnett.

BILL GRIFFIN SAYS



With the passing of the holiday season income tax becomes a problem for farmers. To assist farmers in preparing returns, an Income Tax Meeting will be held in the Lyntegar Room, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Marvin Sartin, Area Economist Management Specialist, will explain changes, and facts concerning filing an income tax return. "With cold weather at hand it is imperative that we know where screwworm cases are occurring in Texas, so that we do not pull sterile fly drops out of that critical area."

This urgent message comes from Dr. James Novy of the Mission Screwworm Center. Novy, veterinarian in charge of screwworm filed operations, said that although reported case numbers have decreased sharply, outbreaks are continuing in many areas where they shouldn't be found this time of year.

Heavier sterile fly drops and colder weather are combining to check outbreaks. Nevertheless, periods of warm temperatures during the winter months can bring the flies and pupae out of hiding, and create more problems. Mission screwworm officials are particularly concerned with new outbreaks in

South Texas, traditionally known as the "overwintering area" -- or far enough south where the fertile flies can survive a moderate winter such as last year.

In areas where large numbers of cases are still being confirmed, livestock inspectors promptly visit and talk with the stockmen, encouraging them to spray their livestock with a spray product recommended for this purpose. They also mark the area with a large limered cross or circle to assist pilots of the fly drop planes to locate their targets.

Officials are now hot-spotting all screwworm cases being reported in an area south of a line extending from Calhoun County on the coast northward to Burnet County and Westward to Presidio County.

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supplies food on which mildew starts growing. Even many man-made fibers which resist mildew must be kept scrupulously clean during the danger period, because soil on them under the right conditions can start mildew growing on other fabrics. For mildew which has already appeared follow these removal procedures: **CLOTHING** -- Brush off mold outside to prevent mold spores from scattering in the house. For washables, launder with soap or detergent and chlorine bleach if safe for fabrics; otherwise, soak item in oxygen bleach, then wash. For non-washables, take to a dry cleaner (be sure to identify stain for his information).

UPHOLSTERED PIECES, MATTRESSES, RUGS AND CARPET -- Brush off mold with a broom outside if possible. Use vacuum cleaner with correct attachment on surface to draw out more mold -- remember mold spores go into the vacuum cleaner, so dispose of bag or sweepings outside to avoid scattering spores. If article remains damp, use electric heater or fan to dry it. Sun and air thoroughly to stop mold growth. (If mildew remains, sponge upholstered pieces or mattresses with thick dry soap or detergent suds and wipe with clean, damp cloth. For rugs and carpets, sponge with thick dry soap or detergent suds using clean, damp cloth or electric shampoo machine. If possible, let article dry in the sun.)

LEATHER -- Wipe mildew with cloth wrung out of a dilute solution of alcohol (1 cup denatured or rubbing alcohol to 1 cup water). Dry in a current of air. (If mildew remains, wash with thick suds from a light-duty soap or detergent or saddle soap. Then wipe with damp cloth and dry in an airy place). Prompt action can prevent serious mildew damage, in most cases a dose of sunshine, fresh air and soap or detergent will send the mold on its way.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Gourmet French Omelet
1 2 1/2 ounce jar mushroom drained
3 tablespoons Margarine
6 eggs, slightly beaten
One third cup milk
Salt and Pepper
1 teaspoon finely chopped chives
1/4 cup (3 oz.) shredded Cracker Barrel Brand Sharp Natural Cheddar Cheese

Cook mushrooms in 1 tablespoon margarine until tender. Melt remaining margarine in skillet over low heat. Combine eggs, milk, and seasonings; pour into skillet. Cook slowly. As egg mixture sets, lift slightly with spatula to allow uncooked portion to flow underneath. Cover omelet with mushrooms, chives and 1/2 cup cheese; fold in half and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

3 to 4 servings.

