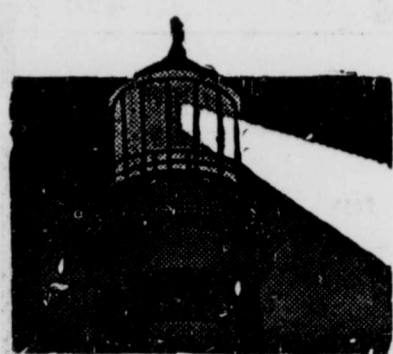


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On The BEAM

J. W. KING, SR.

Did you have a sliding good time on the ice last week? This columnist stayed in off the ice as much as possible -- afraid I might fall and break a leg. Hope you didn't get hurt. And while I was writing this Monday morning, a new cold front was coming into the area which they say will be extremely cold.

By the way if you haven't signed a petition in an effort to keep our hospital open, won't you please do so within the next few days as we need to get them to members of Congress and others. Hundreds of people have already signed but we would like to have just as many as possible to really impress those who receive them.

Loraine's new industry which was scheduled to open about the first of January, was delayed in its work of erection by weather last week, have moved its target date for opening up to January 15.

Custom Ag. Service, Inc. will offer a service to farmers of a vast area they can get in few places. Loraine is proud of this new industry and in order to make it feel more welcome, The Mitchell County News will run a special welcome page with signatures of business firms when it opens. Every Loraine business should join in the welcome. The new industry will be worth a great deal to Loraine and we hope it will be followed by other industries in the near future.

Governor Preston Smith is trying to improve the lot of many small communities in Texas and at the same time other governmental agencies are doing things that will destroy the small communities, notably Medicare. We hope to arouse enough people in the United States to the danger to their communities and they will join in trying to get Congress to change some of the rules.

Swaffords Observe 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swafford observed their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30th.

Though no special party was held for them, they had one son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swafford with them for the occasion, along with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Howard of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hale of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Montgomery of Midland, who called during the week, and their other son, Pete, who lives in Michigan wished them Best Wishes by telephone.

Basketball Schedules Announced For January and February

Basketball season is about half over now, with the schedule for the January and February months as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL

Jan. 8 - Roby, there
Jan. 13 - Hobbs, here
Jan. 16 - Highland, there
Jan. 20 - Ira, here
Jan. 23 - Fluvana, there
Jan. 27 - Hermleigh, here
Jan. 30 - Westbrook, here
Feb. 3 - Roby, here
Feb. 6 - Hobbs, there
Feb. 10 - Highland, here
Feb. 20-21 - Boy's District Tournament
JUNIOR HIGH
Jan. 12 - Highland, there
Jan. 19 - Roby, here

Lunchroom Menu

Monday — Salmon patties, catsup, buttered rice, sliced bread, butter, milk, peach cobbler.

Tuesday — Hamburger on bun, buttered corn, onions, lettuce, pickles, potato chips, milk, peaches with whipped topping.

Wednesday — Enchilada, pinto beans, tomato relish, cornbread, butter, milk, cookies.

Thursday — Fried chicken, gravy, buttered peas, mashed potatoes, sliced bread, chocolate pudding, milk.

Friday — Meat loaf with zesty topping, mashed sweet potatoes, green vegetable salad, hot rolls, butter, syrup, milk.

A. J. Pinkerton Buys Loraine Cleaners from Tommy Linam

Tommy Linam has sold his Loraine Cleaning business to A. J. Pinkerton, and Mr. Pinkerton took over the business the first of this month.

Mr. Pinkerton is an experienced man in this business, having operated a cleaning business for 30 years.

He formerly lived in Haskell and returned there in 1945 after serving four years in the Armed Service. In 1947 he moved to Riverside, Calif., where he continued to operate a cleaning business.

He and his wife and four

Christmas Visitors In Cornutt Home

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cornutt had as their guest Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beights and daughter of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Glasgow and family of Albuquerque, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Merket and family of Highland, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hall of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cornutt and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cornutt and sons of Loraine, and Mrs. Ruth Jernigan and children of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Pitman and children of Abilene were visitors during the week.

HAYS HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hays spent Christmas day in Big Spring with a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Faulkenberry.

They had as their guests after Christmas, a niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Loveall of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crownover of Colorado City and J. L. Crownover of Abilene.

