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## Farmers Ask Consumers For Help

A strike by the American farmer across the nation which began locally on Dec. 10 when approximately 300 tractors converged on Paris has settled into a struggle for the farmer to get the aid of the consumer in his fight for higher prices.

The farmer realized he must have the help of the consumer if he is to get favorable legislation, according to James Alcorn, head of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conserva-

tion office in Paris, and what he is trying to say is, "Hey, I'm getting ripped off and so are you. You're paying too much for your groceries and I'm not making enough on my farm products." Obviously someone between the farmer and the consumer is making a windfall profit.

Locally, farmers who have been in business for a number of years do not face the danger

of going out of business, but many young farmers are facing their second and third year of losing money, and cannot continue at the present rate.

Last year's harvest in the Deport and Bogata area was almost a bumper crop, but prices were so low that even the higher yields did not pay off the crop loans. One farmer in Deport borrowed \$30,000 to make a crop, and only made

\$26,000 at the market place.

Whether the farmer participates in government farm programs or not, the government, whether it intends to or not, regulates the price of farm products when it sets price supports and target prices in its farm programs. Although a price support is supposed to be the minimum that a farmer gets for his crop, what really happens is that the price support becomes the ceiling or the top price paid for the crop.

The government began trying to help the farmer through farm programs and regulation in 1933, when the first domestic farm legislation was passed in the New Deal. Since that time the legislation has become more and more cumbersome.

A new farm bill which went into effect in September, 1977, is so complicated that even the people in ASC don't understand parts of it.

If the bill had not been passed when it was the law would have gone back to the old 1933 legislation.

Farming has taken on a completely new aspect since that legislation was passed in 1933. Kenneth Thomas, a Rugby farmer and one of the leaders of the farmers movement, said that his father had raised a large family on 80 acres, but that he is now

farming 800 acres and can't break even.

"I look good on paper," Allen said, "because inflation has pushed up the value of the land, but if I can't make a profit on my crops, and I can't at the present prices, then there's not much point in my planting."

There is a great deal of difference between the 80 acre farm, which could be worked with one tractor, and the 800 acre farm, which requires big, expensive equipment to be worked. Even if the farmer bought eight small tractors to work the 800 acres, he couldn't find eight hands to run them.

The farmer's problem must be summed up with the old saying, "The farmer is the only businessman who buys everything at retail and sells at wholesale."

Meanwhile, consumers and businessmen expressed dismay over the manner in which the farmers are attempting to solve their problems.

A local housewife expressed dismay over the incident at Brookshire's in Paris in which a farmer loaded a basket with frozen food and the food was

allowed to spoil. The food was later paid for by the farmers, however.

"If they just don't alienate the consumer," Alcorn said, I think they can get the government to raise price supports and target prices."

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## Hall To Be In Office Friday

Sam B. Hall, Jr. announced Tuesday that he would be in his Texarkana office Friday, December 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Federal legislation and such other matters as may be of concern to his constituents.

"I always look forward to these meetings," Mr. Hall said, "because I learn more about the problems people are

encountering and how I as a member of Congress can best be of assistance."

Mr. Hall's office is located in Room 401 of the main U.S. Post Office, 500 State Line Ave. The telephone number is 214-793-6728. All constituents are welcome.

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## Rodeo Association Meeting Changed

There will be no Bogata Rodeo Assn., Inc. meeting Monday, Jan. 2. Instead, January's meeting will be held January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bogata Fire station.

## BIRTHS

A son, Michael Shane, was born Dec. 18 at McCuiston Regional Medical Center to Mrs. Pat Murray of Rt. 1, Bogata. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Belcher of Bogata. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Vestal Bible of Brownwood and Mr. and Herman Belcher of Bogata.

## Farmers Write The Editor

Dear Editor,

The farmer is tired of hearing people gripe about the expensive tractors we drive. Why shouldn't we have good equipment to make our jobs easier. We put in more hours at our jobs than most people do. Sometimes its seven days a week, 15 and 16 hours a day. The people who work in the factories have good working conditions. If they don't like their working conditions they strike for better ones.

These tractors get over more land faster. Most farmers have let their hands go because they cannot afford to pay them anymore. They do the work themselves.

The prices we get for our crops are less than they were

five years ago, but the chemicals, fertilizers, fuels, and machinery parts we use have tripled in price.

We have families to feed and clothe just like city folks do. We can raise the food to feed them but we pay prices like everyone else does for clothing. We have children to educate, also. Our children can't stay on the farm now because their is no future in farming.

If people don't get behind the farmer and support his cause there may come a day when this country will be like some of our foreign countries—a lot of hungry people. The farmer is only 4 percent of the country's population to feed the other 96 percent.

The farmer has one thing

most people don't have—good credit. If you don't believe this talk to a banker because the farmers are heavily in debt.

In Korea I didn't know what I was fighting for but I do know what I'm fighting for now—my family.

Don't curse the farmer; join and support him in his effort to get better prices for his products, because in the long run its going to help you.

Kenneth and Betty Thomas  
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## Editor's Quote Book

There is a time for everything.

Thomas A. Edison



KENNETH THOMAS, a Rugby farmer, illustrates

with his own equipment the cost of doing business if you

are in agriculture. The John Deere tractor is expensive,

but it replaces several farm hands. (Staff Photo)

## Sorghum Used In Tortillas

In Latin America, sorghum is sometimes utilized alone and in mixtures with corn to produce tortillas. Sorghum is not preferred because it produces tortillas with an off color and taste which are not very well accepted. Yet, sorghum can be more readily grown since it is more drought tolerant compared to corn.

The tortilla making properties of sorghum with varying genetic backgrounds are being evaluated by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists. In general, white sorghums give the best tortillas; however, a great deal of variation in color is noted among tortillas produced with different white sorghums.

This indicates that some progress could be made toward selection of sorghums with better characteristics for use in tortillas.

Source: Lloyd Rooney, College Station. Tel. 713-845-2925.



BILL BLEVINS of Pattonville shows a corn cob doll which he feels illustrates the situation of the American Farmer. The doll is holding

a sign which reads: "So you think you got troubles. I've been picked, shucked and shelled, and baby look at me

now." Blevins is one of the local organizers of the farmers' movement. (Staff Photo)

## What The Farmer Needs

The new farm law which went into effect in September has a number of aspects to which the local farmers take exception.

### PRICE SUPPORTS AND TARGET PRICES

First, since the government in effect sets the price for all farm products when it sets price supports and target prices, the farmer wants these prices raised enough that he can make a profit on his crops.

### PARITY

Parity is a theoretical price based on the farm market in the period between 1906 and 1910. During that time the farmers were deemed to be receiving a fair return on their investment dollar. Parity has been adjusted from time to time to account for inflation, but has not been adjusted since 1967. Farmers want parity adjusted to 1977 levels.

### SET ASIDE

Under the new farm law, a farmer has to participate in the "set aside" program to be eligible for the benefits of the new farm program. Right now, the government has set only tentative set aside percentages for selected crops, and that percentage can change from now until March 1. The tentative set aside for wheat, for instance, is 20 percent. This means that the farmer will have to set aside 20 percent of his planted acres in wheat to participate in the farm program. On a 100 acre plot, for instance, he could plant 83.3 acres and would set aside 16.7.

However, the farmer needs to be fertilizing right now, and he can't know whether to fertilize the entire 100 acres or just a portion of it, because he could lose money whenever the government happens to change its mind.

In addition to the problems with the government's indecision, the farmers object to the fact that it is a free set aside, and they will be paid nothing for the land. The payments the farmer makes to the bank on that land will continue, however.