Introducing



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stone are the parents of a son born Dec. 12, in Mercy Hospital in Salton. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and has been named Joh Ashley. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stone and maternal grandparents are Col. and Mrs. Gordon Cooper. Col. Cooper was one of our early astronauts.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights
by Bill Boykin
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Governor-elect Dolph Briscoe is moving to assemble his new gubernatorial staff and organize his initial recommendations to the legislature.

Three top aides to Briscoe were announced recently. They are administrative assistants George Lowrance of San Antonio and Ken Clapp of Killeen and legislative liaison man Roy Coffee Jr. of Dallas.

Briscoe also is working on his "position papers" with aid of advisors.

High on the list of recommendations to the legislature after Briscoe takes office January 16 will be these:

Programs to curb crime, aid constitutional revision, control drug abuse, promote water conservation, set up a mass transit system and improve and expand vocational education.

Briscoe indicated earlier his "new team" would be selected by mid-December.

While the incoming governor made no early promises to keep any staff members of Gov. Preston Smith on the job, indications are that he will retain the bulk of clerical and secretarial employees and technical personnel who want to stay.

Coffee announced Briscoe will begin early meetings with legislators. Lowrance has been Briscoe's man-in-residence at the governor's office, gathering information for the next governor on staff organization and functions.

John Brunson, Houston attorney who has been close to Briscoe, has figured in speculation on who will be the next Texas Secretary of State. NEW LICENSE PLATE TIME Renewal applications for 1973 auto license plates will be in the mail soon from the Texas Highway Department's Motor Vehicle Division.

The entire application may be returned by mail to the tax assessor-collector in counties of registration with an added \$1 fee for handling and mailing.

Highway Department representatives caution: -- Leave the three-part form intact. . . . Don't separate the three cards. -- Mail it to the resident county office.

-- Include money for the amount of the registration fee, plus the mail-handling fee. Applications may be put in the mail any time after January 1, but no license plates will be sent out before February 1. About 30 days should be allowed for return of the plates after the application is received.

April 1 is deadline for displaying the 1973 plates. In person registration starts at county tax offices and special substations February 1. COURTS SPEAK -- Third Court of Civil Appeals here held 500 Texas reform school inmates who had no attorneys when they were committed must be released.

The same Court also handed down these recent decisions: -- City of Austin could not validly sell park land to the Austin school district without voter approval.

-- A district court ruling banning a cookware promotion in which Florida dealer Glenn Turner was involved should be upheld.

Court of Criminal Appeals reversed and remanded for re-

APPOINTMENTS -- Mrs. Anne Armstrong of Arm - strong, co-chairman of the Republican National Committee, has been selected as a counselor to President Nixon with cabinet rank.

Governor Smith named F. Ray McCormick of El Paso to the State Judicial Qualifications Commission, succeeding Jack Balaglia of Austin.

Smith's selection for a new appointee to the State Board of Pharmacy was Eugene E. Wilson of Dallas, who replaces the late Robert C. Keppler of Dallas.

Joe Bill Watkins of Houston will be new Atty. Gen. John Hill's administration assistant, Philip Kent Maxwell of Corpus Christi assistant chief of Hill's environmental protection division.

Secretary of State Bob Bullock announced he will open an Austin law office and will work in the real estate and investment business with Ken S. Winder of Austin, a construction company head and Travis County Democratic chairman.

BILLBOARD DEADLINE EXTENDED -- License and permit deadline for signboards along interstate and primary highways has been extended

by the Texas Highway Commission from December 31 to June 30, 1973.

The extension was granted on request of advertising industry and individual sign owners because the previous time was insufficient to comply with the Highway Beautification Act.

The law requires a permit for each sign, and those putting up signs within 660 feet of the major highways must get a license to engage in outdoor advertising.

No further extension of the deadline is contemplated, the Highway Department said. The license fee is \$25. Sign owners must post \$2,500 bond in each county where they have signs. Maximum bonds of \$10,000 are required of owners with signs in more than three counties.

COMMITTEE DISAGREES -- A House of Representatives committee disagreed on specific recommendations for a new method of financing public school education in the wake of court decisions.