ICE STORM LAST WEEK WAS WORST IN MANY YEARS

Beginning on Sunday, Dec. 28, 1969, a light rain, which froze as it fell and continued through Monday, and was topped with an inch of snow, caused the largest accumulation of ice on trees, electric and telephone lines seen in this section since the 1940's.

Tree limbs sagged to the ground under the weight of the ice and many of them snapped off. Yards throughout the area were littered with broken tree

limbs. Electricity and telephone services were disrupted by broken lines.

Crews of linemen were busy all last week repairing lines and service was restored to many homes, but some are still without either electricity or telephone service. To make the inconvenience a little more so, many homes were without water for several days because their pumps are operated by electricity.

Many crews were also busy, and still are, cleaning up the mess of tree limbs left in yards. The tree limbs are being piled on a vacant lot, owned by the City, and when it is dry, the Fire Boys will burn it. In this connection it might be well to stress that the City has an ordinance against dumping such trash on vacant lots or taking them to the dump ground. A few loads of trees have been dumped on lots other than the one designated by the Mayor for that purpose, and the guilty parties are subject to a fine.

On Monday morning, Jan. 5, a little bit of snow and ice was still on the ground, making a full week of it. Total moisture received from the rain and snow amounted to 1.50 inches. This brought the total for 1969 to 22.05 inches, approximately 2 inches above normal here in town. Other parts of the territory received much more.

Neal Visitors At Christmas

Visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Neal through Christmas were five of their eight children and their families.

Those present for dinner on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Neal and Nancy of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Compton, Donnie and Debra, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Compton, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Askins and children, Pamela, Susie, Rita and Nita, Odessa; Mrs. Charlene Ryan and children, Kathy, Linda, Billy and Cindy, Odessa; Mrs. Ida Mae Compton and daughters and grandsons, Mrs. Della Mae Howell and son Bud, and Mrs. Mary O'Bryan and little son David, of Odessa.

The dinner was served at noon and visiting enjoyed. Old Santa was extra nice to everyone.

Those not able to be home for the get-together were Emmett W. Neal and family, who are in Abore, Portugal, where he is stationed; Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Neal and son, David, of Bethany, Okla.; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr and Danny of Hobbs, N. M.

NARRELS GET TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Narrell had their three sons and daughter, and their families, with them during the Christmas holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nebrig and children of Manchester, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Narrell of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Narrell of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Narrell and children of Lubbock.

Others present were Mrs. Lucille Ledbetter of Houston and Mrs. Fred Battle of San Antonio.

COONS GUESTS AT PARTY IN DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coon were special guests at the Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. Christmas party, held in Dallas Dec. 20.

Mr. Coon is a former employee of the company.

Hospital Notes —

Admitted — Mrs. Mattie M. McDonald, James T. Moore, Mrs. Maria Pardo, Pete White, Mrs. Della Mae Vickers, Mrs. Warren Goode, Earl Dual, Mrs. Claudia Garstenberger, Elmer Lowe, Richard Sauer, Mrs. Morgan Rose, Debbie Gavis, Mrs. Alice Lopez, Freddie Mae Robinson, T. C. Herrera, O. J. Beck, Mrs. Bessie Carpenter, Mrs. Ike Hestand, Ross Marshall, Mrs. R. J. Hale, Mrs. Lucy Guzman, Virgil Henderson, Mrs. Homer Cannon, Mrs. W. C. Bynum, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. Emma Land, J. C. Wells, Mrs. Howard Bruns, Mrs. Jackie Beane, Mrs. Martha Villegas, Weldon Walker, Robert Davenport, Mrs. Estelle Mayes, Mrs. Brejida Gomez, Mrs. Howard Preston, Mrs. Jerry Cannon, Mrs. John Sosa, T. C. Herrera.

A baby to Mr. and Mrs. Torres, Dec. 16.

A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Pardo, Dec. 16.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Gerstenberger, Dec. 17.

A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, Dec. 23.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Guzman, Dec. 29.

A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Dec. 30.

A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Beane, Dec. 30.

A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vickers, Jan. 2.

A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cannon, Jan. 3.