Another problem that the farmer sees with the set aside is that the law requires that the land be placed in a protective cover, whereas the local farmer wants to plow the set aside. Environmentalists are supposedly the ones in favor of the cover, fearing a dust bowl, but local soil does not need to be covered, farmers feel. The local county committee, composed of three elected farmers, which makes local ASC decisions, should be allowed to make the decision, farmers feel.

### PRICE SUPPORTS

Only if the farmer participates in the set aside program will he be eligible for price supports, or the government loan. What this means is that the government buys the crop at the price support price and stores the crop for a nine month period. At the end of that time, the farmer can either take his crop from the loan, pay the government what he owes it, and sell the crop on the open market, or let the government keep the crop at the price support level. Right now, Lamar County farmers have approximately \$4 million in the government loan, according to James Alcorn, head of the Agricultural Stabilization Office in Paris.

The farmers say the price support is so low that it is a ceiling, not a floor, as the government intended.

### Complaint Against Meat Packer Dismissed

A proceeding involving payment procedures of Osborn's Packing Co., Inc., Tyler, Tex., has been dismissed, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials have announced.

The firm purchases livestock for slaughter purposes throughout east Texas, western Louisiana, and western Arkansas.

Administrative Law Judge

DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS  
Deficiency payments can be collected by the farmer if he participates in the set aside program and has good crops, but has a price disaster. The payments have been established by law for corn, grain sorghum, barley, wheat and upland cotton.

In the deficiency payment program, the government sets a target price for each of the crops in the program. If the market price is less than the established target price, the ASC will pay the difference. If the market price is less than the price support, the ASC will pay the difference between the market price and the price support.

DISASTER PAYMENTS  
In the event the crop meets with a disaster, such as flood or pests or hail, the government, through a complicated system, will pay the farmer a percentage of what the crop might have been worth if the disaster had not occurred.

CROSS COMPLIANCE  
Under the new farm law, a normal crop acreage is being determined for each farmer. The normal crop acreage is the number of acres planted by the farmer in 1977, or, in the event 1977 was not a normal year for the farmer, the NCA would be the number of acres planted in 1975 or 1976. The old historical

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## American Agriculture Movement Statement

Editor's Note—This information was provided to this newspaper as a statement of policy and beliefs held by the American Farmer Movement.

The American Agriculture movement was conceived to preserve the family farm system, the most efficient food producing unit in this nation. We have little time left as more than 25 percent of farmers and ranchers will be forced to either liquidate or refinance their operations this year. We have lost equity and enormous sums of money for the last four years, and we are now on the verge of bankruptcy. Unless something is done, only big money entities, or possibly the government, will be left to produce the food.

The American Agriculture movement is not another farm organization. There are no memberships, dues, secretaries, or presidents. We are a group of individual farmers, ranchers, and agribusinessmen, unified together in order to achieve the fair price of 100 percent parity for all agricultural products.

American farmers have lost 25 percent of their total disposable income for food. The people of other nations purchase food at a relatively low rate, yet these nations spend a minimum of 28 percent of their income for

food. By achieving parity pricing, it will increase the percentage by 3.1 percent of a total of only 19.1 percent. This is by far the cheapest and best food in the world. By eliminating middlemen, we can achieve parity and raise the price to consumers very little. The 3.1 percent shift of total disposable income is only a small shift in priority, but means the difference between existence and nonexistence of the family farm.

We do not want government subsidies. At this time we are actually subsidizing this nation and the world with cheap food. We are subsidizing the price of agricultural products produced by the American farmer, and rancher, but not part of his equity which he has put into the land. We are subsidizing the price of receiving payment for the products which we are producing, but not the cost of having that job.

We are a minority of people, less than 4 percent of the population, and consequently have no political voting power. We are tired of government domination and manipulation in our market place. In 1973 when cattle prices were down to parity, the government put on a

price freeze. In 1974 the government said to plant "fencing row to fence row," and we could sell these products to hungry nations. We planted fence row to fence row and an export embargo was placed on agricultural products which destroyed our market and created a surplus. This cost the American producer and the American economy billions of dollars. Whether we like it or not, we no longer have a free market system. We can no longer exist with these types of manipulations. Our only hope is to tie agriculture prices to the parity concept through law.

When we speak of parity, we are not speaking of a guaranteed income. All parity insures a fair price. In order to achieve an income, we still have to produce. The risk of droughts, floods, hail, pests, and management still make production a very risky undertaking. Furthermore, parity pricing would insure a thriving agricultural sector which would revitalize the entire economy. If we could have had 100 percent parity instead of 63 percent in 1976, cash receipts from agriculture would have increased from \$95 billion to approximately \$150 billion dollars. This is now health injected into the national economy and is reviewable

each year. Tax rebates and other efforts to boost the economy and reduce unemployment have had limited success. It is time to try healthy agriculture industry for a change.

In order to achieve anything American Agriculture must now unite as one group in order to make our voice heard. A group of individual farmers and rancher unified together can do anything, and the key is to unite NOW.

The current action is not an appeal for price supports, the creation of a false economy for agriculture, or for government subsidies. It is rather a rejection of the current farm program. It is a demand for 100 percent of parity for agriculture products. This means, according to Section 101 of the USDA's National Economic Stability Act of 1977, that agriculture product prices "shall be increased or decreased on a period basis to justify increases in production costs and living costs for producers." Another way to explain parity is that if it cost a bushel of corn or a pound of beef to buy a product in 1967 (the last time parity was adjusted), it should still cost a bushel of corn or a pound of beef, regardless of the dollar cost of the product—prices must fluctuate together.

# Discouraged? Reach out through Jesus He's reaching out to you



## THROUGH ALL TIME

Yesterday is gone. We tear its page from our calendar, for we live in the present. But often we look back with nostalgia to the many yesterdays which make up the past. In a different mood we plan for the uncertain days ahead, sometimes filling them with happy expectations, sometimes with anxious forebodings.

Where is God in this time pattern of our lives?

Is He in the past alone, incarnate two thousand years ago in the great Teacher of Nazareth? Or does He walk with us through the present, our Companion each day? Does He remove all fear from the future with His promise, the promise of the living Christ, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world?"

Come to Church and learn to know this Christ who is "the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Sunday  
Zechariah  
14:1-21  
Monday  
Malachi  
4:1-5  
Tuesday  
Luke  
1:1-25  
Wednesday  
Luke  
1:26-38  
Thursday  
Luke  
1:39-56  
Friday  
Luke  
1:57-80  
Saturday  
Matthew  
1:18-25



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### A WELCOME TO ALL!

You may be assured of a hearty welcome, if you attend Sunday School, Church Services or Social and Business Activities at the church of your choice. By finding a church home, you will make your life fuller, richer with increasing contentment. You and your family are urged to attend the church of your choice regularly.

### WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP?

Our churches work constantly to make our area a better place in which to live and rear our children. Our ministers and the community-minded men and women represented on this page urge you to attend the church of your choice this week and to support its good works.

### DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL OR FAMILY REAL-LIFE PROBLEM?

Our pastors are trusted and confidential friends. Counsel with them about your problems. It is possible that their guidance can help lift some of your burdens. They stand ready to do what they can to show you the way out of your dilemma.