The Interim School Finance Committee adopted a proposal urging support of a new panel to study findings of 10 separate groups studying the same problem and offer suggestions to a special legislative session.

A federal court a year ago held the present system of financing public school education is unconstitutional because it creates inequality of opportunity among rich and poor districts.

Committee chairman Paul Silber of San Antonio said the state should assure equal education to all districts by a broad-based tax for reapportionment to the districts. Another member, Rep. Billy Williamson of Tyler, said Texas Education Agency should be allowed to collect a statewide ad valorem tax based on full property value.

MEDICAL LIMITS URGED -- Another House study committee chairman proposed limits on hospitalization and number of visits to doctors under the

medicaid program for the needy.

Rep. Dean Cobb of Dumas said the current system is "open-ended and under-controlled" and "exceeds (the state's) financial resources." Cobb said doctors got \$49.9 million and hospitals \$61.8 million during the 1972 fiscal year. He said the average welfare recipient saw his doctor 9.3 times during the year.

SHORT SNOTS
House Speaker Rayford Price of Palestine will enter Dallas law practice next month.

The City of Corpus Christi and Nueces River Authority have been designated sponsors for a new dam and reservoir at Choke Canyon. Corpus Christi didn't like the partnership.

Some 4,354 Texans will get refunds this month on overcharges for antibiotics during the period 1954-1966, according to Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin.

Martin handed down three new opinions regarding accumulated vacation time for state employees.

Texas cities levying the local option sales tax collected \$45.7 million for the quarter ending September 30.

New State Bank applications have been filed for Plano and Midlothian.

Joe Don Nevill Makes Figurenes

The first place winner in the Tahoka Garden Club's lighting contest for overall decoration was won by the Everton Nevill home. The News failed to mention that the redeer and Santa Claus were made by the Nevill's son, Joe Don. He made these figurenes a few ago, including the little motors.

The Club would like to thank the judges of this contest, and to the people of Tahoka for all their lovely decorations.

JR-HIGH-LITES
BY SHEREE JERDEN

Thursday Dec. 14, the student council of Tahoka Jr. High met. At the meeting we discussed the slave sale which will be presented in January. The slave sale is a means of raising money.

Mrs. Cox has announced her notebook winners for the second nine weeks. They are as follows:
SEVENTH GRADE

- 7B 1st Curtis Stewart 2nd Debbie Crowell 3rd Randy Meeks

- 7A 1st Gary White 2nd Inola Thomas 3rd Rosita Salinas

- EIGHTH GRADE** 8A 1st Ella Mae Wilson 2nd Brenda Cloe 3rd Tol Bragg

- 8B 1st Mark McNeil 2nd Sheree' Jerden 3rd Mary Antu

Thursday, December 14th, Seventh grade boys and girls participated in the tournament at Slaton, playing against Post. Both teams were defeated.

Friday they went against the Ralls' Rabbits. The seventh grade boys were victorious but the girls were defeated. Saturday they faced Idalou and once again the boys were victorious and the girls were defeated.

Tuesday, Dec. 19th Windy Watson, an exchange student from Australia, and a freshman at Cobram High School visited the eighth grade classes and told us many interesting things about where she comes from. She told us about her surroundings around her home and school, about some of the animals in Australia and what type weather and hunting they have. Then Drew Cox, Mrs. Lennie Cox's daughter - in-law spoke of Japan. She told us of how it is to visit Japan, what life there is like, and some of the Japanese traditions. Later Allen Cox, Mrs. Cox's son, spoke some of the Philippines. The eighth graders really enjoyed these talks, as they are doing research papers on different countries and states for an English assignment due in January.

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WILSON NEWS



By BRENDA AND SUE CROWSON



BASKETBALL GAMES

The boys basketball team played in the Caprock Holiday basketball tournament last week in Lubbock. They were defeated by Dimmit Wednesday. They played Crosbyton Thursday and were defeated 54-50. They defeated Ralls 60-46 Friday for seventh place.

