

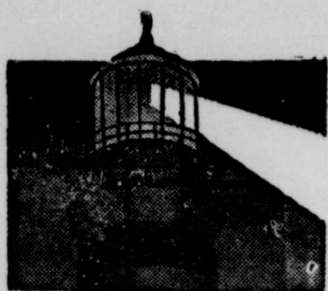
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On The BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

You will be getting your paper early this week because it is Christmas. This will be the last issue of The News you will receive in 1963.

This columnist wants to join with everyone else in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

A new press has been purchased on which to print The Mitchell County News in the future and in order to get it here and installed we will not publish a paper for next week which would be dated January 2, 1964. Our old newspaper press is worn out and we are replacing it with a better one. We hope you will bear with us while we are making the change for we believe you will be pleased with the printing quality of the paper after the change has been made. We are also making another change, reducing the size of our page to seven columns instead of eight. This is being done because the new press will print 4 pages of seven columns at one time. If we continued the eight column size we could only print 2 pages at a time. Anyway we hope you will like the change.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The Mitchell County News will not publish a paper for next week. A new press is being installed and we could hardly make the change and print a paper too. Remember there will be no paper next week.

C. A. LANDS OBSERVE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Land observed their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Lions Club building.

Hosts for the occasion were their children Mrs. Joe Mills and Mr. Mills of Costa Mesa, Calif.; Mrs. J. H. Homan and Mr. Homan of Big Spring, Garland Land of Big Spring and Mrs. J. Hall and Mr. Hall of Snyder.

White lace cloth covered the serving table. Decorations were white candles in silver holders. A white candle in a silver holder also graced each piano. A Christmas centerpiece holding a white candle was on the table. Appointments were silver and crystal. Decorated cookies, punch and coffee were served.

Others attending were Price Hall, Mrs. A. C. Furrow, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler, Aubrey Caswell, Mr. and Mrs. George Mahoney and Nubbin, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Riden, Mrs. Elnora Baumann, Ivan Barman of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hall and Kim of Snyder, Miss Katharine Homan of Big Spring and Emma K. Hopner of Big Spring.

The honored couple received beautiful pot plants and other gifts.

FFA AND 4-H PROJECT SHOW FRIDAY, SATURDAY JAN. 3-4

The Project Show for Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members enrolled in Loraine High School will be held in the Loraine Agriculture Building on Friday and Saturday, January 3-4.

The annual show is sponsored by the Loraine Lions Club. J. B. Mahon is chairman of the Lions Club Livestock Show Committee. The project show committee from the FFA Chapter is composed of Johnny Baumann, chairman, Gary Finley, James Mahon, Carroll Bowles and Keith Hackfeld.

Judging will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday Jan. 4, with the judging of swine. Sheep judging will be at 1 p.m. with the judging of breeding cattle to follow. The judge will be Albert A. Maberry, Vocational Agriculture teacher in Trent High School. Supervisors of exhibitors are Raymond Holt, V. A. teacher in Loraine High School and Buddy Logsdon, Mitchell County agent. Awards will be presented by Carla Britton Loraine FFA and Lone Wolf District Sweetheart.

Mike Mease will be Superintendent of the steer division with Herman Mitchell and Stanley Hackfeld assistants. There will be heavyweight and lightweight classes.

Ralph Smith is Superintendent and Eldon Graham and Donnie Phillips assistants in the swine division. Heavyweight and lightweight classes will be shown.

Randy Britton is Superintendent and George Lee, Virgil Troutt and Ronnie Finley assistants in the fat lambs division. There will be classes for South-downs, fine wool, cross breed.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The J. M. Thompson family had their Christmas dinner and tree at the J. A. Thompson home at Silver Sunday. Those attending were Mrs. J. M. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gale and Melvin, all of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Wilks and son Gregg of Silver, C. E. Thompson of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb and Linton Ray of Loraine.

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We say Merry Christmas to you with a charming yuletide story



Blenod Christmas

by Stanton M. Meyer

Now that Bruce Sickle is around forty, and probably getting fat and a little bald, maybe he's almost forgotten about little Jeanne and Victor back in the tiny village of Blenod, France—especially since Bruce Sickle is old enough now to have a couple of youngsters every bit as big as Jeanne and Victor were back on that December day in 1917. He lives somewhere in Ohio, perhaps, and I hope Santa Claus is good to him and his family this Christmas.

I'm sure that Jeanne and Victor haven't forgotten. It would be pretty hard to forget anything about that winter when the snow came down and covered up the stretches of broken bricks that once had been beautiful roads, and when the long trains of horse-guns creaked past, plowing deep furrows in the drifts faster than the flakes could fall.

And it would be hard to forget about Christmas that year, too, maybe because it seemed as if there'd be no Christmas. There weren't any candles, for one thing, and even if there had been, you didn't dare put them in the window for fear of enemy planes. And how could you go to mass of a *Nöel* when the church had no roof and only one wall? Even *le bon père* stayed at the field hospital, where he was sorely needed. No candles, no shops, no priest, no fat goose, no toys—and nothing to make them out of, either—not a very pleasant outlook for Christmas with *maman* ill and *papa* far away fighting for *la patrie*.

But that was before Jeanne and Victor met Bruce Sickle. You see, it was late on the night of the twenty-third of December that the Buckeye Battery jingled wearily up the road from the east, where the sky was always red after dark. The gun carriages sounded for all the world like a score of Santa Claus sleighs, if you just listened to the clinking of the harness chains, and forgot about the creaking of the big wheels and the grunts of the soldiers who tried to push them out when the drifts got too deep. How the horses steamed! The lantern light picked out little shining streaks on their backs where the snowflakes had melted away.

Jeanne and Victor tiptoed to the window to watch while the animals were led away to the sheds and barns. Pretty soon the little street was filled with men, and then you could see the light shining out of the *auberge* onto the snow as the *propriétaire* held the door open.

After Jeanne and Victor were back in bed they could hear the horses stamping in the distance, and now and then under their window a broad, hearty laugh and low voices in an accent that sounded not at all like the talk of the English *soldats* who had often billeted here in the past. And then, pretty soon, it was morning.

The very first person little Victor and Jeanne saw after they had given *maman* her tea and bread and had made her warm and gone out into the street—the very first person was Bruce Sickle. Victor remembers his tanned face and his blue eyes, and how small his overseas cap looked on his big round head, and how funny his blue denim overall trousers flapped around his ankles when he walked, showing his spiral leggings underneath.

"Hello, kids!" he said, and laughed. A big hearty laugh that filled the whole street.