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# He is the answer....learn to pray

**Farmer's Percent of Parity  
At Market Prices As Of  
Sept. 15, 1977 Nationwide**

Commodity	100% Parity	
Wheat	5.02/bushel	43% (2.17)
Corn	3.45/bushel	46% (1.59)
Barley	2.99/bushel	52% (1.56)
Soybeans	7.60/bushel	63% (4.81)
Sorghum	5.77/hundred	45% (2.60)
Cotton	83.60/cwt	70% (54.90)
Cattle	58.20/cwt	60% (34.80)
Calves	68.00/cwt	56% (30.30)
Hogs	55.30/cwt	73% (40.20)
Milk	12.90/cwt	76% (9.09)
Wool	1.30/lb	52% (.71)
Potatoes	5.75/cwt	61% (3.49)
Rice	13.90/cwt	56% (7.86)

Listed Farm Commodities Composite Average 58%  
Total Farm Commodities Composite Average 63% (including commodities other than those listed here)

Figures taken from the USDA crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

**Letters To The Editor**

Dear Editor,  
I support the right for farmers to strike. I can't believe the bureaucracy would allow our farm policy to become such a mess.  
J. D. Humphrey  
Rt. 1  
Pattonville, Texas

Dear Mr. Editor,  
I would like to try to describe the farm situation in a few lines. Most of the consuming public probably doesn't realize that the equipment and supplies that the farmers and ranchers have to purchase to operate in modern day farming has more than doubled since 1970 and farm commodities such as cotton and small grain has no way near jumped in price to keep up with the rising cost of operation. The President has said over the weekend that 100 percent parity is out of the question. If it is, the government must want all farmers on welfare as most of us qualify now, but we think we should support ourselves and not depend on the government.  
W. A. Cooper

Dear Sir:  
It is extremely difficult to bring myself to believe that the present plight to agriculture is like it is today. For several months I have heard many good farmers and ranchers express themselves and all wonder where this crisis will end.  
We have all lost money for three years. And now there is only one alternative and that is get better prices for every item from farmers and ranchers or quit all together.  
Dan Tatum  
Rt. 1  
Pattonville, Texas

Dear Mr. Editor,  
We would like to express our opinion as a farmer. Farming is the backbone of the nation, the mystery man behind the scene who puts the food in the market place and the fiber in the store. Farming is the American dream that has turned in bankruptcy. The tilling and planting of the seed in the soil and growing livestock are watching the miracles of nature, harvesting the crops and taking them to sell is at the mercy of the consumer. The high cost of living comes from the so called luxury increase in price not the necessity as food and fiber.  
The farmer must have a fair return on the money invested in order to stay in business and to withstand the elements of producing a crop. Each person reading this newspaper depends on farm products in order to live. A fair return on the investment isn't much to ask for on hard honest work.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Basinger  
David and Coralea P.S. The farmer used to be the wheel that rolled the nation. Now he is only the hub that carries the wheel. The wheel is the white collar guy with the forked tongue. The farmer is out of grease and the wheel is out of balance with parity for weights we could balance the wheel.

By Mrs. Betty Rodgers  
Recent visitors of Mrs. J. D. Creemen were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Creemen of Arlington. Weekend visitors of Mrs. Creemen were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Creemen and daughter of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Creemen and children, Jane, Russell and Gaylon of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carter and son, Mark, and girlfriend, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. John Townes and daughter, Annette of Clarksville, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hackler and grandson of Paris.  
Our sympathies are extended to the families of the recently deceased, Henry Reynolds, Maude Latimer, and Mrs. Rebecca Massingill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Kerbow and children, Russell, Gary, and Lisa of Lewisville visited Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kerbow. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fosen of Morris, Illinois arrived Monday for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kerbow.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tidwell and sons, Glen Ray and Johnny of Paris and Mrs. Queen Clarkson of Cherry Street Manor were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Bessie Rogers.  
Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stevens were Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stevens and Marcy of Sherman.  
Christmas day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stevens were Mrs. Wendell Begley and Meredith of Black Mountain, North Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pate of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Reed McKay, April, and Ashley of Duncanville, Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Sartain and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stevens and Todd of Arlington, Mr. and

**Fulbright News**

Mrs. Garon Salter and John of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pirtle of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. John Denison of Deport and Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Van Deaver. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Van Deaver for the weekend was Mr. and Mrs. Garon Salter. Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Van Deaver and daughters, Mrs. Garon Salter, Mrs. John Denison, and Mrs. Gary Pirtle went to Kanard during the holidays to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harrison, Tiffany and new daughter, Shanna Renee. Mr. and Mrs. James Lester Hannah are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bartlett for a few days. They are from California. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cavender for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and family of Plano, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cavender of Blossom and Helen Cavender.

**Obituaries**

**Ernest Carroll**  
Ernest Carroll, 77, of Talco died Saturday morning in the Mount Pleasant Hospital and Clinic.  
Services were Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Talco. The Rev. Barney Treece officiated.  
Bates-Cooper-Weems Funeral Home of Mount Pleasant was in charge of arrangements.  
He was born Sept. 11, 1900, in Grosbeck. He came in 1943 to Talco, where he was employed by Petrofina Oil Co. until his retirement several years ago. He has been a resident of the Golden Years Nursing Home in Mount Pleasant for the past two years.  
He married the former Marion Alexander in 1919.  
Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Young of Snyder and Mrs. Mavis Jackson of Kilgore; two sons, Ernest Carroll, Jr. of Mount Pleasant and Kenneth Carroll of California; 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Harbison Promoted**  
William T. Harbison, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Harbison, Bogata, Texas, recently was promoted to Army chief warrant officer in grade W-3 at Ft. McClellan, Ala., where he is an instructor at the US Army Military Police School and Training Center.  
COW Harbison entered the Army in 1963.  
He received a B.S. degree in criminal justice in 1975 at the University of Nebraska, Omaha.  
His wife, Terri Ann, lives in Alexandria, Ala.

**TURN ON'S**

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HOW CURIOUS YOU MEN ARE, DADDY. HE ASKED THE SAME ABOUT YOU!



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**BUMPER STICKERS**

Remember, mother-in-law is a mother, too.  
1978

**Happy New Year**  
Groceries Remain 1/4 Off  
Some Examples Are...  
Our Every Day Low Price

DEL MONTE 17 Oz. Can	Reg. 37c	<b>28c</b>
WOLF BRAND 15 Oz.	Reg. 70c	<b>53c</b>
LIBBY 15 Oz.	Reg. 35c	<b>27c</b>
STEEL WOOL SOAP PADS SOS 10 Count Box	Reg. 51c	<b>39c</b>

**DICKSON'S GENERAL SALES**  
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Food Stamps Welcome  
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In 1896 William Jennings Bryan said it best, "Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic, but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country."  
As long as the North American farmer can supply our food at a price that allows us to spend the greatest part of our income for our cars and TVs and recreational items, our high standard of living can continue. But, when our farmers can no longer produce our low-cost food, or when they have no economic incentive or ability to produce this food — truly, again, "the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country."  
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**Basketball Box Scores**

Varsity Girls			Tina Vickers			8	2	18
Rivercrest 36, Prairiland 58			Annette Harris			4	1	9
December 20, 1977								
Rivercrest			Quinlan			Fg	Ft	T
			C. Reeves			12	0	25
			B. McBride			7	0	14
Scotti Wood								
			J V Boys			Fg	Ft	T
8			Rivercrest 45, Prairiland 55			12	0	25
December 20, 1977								
Prairiland			Rivercrest			Fg	Ft	T
T. Gibson			G. Norman			8	0	16
8			E. Norman			5	0	10
5			D. Jean			2	1	5
9			R. Gonzales			2	1	5
2			R. Galloway			2	0	4
0			Prairiland			Fg	Ft	T
Varsity Girls			B. Bucks			5	1	11
Rivercrest 47, Quinlan 45			T. Kennedy			4	2	10
December 19, 1977								
Rivercrest			Scotti Wood			7	6	20
FG			FG			Ft	Ft	T
9			7			2	20	

**Prater-Melton Vows Exchanged**

Ann Marie Prater and James Travis Melton were united in marriage Dec. 17 at the home of the grooms parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Melton of Paris. Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Prater of Paris are parents of the bride. The bride chose a street length, sea green, soft jersey with flared skirt and self belt and carried a bouquet of daisies and baby breath with yellow streamers. Bob Griffith of Abilene was the officiating minister.