Dismissed — Mrs. Alton Robertson, James T. Moore, M. J. Dodgion, Pete White, Mrs. Mario Pardo and baby, Mrs. Warren Goode, Earl Duval, Mrs. Claudia Garstenberger, Richard Sauer, Mrs. Mattie McDonald, Elmer Lowe, Mrs. Steve Pierce, Mrs. Alice Lopez and baby, Debbie Gavis, Freddie Mae Robinson, T. C. Herrera, O. J. Back, Virgil Henderson, Ross Marshall, Mrs. Ruby Cannon, Morgan Rose, Mrs. Emma Land, Mrs. Carpenter, J. C. Wells, Mrs. Howard Bruns, Mrs. Manuel Lopez and baby, Mrs. M. C. Bynum, Mrs. R. J. Hale, Mrs. Jackie Beane and baby, Mrs. Martha Riden, Mrs. Cora Hall, Mrs. Clifford Hestand, Mrs. Robert Vickers and baby, Weldon Walker, Mrs. Jerry Cannon and baby, Mrs. John Sosa.

Parent-Teacher Group To Hear Psychologist from Big Spring

Loraine P-TA will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the school cafeteria.

Tad Corbett will speak on "Tensions and Frustrations." Mr. Corbett is staff psychologist at Big Spring State Hospital. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Texas Tech. He is Director of the Work Village Program at Big Spring State Hospital, and was previously

Wilson Family Meets At Midland

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wilson met in the beautiful ranch-style home of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Wilson in Midland on New Year's Day.

A bountiful meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings was served at noon. Entertainment was visiting, organ and stereo music.

Going from Loraine were T. C. Wilson and Marie, Mrs. Dan Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bruce. Others present were Mrs. Clyde Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wilson of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Godwin of Colorado City, Mrs. G. C. Williams of Fort Worth and the hosts.

Butler Family Meets In Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. Max Irwin of Abilene were hosts for a Christmas Eve dinner and tree party and for a noon dinner Christmas day for their parents and others.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout with colorful decorations, and two Christmas trees - a white one in the living room for the Irwin family and a large green one in the den for the Butler family.

The turkey dinner was served on Christmas day.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Butler and Danny, and Mrs. Dan Butler of Loraine; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dockrey, Jim and Bill, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Cat Irwin and Cathy of Eunice, N. M.

BIMBO STEWART SHOWS GRAND CHAMPION AT COUNTY SHOW

Bimbo Stewart showed a 913-pound Hereford to the Grand Championship in the Mitchell County Livestock Show last week in Colorado City.

The steer was bred by A. K. Treadaway of Colorado City on his stock farm north of Loraine. Reserve Champion steer was shown by Becky Merket, 15, of Loraine, a 4-H Club calf feeder. Her calf, 909 pounds under a beige winter coat, was second generation animal - 3-4 Angus and 1-3 Charolais - crossbred by Robert F. Fee, Jr., who ranches southeast of Colorado City.

The grand champion was actually a joint project of Bimbo and his 18-year old brother, Frankie, a senior in Loraine High School. Frankie said we flipped and Bimbo won and got the chance to show the calf.

David Stubblefield showed the No. 1 steer in the medium class and also won the awards for Steer Showmanship and Steer Housekeeping.

Eddie Merket, Loraine 4-H Club member, and brother of Reserve Champion exhibitor, Becky, had the No. 1 lightweight steer.

James Light, Colorado City, FFA, showed the Champion heifer.

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Becky Merket for the 4th year exhibited the best Angus of the show.

Bimbo and Frankie are sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, and Becky and Eddie are children of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Merket.

Sisters Janet and Marsha Brownfield showed the Grand Champion Lamb, Reserve Champion Lamb, best pen of three among Hampshire and Southdowns, the Showmanship award, plus 1st and 2nd in the Hampshire class, and 1st and 3rd in Southdown class.

Colorado City 4-H members Larry and Mike McClure teamed up for top honors in the Finewool class. Larry also showed the best pen of three

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Other Breeds & Crosses

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Walter Stirl Reports 28.4 In. of Moisture

Walter Stirl brought in his annual rainfall report to the office this week, which the News has been publishing for several years. Mr. Stirl lives 9 miles North of Loraine, and reports a total of 28.4 inches during 1969, as compared to 22.05 inches in Loraine.

Rainfall broken down into the months, as sent in by Mr. Stirl was:

January - 0
February - 1.3
March - 1.4
April - 2.1
May - 5.1
June - 3.2
July - 0
August - 2.7
September 3.8
October - 4.1
November 1.5
December - 3.2

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AMERICAN PATROL

By Melvin M. King

During the last two decades, many cities and towns have been forced into crisis situations because of population shifts, new farming methods, new fuels which changed transportation patterns and manufacturing practices, and the resultant shift in job opportunities.

