

On The BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

Farmers Have A Problem

Farmers in this day and age really have a problem on their hands. Population on the farms is decreasing and the total population of the country is increasing rapidly.

As an example, farm population declined 8,280,000 from 1920 to 1951, while total population gained 31,500,000 from 1930 to 1953. Acreage in crops remained virtually stationary, at approximately 360,000 acres.

The problem of the farmer is to raise enough food and fiber on his present land for a population that is rapidly increasing, with less and less hands on the farm.

Farms becoming mechanized, of course, is one reason the farm population is declining. A farmer now days can work with tractors and machines many more acres of land by himself than he could with teams and hired help a few years ago. There is a machine now for almost every job on the farm, plowing and cultivating down to milking the cow and feeding the chickens.

But the problem of raising enough on the same number of acres is still with us. Mechanized farming will help to solve that problem. Then there is the problem of raising too much of one crop and not enough of another.

The average age of farmers today is 50 years. So there is a problem of getting younger men to remain on the farm. One reason why younger men are not remaining on the farm is obvious—the cost of getting started in the farming business is more than most of them can muster up. And too, the practice of one-crop farming scares them. They get to thinking about what would happen if a crop failure comes along—one crop planted—no crop raised—no money. It is enough to scare them off the farm.

The Federal Land Bank President says that very few farmers who buy a farm on credit and keep cows, hogs and chickens to supplement their income, lose their farm. On the other hand, the bank says failures are numerous among those who try to pay for a farm on the one-crop system.

So it seems the farmers' problems never end. He needs the help of his city cousin in solving some of them.

Statistics are sometimes boring, but Walker Motor Company has an advertisement in this issue of The News in which statistics tell a very graphic story. Every farmer and every business man should read the ad for the information it contains—it is revealing.

County Band Has Thurs. Rehearsals

Under the direction of T. D. Lane, with the help of Buck F. Hughes, Loraine band director, and R. A. Roddy, Colorado band director, the Mitchell County Band is having rehearsals thru the summer months at the band hall in Colorado City each Thursday night.

No definite plans have been made as yet for the band's activities, but everyone in Mitchell County who can play a band instrument is urged to attend the rehearsals. It is an opportunity for you to improve your individual traits and to present entertainment for others.

SINGING SATURDAY NIGHT

The Mitchell County Singing Convention will hold its regular fourth Saturday night singing at the Church of God in Colorado City, Saturday night, June 27, beginning at 8 o'clock. Bill Woods is president and invites everyone to attend.

CLAXTON REUNION

One hundred-fifty relatives were present at the Claxton family reunion Sunday at the Sweetwater Park. Much time was spent in visiting and talking to fellow relatives while the children played in the park and went swimming.

Present from Loraine were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Claxton and family, Mrs. Emily Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Claxton and family, Mrs. Vennie Anders, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lankford and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hart, and Mrs. Ed Claxton.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary At Home Here Sun.



The Hall residence in Loraine provided the colorful setting for the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall Sunday afternoon when their son and four daughters were hosts at a reception from four to six.

Receiving the guests were Mrs. J. C. Hall, Jr., Mrs. A. L. Geer and the honored couple with their son, J. C. Hall, Jr.

The gold and white decor was used throughout the house. The registry table held a white china slipper with an arrangement of yellow roses; the musical bride registry was on the porch with the eldest granddaughter, Mrs. Francis Winn of Colorado City, presiding. She also presented the favors of gold wedding bands fastened on white ribbon bearing the inscription, "1903 Chris—Ira 1953". In the living room a lighted portrait of the couple as bride and groom of 1903 was displayed along with the gold wedding band and gold lapel watch. The mantle held a gilded pair of high-top laced shoes with arrangement of yellow roses, flanked by brass candelabras holding white tapers.

The gold punch and white cake squares were served from a table laid in gold glitter cloth, overlaid with white tulle. A gold and crystal jardiniere held an arrangement of gilded wheat, leaves, and white carnations. Mrs. Joe Millsap, Mrs. M. A. Baumgarten, and Carolyn Geer presided in the dining area. A miniature bride and groom of fifty years centered the gift display which was shown by Miss Able Kinnison. Highlight of the occasion were the pictures of the past fifty years along with a pilled family tree with the couple, their children and grandchildren. Golden memories of the past years were reminisced by friends, Mrs. Fred B. Ison, a friend and neighbor of the Halls, gave a toast to the bride and groom.