Tammy Haskins and Dwayne Adams of Paris were maid of honor and best man. A reception followed the and relatives attending. The two tiered wedding cake was decorated with gold flowers and topped with white wedding bells. The serving table was covered with a lace cloth centered with an arrangement of daisies and carnations. Chosen colors of the bride, green and gold, were carried out in the decorations.

After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home at 150 10th N.E. Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Prater, grandparents of the bride, spent the weekend in Paris with their son and attended the wedding.

**American Viewpoints**



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- \* Texas is number one in: Sorghum, Natural Fibers, Cattle and Calves, Cattle on feed, Sheep and Lambs
- \* Around \$6 billion in total cash receipts annually means that Texas is the third largest producer in the nation.
- \* Texas also ranks in the top five in fresh market vegetables, fruits, and nuts.
- \* Texas loses an estimated 2,000 farms annually but still produces more crops and livestock each year from fewer and larger farms.
- \* Texas has 202,000 farms and ranches covering 141.4 million acres. (1977)
- \* 84 per cent of its land is in farm or ranch production.
- \* The largest export item, cotton, accounts for nearly one fourth of all U.S. cotton exports. Other exports include feedgrains, cottonseed oil, rice, hides and skins, lard and tallow, and breeding livestock.
- \* With all the money being generated by agriculture, it's no surprise that Texas agriculture is the single largest multiplier of income in the state, with over \$20 billion annually added to the economy from agriculture and related agribusiness.

**Cuthand Cemetery Club Meets**

The Cuthand Cemetery Club met Dec. 15 at the Community Center for their Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and a covered dish lunch served. Two quilts were quilted. Attending were Helen

Barnett, Iva Williams, Eva Clark, Edith Mauldin, May Eudy, Agnes Williams, Essie White, Eula Byrd, Lillie Harville, Elsie Hughes, Odella Cheatwood, Jettie Bond, Woodie Harville, Maggie Taylor, Linda Eilers and Camy.

The next meeting will be Jan. 5 at the center. All interested in the cemetery are urged to come and help quilt as they have about 70 quilts to quilt. Proceeds are to be used for the cemetery.

**Johntown News**

By Mrs. E. V. Pirtle

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brooks spent Christmas in Wichita Falls with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hinsley, Tonia and Kathy.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Missionary Baptist Church met in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday

**McQuary Ordered To Cease And Desist**

James C. McQuary, Clarksville, Texas, has been ordered to cease and desist from violating bonding requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act, US Department of Agricultural (USDA) officials said today. McQuary purchases livestock in northeast Texas, southeast Oklahoma, and southwest Arkansas. He has now filed the required bond.

McQuary consented to issuance of the order and waived oral hearing. He neither admitted nor denied the charges in an administrative complaint filed by USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration.

The cease and desist order, like a permanent injunction, was issued to insure future compliance with the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practices law. It promotes and maintains fair and open competition in the marketing of livestock, poultry, and meat.

P&SA is administered in Texas by M. L. Marshall, P&SA, USDA, Room 8A36, Federal Building, 819 Taylor Street, Ft. Worth, Texas 76102. Telephone 817-334-3286.

for the annual Christmas party and luncheon. The serving table was centered with two pots of Poinsettias. The Rev. Billy Daniels gave the devotional and the invocation was by the Rev. A. I. Bond. Gifts were exchanged and the ladies presented the Daniel's a friendship quilt. Twenty-one attended. Fruit baskets were made and carried to shut-ins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pirtle and Mrs. Florence Pirtle were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Cecil and Steve of Talco.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sales and Jo Christmas Day were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Murl Sport and family of Dallas and their granddaughters, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Horn and family of Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Harville and sons of Bogata and Granville Sales of Paris.

Mrs. Katie Pirtle is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. James Pirtle of Ft. Worth for the holidays.

Visitors of R. C. Hinson for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Green and family of Tyler, Mrs. Shirley Leffell and children of Mount Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hinson of Jacksonville.

Holiday visitors of Verah Cotten and Mrs. Maggie Chesshire were Mrs. Pokie Whitby of Houston, Mrs. Morris Bailey and Mrs. Alma Jackson of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Falls of Talco, and the Rev. J. D. Lanier.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dodd and children of Dallas, Mrs. Terry Ford and Cammy of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Watts, Brett

Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jeffery of Bogata were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dodd. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lamb of Dallas have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Barnard while Mr. Barnard is recovering from a stroke. He has been dismissed from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Thomas were dinner guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas and family of Mount Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. Drue Pirtle, Clay and Lana and Mrs. Harvey Jean and Darla spent Sunday and Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pirtle and family of Beaumont.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rhodes Christmas Day were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Rhodes, Tommy and Buba of Daingerfield, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rhodes of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McDonald and family of Rosalie, Mr. and Mrs. Raney McKinney and Shannon Rhodes of Bogata and Mrs. Rhodes' mother, Mrs. "Grannie" Black of Red River Haven Nursing Home. Mrs. Black is 96 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Faulkenburg and Lyle Dodd of Benson, Ariz., Nell Dodd of Dallas are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dodd, Jr. and family and Mrs. Linda Farris and family for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ross, Cindy and Jonathin moved to Conroe Wednesday where he is employed as a drilling superintendent for Exxon Oil Co.

**BOGATA BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

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**Mrs. Ollie Reid Killed In 3 Car Crash**

A three-car accident about 8:30 p.m. Saturday night near Talco claimed the life of Mrs. Ollie Reid, 73, of Talco.

According to Texas Highway Patrolman Jim Tatman of Titus County, the three cars collided almost head-on on the White Oak Creek bridge on U.S. Highway 271, four miles south of Talco.

Mrs. Reid was killed instantly. Mrs. Martha Kelso of Mount Pleasant, Mrs. Reid's daughter, and Mrs. Barbara Kelso, 25, of Lamarque, who were in a vehicle following Mrs. Reid, were taken to Titus County Hospital in Mount Pleasant where they were treated and released.

The driver of the other car, Samuel T. Smith, 66, of Mount Pleasant, was admitted to Titus County Hospital in Mount Pleasant. He was listed in fair condition Monday morning.

Tatman said the Reid vehicle, a 1957 Chevrolet, and the Kelso vehicle, a 1973 Ford, were crossing the bridge when they were in almost head-on collision with the Smith vehicle, a 1973 Chevrolet.

Tatman said the Reid family had just attended a Christmas dinner and the Kelsos were following her home when the accident occurred.

Services for Mrs. Reid were

held at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Bates-Cooper-Weems Funeral Home in Mount Pleasant. Burial was in Bridges Chapel Cemetery. The Rev. Barney Treece of Talco officiated.