The girls played in the Slaton Holiday tournament last week. San Angelo Lakeview beat Wilson Tuesday and Floydada defeated them Thursday 52-25.

Both teams played McAdoo Tuesday and will play in the Wilson Tournament starting today and ending Saturday. Other teams entered in the tournament are Wellman Union, Whitharrel. Tuesday they will play Smyer there. The games start at 5:30.

The Junior High boys and girls basketball teams

play Smyer here Monday.

VISITORS

Visitors with Mrs. Anton Ahrens and Edgar on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Minzmeier of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gardner and Dennis of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ahrens, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Ahrens and James, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ahrens, all of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahrens and Cathy of Olton and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Green and Christy of Sublett, Kan.

Mr. Ahrens and Edgar visited Friday with Mrs. Erna Bruckner of Slaton and Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Dryer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harkey, Gary and Joyce of Lorraine, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Church and Chrystal Caye of Smyer, Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Church of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Church of Rattan and Susie Church of Abilene all visited Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence Church last week. Visiting with Mrs. Pearl Davidson and Jan last week were Mr. and Mrs. Mason Davidson and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson and family of Diamond, Okla.

Cathy Coleman of San Antonio is visiting with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coleman, Kim and Chris. She will be going to Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Caraway of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Caraway of El Paso spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Don Caraway and Trina.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Campbell of Covington spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Kirtley of Austin spent the week end with the Pat Campbell.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fields and John on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. George Webb and family of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Cleckler and family of Angleton, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Christopher and family of Slaton, Linda Fields of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Norman McCormick and family of Lubbock, Donna Kitten, Bethel Eudy and Pat Emonds of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Phillips of New Deal spent Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Truman Baxley.

We wish to thank the people of this community who have contributed so graciously to "The Trawee Fund" and for the many expressions of love and kindness that you have bestowed upon us during the year.

left Saturday for home after a week long visit with his mother, Mrs. Geneva Crowson, Danny and Donnie and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Koslan and family.

Mitch, Tracy and Jayson Bartley spent part of last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Crowson.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
Jan. 4 - Juanell Brieger, Doris Holder, Mary Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Maeker.

Jan. 5 - J.P. Hewlett
Jan. 6 - Tammy Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bednarz, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Gickelhorn.

Jan. 7 - Darrell Bishop, Sandra Herzog, Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Ehlers, Dean Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herzog, Karen Harris, Janis Maeker.

Jan. 8 - Lloyd Hagens, Elree Mears, Greg Wied, Kay Herzog.
Jan. 9 - Billie Lane, Jane Arellano, Jayson Bartley
Jan. 10 - Mrs. Loyd McCormick, Jr., Jo Tilly, Curtis Moezygemba, Mr. and Mrs. Lenro Brieger.

VISITOR
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Rites Held For Mary Barnes

Mrs. A.J. (Mary) Barnes 86, of Lamesa, died at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, in Highland Hospital of Lubbock after an extended illness.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church at O'Donnell with the Rev. Ray Cunningham, pastor of Wells Baptist Church and the Rev. Gene Hawkins, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Lubbock, officiating.

Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka. Mrs. Barnes was born March 4, 1886 in Georgia and was married to A.J. Barnes in 1904 in Nolan County. They moved to Lynn County in 1924 from Roscoe and farmed in the Wells community. They later lived in Ruidoso and then moved to Lamesa about 10 years ago.

Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Lubbock.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Loree Franklin of Lubbock; three sons, Ellis of Rt. 2, O'Donnell, Jesse of Escondido, Calif., and Ike of Rt. 2, O'Donnell; two brothers, Ray Turner of Kingland and Frank Turner of Zapata; 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ronny Barnes, Jacky Bill Franklin, Rickey Crogan, Bussy Barnes, Mike Barnes and Bruce Franklin.

Honorary pallbearers were Andy Jordan, Bertice Askew, Morris Smith, W.H. Cook, B.J. McLaurin and Harold Brumit.