"*Pouvez-vous un Américain?*" asked Victor, timidly.

"Sure!" said Bruce Sickle, "an *grand Américain* and a darn grand cook!" And he laughed again.

"Cook?" said Jeanne, in her charming Lorraine accent. "What is cook? *Un Officier*, perhaps?"

"Huh? But yes! Better than an officer. A *chef*. *Chef de cuisine*! I'm the man that cooks the grub for the whole

battery. Soup and coffee and beans and pump-dee-terry and sometimes a *poulet* for the captain! Why, little girl, what is the matter?"

For the mention of all that food can make even a brave little French girl cry—even one whose *papa* is fighting for *la France*—if she has had nothing to eat for days but hard black bread and watery tea and a little weak red wine. And Jeanne was biting her lip hard to keep back the sobs.

In ten seconds Bruce Sickle was seated on the nearest doorstep with Jeanne on his knee and he was wiping away the tears with a blue handkerchief as big as an altar cloth. And in ten seconds more Victor was sitting on the doorstep beside him, doing the explaining as became the head of the family; and perhaps because he was old for his years—what boy was not in France in 1917? He told what there was to tell in straightforward, matter-of-fact, man-to-man fashion.

He told of *maman*, who had been ill of a malady in the chest for many weeks; of the *papa* who was far away in Picardy; of the great shell that had killed their only cow. Of the black bread that grew blacker and harder as the weeks went on. A doctor? No, of a certainty, there was none in the village. All were needed at the front. No, *mon-sieur*, *maman* had had no doctor. If it weren't for poor *maman*, and for the fact that little Jeanne would have no Christmas—the rest one could endure for one's *la belle France*. Why not? *C'est la guerre!*

And then suddenly the tall *Americain* had squeezed their hands and left them and was hurrying down the crooked little street. And then he was back again. With an *American officer*—a military doctor with gray chin-whiskers and bright boots, to whom he was amazingly respectful and said, "Yes, Major" and "Here are the children, sir." And in a little while Major Chin-whiskers was at *maman's* bedside, holding *maman's* wrist very solemnly while the tall *Americain*, the Monsieur Bruce Sickle, was giving them *American* chewing gum and telling them of his little sister in a faraway place called Akron.

Victor and Jeanne went to sleep late that night. *Maman* had been given medicine from a bottle brought by the *American* doctor. There had been white bread and jam and a strong chicken broth for supper. Bruce Sickle had brought them in under his overcoat. "From the officers' mess," he said. And now the moon was shining cold and white over the roofs of Blenod and it seemed that even the thunder to the east was nearly stilled.

Does Bruce Sickle remember Christmas Eve in Loraine in 1917? With the distant murmur of music in the *auberge* and the muffled stamping nearer in the stables where the stout artillery horses nickered and champed the hay in the mangers? To Victor that soft champing remains as a living memory, for it made him think of a story of another manger in a long ago time far away.

Victor noticed, too, the flickering lights in the market house where the Buckeye Battery was billeted. Did they never sleep, these tall *Americains*? And where was that fat cannoner going with Monsieur the Inn-Keeper's best and biggest red tablecloth?

And then, strangely, it was morning again.

Victor remembers hearing Jeanne call out from the little living room before he was half out of bed. And then of going in and of seeing *maman* sitting up in a chair, warm and comfortable and smiling. The rest is still like a dream of heaven—as it was then to a boy who had known only cold and shells and the sound of marching feet for three long years.

In the center of the clean-swept room towered a great

tree. One of the republic's own fir trees, no doubt, mysteriously appearing here in this little house as if there were no stern forest guards to protect the nation's wood reserves and keep pilfering hands away. Its high top touched the low ceiling and bent back again. From its branches—carefully tied on with bits of twine—were a dozen candles. Strange they looked, all lit at once! Each white candle bore a stencil mark in purple ink: "U. S. Commissary Dept." And their light made doubly wonderful the strange fruit that covered the tree—little dolls and mannikins and soldiers, cleverly clipped from cardboard; bars of real chocolate; queer little packages labelled "chewing gum". Beneath the tree stood a doll's house, its roof shingled over with the bright covers of cigarette packages. A miniature warship, carved from a single piece of wood with a trench-knife, was steaming through a snowy sea of white cotton. And next to it, miraculously contrived of cigar-box wood and tin cans, stood a toy gun-carriage, caisson and all, bearing the proud sign "Buckeye Battery".

And then the room was filled with great, laughing soldiers in olive drab, and a big man with a round face that looked strangely like Bruce Sickle's, came in all dressed in a suit of red with a scarlet cap and a cottony beard and brown leather American boots—not so astonishing after all, for the soldiers said he was an American Santa Claus. And he laughed and fetched wonderful things from a great pack—tall cans of soup and beans, bottles of medicine for *maman*, biscuits, and cake and tinned fish and a dressed fowl!

Can Bruce Sickle remember how Victor's eyes bulged when he was given a whole big drumstick to eat? Does he

remember the warm red fire in the stove, and the games, and how the red-haired soldier made little Jeanne laugh when he imitated a cat-and-dog fight and then played on a mouth harp? Does he recall the songs, and how he taught a little French boy to sing "K-K-K-Katy" while the war seemed far away?

I wonder if he remembers seeing a boy and a girl the next morning, standing near the market house when the horses were led to their places at the guns and the Buckeye Battery jingled away through the snow toward the east where the thunder was loud again. Does he recall, perhaps, waving from the back of the escort wagon? And of hearing two voices cry, "Bon voyage!" above the noise of command and the horses' feet?

Does he remember? I, Victor, think he does.



This World War I Christmas story originally appeared a quarter of a century ago in the old St. Nicholas Magazine for November, 1934. It has since become something of a minor children's classic. To many a U. S. veteran who once spent a Christmas far from home—in Italy, France, the South Pacific or Korea—this tale may strike a nostalgic note of remembrance.