Leavenworth, Washington, is a city high up in the Cascade Mountains that happens to exist because it was a point on the Great Northern Railway where crews were changed and extra steam locomotives were added to go over Stevens Pass. With the advent of the diesel, the reason for the town's existence disappeared.

A committee from the University of Washington worked with the townspeople in evaluating their assets and liabilities. Their assets offset their liabilities and the town was rebuilt around the theme of a Bavarian town in the Alps. Now the town prospers more than ever because of their fierce desire to exist. Not only do they enjoy living there, but others enjoy stopping to soak up their atmosphere of cold and snow with ski runs nearby.

It has been good to note the business community of Lorraine exhibiting a similar desire to prosper. Certainly, Lorraine has numerous assets. Not only is it a town of fine people near fast rail and highway facilities, but also there are lakes nearby, to say nothing of an ideal high point for a restaurant to show off the beautiful sunsets and nights of West Texas (Lone Wolf Mountain).

Summer before last, my family and I added 10,000 miles to our family car. We were constantly on the alert for signs that would lure us off the monotonous highway so we could rest and refresh ourselves.

Even this coming summer, my 8-year-old daughter will undoubtedly convince me that I should stop if we should see a sign telling us of a park with recreational facilities (like swings and see-saws). And, as you travelers know, when a stop is made, money is spent.

Lorraine is surrounded by assets. Let us continue the task of sharing these assets with others and the prosperity that allows people to travel will become a part of Lorraine's prosperity.

Mrs. J. P. Nunn visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hays in Fort Worth last week after Mr. Mayes had undergone surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hallmark arrived home Friday after spending two weeks with a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin in Chappqua, N. Y.

TAYLORS HOST FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor hosted their family holiday dinner and get-together Sunday, Jan. 4. Due to illness in the family, they were unable to gather for the holiday week.

Present for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ed Taylor and children of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barron and Rita Sue.

Announces For Re-election

I express my sincere appreciation to all the citizens of Mitchell County for the cooperation extended to me while I have served as County Judge. I will always value your support and friendship.

It has been my policy and endeavor to serve all the citizens of this county to the best of my ability, striving always to do what is best and make decisions fairly and impartially. Now as I announce my candidacy for another term as your County Judge, subject to your votes in Democratic Party Primary, I again earnestly ask for your consideration and support.

My pledge to you will be a continuation of honest, sincere endeavor.

Elmer Martin
 County Judge

North Lorraine Club Holiday Party

The Christmas party for the North Lorraine H. D. Club was held in the home of Mrs. Roy Wells.

Roll call was answered with "a wonderful Christmas I remember."

Mrs. T. L. Holman gave the Council report. The Secretary, Mrs. Jack Linam reported that the club had sent money to the Abilene State Hospital and a gift box to the Big Spring hospital for Christmas.

The President, Mrs. Buck Taylor, gave a reading entitled "The New Christmas Story", and a devotional scripture was read by Mrs. Wells.

Mrs. Raymond Wheeler directed Christmas games and gifts were exchanged from the tree.

Refreshments were served to Mms. Holman, Buck Taylor, Raymond Wheeler, Jack Linam, Willie Taylor, F. M. Ritchey, Bud Shepherd and James Watkins.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Beaty were Mr. and Mrs. James Eaton and Chris of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Mardell Shepherd and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stewart of Colorado City, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harrison and Bryan of Arlington.

New Year guests of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pratt, Kim and Jim of Fort Worth, and Ross Pratt of Las Cruces, N. M.

GOLDEN RIPE BANANAS, 2 lbs. for	25c
CRISP GREEN CABBAGE, lb.	9c
PATIO FROZEN T.V. DINNERS Combination Dinners, 12 oz., each	49c
GOLD MEDAL FLOUR, 5 lb. bag	59c
TEXAS IMP CUT GREEN BEANS, 2 - 303 cans	29c
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RINDLESS SLAB BACON, lb.	75c

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SNOWDRIFT SHORTENING, 3 lb. tin	72c
DEL MONTE SPINACH, 2 - 303 cans	39c
GOOD BEEF CHUCK ROAST, lb.	59c
FRESH LEAN PORK STEAK, lb.	65c

MRS. MARY T. HART SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS CO. TREASURER

In announcing her candidacy for reelection to the office of County Treasurer, Mrs. Mary T. Hart spoke her thanks to Mitchell County citizens for the fine support extended her as she has served in this capacity.