She was married to the late Robert Reid in Soper, Okla., in 1925.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Martha Perry; one daughter, Mrs. Geneva Kelso of Bridges Chapel; three sisters, Mrs. Alean Fussel of Dickinson; Mrs. Maudie Smith of Mount Pleasant and Mrs. Joda Hanks of Talco; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A second crash occurred about 4:15 p.m. Sunday afternoon on the same bridge when a Mazda driven by Matthew Warren of the Marine Corps came upon a 1966 Chevrolet driven by Guadeloupe Garza who was driving slow. Warren applied his brakes and skid into the other lane where he was confronted with a headon situation whereupon Warren changed lanes and the the Garza car from the rear and caused his car to over turn. The Garza car was driven by Garza with his wife and small child and one other passenger. The baby was treated and released. The accident was investigated by Tony Bynum.

**1976 AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS**

1. CROPS				RED RIVER	
CROP	PLANTED ACRES	HARVESTED ACRES	YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	UNIT	PRODUCTION
UPLAND COTTON	3,600	3,500	357	Lb./Bale	2,600
AMERICAN - PIMA COTTON	--	--	--	Lb./Bale	--
WHEAT	3,300	2,700	43.3	Bushel	117,000
OATS	1,600	1,200	40.0	Bushel	48,000
BARLEY	--	--	--	Bushel	--
RYE	600	--	--	Bushel	--
FLAXSEED	8,800	8,700	61.2	Bushel	532,700
SORGHUMS	--	--	--	Ton	--
GRAIN	--	--	--	Bushel	--
SILAGE	--	--	--	Ton	--
HAY	--	--	--	Ton	--
CORN	--	--	--	Bushel	--
GRAIN	20,700	19,700	23.0	Bushel	452,000
SILAGE	--	--	--	Ton	--
SOYBEANS	--	--	--	Pound	--
PEANUTS	--	--	--	Lb./Acre	--
RICE	--	--	--	Ton	--
SUGARCANE	--	--	--	Ton	--
CASTORBEANS	--	--	--	Pound	--
SUGARBETTS	--	--	--	Ton	--
GUAR	--	--	--	Pound	--
ALFALFA HAY	--	--	--	Ton	--
OTHER HAY-EXCLUDING SORGHUM	--	36,100	2.7	Ton	97,300
VETCH SEED	--	--	--	Pound	--
GREEN	--	--	--	Pound	--
CONFEY	--	--	--	Pound	--
SUNFLOWERS	--	--	--	POUND	--

2. IRRIGATED CROPS						
SELECTED CROP	ACRES PLANTED		ACRES HARVESTED		UNIT	YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE
	IRRIGATED	NOT IRRIGATED	IRRIGATED	NOT IRRIGATED		
UPLAND COTTON	--	3,600	--	3,500	Pound	357
WHEAT	--	3,300	--	2,700	Bushel	43.3
SORGHUMS FOR GRAIN	1/	8,800	1/	8,700	Bushel	61.2
PEANUTS	--	--	--	--	Pound	--

3. VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING				4. FRUITS AND PECANS	
CROP	ACRES HARVESTED	CROP	ACRES HARVESTED	CROP	PRODUCTION
BROCCOLI	--	SWEET CORN 1/2	--	TOMATOES	240
CABBAGE	--	HONEYDEW MELON	--	WATERMELONS	--
CANTALOUPE	--	LETTUCE	--	IRISH POTATOES	--
CARROTS	--	ONIONS	--	SWEET POTATOES	--
CAULIFLOWER	--	GREEN PEPPERS	--	PECANS 1975 1/2	105
CUCUMBERS	--	SPINACH 1/2	641	PECANS 1976	--
				ALL VEGETABLES	--

5. 1976 LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION OR MARKETING		6. JANUARY 1 LIVESTOCK ON FARMS	
ITEM	1976	ITEM	1977
EGGS PRODUCED (000)	1,000	ALL CATTLE	115,000
BROILERS PRODUCED (000)	1,755	MILK COWS THAT HAVE CALVED	58,000
TURKEYS PRODUCED (000)	--	BEEF COWS THAT HAVE CALVED	2,300
MILK PRODUCED (000)	--	CATTLE ON FEED	2,300
WOOL PRODUCED (Pound)	--	ALL HOGS 1/2	--
MOHAIR PRODUCED (Pound)	--	ALL SHEEP	--
CATTLE MARKETED FROM FEEDLOTS (Number)	--	EWES 1 YEAR AND OVER	--
		ALL ANGORA GOATS	--
		HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE (000)	5

7. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS IN 1976		8. CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS		
ITEM	DOLLARS	ITEM	1975 1/2	1976
FEED GRAIN PROGRAM	2,389	ALL CROPS 1/2	5,179	7,357
WHEAT PROGRAM	--	LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	19,368	17,608
UPLAND AND P. COTTON PROGRAM	17,277	TOTAL CROPS AND LIVESTOCK	24,547	24,965
SUGARBETTES PROGRAM	--	GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS	329	121
WOOL AND MOHAIR PROGRAM	--	TOTAL FARM MARKETINGS AND GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS	24,876	25,086
GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION PROGRAM	--			
CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM	25,529			
RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	75,735			
BEEES AND MILK PROGRAM	--			

Items reported but not published on a county basis because of either limited production or to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 1/Planted for all purposes. 2/Fresh market only but processing included in all vegetables. 3/Revised. 4/On hand preceding December 1. 5/Does not include value of standing timber sold from industry, public, and other non-farm timberlands. For values see cash receipts bulletin.

**Flooding Effect On Grain Sorghum Researched**

Research dealing with drainage requirements of grain sorghum are part of a series of experiments by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to define drainage needs of a number of crops and design drainage systems. Grain sorghum grown in field lysimeters was flooded for three durations at the early reproductive growth stage. Reductions in yield of 2.5 percent, 12.9 percent and 21.9 percent were result of 7-, 12-, and 17-day flooding periods, respectively, as compared to a control which was kept well-watered but not flooded.

Earlier experiments by Station scientists showed dry matter yield reductions for grain sorghum flooded for 2, 5, and 8 days during the seedling stage were 53.7 percent, 79.2 percent and 85.9 percent,

respectively, compared to a non-flooded control.

In another experiment, grain yields were reduced by 30 percent and 26 percent for a 12-day inundation period at the early vegetative growth stages and early reproductive of "boot" stages, respectively, with no reductions in yield for flooding at the "heading" stage, though there was more lodging.

Source: E. A. Hiler, T. A. Howell, College Station. Tel. 713-845-3931.

**It's The Cape**

Did you know that bulls can't actually see red? It's the movement of the forehead's cape that attracts the bull. The color red is for the benefit of the spectator. In fact, most animals can't distinguish colors.



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**Farmers—**

(Continued From Page 1) allotments have been eliminated completely.

Soybeans are not included in the set aside program, but wheat and grain sorghum are. A farmer must include all his farm in the normal crop acreage and not just part of it. Otherwise, he could plant wheat on another farm and try to include it in the crop covered under the set aside program. The farmers want to do away with cross compliance.

**LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM**  
The livestock feed program was started in Lamar County on Nov. 30, 1977. In the event a farmer loses his hay or pasture through a natural disaster, the government will pay 1/2 the cost of livestock feed not to exceed 2c a pound.

The farmer must have a 40 percent loss to qualify for the livestock feed program, but he may not qualify at all if he also grew feed grain that year. Even if the farmer had sold his grain and the grain is warehoused in Corpus Christi, the government says that it is available feed for his cattle and will deny him the livestock feed payments. If his neighbor had the same hay or pasture disaster and did not grow feed grain, the neighbor would qualify for payments.

**Renewal Notices In Mail**

License plate renewal notices for almost 11 million motor vehicles are in US post offices throughout Texas for delivery to owners beginning the day after Christmas.