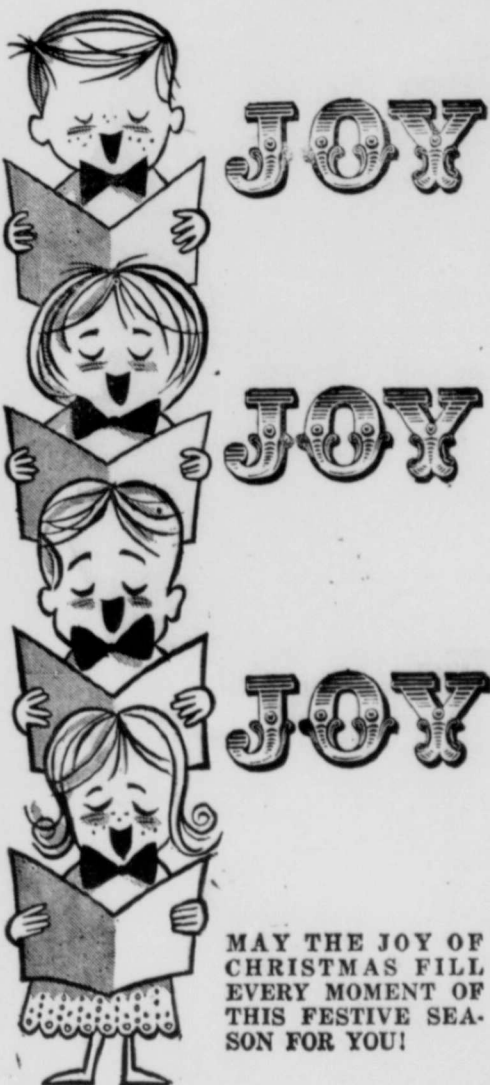
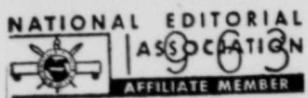
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MAY THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS FILL EVERY MOMENT OF THIS FESTIVE SEASON FOR YOU!

ELMER MARTIN
County Judge



What keeps fishing good on Falcon Lake every month in the year?
That question is asked by every one who has fished there.
Falcon Lake is that 100,000 acre impoundment that straddles the Rio Grande some 50 miles south of Laredo. It is a frontier lake, a new lake and a mysterious one that always is productive. Unfortunately the drawdown for irrigation downstream has been very heavy during the past few months because of the dry weather. But still it is a fabulous fishing spot.
Two of my friends who fish down there a great deal are Bill Moore, Brownwood tackle repre-

At this season our thoughts go out to those whose courtesy, cooperation and loyalty has meant so much to us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FRANK GINZEL
County Attorney

representative and L. A. Wilke, recently retired as editor of the Texas Game and Fish Magazine. They have a pretty good answer for the consistently good fishing in Falcon. Their answer is that Falcon is the one major lake in Texas where the spawning season is almost continuous.

In most Texas lakes the heavy spawn is in May and June. By that time there are plenty of fingerling bass in Falcon.

Same conditions also is true in the fall. Fishing there recently these two men saw literally thousands of small bass from two to four inches long that came out of late spawns.

Right now in some parts of the lake six and eight inch bass can be caught on almost every cast. Bass grow fast in Falcon. It is a lake rich in food values.

Perhaps from that standpoint the dropping of the lake is of great value. For instance all last fall the lake was down a dozen or more feet. This permitted a heavy growth of weeds and grass. In fact these dry shores of Falcon were covered with a fine stand of coastal bermuda. This caused a great deal of grazing by live stock, which in turn richly fertilized the soil.

When the lake refills all this vegetation will be covered over, furnishing more food for the fish and more cover for them.

Also the lake is far enough downstream from agricultural lands where pesticides are used. Therefore there is little chance of harmful effect from crop dusting, etc. The water has been purified by a thousand miles of travel from the El Paso Valley.

Too, a number of streams also flow into the lake from the Mexican side, where there is no such pollution.

All this adds up to good fishing.

Fine facilities have been provided at Falcon for the fisherman. Most of these facilities are to be found at Zapata, which has a dozen real nice motels at reasonable rates.

Moore and Wilke were down there recently and fished with Roy Weathersby out of the Falcon Lake resorts at Zapata. Roy has been there three years and during that time he has strung up more than his weight in six pound bass.

During the time these two men were fishing on the lake they met people there from all over Texas. There was one woman from Oklahoma City. She had trailed a boat from Oklahoma City to Amarillo where she picked up her mother. They drove out of a snow storm in the Panhandle, on to Falcon and spent three days fishing. It wasn't their first trip. They make it twice a year.

There was a doctor and his wife from Wichita Falls, a contractor from Lubbock, a farmer from Levelland, a lawyer from east Texas and a man and wife from Beaumont.



In grateful appreciation for your friendship, as shown by the fine patronage you have given us, we wish you a

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It's a Pleasure to Say,



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

JONES LAUNDRY

Because of the excellent accommodations at Falcon it is a great place for husband-wife fishing vacations. Women will take the rough water and usually catch more than their menfolk. But when they quit fishing they want a clean place in which to stay.

Catfishing from baited holes also is getting a lot of attention from fishermen. Weathersby has baited his dock and fishing goes on there day and night. A few hundred yards off Paradise Point a tree growing out of the water marks a baited hole where a dozen boats stay tied up most of the time. Catfishing around these holes, with the use of stink bait, is fabulous.

So if you are looking for fishing that's different and consistently productive, try Falcon.

"Pointed" furs have had hairs added to the skin.

In 1793 the southern states of the U. S. produced two-thirds of the world's cotton.

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM
By Bill Berger, President
Texas Press Association

What a price we pay for "freedom" in these United States.

In order to impress the thoughtless, and to pick up votes among those who are easily swayed, a few of our politicians go about the country implying that those who think differently are not really good Americans. There are many who make their living out of organizing hatred against our government, yes, even some who pretend to be ministers of the Gospel. Some of these have been preaching for years that our national leaders, such men as Dwight Eisenhower and the late John F. Kennedy, are about to betray their native land.

We give men who preach such rot the freedom to do so because our Constitution requires it and because we have assumed that no one can be so foolish as to believe them.

We have allowed the rabble-rousers full freedom to preach lies, and then we are horrified when some of the rabble are aroused.

We have allowed full freedom to those who stand ready to sell high-powered rifles through the U. S. mails to any man, woman or child who is able to raise \$12.75. We maintain open borders, and let our citizens change their minds with little hindrance as to which country they will claim as home. We let them come back home—and even advance them the money to get back to our free shores. People here are free to proclaim admiration for Cuba, Russia or any of our Communist adversaries, and some of the misguided, demented or criminal do so.

We citizens of Texas have allowed

ed partisans of the opposite extreme to spit on our ambassador to the United Nations, and we let a former general insult the American flag he once served by deliberately flying it upside down, all this in our once proud city of Dallas.

Three years ago, we citizens of Texas let a Dallas congressman and a group of his constituents insult Senator Lyndon Johnson and his wife, brushing it aside as merely a political demonstration. We listen to, laugh at and repeat vicious, ugly jokes about the men we expect to keep us secure from enemies around the world. We pour out applause and wealth for a man whose only claim to fame was the ability to sound like our late President on a phonograph record, and to make him seem ridiculous.