Hospital News

ADMISSIONS:
Jan Ashcraft, M.C. Thomas, Oliver Ford, Mary K. Woods, Joe Bob Billman, Annie Harper, James Brown, H.B. Rinne, Gabriel Tryo, Rose Gass, Daniel Salinas, Wayne Crowell, Geneva Miller, Mary Elmore, W.I. Lemon, Jurline Payne, May A. Evans, Charles Dotson, Richard Garza, Carrie Harvick, Raymond Stone, Jacky Henry, W.P. Dillard, Guadalupe Pena, Jona Valentine, Latonya Curtis, Walter Florence, Sallie Smelser, James Demming, Ethel Rogers, Harvey Pyburn, Margarito Alarcon, Harvey Freeman, Homer Young, Oran Short, Carrie Caldwell, Otto Austin.

DISMISSALS
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Babson Views '73 Problems, 'Far From Pessimistic'

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What Will The Administration Do?

The Babson staff foresees some sharp jawboning by the Administration to convince labor and management that they must co-operate in keeping wage and price increases within tolerable range. Should such moral suasion fail, however, there is always the last resort: Price and wage controls far more restrictive and of greater scope than the partial curbs and guidelines we have been operating under for about a year and a half. With such stringent anti-inflation curbs, neither labor nor management nor the consumer really benefits or is happy. Hence, we are hopeful that the pending labor negotiations in pattern-setting fields will be resolved with only moderate price inflation and without business stoppages.

If price inflation should be held to a walk in the early months of the new year, there is a good chance that controls will be modified and eased. Although it would be unrealistic to expect total cessation of anti-inflation controls in 1973, even some relaxation would have a positive impact on public confidence. Overall, we are hopeful that price and wage hikes can be kept to around 6% in the coming year, leaving the normal productivity gain of 3% to 3.5% per annum as a partially counterbalancing influence. The Administration itself will be in the forefront of the inflation battle. While it would be overly ambitious to look for a balanced federal budget in either the fiscal 1973 or fiscal 1974 (portions of both fall in the calendar year 1973), the Nixon Administration will aim for a moderate budget deficit by impounding funds allocated for certain purposes.

Industrial Production

Allowing for a reasonable labor climate with some disruptions of brief duration, the staff of Babson's Reports feels that industrial production can post a gain of 5% in 1973 over the 1972 average. This would be in terms of physical volume of output and not subject to inflationary factors. This rate of increase would amount to somewhat less than that registered during 1972.

On the other hand, the increase in industrial activity should be spread over a broader base in terms of industries participating. There should also be some shift in leadership. For example, the production of automobiles and trucks which did yeomen's work in pulling the economy upward these past two years may well level off, but the hitherto lagged capital goods sector will come on strong. Other lines which are expected to contribute to the advance in industrial production include paper and pulp, containers, instruments and controls, machine tools, apparel, and both military and consumer electronics.

Gross National Product

It is the opinion of the Babson staff that through the combination of anticipated higher prices and increased output, the nation's 1973 Gross National Product in current dollars should post an advance approximating 9% over 1972, a gain of about the same magnitude as that seen in the year just ended. In constant dollars (deflated basis), with 1958 as the base period, we expect a year-to-year increase of about 4% compared with 5.5% for 1972. This smaller rate of progress points up the fact that general business in 1973 will lack on further gains but not with the same degree of vigor.

Two aspects of economic activity we think will be prominent in enabling 1973 to chalk up a climb in business, and hence in GNP, are in the private sector of the economy. These are personal consumption expenditures and private domestic investments. However, state and local demand for goods and services, betterment in the nation's foreign trade balance, and the unavoidable updating of the nation's defense capabilities will also lift the GNP.

World Peace and Trade

By the time this Annual Forecast is published, there could already be a cease-fire agreement for the Vietnam war. In any case, such a truce should not be far off. How long such a cooling-off arrangement will last, however, is indeterminate. We are hopeful that this forward step can be followed by negotiations leading to a permanent peace

treat. Even if a cease-fire is achieved but fails to hold, any resumption of fighting will presumably take place without American forces. Hopefully, settlement in Vietnam may be only part of a favorable peace package which will incorporate agreements to maintain the integrity of all other Southeast Asian nations.