In her statement Mrs. Hart said, "I have served the people of Mitchell County to the best of my ability. I love my work and will welcome a chance to serve as your Treasurer for another term."

"As I ask for your support and votes in the Democratic

Primary, I pledge to do my best to fulfill the duties of the office in the most efficient way possible."

Mrs. Hart, a resident in Colorado City since 1944, is the wife of Bruce Hart, Mitchell County native, whom she married after being widowed.

Mrs. Hart attended Texas Western College, now the University of Texas in El Paso. She is active in First United Methodist Church, in the Mitchell County Chapter of American Cancer Assn., the Colorado City Playhouse Assn., and a member of Colorado City's Adult Basic Education Advisory Committee.

She is the mother of two sons and a daughter, Commander Robert E. Post Jr., with the U. S. Navy in Naples, Italy, W. J. (Bill) Post of San Bernardino, Calif., and Mrs. Mario Cianciulli of Naples, Italy.

Baumann H. D. Club Holds Meeting

Mrs. Dan Butler was hostess to the regular meeting of the Baumann H. D. Club Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Mrs. L. E. Crutcher presided over the meeting, which opened with roll call, "The first thing I notice about a person."

Mrs. Butler read the devotional scripture, Mrs. Pauline Griffin led the club prayer and Mrs. H. L. Leach brought the recreation.

Mrs. Maggie Hamrick used the theme The Wise Old Owl in installing the new officers. They were: President, Mrs. Floyd Griffin; Vice President, Mrs. Dan Butler; Secretary, Mrs. Pauline Smiley; Treasurer, Mrs. Lynne Compton; Council Delegate, Mrs. L. E. Cutcher; and Reporter, Mrs. Cullen Payne.

During the hour, members filled out the new year books and the Club presented a courtesy gift to Mrs. Hamrick.

Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Hamrick and members Mmes. Crutcher, Harvey Leach, Lynne Compton, Floyd Griffin, Gertrude White, Cullen Payne, Faye McCollum, Pauline Smiley and Butler.

Mrs. Ed Shultz Entertains Family

Mrs. Ed Shultz had her three sons and families, and others with her for Christmas.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Armon Shultz of Tulsa, Okla., two grandchildren Mike and Michelle of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shultz and daughter Janie of Dallas, and Mrs. Bill Shultz of Big Spring.

Mrs. Pearl Payne and Michael, and daughter, Mrs. Charlie Diggs and children of Poteet, are here visiting Mrs. V. L. Richard, and in the home of her brother, Roy Richards and family.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Neel Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ezel and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Casper of Colorado City.

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We know the inconvenience caused by service interruptions; and we shared fully your interest in getting service restored as quickly as possible. We brought in all available crews and additional equipment from other parts of our system to help.

We are especially appreciative to those folks who offered to help in any way they could, and to those who in some instances, served our men hot coffee and gave them words of encouragement when they were needed. Thank you again for your help, understanding and for your patience.

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Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hallmark were her sister, Mrs. Carl Slett, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harris and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris and family of El Paso.

Mrs. Lily Bennett has returned after spending Christmas in Corpus Christi with a niece and family, Mrs. O. L. Smith, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Parker and children of Hobbs, N. M., spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Irene Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coffee spent Christmas day with a daughter, Mrs. E. O. Sandlin and children in Abilene. Their other daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols of Richardson joined them there for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mathis and Tommy Don, of San Saba, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mathis and Dusty, of Seymour, spent Christmas week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mathis. Other Christmas visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCowan, Kelly, Kerry and Kyle of Abilene, Nelda Allen of Snyder, and Mrs. Tim Leverett and Shannon of Bryan.

Bassham For County Clerk

Mrs. Marie Bassham, who has been an employee in the County Clerk's Office for about 16 years, authorized the Mitchell County News to announce her candidacy for the Office of Mitchell County Clerk.

The Colorado City native has been serving several years as Chief Deputy to County Clerk Gilbert R. Leach.

She emphasized that her experience at the Court House qualifies her for the Clerk's Office.

"I am completely knowledgeable and experienced in all the operations of the Office, as well as the duties of the Clerk," Mrs. Bassham said.