All of this we have tolerated, excusing it because we like to say "It's a free country."

Which of these thoughtless acts piled one upon another, added up to enough that a distorted mind reached the conclusion that it was his duty to kill our President?

As our new Commander in Chief is forced against his will to take command of this Nation in a time of worldwide heartbreak, let us all reflect upon the terrible price we have paid for our "freedom" in these United States.

Thomas Jefferson is believed to have served the first ice cream in the nation to guests at Monticello.



May joy reign in the world...in your home...In honor of Him whose birthday we this day celebrate.

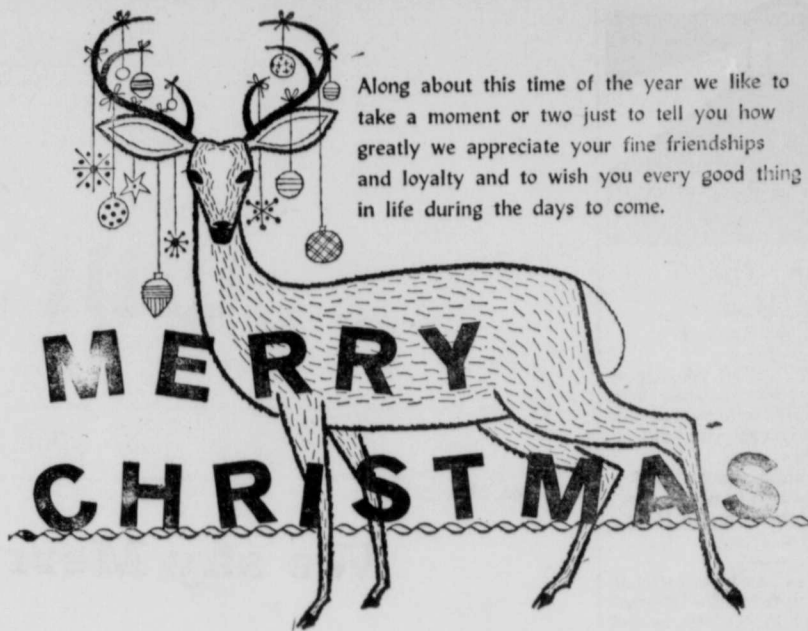
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Happy Holidays



May Christmas joys and memories live on during the coming year and keep you in constant company with happiness.

C. A. HUGHES
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Along about this time of the year we like to take a moment or two just to tell you how greatly we appreciate your fine friendships and loyalty and to wish you every good thing in life during the days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Berman & Employees Colorado City

ROOM FOR ONE MORE AT WEST TEXAS BOYS RANCH

With the ever increasing number of boys being referred to West Texas Boys Ranch the Ranch is having to turn down a disturbing number of boys. This is heartbreaking! Last year one fourteen year old boy who's parents dumped him, found himself without friends or a home. He had lived in the county jail for three weeks before he was referred to the Ranch. He had been in no trouble and was deserving of an opportunity. The Ranch was filled to capacity, however, the

Ranch made room for one more. The road has been rough for this boy, however, he has proven he has what it takes to make something worthwhile of himself. His over-all progress at the Ranch has gained him the distinction of being chosen as one of four candidates for the top honor of Boy of the Year. Selection of the Boy of the Year will be announced Jan. 18, 1964.

This is the type of story the Ranch deals with daily. There are many boys who need and would take advantage of the assistance offered at West Texas Boys

Ranch. However, the Ranch can do so much on limited funds. During this 1963 Christmas season the Ranch needs the help of all West Texas Donations of any size will be appreciated as this year's Christmas donations are falling short of previous donations.

Apache Indians are believed to have drifted south from Canada about 1200-1400 A. D.

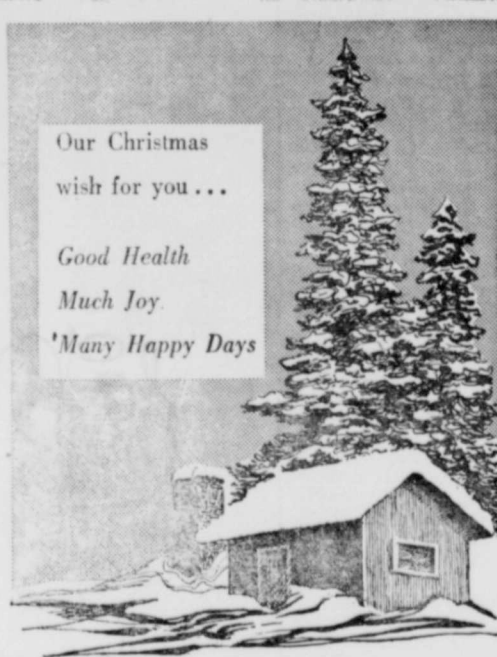
Lexington, Virginia with the graves of Lee and Jackson, is the "Cradle of the South."



JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

May the best of all life's blessings and the warmth of the Yuletide cheer be with you this glad season.

LORAIN
F. H. A.



Our Christmas wish for you...

Good Health
Much Joy

'Many Happy Days

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GIVE YEAR 'ROUND BETTER LIVING...



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LORRAINE CAGERS

TOP BLACKWELL
Lorraine took basketball wins over Blackwell here Tuesday night.

In the boys A game, Lorraine took a 75-62 victory. Joe Garcia led the victory with 37. Mickey Campbell had 18 for the losers. Carla Britton made 11 as the girls won 28-27. Janea Hipp made 12 for Blackwell.

Mrs. Earnest Meadows will have her children as guests on Saturday. They are Mr. and Mrs. Forest Meadows and sons of Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Costin of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crippliver and son of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Meadows and family of Lorraine, and a grandson and wife Mr. and Mrs. Tom Costin of Austin.

Ellen Affleck of Abilene spent last week with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Green, Sr.

Florida was purchased from Spain in 1819 for \$5,000,000.



May the Christmas candles rekindle the joys of Christmas Past... and light the hopes of Christmas yet to come.

Henderson's Barber Shop
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Forget all your
sares and worries...
this day is for fun!

**RAY PRESTON DEPARTMENT
STORE**



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JUNIOR CLASS PARTY

Room mothers for the junior class entertained the class members and their spouses with a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowles last week.

Games were played, gifts were exchanged and refreshments of hot chocolate, Christmas candies, cakes, dips and chips and punch were served.