It is the conviction of Babson's Reports that there will be no World War III in 1973. There may well be more internal strife in the emerging nations of Africa and other underdeveloped countries of the world where the climate for leadership is still a partial vacuum and thus invites struggle for domination. Similar conditions also exist in portions of South and Central America. It is to be hoped, however, that the expected redirection of U.S. foreign policy and assistance will include a shift back to Latin America in time to stave off serious trouble there. In the Middle East no full-scale war is likely in 1973, but the area will unfortunately continue to teeter on the brink of outright conflict.

The commercial transactions achieved between this country and Russia and Red China barely scratch the surface of the trade potential which exists on an international scale. We forecast an increase in foreign commerce for the United States in the new year, involving more industry groups. Stupendous though the potential may be, we can tap only a tiny fraction of the basic markets. Iron-curtain countries simply do not have enough dollar holdings or trade credits. Sales made on a credit basis require tedious negotiations to establish terms for such transactions. Eventually, however, the worldwide revamp of the international monetary system will result in some improvement in this situation. But the solution will not come in 1973. Nonetheless, there should be a better showing in our foreign trade balance and a less horrendous deficit in our annual international balance of payments.

Good Year for Farmers

The step-up in grain exports this past year has stiffened agricultural commodity prices materially, and 1972 is winding up as one of the best years in history for the nation's farmers. Realized net income could reach \$18.8 billion, a total which would outstrip the previous peak of \$17 billion reached back in 1967. Farm income next year should hold near this all-time-record level. Domestic demand for agricultural products will remain strong, while exports are expected to rule on the upside. Farmers are already "champing at the bit" to start tilling and planting 1973's spring crops. The farm-equipment market is booming, and demand for fertilizer and seed will be brisk. Farm real estate prices have also strengthened.

Bright Consumer Psychology

All told, the nation's consumers can look forward to a good year in 1973. There will be some dissatisfaction over prices as well as occasional tremors among workers unsettled by labor-management confrontations, but the overall atmosphere will be heartening. Employment should move above the record rate already achieved during 1972. Already the "Help Wanted" newspaper sections are reflecting an increase in numbers of job openings. On the other hand, unemployment will shrink only a trifle from the current 6% of the civilian labor force, possibly reaching the Administration's target of 5.5%. This is scarcely satisfactory to labor leaders, but it must be recognized that it is difficult to reduce jobless totals — even when employment is on the rise — if there is a massive influx into the labor force of young people and mothers seeking part-time or full-time work. And this will be the case during 1973.

As we said earlier, wage rates will climb further in the year ahead. The pattern for raises and fringe benefits for the ensuing three years may well be determined by contracts inked in the key trucking, auto, and construction industries in the new year. With multi-year agreements usually calling for the lion's share of the overall increase in the first year, average wage

rates in American industry will show a significant rise in 1973, tempered somewhat by whatever controls are in effect. All of this will mean an upward push in both gross and disposable personal incomes.

Spending Will Rise

The combination of full employment, soaring wage rates, and new highs in personal income will, of course, put consumers in a spending mood. For that reason the staff of Babson's Reports looks for a substantial rise in consumer spending for 1973. The continuing advance in consumer expenditures will be spurred to some degree by a decline in the rate of savings.

The trend toward putting away a smaller percentage of disposable income has been in evidence since the third quarter of 1971, after hitting a peak in the preceding quarter when consumers channeled 8.6% of their disposable income into savings. For the full year 1971 the savings rate was 8.2%, but we estimate the 1972 figure will prove to have been reduced to 6.6%.