R. W. Townsley, director of the Motor Vehicle Division, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, said the renewal notices were stuffed into envelopes, presorted by zip code, boxed and delivered to post offices to expedite delivery. Work to get

the renewal notices ready for delivery started in early October.

"The plate renewals for passenger cars and light trucks (such as pickups) will be different from last year. A new law requires that renewal dates be spread as equally as possible over 12 months, rather than have all expire at one time (April 1) each year," Townsley said.

Since the Motor Vehicle Division does not maintain

records by owner's name or birth date, the license number of the vehicle has been used to determine the month of registration renewal in the future.

Renewal notices have been issued to reflect the number of months and the prorated fee to be paid to register each vehicle under the new system.

A complete explanation of the new system is enclosed with each renewal notice for passenger cars and light trucks (one ton or less). It is imperative that vehicle owners not lose the registration notice

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<b>MARGARINE</b>		<b>29¢</b>
<b>MILK</b>	3 Tall Cans	<b>\$1</b>
<b>CORNBREAD MIX</b>	6/89¢	
<b>FLOUR</b>	Gladiola	
<b>MELLORINE</b>	1/2 Gal.	<b>59¢</b>
<b>FLOUR</b>	5 Lbs.	<b>59¢</b>

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**EIGHTH GRADE**—Students from the eighth grade in Bogata performed Christmas songs at a Christmas

program in downtown Bogata Dec. 22. A community Christmas tree was erected next to the Post

Office for the program. Gift bags of fruit and candy were passed out to the children. (Staff Photo)

### Bogata Personals

Holiday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Harbison and Tony and Bill Harbison were the Travis Harbison children, Mrs. Pat Bailey and Gretchen and Daphne Coplin of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harbison, II, Shellie, Todd and W. T., III, of

Alexandria, Ala., Vicky Lovett of Clarksville, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Harbison and Eddie Smith of Paris, and Melba Childers.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox and Virginia over the Christmas holidays were Mrs.

Mary Porter of Stamps, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Briggs, Faight, Ark., Bobbie Cox and Tammy, Texarkana, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Perez of Hooks, Martha Cambell, Steve and Kim of New Boston, Buddy Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Briggs, New Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Taylor, Randy Cox, Mrs. Stanford Wood, Dick Cox of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. John Drenning, Jason Drenning, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hervey, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Cox, Gelnda and Cynthia Cox of Johntown, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie E. Cox and Angela, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Christopher, Sherry Leverton, Sue and Wayne Huffman of Bogata. Mrs. Ed Moore of Slaton called in the afternoon to wish her parents a Merry Christmas.

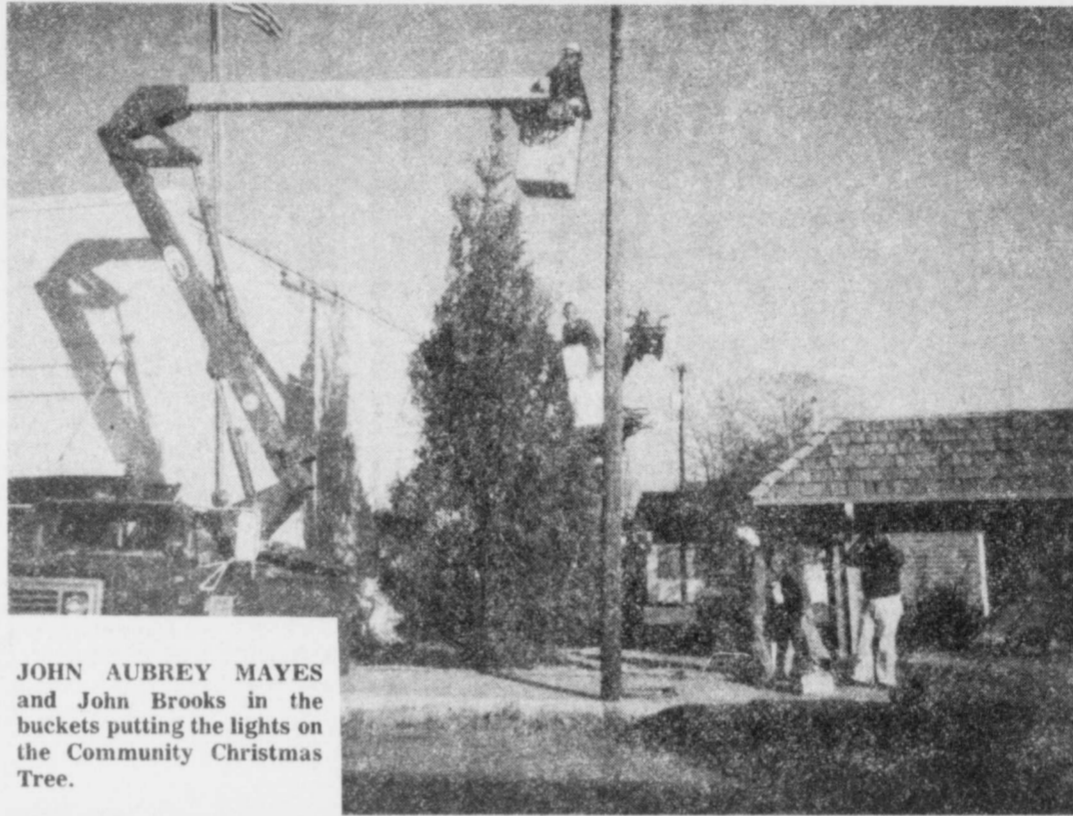


**DEBRA JO PHIFER** and Norris Roy Woodall were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace J. C. Watson at his home November 26. They were attended by Glenda Conaughty and Shannon Rhodes. The bride is the daughter of Mary Joe Phifer and the groom is the son of Mrs. Ruby Joe Rhodes. They will make their home in Bogata.

### Bogata Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hervey had as dinner guests Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Briggs of New Boston, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Christopher, Mrs. Sue Huffman and Wayne of Bogata, Buford Hervey and Bo of Liberty City, and Mrs. Oda Hervey.