The recorded wedding music for the afternoon was taken care of by Jimmy Hall, M. A. Baumgarten, Jr., and James Baumgarten. Goodbyes were said by A. L. Geer, M. A. Baumgarten and Joe Millsap.

Among the cherished gifts: Mrs. Hall was presented solitaire

by Mr. Hall; a gold limp bound leather Bible by the four children; and gold clock from the brothers and sisters of Mr. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been residents of Loraine for many years. During their residence here, "Judge" Hall has served as County Judge of Mitchell County, in the Texas Legislature, and was for several years President of the First State Bank and after becoming inactive in the bank now serves as Vice President.

Out of town guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Coats, Daltart; Mrs. Wally Baumgarten, Schulenburg; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben L. Price, Lamesa; Mrs. Horace Curry, Miles; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Waldrop, Lamesa; Mrs. W. O. Kinnison and Miss Able Kinnison, Sweetwater; Mrs. Della Kinnison, Mrs. Mable Lee Ray, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fish, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Winn, Mrs. E. H. Winn, Colorado City; Rev. A. C. Hardin, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. French Gray, Stanton; Mrs. Charles Wyatt, Colorado City; Mrs. Sam Wulfjen, Mrs. J. C. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McClure, J. Lee Jones, all of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hankins, Mrs. R. E. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Campbell and daughter Danella of Colorado City; French Gray, Stanton; Mrs. Geo. Slaton, Mrs. C. L. Root, Colorado City; Mrs. Tom Marsh, Sweetwater; Roy Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Majors, Mr. and Mrs. John Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ratliff, all of Colorado City.

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Officers Elected In Masonic Lodge

Howard Tarrt was elected Worshipful Master of Loraine Lodge 1307, A. F. & A. M., at the regular monthly meeting of the order last Thursday night.

Other officers elected are: Ira Beights, Senior Warden; Gene Baird, Junior Warden; K. L. Taylor, Treasurer; Woodrow Pratt, Secretary; and Ray Preston, Tiler.

The elected officers, along with the appointive officers will be installed the night of July 2. Howard Combs will be installing officers and J. W. King, installing marshal.

Reiter Family Coming Home

Col. and Mrs. N. I. Reiter and children will return to the United States July 1, after three and a half years in Europe. During their stay in Germany they lived in a German home in Heidelberg on the Neckar River, a city with a famous castle and an old university of world fame.

They traveled to Bavaria several times and to Paris, France, to Holland where they visited the beautiful tulip festivals, the larger cities and the Marken Island where people still wear original Dutch costumes. They also toured Belgium and Luxembourg.

Among their tours they went to the famous rest center, Berstegesgarten, via Munich, to Austria and Salzburg, and visited the salt mines which was an outstanding experience. In Vienna they went sightseeing in the Russian sector.

They saw quite a bit of Switzerland, spent ten days in London, England, and other points of interest, Straford on Avon, birthplace of Shakespeare, Anne Hathaways Cottage, Oxford, and Warwick.

They saw the famous city of Berlin, including the Eastern sector of the city. The itinerary to Sweden and Denmark included visits to the Isle of Farneham where they visited a cousin of Col. Reiter and saw the home of his grandparents.

One of their more interesting tours was seeing Italy and Capri with stops in Florence, Milan and Naples; the art of Rome, the walled city, visiting all the Basilicas, the outstanding ones being St. Peters, St. Pauls, and St. John, all of which were in existence in the fourth century and offered exciting attractions for the family. They visited Vatican City, Catacombs, Sixtine Chapel, Coliseum and the Holy Stair. They were also extended the opportunity to have an audience with the Pope.

The numerous canals determine the unique setting for the city of Venice, which has no roads nor cars. Because of this, they were met at the station by gondolas which are small boats.

The Reiters will have films of many interesting sights and a collection of antiques, silver, and missien china.

They plan to spend the month of July with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Riden, and her sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall, Jr. and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston and Harold Ray, and Rev. and Mrs. Cletus Beights, Gaylon and Marilyn of Sparenburg. Following the visit here, Col. Reiter and family will go to Independence, Missouri, where he will be commanding officer of Lake City Arsenal.

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Shower Honors Willie M. Robertson

A bridal gift shower was given in the home of Mrs. Jim Barkley Thursday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock honoring Miss Willie Mae Robertson, who will become the bride of Dennis Greenfield on June 30.