With little chance for much reduction in food prices and with consumption per capita still climbing, a fair portion of the increase in personal incomes will go for food and beverages. Consumers will also spend more for eating away from home. With new housing starts in 1972 holding up longer than was earlier expected, furniture and home furnishings are likely to remain strong areas of buyer interest. Purchases of new autos were extremely heavy during the bulk of the past year, and there is no indication that this tendency will soon be reversed. It should be noted, however, that we look for considerably less of an upward fillip in home furnishings and auto sales in 1973 than was seen in 1972. In both instances, it is getting late in the upward phase of the selling cycle. We do expect, however, quite positive gains in consumer spending for leisure-time activities and products, and for apparel and accessories.

Capital Expenditures

Business capital expenditures will help to stimulate the economy during 1973, but not with the same potency as in previous business booms. It is probable, in fact, that a good chunk of capital spending will be not for increased productive capacity but for items of high social priority. Most firms will be laying out more money to comply with anti-pollution regulations, and companies in the oil and gas industry will expend huge sums in the search for new reserves. Major hard-pressed for fresh supplies of natural gas that they are advancing millions of dollars to help pay for exploration and development costs in exchange for the right to purchase a major part of the entire output of a given area. All in all, business capital expenditures in 1973 could show a gain just about matching the 10% marked up during the past year.

Interest Rates - Bond Market

Since the consumer will be spending more and business will be building up inventories and pouring out more funds for capital-equipment programs, there will inevitably be some upward pressure on interest rates. But we stress once more that we do not anticipate another traumatic credit crunch such as occurred during the closing years of the 1960s. The brunt of any interest-rate rise is likely to come at the short end of the money-rate scale, with only a moderate firming of long-term rates. Keep in mind that the total of new housing starts will probably ease a bit in 1973.

Moreover, corporations are generally in good financial condition after building up their resources with the aid of the investment tax credit. The Babson staff looks for corporate profits after taxes to go up about 12% in the new year compared with 16% in 1972. Even this smaller gain, however — coupled with the freeze on corporate dividend disbursements — will enhance business liquidity.

One area of danger in the money-rate picture may be traced to the government's doorstep. The U.S. Treasury is slated for fairly active refinancing in 1973, and the unusual and unexpected tax receipts

that have come in during 1972 through overwithholding will not be seen in the new year. Whether the Treasury's debt management efforts will pose a problem depends on inflation prospects. If, as now seems to be increasingly accepted, the general public feels that inflation is being restrained, the federal refinancing projects are likely to occur without undue pressure on interest rates.

Hence, bond prices will probably show sporadic signs of softness in the short to intermediate sectors of the maturity scale. But on the long-term end prices should be generally well maintained. In general, 1973 should offer ample opportunity to make selected purchases of bonds and preferred stocks of good quality for investors who need to nail down a fair amount of fixed income from their investments. Wherever possible, however, some inflation hedge should be sought, even to the point of sacrificing a little income on a portion of investment capital. This part of investment funds can be placed in some attractively priced convertible debentures and convertible preferred stocks.

Bigger Tax Bite?

The outcry for tax reform, the staggering projected federal budget deficit, and the need for help at state and local levels indicate that somewhere along the line in 1973 there must be a heavy tax wallop. The staff of Babson's Reports does feel, however, that by closing tax loopholes of the more glaring sort and putting some restraints on public spending, the federal government can avoid an outright increase in both corporate and personal income taxes in the coming year, over and above the social security tax hike that is already scheduled to take effect January 1, 1973.

Stock Market Outlook

The stock market during 1973 will have three powerful factors in its corner: (1) The element of peace; (2) the generally healthy economic climate; and (3) the decisive hurdling of the 1,000 mark by the Dow Jones Industrial Average which is whetting the investment appetite. These are considerations that tend to stiffen investment confidence substantially. On the assumptions that corporate profits can post another gain during the coming year and that inflation can be prevented from running away, the Dow Jones Industrial Average can be expected to work into still higher territory over the next twelve months. The possibility of a move past the 1,100 mark to even a challenge of the 1,200 level, should not be ruled out. However, there may not be a smooth jet flight for the stock market, if only because of the overhanging danger of labor troubles which will threaten for virtually the entire year ahead.