"My pledge, if elected, will be to operate the office in an efficient and business-like manner with emphasis on cooperation and service to the public."

The Clerk's office keeps almost all county records including births, deaths, marriage records, liens and deeds and mortgages on property transactions, plus the establishment of financial records and recording of judgments.

Mrs. Bassham has one daughter, Mrs. Camilla Pachall and one granddaughter, who live in Big Spring.

Mrs. Bassham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wood and has three brothers living in Colorado City - Bill, Jack and Eugene Wood. Another brother, John Wood, is a Texas Ranger stationed in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Bassham said her candidacy is subject to the Democratic Primary Election.

Sincerely,
Marie Bassham

Mr. and Mrs. Al Walker of Crane spent Wednesday night with her mother, Mrs. Harvey Leach, and she accompanied them and visited until Sunday with the Keith Laseters at their lake cabin near Tyler.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ritchey Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Horton of Odessa.

Mrs. Homer Wilson returned home last week after spending two weeks in Vernon with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coon and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hester were holiday guests of their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown in Dallas.



AUSTIN — Lagging voter registration may spell bad news for Democratic officials, according to no less an authority than U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough.

Yarborough called a news conference in the Statehouse the day after State Republican Chairman William Steger of Tyler announced Texas GOP's plan to field strong candidates for both senator and governor this year.

Steger cited a poll as the basis of Republican hopes, but Yarborough said registration statistics, not polls, are the real cause for Democrats to be wary. He said 80 per cent of Republican strength already has registered in such large counties as Harris, Dallas and Midland, while the sign-up is poor in traditional Democratic strongholds.

On that same day, Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr. urged all eligible adult Texans to exercise their constitutional rights by registering. Dies is the state's chief election officer. January 31 is the registration deadline. Dies issued these reminders.

Any citizen 21 years of age or older on the day of an election, who has been a resident of the state for at least one year and a resident of his home county for six months immediately preceding the election, is qualified to register for voting.

Eligible persons may register by personal appearance at the main office, branch office or authorized substation of the home county tax assessor-collector. Written applications may also be made to the tax assessor collector.

The husband, wife, mother, father, son or daughter of a voter may act as his agent in registering if the agent is a qualified voter.

A person who moves to Texas after October 1 may register during the regular period or afterward but must have been registered for 30 days before voting.

Any person who will meet qualifications before Feb. 28, 1971, may register during the regular period. Those who will become 21 after January 31 may register during the regular period.

CRIME FIGHT — Department of Public Safety Director Wilson Speir persuaded the Criminal Justice Council to Provide \$864,638 to enlarge the DPS training academy at Austin. This, subject to availability of funds.

Colonel Speir said the proposed construction and renovation would expand the student capacity of the facility from 181 to 381. Also, space would be made available for the council's proposed Texas Crime Information Center, a bank of computers and Teletypes linked with DPS offices around the state.

Council also voted to consider changing its name at the next meeting. Acting Chairman Harold Dudley said Gov. Preston Smith favors the title "Texas Justice Council" eliminating the word "criminal."

Among the eight local projects given council approval was a rehabilitation program for the El Paso County Jail. Project will involve counseling and a job-training program, starting with a cooking and baking school.

AIR POLLUTION — Texas Air Control Board will set up a regional office in Houston within the next three months. But the state board does not intend to duplicate any pollution control services offered by Harris County, the City of Houston or other local agencies.

Executive Secretary Charles Barden said the Air Control Board has been planning a regional office in Houston for a long time, but a request had just come in from the city. Regional offices already have been established in Corpus Christi, Tyler, Fort Worth and Lubbock.

COURTS SPEAK — Texas Supreme Court held Houston must turn over to Harris County Hospital district \$14 million in pension funds contributed by and for Ben Taub and Jefferson Davis hospital employees.

Court ordered new trial in controversy over ownership of \$10 million 21 Turtle Creek Square apartments in Dallas.

Hall County man failed to convince high court his loss of

sight was caused by cotton gin accident.

Oral arguments were set for January 28 in Jefferson County man's injury suit against Hudson Oil and Gas Corporation arising from gas line blow-out.

AGRICULTURE — Farm production in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma for 1969 probably will fall a little short of last year's levels. So reports the 11th Federal Reserve District.

Livestock production, with more cattle on feed, will be up about six percent, but crop production, hurt by adverse weather, will experience a 10 percent drop.