Miss Robertson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robertson of the Valley View Community and the prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greenfield of Colorado City.

Hostesses assisting Mrs. Barkley with the party honoring the bride to be were Mmes. H. H. Hays, T. F. Mathis, C. L. Lefevre, Bill Bowles and R. H. McDaniel.

Mrs. Billy Joe Hale served punch and cake squares from a refreshment table laid with a white lace cloth. Pastel colored flowerlets enwreathed the centerpiece consisting of a miniature wedding altar with bridal party figurines. Pastel colors were also used in summer flower decorations and refreshments.

Miss Irma Hays registered guests in the lovely bride's book which was a gift from Mrs. Mathis.

Tiny wedding rings tied with white satin ribbon bows were pinned on each guest by Miss Virgie Robertson as party favors.

The wedding of the couple will take place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lebkowsky of Big Spring. Mrs. Lebkowsky is an aunt of the bride-elect.

Miss Crenshaw To Be Married

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Cotton Bloom of '53 Shown By George and Gerald Martin

After the paper came out last week with an article in the 15 year ago column stating that a cotton bloom had been found, George and Gerald Martin, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Martin, brought in a stalk of this year's crop with blooms on it. It was raised on dry land. James Bennett also says he has blooms in some of his cotton.

Now, all we need is some rain to make that, and later planted cotton, produce a good crop.

Willard Pratt Takes Course In Virginia

Ensign Woodrow Willard Pratt, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt of Loraine, is taking the Naval Gunfire Officers course of the Gunfire Support School, U. S. Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Virginia.

The school is part of the Naval Amphibious Training Unit, an element of the Amphibious Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Rufus E. Rose, USN.

Ensign Pratt is a graduate of Loraine High School and Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene. While at Abilene he was chosen for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." He attended Officers Candidate School at Newport, R. I., after taking a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1952. He is regularly stationed on the destroyer U. S. S. Stripling as Second Division officer.

HONOR SISTER AND NIECE

Mrs. Marion Mahon, Mrs. Frank Crommover and Miss Annie Jarratt entertained with a dinner Sunday honoring their sister and niece, Mrs. J. D. Norman and Sarah of Colorado City on their birthdays.

Others present were J. D. Norman and Irene of Colorado City, Frank Crommover, Lester Jarratt and E. A. Jarratt.

LARGE PEACH CROP

Virgil Walker reports that he has a peach tree in his backyard that is so loaded with fruit some of the limbs are breaking. One small limb which contained 11 peaches, broke off Friday.

The peach trees were set out by the late W. P. Mayes when they lived at the place.

MUSIC PARTY

Mrs. Doris Martin entertained her music pupils of the grammar grades with a music fun party Monday afternoon. The students were given quizzes, riddles, and contests, all pertaining to the theory of music, and rhythm games were played as the group performed in solo and duet numbers for each other.

Members of this group are Frankie Beights, Stanley Martin, Beth Shepherd, Dian Beatty, Joretta Hall, Pauline Cornutt, Golda Cary, Judy Hudgins and Patsy Galvin.

Refreshments of orange punch, vanilla cream cookies and candy were served.

The group is to be presented in recital in solo, duet and ensemble playing in the near future.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hart for a lawn supper Saturday night were Mrs. Bessie Sims of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Whitefield of Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lankford, Darlene and Doyce of Westbrook, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lankford of Loraine.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Land this week were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Darby, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Darby, Jr. and baby of Houston.

Mrs. Robert Miller and son Rick visited Carlsbad Caverns Monday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wheeler and Gloria this weekend were: Helen and Sammy Love and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Martin of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Hankins of Snyder, Melvin Hamilton of Silverton, and Mason Richburg and children of Abilene.

Lowell Richardson of Texas Tech in Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Richardson, over the weekend.

Mahon Urges Report To Secretary Benson On Drought Situation

Congressman George Mahon advises from Washington that Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson is most anxious to get a firsthand report on the Texas drought situation when he visits Lubbock on June 27 to speak to the American Cotton Congress. Mahon has been working with the Secretary on plans for the Lubbock meeting.

In summarizing the situation, Mahon said: "The Secretary, through various agencies of the Department which he heads, has been keeping in close touch with the situation. He has discussed the drought problem with the President and members of the Cabinet. He has called upon me and others to suggest ideas as to how to meet the problem, and he wants to get the considered judgment of the people in the drought areas as to what they think the Government can best do to aid farmers and ranchmen in the drought-stricken country."