Nevertheless, barring an unpredictable major adverse development, many of the stocks which have been in the doldrums will have an opportunity to catch up with the parade. Among the groups that can give a good account of themselves in 1973 are those related to the energy crisis — the reawakening laggards such as steels, chemicals, and insurance issues; and those which stand to benefit most from the increase in business capital spending and stepped-up foreign trade. The atmosphere along the labor front in the new year could also attract investors to the stocks of concerns dealing in equipment that would cut back excessive labor costs.

Promising though the stock market outlook may be at the transition period — 1972 to 1973 — the staff of Babson's Reports is of the opinion that investors should employ a healthy measure of conservatism in their investment moves. Resolve, for instance, not to chase stocks which have already gone whizzing upward; try to operate on a sensible investment plan. Give due consideration to the fundamental quality of investment selections and securing at least a reasonable degree of diversification in your portfolio. In addition, keep on hand some investment reserves at all times.

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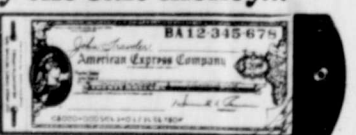


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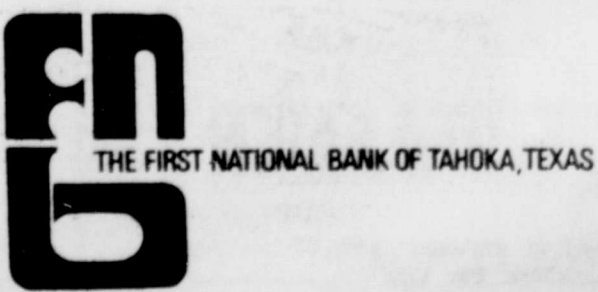
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RESOLUTION OF THE LYNN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Be it resolved by the Lynn County Board of Education of Lynn County, Texas at a duly called meeting of members of said board held in the town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, on the 20th day of December, A.D. 1972 that the Lynn County Board of Education sell all of Lot No. Two (2), in Block No. Three (3) of the Original Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, for cash to the highest bidder by sealed bid.

Be it further resolved that the Lynn County School Superintendent, J.P. Hewlett, give notice of said sale by sealed bid for a least 20 days before the day of sale, by having notice there of published in the English Language once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding such sale in the Lynn County News, a newspaper in Lynn County, being the County in which said realty is located. Said notice shall provide that sealed bids are to be delivered to the Lynn County School Superintendent's office in the County Courthouse at Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, on or before, 12:00 A.M. on the 1st day of February, 1973, and that said sealed bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. in the County School Superintendent's office in the County Courthouse at Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas on the 1st day of February 1973.

Passed and entered in minutes of the Lynn County Board of Education of Lynn County, Texas this the 20th day of December A.D. 1972. - Graham Hensley, Trustee Elvin Moore, Trustee T.B. Mason, Trustee H.B. McCord, Jr., Trustee Harlen Dean, Trustee J.P. Hewlett, County Superintendent

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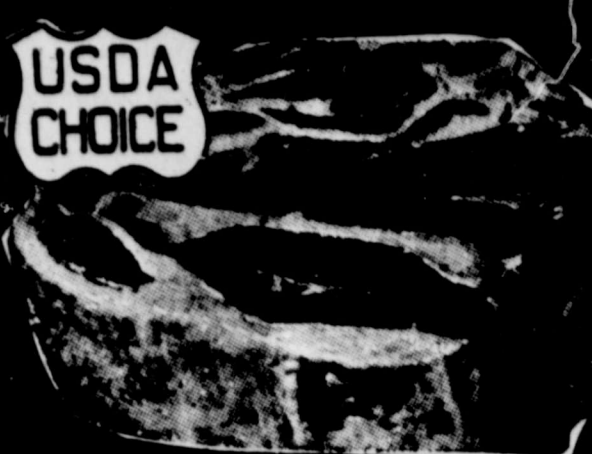
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