Present were Linda Cornutt, Rachel Delights, Ann Compton, Sheila Oliver, Carol Little, Sherry Graham, Carolyn Schroeder, Patricia Taylor, Larry Rankin, Dennis Virell, Henry and Victor Gable, Carol Bowles, Donnie Bowles, Ruth Hamilton, Johnny Baumann, Byron Mote, Harold Preston, Gary Finley, Debbie Oden, James Mahon, Ronnie Blair, James Wallingsford, Mr. and Mrs. Dual Blair, Ray Preston, Lynn Hamilton, Coach and Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowles.

COMPARISON OF ACCIDENTS

IN ABILENE AREA '62 AND '63
The Texas Department of Public Safety has made a comparison of accidents in the Abilene area for 1962 and 1963.

Table of the counties closest to Mitchell County the comparison is as follows: In Mitchell County in 1962 there were 64 accidents, 2 fatal, 44 injured, property damage \$42,540.00; in 1963 there were 71 accidents, 2 fatal, 37 injured, property damage \$52,967.00.

In Nolan County in 1962 there were 126 accidents, 7 deaths, 61 injured, property damage \$151,259; in 1963 there were 143 accidents, 5 deaths, 59 injured, property damage \$78,685.

In Scurry County in 1962 there were 81 accidents, 3 deaths, 57 injured, property damage \$40,347; in 1963 there were 91 accidents, 5 deaths, 96 injured, property damage \$67,495.

In Fisher County in 1962 there were 72 accidents, 1 death, 31 injured, property damage, \$37,287; in 1963 there were 64 accidents, 7 deaths, 39 injured, property damage \$42,630.

CEMETERY FUND

Funds contributed to the Lorraine Cemetery Fund the past week included Alex Hale of Melissa Park, N. M. \$5.

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

Have a wonderfully happy Holiday Season. We wish you all the health and happiness in the world during the coming year.

BRITTON GARAGE



LORRAINE JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM

Above is the picture of the Lorraine girls junior high basketball team coached by Pat Newbrough. Seated from left to right, Emma

Madrid, Mary Chavez, Cecilia Lujan, Patrice Baumann, Connie Troutt, Jean Graham, Debbie Oliver and Mary Lujan, Kathy Cain, Mary Yruzug, Donna Smith, Gaye Green and Brenda Bradbury.

MRS. ELSA BAUMANN BRIDE OF J. C. FREEMAN

Mrs. Elsa Baumann became the bride of J. C. Freeman in an informal ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Roscoe Saturday December 14 at 4 p.m. with the pastor, the Rev. Glenn Roenfeldt officiating.

Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Baumann and son Ricky of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Althoff.

The immediate families were the only guests.

The bride wore blue lace over tulle, with an orchid corsage. She carried a pearl white Bible.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Althoff.

Pink punch, wedding cake, mints and nuts were served from a table laid with a brown lace cloth over pink by Lester Baumann and Maxine Althoff.

The couple left Wednesday for Kirby, Oregon, where they will spend Christmas in the home of her son and family Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Baumann.

PARTY FOR PRIMARY DEPT.

A Christmas party for the primary department of the Sunday School and the Sunbeams was held in the educational building of the First Baptist Church by the teachers and leaders Monday afternoon.

Mrs. N. C. House had charge of the program. Mrs. Paul Vasquez told the Christmas story, reading Luke 2:8-16. Mrs. Howard Tertt led the children in singing Christmas Carols.

Gifts were distributed from the tree by Shirley Graham.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by Mmes. Edwin Hallmark, Donald Graham, Lynn Compton, George Mahoney, Howard Tartt to 44 members of the Sunday School and Sunbeams and their leaders and teachers.

Rev. and Mrs. Bert Affleck of Abilene are announcing the birth of a son Bert Scot on December 15. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Green, Sr. of Lorraine.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN DECORATION CONTEST

Judging of the Lorraine homes decorated for Christmas were judged Sunday night and the winners announced as follows:

1st place and winner of the Texas Electric Service Company yard

light was Dr. B. H. Johnson.

Second place and winner of the electric blanket also given by Texas Electric Service Company,

was Calvin Forbus, The home of Robert Mote placed third and the Woodrow Pratt home received honorable mention.

There were seven entries in the contest and there were others that should have been entered.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker and daughter Virginia of Odessa and Mrs. Maxine Walker and daughter Shirley Jean of Midland enjoyed a Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings in the home of their mother Mrs. Allie Walker Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Clark of Lubbock visited in the home of his sister Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richey Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Horton of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. Richey Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Barron will have their Christmas dinner on Thursday and are expecting as their guests Mr. and Mrs. James Barron and children of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harlow of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barron and son and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barron and daughter.

The printers' union, organized in 1853, is the oldest labor union in the U. S.

COL. HOMER GARRISON ASKS MOTORIST TO DRIVE SAFELY

Austin-The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety today called upon Texas motorists to "awaken their consciences and do more than just drive safely during the Christmas-New Year holidays" to forestall an expected toll of 96 lives in traffic accidents.

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., in announcing that past experience indicates such a toll for the nine-day period from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, urged motorists to "drive legally on holiday excursions and not only watch out for those who don't, but report them to the nearest police agency."

Garrison announced that the DPS Statistical Service calculates that a total of 180 persons will meet violent deaths of all kinds during the period of "Operation Deathwatch," which begins at 12:01 a.m. December 24 and ends at 11:59 p.m. January 1.

Of this total, 53 traffic deaths, 40 suicides and homicides, and 44 other accidental deaths are indicated, he said.

The "Deathwatch" is a statewide program coordinated by the DPS in an effort to dramatize the tragedy of violent death during the holidays. Fatalities will be tabulated by the Department during the nine-day period and the totals will be announced officially three times daily, as a means of trying to keep safety uppermost in the minds of the traveling public.

"The Department of Public Safety also will strengthen the Highway Patrol with some 150 additional patrolmen from the other uniformed services during the holiday period," Garrison said, "but the most effective work in the drive to cut down on deaths, injuries and economic loss can be done by the drivers themselves. Studies indicate that speed too fast for conditions was a major factor last year, followed or accompanied by driving while intoxicated, and driving on the wrong side of the road. But if this tragedy could be laid to one single factor, I would say that general carelessness and inattentiveness, coupled with disregard for the law, would stand out."

He also called attention to the significant fact that during the last holiday season, 62 per cent of the fatal accidents on rural highways involved only one vehicle, indicating that the accidents mostly could not be blamed in "the other guy."

"It is hoped that with the usual fine cooperation of the newspapers, radio and television, the safety emphasis program surrounding 'Operation Deathwatch' will be more effective this year in holding the line against holiday tragedy on the streets and highways," Garrison said.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is spending Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis.