Nonetheless, the estimated farm gross of \$6.1 billion and net of \$2 billion will be slightly higher than last year.

Michael Wayne Hackfeld Honored

A gift shower for Michael Wayne Hackfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hackfeld, was held in the home of Mrs. Alva Bennett from 7 to 9 p. m. on Dec. 20.

Gifts were surrounding the lighted white Christmas tree when Mr. and Mrs. Hackfeld and Michael Wayne arrived. Gifts were opened by Mrs. Hackfeld and passed for all to see.

The refreshment table was covered with lace underlined with yellow. White cake squares decorated with a yellow rose on a green leaf, and on the center of the cake were two yellow infant shoes.

The white centerpiece on the refreshment table held a tree of little shoes, animals and green and yellow bows. Old Santa in a sleigh with his reindeer was mounted on the base of the centerpiece. Holy angels in multiple colors, along with a Christmas boot filled with candy also surrounded the centerpiece.

Appointments were crystal and silver. Yellow punch was served along with the cake squares by Mrs. Nuke Henderson, Mrs. Rodney Walker and Mrs. Doyle Hester.

Co-hosting with Mrs. Bennett were Mmes. Joe Terry, K. L. Taylor, Gene Liles, Moody Richardson, Rodney Walker, Wiley Walker, Julia Williams, Clay Graham, Nuke Henderson, Percy Bond and Billy Cornutt.

Mrs. E. Shultz, Howard Bryant and Mrs. Maggie Bryant were visitors in the home of Mrs. Bill Shultz in Big Spring on Christmas night. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Shultz and two daughters, and Jo Ann Shultz of Odessa.

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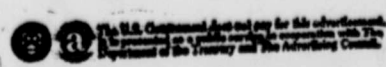
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DUE			Amount due

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NOTICE!

An Ordinance Fixing and Determining the General Service Rate To Be Charged for Sales of Natural Gas to Residential and Commercial Consumers Within the City Limits of Loraine, Mitchell County, Texas, and Providing for the Manner in Which Such Rates may be Changed, Adjusted and Amended and Declaring an Emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN:

SECTION 1. Effective with the first gas bills rendered after the final approval of this ordinance, the maximum general service rate for sales of natural gas rendered to residential and commercial consumers within the city limits of Loraine by Lone Star Gas Company, a Texas corporation, its successors and assigns, is hereby fixed and determined as follows: First 1,000 cu. ft. or fraction thereof \$1.8788 Gross; \$1.67 Net All Over 1,000 cu. ft. @ \$1.0322 per Mcf Gross; \$.929 per Mcf Net.

No gas bill will be rendered to any residential or commercial consumer served under the above rate not consuming any gas during any monthly billing period.

ADJUSTMENTS

The amount of each net monthly bill computed at the above stated rates shall be subject to the following adjustment; Plus or minus the amount of any increase or decrease, respectively, in the present authorized intra-company city gate charge as fixed by the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas or other regulatory body having jurisdiction for gas delivered to Lone Star Gas Company's distribution system for sale to residential and commercial consumers; plus an amount equivalent to the proportionate part of any new tax, or increased tax, or any other governmental imposition, rental, fee or charge (except state, county, city and special district ad valorem taxes and taxes on net income) levied, assessed or imposed subsequent to July 1, 1969, upon or allocable to the Company's distribution operations, by any new or amended law, ordinance or contract. Each gross monthly bill shall be adjusted proportionately. Company, at its option, may forego the application of any adjustment if such adjustment would result in an increase in the monthly bill; however, failure of Company to apply any adjustment shall not constitute a waiver of Company's right from time to time, or at any time, to make any adjustment, in whole or in part, in any subsequent currently monthly bill that may be applicable to such bill.

Net rate shall apply to all

THANKS

We want to express our deep appreciation to all of the Loraine people, who as they always have, thought of us, prayed for us, and sent cards, flowers, memorials and food.

May God bless you in remembering us in the loss of our sweet mother.

Mrs. Billie Ruth Tartt and Family
And others of Mrs. Will Young's family.

bills paid with ten days from monthly billing date; gross rate shall be applicable thereafter. The above rate is applicable to each residential and commercial consumer per month or for any part of a month for which gas is used at the same location.

In addition to the aforesaid rates, Company shall have the right to collect such reasonable charges as are necessary to carry out its reasonable rules and regulations in effect.