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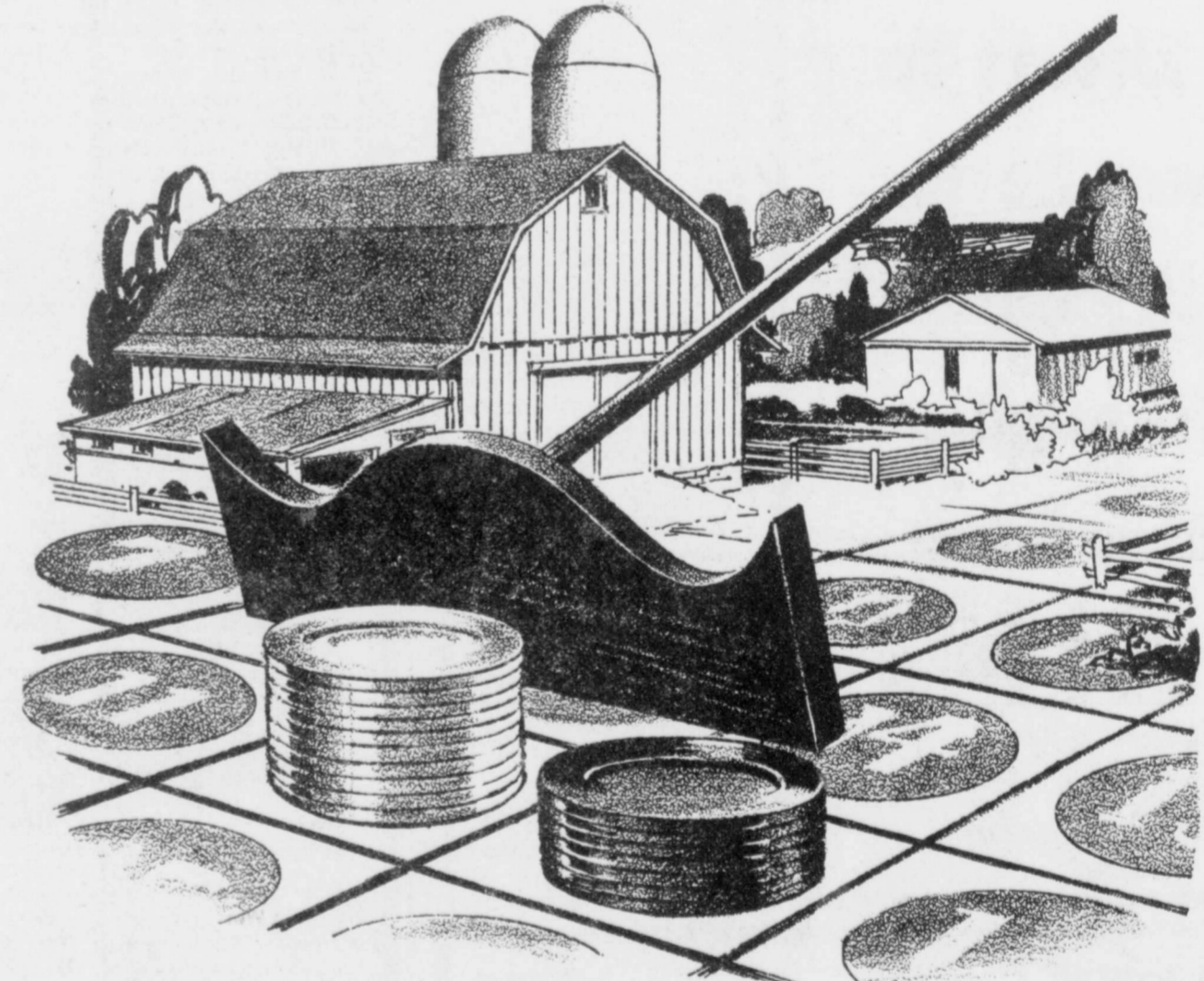


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**TRACY HICKS** celebrated her fifth birthday on December 27. What could have been a happy day for her was a very sad one because someone gave her a present she will always remember, she found her big black dog dead. Someone had shot her only playmate and dragged him under her father's fence. Tracy lives on Rt. 1 Detroit in the Red Oak Community. Another dog could not take Bear's place but it would help.

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
Want to express our deep appreciation for all the help given us during our recent disaster. Special thanks to CPS employees, and firemen for their work during the fire and to all those who have donated hay and used their equipment and time to move it. Thanks to all who have shown concern in any way. The Grays

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to thank everyone for the love and concern of our daughter, Jessica while she was in the hospital in Clarksville and Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Thank you so much for the prayers and gifts that were given. Special thanks to Dr. Miller, Dr. Brooks, and Dr. Long who did surgery, the staff of both hospitals, Brother Posey, Brother Pirtle, Phillips Industries, Bob and Linda Embrey, VFW Post, and last but not least, the grandparents of Jessica, Mr. and Mrs. Jess English, Loren Mays and Lewis Williams all of Bogata, May God Bless each of everyone of you. Mr. and Mrs. John English, John Jr., Jessica and Lillian

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Marvin Jaynes would like to take this time to thank all the wonderful friends who have stood by us in our time of sorrow. Special thanks to the ones who brought food and sent the beautiful flowers. Also thanks to Bro. Naylor for his kind words of comfort.

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Gibbs Funeral Home in Paris. The Rev. Milton Gutierrez officiated. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

**Mrs. Lola Smith**  
Mrs. Lola Maude Smith died Sunday in Pampa. She formerly lived at 1331 Bonham St. in Paris. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Fry and

Methodist Church in Paris. She has been in Pampa during the past few years with her son. Survivors include the son, William R. Smith of Pampa; two granddaughters, Cheryl and Renee Smith, also of Pampa; one sister, Mrs. Charles Hindman of Longview and one niece.

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## Obituaries

**Maudie Latimer**  
Maudie Letta Latimer, 63, of Rt. 1, Detroit, died Sunday at her home.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the Grant Funeral Home Chapel in Deport with the Rev. C. G. Renfro officiating. Burial was made in Bethel Cemetery by Grant Funeral Home.

Miss Latimer was born Sept. 22, 1914 in Red River County, the daughter of Hiram and Addie Lee Chandler Latimer. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by her mother; one brother, James Latimer of Rt. 1, Detroit, five nieces and two nephews.

**Mrs. Ollie Reid**  
Mrs. Ollie Elizabeth Reid died Saturday night at 8:30 in a car accident near Talco.

Services were set for 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Bates-Cooper-Weems Funeral Home with interment in the Bridges Chapel Cemetery. The Rev. Barney Treece officiated.

She was born Aug. 3, 1904 in Soper, Okla. She is the daughter of Mrs. Martha Perry and the late Joe Perry. She married Robert Reid in 1924 in Titus County. He preceded her in death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Martha Perry, Mount Pleasant, one daughter, Mrs. Geneva Kelson, Mount Pleasant, three sisters, Mrs. Alleean Fussell, Dickinson; Mrs. Maudie Smith, Mount Pleasant; and Mrs. Jodie Hanks, Talco, two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Jolly Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Claudie Reynolds of Clarksville; one son, Dr. Claude Reynolds of Sulphur Springs; a daughter, Mrs. Sharon Whitten of Clarksville; one brother, Virgil Reynolds of Las Cruces, N. M., one sister, Mrs. Agnes Leggett of Bogata and three grandchildren.

**Mrs. Sally Franks**  
Funeral services for Sally Franks, of Route 4, Mount Pleasant, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Bates-Cooper-Weems Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Coopers Chapel Cemetery. Bro. Garnett Walker was the officiating minister.

Mrs. Franks died Monday at 10:30 p.m. in the Mount Pleasant Hospital and Clinic. She was born December 21, 1897 in Alabama.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ellen Blalock and Sarah Parrish, both of Mount Pleasant; one son, Cliff Franks, Mount Pleasant; seven grandchildren, 15 great grand-

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# Talco Personals

Monday night supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leake were Mrs. Leake's two brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Leftwich of Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Leftwich of Carthage and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Leake of Mount Pleasant.

Christmas Day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pittman were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Austin, Dallas; Mrs. Frankie Pitts and son, Randy, Larry, Vickie and Jimmy all from Norwalk, Calif., Larry and Johnny Pitts and Tonia of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perdue and Waylon, Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Jr. and Carla of Garland, Mr. and Mrs.

Jerry Pittman of Mount Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Black of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Bill and Irene Akins, Dallas, R. W. Pittman and children, Wenatchee, Wash., R. M. Bell, Kilgore, Mrs. Noia Randle, Bogata, Mrs. Verbeth Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strahan, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Black, Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Westerman, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Weisinger and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fry all of Talco.

Visiting here during the Christmas holidays with the Rev. and Mrs. Barney Treece were their son's, Brandon Treece of Dallas and Barney

Charles Treece of Guy, Ark. The Rev. Treece's mother, Mrs. B. R. Treece of Shangaloo, La. Saturday they visited Mrs. Treece's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knighton of McNab, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hall spent the Christmas weekend with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Wooten and family of Huntsville.