"I have suggested to the Secretary that a program of more ample credit to the farmers on a long-term basis is essential. This could be done through the Farmers Home Administration, which is already in operation in all farm areas. I have joined with other congressmen in asking Secretary Benson to try to work out a system of making available to farmers and ranchers on some practical basis some of the government-held stocks of grain and cottonseed meal. This would have to be done in a manner that would avoid further depressing the price of farm crops."

"The Secretary plans to be in Lubbock throughout the day on June 27, and he assures me that he will be available to receive reports and recommendations from representative farm and ranch groups at some time during the day. A suggestion was sent early this week that farm and ranch groups select a small committee from each county to join with others in conferring with Secretary Benson as to the facts of the situation and as to what should be done to meet the problem. It is most important that full information as to conditions be submitted to the Secretary."

Mahon and other members of Congress have been holding a series of meetings in Washington with key government officials in an effort to devise methods for Government assistance to the people in the drought areas.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Medical patients: Merlin Claxton, Julian Caballero, Mrs. Sally Wheeler, W. W. Martin, Mrs. C. C. Hamilton, Mrs. Wiley Walker, Mrs. G. Contreras, Mrs. Felipe De Loera, Tony De Loera, Jack Emel, Valentin Rodriguez, Beverly Kidd, Joe Williamson, Homer Hart, W. R. Woods. Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Higgins, a son, June 18; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Campbell, a son, June 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Furlow entertained M. Sgt. and Mrs. Harris Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Walker of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cary with a lawn supper Saturday night.

Mrs. L. P. Montgomery, Jr. and children of Sweetwater visited Tuesday until Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Britton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Albright and daughter of Odessa visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker, over the weekend.

Ross Blanton Snyder returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Parks Bryant of Toyah and is visiting in their home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hock and children of Snyder, J. T. Hock of Midland, and J. T. Hock of Loraine were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richey Saturday night.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Green are in Houston this week with their daughter and son-in-law, who had his eye removed last Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Williams of Post and Varnell Templeton were married.

Felix Bollinger, former Loraine resident, died at his home in Ackerley Sunday.

Former Teacher Marries In Hamlin

Under an archway of greenery in the First Baptist Church in Hamlin Sunday at 3 p. m., Edith Ann Scott, former Loraine homemaker teacher, and Joe Wayne Carter were married in double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Miles B. Hayes.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Scott and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter.

Joe Hargrove was maid of honor and Don Gregory, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were K. T. Scott, Jr., brother of the bride, and Ronald Carter, cousin of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Clyde Lewis sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because", accompanied by Mrs. L. B. Baker, organist.

The bride wore a dress of imported embroidered organdy made ballerina length. The bodice was embroidered in seed pearls and rhinestones. Her wedding hat was made from pleated taffeta covered with organdy and studded with rhinestones.

Guests for the wedding at reception were from Lubbock, Levelland, Boerne, Stamford, Hamlin, Grand Prairie, Loraine, Rotan, Whiteface, Dallas and Roswell, N. M.

After a trip to New Mexico and Colorado, they will live in Hamlin, where he is employed by Celotex Corp., and she is homemaker teacher in the Hamlin school.

H. D. Clubs Have Joint Meeting

"Bread, the staff of life" was studied Wednesday, June 17, by members of the North Loraine and Bauman Home Demonstration Clubs when they met in the Lions building.

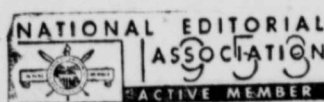
The demonstration was given by the agent, Emmabeth Towery. Mrs. Towery stressed the fact that the bread baker is to have all liquid ingredients lukewarm and that rising dough be kept

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In Advance

RUTH CIRCLE

Mrs. Lenard Hartley hosted the regular meeting of the Ruth Circle Monday afternoon. Meeting was opened with group singing. Mrs. Gene Britton gave the last chapter in the book, The Hill Called Moon.

One visitor, Mrs. A. R. Miles, and three new members, Mrs. C. W. Wiggins, Mrs. Rex Daniel and Mrs. E. J. Schroeder were welcomed. Members present were Mmes. Tharon Henderson, Gene Baird, Howard Tarrt, and Gene Britton.