To you and your family and your friends... here are our sincere wishes that Santa Claus will bring you everything your heart desires.

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Barbara Mahon, student at Texas Tech, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mahon, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holcomb and daughters Tammy and Lisa of Fort Worth will visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hays during Christmas.

1C Roy Little, Jr. who is stationed at Charleston, South Carolina, in the Navy, came in Thursday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Little, Sr. He will be here until December 30.

PFC David Little and Mrs. Little came in last Friday from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on Christmas leave to spend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Little. He will return to Fort Sill Dec. 27.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

I have been very nice. I have helped my Mommy so please send me a telephone. Karen Tartt

Dear Santa:

I want a dolly. Viloa Lopez

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a box of dishes and give me candies for my little sister. Olga Barrera

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 4 years old and I like you very much. Please bring me and my brother Robert a little red wagon and bring my sister a Barbie doll and remember all the other boys and girls. Love you Bimbo Caswell

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 8 years old and I would like a little red wagon for my little brother and myself and would you please bring my little sister Carrie a Barbie doll. I love you very much. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. Love Robert Caswell

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 7 years old and I would like to have a Barbie doll and my brothers Robert and Bimbo would like to have a little red wagon. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. We would like some nuts, candies and fruits. Love you Carrie Caswell

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Charming Shatty doll. My brother Tommy would like a Globemaster airplane. Thank you. Marsha Green

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy six years old. I have been an average little boy. I'd like to have a wrecker and anything else you can bring. I want to save some toys for other little boys and girls. I'll be waiting for you. I love you. Temmy Doyle

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Nancy Nurse doll set and midget Barbie suitcase and dishes. I have a new baby sister you may bring her a Rattler. Bring all the other boys and girls some presents. I love you Santa Claus. Nenie Beights

Dear Santa:

Please bring me Raggedy Andy and some dishes and a carriage. Debbie E. Lee

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a football and big brulser and a helicopter. Mike Lee

Dear Santa:

How are you this year? We hope you are well. Elizabeth and I have tried to be nice. If you can find a tractor for me I would like one. Elizabeth wants a Barbie doll and a new baby sister. We would like to see you. We will have a snack when you come by our house. Thank you. Scott and Elizabeth Terry

Dear Santa:

My daddy thinks I have not been nice as I should have, but I think I have. Won't you please come to see me and leave a bicycle, Tiny Tears or a kissing doll. I would like to have a toy rifle so I could go hunting with James and Danny Tartt. Please don't forget my little friends. Love you. Samma Mahon

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Teeny Tiny Tears with clothes and with case, plastic lug.

CHRISTMAS



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BERTA ALSOBROOK BRIDE OF HENRY G. NORTON, JR.

Arrangements of white gladiolus and ferns decorated the altar of the chapel of the Church of Christ North A and Tennessee Streets in Midland, for the Saturday wedding of Berta Alsobrook and Henry G. Norton, Jr., both of Midland. Hardean Nichols, minister, performed the double ring ceremony at 8 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Alsobrook of Loraine. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Norton, Sr., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The bride was attired in a ball-length gown of imported silk peau de soie. The sculptured bodice was fashioned with a portrait neckline and long petal point sleeves. The ball-length skirt was enhanced with stemmed rosettes of silk peau de soie. Her shoulder-length veil fell from a crown adorned with crystals. She carried

a bouquet of white carnations atop a white Bible. The maid of honor, Diana Horne, was gowned in royal blue silk peau de soie. The dress was designed with a scoop neckline, elbow-length sleeves and a full skirt. She wore a white carnation corsage.

Serving as best man was Carl Forest.

A reception was held in the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Nedda Highsaw, 4725 Culbert Street.

The couple will be at home at 705 North Weatherford Street in Midland.

The bride, a receptionist for West Texas Electrical Co. Service, was graduated from Loraine High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of James Madison High School in Brooklyn, N. Y. He is employed by Mini-Mart Grocery Store in Midland.

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY The Couples Class had their turkey dinner with all the trimmings in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Blair. Fresh cedar, red candles and other traditional decorations were used through the house.

Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. They were handed out by two of Santa's little helpers Douglas Story and David Taylor. A story, "The Stranger" was read.

Guests were Rev. and Mrs. Frank Story and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and David, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dobbs, Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett and the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Blair.

Katrina Wells, student at McMurry College, is at home for the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells. The Christmas dinner at the Wells home will be on Sunday. Their other daughter Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mendenhall, Pam and Allen, of Dallas will be here for that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mardell Sheppard and children of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. James Seaton of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beatty and family will be guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Beatty for a family dinner on Sunday.

Visiting on Tuesday night for a Christmas tree and dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler will be their children and families Mr. and Mrs. Truett Butler, Judy and Don of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Butler and Danny of Loraine, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dockery, Jim and Bill of Colorado City, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Irwin of Abilene.

Dr. and Mrs. June Yates of Corpus Christi visited with her mother Mrs. A. G. Furlow Friday. They went to Lubbock to get their son Richard, a student at Texas Tech, who will accompany them to Santa Fe, New Mexico, for a few days of skiing. They will return here for a few days visit before returning home.

Treva Hays, student at Hardin-Simmons University is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hays. Her friend Charles Pierson of San Antonio, who attends school in Decatur, Illinois, is here for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, Jr., and family of Plainview will be after Christmas guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. West are expecting his sisters Mrs. C. H. Bell of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Al Simmora and children of Amarillo, and a brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Arnton West of Big Spring, also their two daughters and families Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jarratt and children of Fort Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Duke and children of Rotan to spend part of the Christmas holidays with them.

Visiting in the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hays the weekend after Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGuire and family of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. David Faulkenberry, and family of Big Spring, E. L. Hays and children of Lubbock and his friend Mrs. Louise Stewart also of Lubbock.

Visiting with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mahon on Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Mahon and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rickman and children of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Mahon and children of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mahon and family of Loraine, and Gordon of Midland.

Mrs. Loraine Dribbroad, Mr. and Mrs. James Turnbow and children, all of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Turnbow and family of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turnbow and family of Odessa were Christmas holiday visitors of their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Turnbow.