Christmas Day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leake were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leake of Memphis, Tenn., Phillip Leake of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. John Mason and John Ray of Tyler, Mrs. Robert Sassman, Sherry and Robby of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Williams spent Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Perdue and family of Enid, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Kirkpatrick, son, Ricky and daughter, Kimberly of Houston spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. J. C. McGonagill and Reed were in Durant, Okla. Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Vanderhoff, the parents of Joe Vanderhoff who was killed in a car accident Thursday morning.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo L. Reed were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGonagill, Reed and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Reed, Kristi and Jackie all of Talco and Mrs. Ola Spruill of Vivian, La.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Alexander were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Capel of Houston, Mrs. Myrtle Keener, Mount Pleasant and Mrs. Gladys Garretson, Talco.

Duane Welch came Friday to take his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Welch to his home in Pasadena to spend the Christmas holidays. Joining them there were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hill, Mrs. Adile Hanson and Gerald Forshee.

Visiting Mrs. Lessie Lewis at the Golden Years Lodge Nursing Home on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Frye of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodgers and Kay of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Welch of Talco and son, Duane of Pasadena visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradley of Mount Pleasant and a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kristoff and Karen of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Blackburn spent part of last week with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ney Alton Blackburn and family of Ennis and with Mrs. Blackburn's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Falls of Fort Worth.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Ella Burgin Wednesday for a pre-Christmas dinner were, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burgin and Belinda, Mr. and Mrs. David Burgin, Michael and Cody all of Daingerfield, Mr. and Mrs. James Burgin, Pam, Lisa, Brad and April of Mount Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Linnie of Germany.

Orvis Welch and son, Jerry Welch of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradley of Mount Pleasant were Tuesday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Welch.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Frey during the Christmas holidays were their son, Edward Frey, Jr., and his son, Tracy of Bledsoe, Mrs. Vera Smith of Greenville and

Mrs. Gloria Frye of Austin were dinner guests on Saturday. Thursday visitors were Joda Nelson of Oklahoma and Henry Teague of Talco.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Frugia spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gable and their family at Clarksville.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mrs. Ima Sikes were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Orrill and Joshua of Carrollton, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sikes and daughters of Garland and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sikes and children of Mount Pleasant.

Here for the Christmas holidays with the R. T. Fuller's were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller of Jacksboro, R. T. Fuller and his daughter, Becky and husband of LaMarque, Mr. and Mrs. Nickie Vandagriff, Kim and Terri of Pelaham, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graham of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Terry Gray, Todd, Tim and Bryan of Kerns, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson of Winnboro, Ray Miller of Leonard and Debbie Miller of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown had these children and grandchildren home for Christmas dinner, Mrs. Martha Weaver, Cindy and Greg, Mount Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFadridge and Larry of Mesquite; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brown, Bogata; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Daniels and children, Mount Pleasant and Kathy Weaver of Mount Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Palmer of Hacklebury, Ala. are here visiting his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Frye and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Erby Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Singleton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Glay Singleton of Bristol, Tenn. were Tuesday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kaylor and Mrs. Willie Mae Cooper. They were enroute to Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gieger returned home Monday after spending the Christmas holidays in Ft. Worth visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Weeks where three other sisters and three brothers joined them. They also visited their son, the Rev. and Mrs. Gerry Gieger and in Grandview they visited Mr. Gieger's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Ford and his mother, Mrs. Nona Gieger.

Gene Keller of Boliver, Tenn. is here visiting his aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Russell and is assisting Mrs. Russell taking Mr. Russell to the doctor every other day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell and children, Jarilyn and Greg had Christmas dinner in the home of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell on Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Micky Via and family of Dallas spent Christmas day here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Via. On Monday they visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis.

Mrs. Ivy Smith accompanied her brothers, Preston and Leston Mankins of Mount Pleasant to Bonham Friday where they had Christmas dinner with their sister, Mrs. Tommie Lou Austin. Other guests for the day were Joe Masters of Allen and her son, Larry Austin of Austin.

Christmas day visitors in the home of Mrs. Opal Morris were her children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel and children and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Morris and family of Mount Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ramey and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowling and Christi, their grandmother, Mrs. Desser Ramey of Mount Pleasant spent Christmas day here in the home of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Blackburn visited during the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. John Barker and family in Longview.

Danny Glazner of Dallas spent Christmas here with his mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Redwine.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Waddell and family of West Monroe, La.; Mr. and Mrs. David Waddell and family of Carrollton and Kris Waddell and family of Denton were all here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Waddell and their aunt, Mrs. Ollie Jones.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Zela Neugent were Roger Neugent and son, Roger Jr. and Karen Lynn of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Neugent and children of Euless, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwood of Ardmore, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mills and children of Durant, Okla. Roger Neugent is scheduled to enter St. Paul Hospital in Dallas Tuesday for back surgery.

Mrs. Lillie Hanks has returned home following surgery in the McCuiston Hospital in Paris.

Visiting Mrs. Ollie Jones on Monday were her sister, Mrs. E. M. Sloan and daughter, Mildred Haggard and daughter, Marie Luce all of Mooringsport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Gipson and son, Joe Don, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carthel Gipson and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mankins.

Here to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Lank Easterling were all her children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walls and boys of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Lank Easterling Jr. of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelley and children of Plano,

David and Donna Kelley of Nacogdoches. The Kelley's also visited his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Herbert Kelley. Also their daughter, Nancy Fuller and children of Leonard.

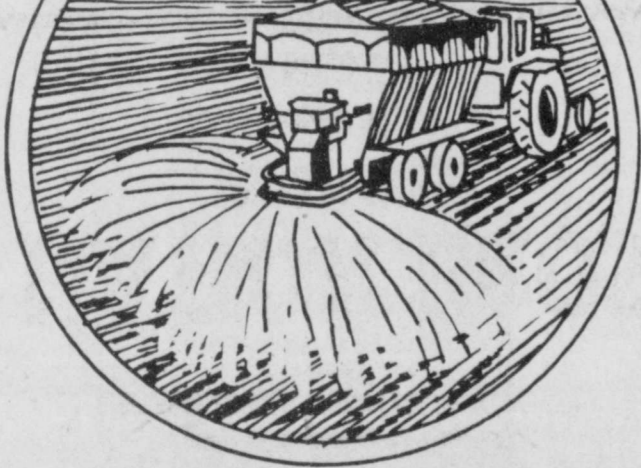


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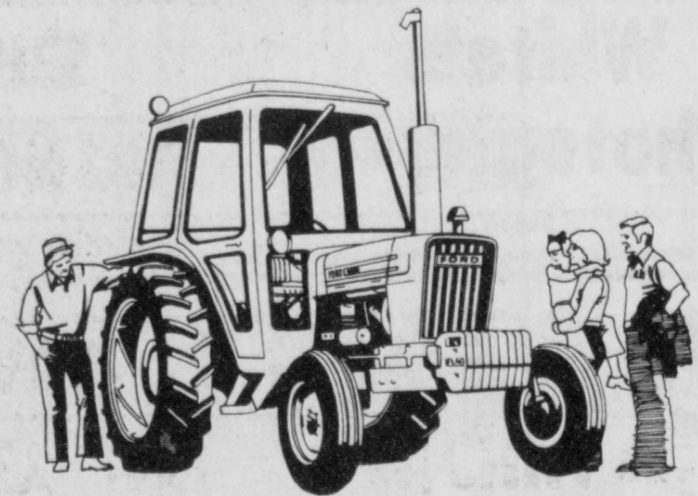
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