SECTION 2. The rate set forth in Section 1 may be changed and amended by either the City or Company furnishing gas in the manner provided by law. Service hereunder is subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, and the Company's Rules and Regulations currently on file in the Company's office.

SECTION 3. The fact that there is an imperative public need for an ordinance fixing and determining the rate for gas and gas service furnished to residential and commercial consumers creates an emergency, and the reading and passage of this ordinance at three separate meetings is hereby suspended and this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage at a single meeting and the approval thereof by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of January, A. D.

1970.

ATTEST:

Dr. Bruce H. Johnson, Mayor
Homer Hart, Secretary
City of Loraine, Texas.
(SEAL)

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MITHCELL

I, Homer Hart, Secretary of the City of Loraine, Mitchell County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Loraine at a regular session held on the 5th day of January, 1970, as it appears of record in the Minutes of said City Council in Book 3, page 659.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID CITY, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1970.

Homer Hart, Secretary
City of Loraine, Texas

Donna Holman returned to her home in Austin Sunday after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holman. Also visiting in their home was Mrs. Holman's sister, Mrs. Clara White of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King Jr., Mary Karen, Nancy and John Harold spent Wednesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King.

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Mrs. Ida Baird accompanied her son, Roy Baird of Big Spring to Dallas and spent the New Year's holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Baird and family, and other relatives.

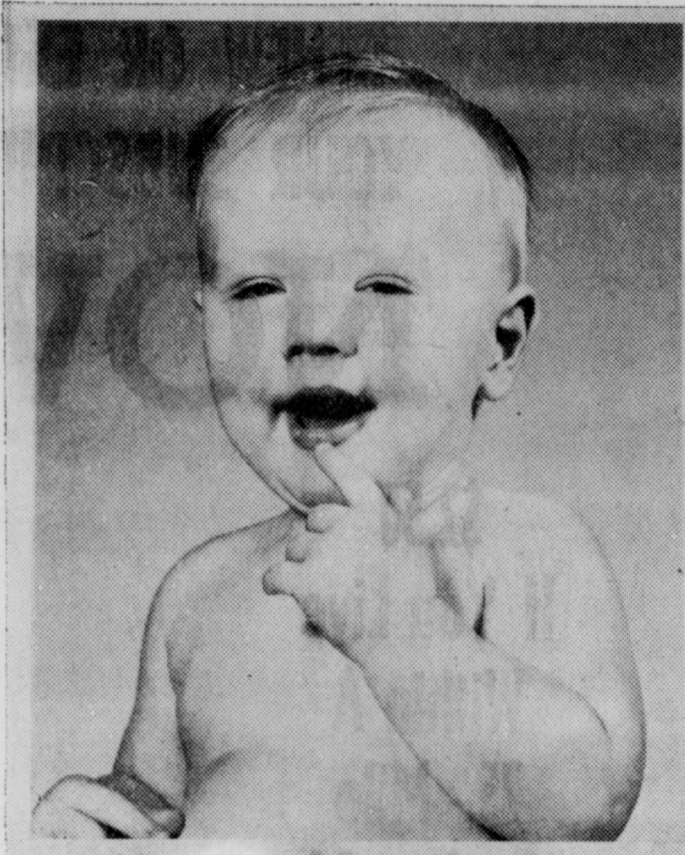
Mrs. Jim Johnson returned home Monday after a three weeks visit in Denton, Dallas, Denison and Garden City.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells were their two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mendenhall and family of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robinson of Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Daniels of Lubbock spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Billie Ruth Tartt and girls.

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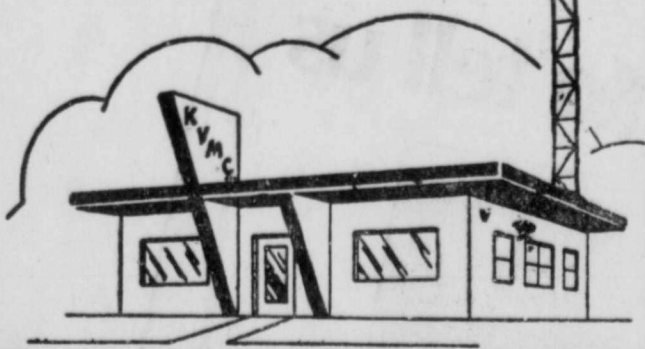
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