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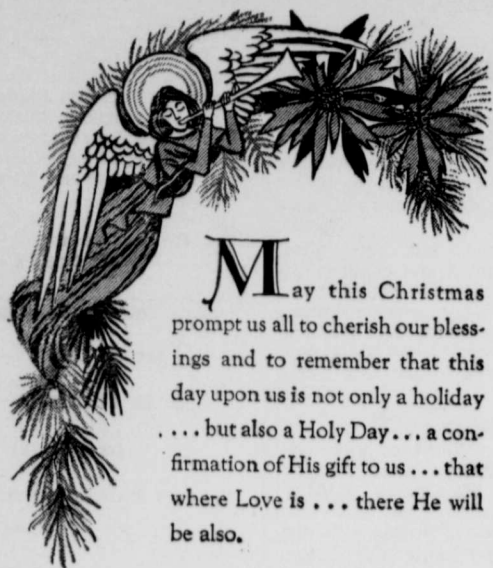
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TAKE CARE IN SELECTING AND PUTTING UP TREES

Austin, Texas-The Texas Safety Association today reminded homeowners to take care in selecting and putting up Christmas trees.

"The evergreen Christmas tree is one of the most hazardous things you can take into your home," H. D. Carmichael of Dallas, TSA Vice President for Home Safety, said.

"Every Christmas hundreds of home fires are started when trees ignite. Lives are lost, many persons are injured and property damage runs high."

The Vice President said that this situation can be corrected if homeowners will take care in selecting and erecting Christmas trees.

He gave this advice of selecting a tree: Test by bouncing tree butt hard on ground. Tree is fresh if needles do not shower down. Pull at needles at end of branch. Tree is fresh if needles have good resistance. Rub finger across stump. Tree is fresh if sticky with resin.

"After selecting your tree, don't get too anxious to set it up in the house," he said. "Stand the tree in water outdoors until you are ready to use it. Bring the tree indoors just before Christmas and remove it as soon as it has served its purpose."

Carmichael, who also is Director of the Dallas Health and Science Museum, advised cutting off the trunk of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut.

Support the tree well. There are many stands on the market which not only are sturdy, have a broad base and clamps for anchoring tree, but also have a receptacle for water.

"If the freshly cut tree trunk is placed in water and level of water is above the cut at all times, the tree will stay fresh," he said.

He suggested that the tree be kept away from sources of heat and placed in such a position that standing or fallen, it could not block the way out of the room in case of fire.

Do not use candles on the tree or nearby where there is any chance for an open flame to contact the tree or combustibles piled beneath the tree.

Check lighting sets each year for frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets before using. Use only electric lighting sets that bear the Underwriters' Laboratories label. Be sure the fuse of the electric circuit serving the tree is not over 15 amperes. Cord sets with a fuse in the plug bearing a UL label are available.

Make certain all tree lighting is turned off before you retire or leave the house. Use non-combustible material to decorate. Metal and glass decorations are non-flammable. Do not let metal foil lights or "fired touch" light sockets or cord.

Carmichael added another word of caution for homeowners using metallic trees.

"Never use electric lights on metallic trees. A voltage leakage from faulty lights or wiring on a metallic tree can electrically shock you all or part of the tree," he pointed out.

"For safety, it is best to use off-the-tree spot or flood lights to illuminate metallic trees."

The Home Safety director also advises using a step stool or safety ladder to reach upper branches when trimming or dismantling the tree.

1964 OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE GOOD

College Station, Dec. 19-Texas farmers and ranchmen with the necessary resources-land, capital, labor and the managerial ability to combine them into an efficient operating unit-should have a good year in 1964, believes John G. McHaney, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Here are his reasons. Economic activity for the nation is expected to continue at a high level during 1964. Consumer incomes after taxes are running about 5 percent above 1962 now and further gains are expected in 1964. Too, automobile sales, home building, appliances sales are expected to register further gains as are expenditures for new plants and equipment. Expenditures for goods and services by federal, state and local governments will increase in 1964 and they now account for about a fifth of the gross national product, McHaney explains.



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CAMPERS BOARD A PONTON BOAT for a tour of the 25-acre lake at the Salvation Army Camp Hobbitzelle, near Dallas. Each summer the Salvation

Army sends youngsters from all sections of Texas to the 340-acre camp to enjoy swimming, fishing, boating, horseback-riding, archery crafts and other attractions. In

addition to healthful sports and recreation, which many underprivileged youngsters experience for the first time, emphasis is on moral and spiritual values.

He points out, however, that the general economic activity will depend to a great extent upon the timing and extent of the proposed tax cut.

The domestic market for agricultural products looks good, says the economist. The immediate outlook for agricultural exports is about the best ever, he adds.

Total exports of farm products for 1963-64 is likely to be near \$6 billion if the proposed grain sales to Soviet bloc countries materialize.

Farm output continues to raise and 1963 is expected to set a record high for the sixth consecutive year. With average growing conditions, farm output in '64 will remain high and could set a new

record, says McHaney. The cost-price squeeze will still be an important factor in farm income, but with so many farmers also doing off-farm work, per capita personal income of all people living on farms from all sources is expected to be near the 1963 record level.

The outlook calls for further increases in farm assets, chiefly due to the continued rise in farm land values. Though farm debts also continue to increase, the equities of farmers and other property owners are increasing at a faster rate, says McHaney.

California has a difference in elevation of 2.8 miles between the lowest and highest point.

COTTON SAMPLES COME TO HALT AT CLASSING OFFICE

Unfavorable weather conditions in the form of rain, sleet, snow and low temperatures caused cotton harvesting to be halted last week. According to B. B. Manly, Jr., Officer-in-Charge, of the U.S.D.A.'s Cotton Classing Office in Abilene, Texas, receipts from District 2 totaled approximately 13,200 samples for the week ending December 13, 1963. The portion of District 2 served by the Abilene Office is composed of the Counties surrounded by Dickens, Sterling, Runnels, and Jones.

The Abilene Office classed a total of 18,998 bales last week compared to 16,759 the previous week. This brought the total bales classed during the current harvesting season to 337,736, as compared to 210,861 total bales classed through the corresponding week, one year ago.

Grades continued about the same as the previous week, with 9 percent in the White Grade category, 81 percent was Light Spotted, 10 percent was Spotted. A further breakdown of percentages shows Middling Light Spotted making up 32 percent and

Strict Low Middling was 47 percent of the total classed. About one percent of the cotton was reduced in grade due to rough preparation, bark, or grass. Staple length was about the same, with 2 percent being called 7/8 and shorter, 54 percent was 29/32, 40 percent, 15 1/8; 2 percent, 31/32, and 1 inch and longer made up 2 percent.

Micronaire readings were as follows: 2 percent "miked" within the range of 2.7 to 2.9; 4 percent, from 3.0 to 3.4; 19 percent, 3.5 to 3.9; 48 percent, 4.0 to 4.4; 24 percent, 4.5 to 4.9; and 3 percent of the readings were 5.0 and higher.

The San Francisco earthquake and ensuing fire in 1906 destroyed \$3,000,000 worth of property.

The Battle of New Orleans during the Civil War was the last battle in which all-wooden vessels were used.

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LONE WOLF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Price spent Christmas day in the home of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hall and family in Stanton. Other children who will join them there are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pinkerton of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price of Stanton, and Mrs. Bessie Anne Keller and Mike of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Beighs are announcing the birth of a daughter at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City Thursday Dec. 19, whom they named Tracy Ann. She weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lefevre and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Berta Beighs.

Mrs. Jack Cook and family of Garden City and Raymond Johnson and family of Aspermont will visit their mother Mrs. Cora Johnson during the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Turner and children will be in rising star during the holidays visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hallmark will have as Christmas guests their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Phillips and children Pete and Jena of Goldsmith.

Gary Parnell, student at Tarleton State College, Stephenville, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Parnell.

David Redwine, A and M University student, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Hoston Redwine.

Mike Stevens, student at Sul Ross College, spent Sunday night with Linton Ray Webb, Linton Ray and Larry Blair took him to his home in Gall Monday where they spent the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb and Linton Ray and Mrs. J. M. Thompson of Colorado City spent Christmas with the Webb's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Nix in Wink.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Meadows took their baby who has been ill to a pediatrician in Abilene Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. John Hamblen attended the 17th district dental meeting in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mahoney left Sunday for Corpus Christi and San Antonio where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee McCollum left Monday for Tucson, Arizona, to spend Christmas with their son H. B. McCollum and family.

Miss Wanda Smith, bride elect of Verman G. Spence, was complimented at a gift tea in the K. L. Taylor home Saturday.

Spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bennett are their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reeder of Dallas, and their son and family Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett and children of Salt Flat. Also Mrs. Bob Bennett's parents Mr. and Mrs. Watson of Midland. Mr. Bennett was a patient in the Johnson Hospital the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Willis of Abilene were guests in the home of her sister Mr. and Mrs. Martin Debbis Sunday.

Mrs. Fay McCollum, Mrs. J. E. Jones and Miss Gladys Spikes will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Burr Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Mart Spikes in Coahoma.

The Lions Club held their annual Christmas party Tuesday night at the Lions building. On Tuesday December 14, the third year home economics girls entertained the school faculty with a tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt hosted the annual Christmas party for the Bridge Club Tuesday night December 14.

The TEL class held their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall Sr., Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Miles, Mary and Teddy and Mr. and Mrs. John Miles and children are spending Christmas in Hale Center with Mr. Miles' sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cox, and in Plainview with a friend Mrs. Mofford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Miles, Mary and Teddy and Mr. and Mrs. John Miles and children are spending Christmas in Hale Center with Mr. Miles' sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cox, and in Plainview with a friend Mrs. Mofford. Jimmy Kalana and family of Alamosa, Colorado, and Frank Kalana and family, nephews of Mr. Miles, will also be visiting in the Mofford home during the time the Miles are there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Franklin and daughter of Pecos will be Christmas guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Graham, also Mr. and Mrs. Troy Martin and son of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tippitt of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Hefferman and son of Rotan.

Mrs. J. C. Hall, Sr., hosted a Christmas dinner in her home Monday night for her children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Millsap and children of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Geer and Frances Winn of Colorado City, Carolyn Geer of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Butsy Hall of Lorraine and Capt. and Mrs. Jimmy Hall and Chris of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Beighs, Ray and Donna of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, are Christmas guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bond. Dinner guests on Christmas day also include Dr. and Mrs. Edmon Kirby of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Graham and children visited her mother Mrs. W. H. Tippitt and Mr. Tippitt in Roscoe Sunday afternoon. Also visiting there were Mrs. Graham's uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. John Millen of El Paso.

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Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Teeters during the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cox and Cathy of Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. Monroe Teeters and children Dennis and Sharon of Wink, and Henry Cox of Colorado City.

HOST CHRISTMAS PARTY
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bond hosted a Christmas party for employees of the Lorex and Dona Lin Theatres Wednesday night. Gifts were distributed from a beautifully decorated tree. Special gifts from Santa Claus were presented to Mrs. Claude Neely, Mrs. Fay McCollum and Percy Bond.

The hosts served coffee, hot chocolate, apple cider, candy and cakes to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coffee, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Neely, Mrs. Jack Brewer, Terry, Onetta and Theresa, Mrs. Fay McCollum, Mr. and Mrs. John Miles, Wesley and Jimmy, Bill Bates, Janie Arenas.

Mrs. Otella Wilson is visiting her daughter Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowers in Vernon during the holidays.

Mrs. J. D. McDonald and Mrs. Charlie Lee are visiting with their children in Midland during the holidays.



For Sale-Home of Mrs. W. M. Burke; heaters, gas range, washer. Contact Mrs. Tommy Mathis 734-2372. 29-tf

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Miss Hilma Joyce who teaches in the El Paso schools, spent the Christmas holidays here with her mother Mrs. B. O. Joyce and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hendrick of Corpus Christi spent Christmas with his mother Mrs. G. W. Hendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brock and sons Ron and Allan of Seminole came Monday afternoon for a visit during the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffee.

STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE
The annual Stockholders Meeting of the First State Bank of Lorraine, Texas, will be held in the Directors room at the bank at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 1964, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and the transacting of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
Signed:
Herbert Mearse
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LUNCHEON HONORS
MISS SANDRA CUSHING
Mrs. A. G. Furlow, Jr., and her daughter Joyce were hostesses for a luncheon honoring Miss Sandra Cushing, bride elect of Don McDonald of Sterling City, last week.

The guests were Joretta Hall, Katrina Wells, Marge Shrum, Peggy Phillips, Clady Mahon, Carla Britton, Sandra Cushing, Mrs. J. B. Cushing and Mrs. Bill Craig.

Place cards were miniature bride's books with Sandra and Don January 26.

The centerpiece was an arrangement of pink carnations. Other table decorations were pink candles. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree adorned the table.

The hostesses presented the honoree a rolling pin and the guests with miniature rolling pins with Sandra and Don written on them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crownover visited his uncle Lee Crownover in Roscoe Friday morning.



The Glowing Season...

Soft lamp-glow reminds us of Christmas...and to us, a reminder of Christmas is a welcomed one for it is the perfect time to say "Thank You" to all who have made our year glow with friendship and success.

May your Christmas glow with good things...May your future shine brightly with success.



Wishing You

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The blessed season of the Nativity is here once more! May it bring peace and joy to every heart. We wish you the best that the world affords on this wonderful and happy holiday.

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