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LOST—Dark sorrel mare will weigh 1100 pounds. Phone 74F4. D. W. Haralson. 11p

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METHODIST LADIES TO

HOST JOINT MEETING

Miss Flora Forman, a returned missionary to Africa, will be presented by the W. S. C. S. in the morning session when they host the fifth Monday meeting for ladies of the churches on Monday, June 29.

Lunch will be served at noon and the Baptist ladies will give the program in the afternoon.

The morning program will start at 11 o'clock and all ladies in the community are given a special invitation to attend.

WMU CIRCLES

The Baptist W. M. U. Circles held their regular meeting at the church Monday at 4:00.

The meeting was opened with the song All Hail the Power, Following prayer Mrs. Little gave the devotional. Mrs. Howard Tarrt sang a solo.

The program on Ministerial Relief was given by the following members: Mmes. C. D. Taylor, Hal Bennett, Lenard Hartley, Loyd Wiggins, D. McCollum, Gene Baird, A. R. Miles, C. W. Wiggins, Mrs. Burdette Lee.

Mrs. R. E. Bennett of Lubbock was a visitor.

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BETHEL W. M. U.

Mrs. Willis Cornutt hosted the ladies of the Bethel Baptist W. M. U. Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Elwood Graham led the opening prayer. Mrs. Garland Land taught the lesson on Home Missions. Mrs. Callen Payne dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Refreshments of punch and pie were served to Mmes. Olen Lee, Albert Scarborough, Cullen Payne, Elwood Graham and children. Jimmie Merket and children. Garland Land and children.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for every kindness shown us at the passing of our beloved daughter and sister. For the comforting words, the lovely flowers, meals prepared and those who remained at the Funeral Chapel, we are deeply grateful.

W. E. Simmons and family

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gray of San Angelo visited Mrs. Gray's mother, Mrs. W. J. Coon, Saturday night and Sunday. Mrs. Coon accompanied them to Colorado City Sunday, where they visited in the Lee Dorn home.

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in our bereavement. These have been deeply appreciated.

Mrs. C. M. Manning and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson and Mrs. R. E. Bennett were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bennett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Little and children of Oklahoma are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rhodes.

Mrs. Jack Ames and children of Elk City, Oklahoma, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Griffith of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Willason and children of Colorado City visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Compton visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr in Hobbs, New Mexico, the past weekend.

Rev. and Mrs. Dee Van Pelt and family returned home last Tuesday from Glenrose, where they had vacationed for two weeks. They also attended a family reunion in Dallas while away.

Rev. Dee Van Pelt preached at the Plainview Baptist Church Sunday, supplying for the pastor.

Mary Bowlin of Snyder visited Wednesday until Saturday with Joretta Hall.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wheeler and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler last week were Mrs. Eva Dillon of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis of Westover, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. McCoy from South Columbia, West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Brown of Silverton are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin.

Those who joined together for an ice cream and cake supper Monday night given by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Small were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Small and Charles of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Price Hall, Joretta and Janet Sue, Keith Hamilton and Don and Barbara Small.

Come to Church

Methodist Church

Methodist church calendar
Church School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
M. Y. Fellowship 6:45 p. m.
All Prayer Groups 6:45 p. m.
Mid-Week Service 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
M. Y. F. Recreation 8:35 p. m.

Church of Christ

220 Smiley Street
Morning Worship 10:30
Communion Service 11:30
Evening Service 7:45
We cordially invite you to worship with us.

Bethel Baptist Church

Sunday School Sunday 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Preaching 8:00 p. m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 8 p. m.
Monday, W.M.U. 3 p. m.

Baptist Church Notes

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 7:00 p. m.
Preaching Service 8:00 p. m.
Week Day Program
W. M. S. Monday 4:00 p. m.
Sunbeams, Monday 4:00 p. m.
"Hour of Power" Wed. 8:00 p. m.
Girls Auxiliary, Wed. 8:00 p. m.
Royal Ambassadors
Saturday 2:00 p. m.

Pleasant Ridge

Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Sermon 11 a. m.
Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Sermon 8:15 p. m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Bible Study 8 p. m.
Everyone Invited
LaWayne Hulce, pastor

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Yancey and family of Lovington, New Mexico, visited Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Yancey.

Mrs. Clara Hall left Wednesday for Kermit, where she joined Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hall and daughter for a vacation trip to Wyoming to visit Bob Watson.

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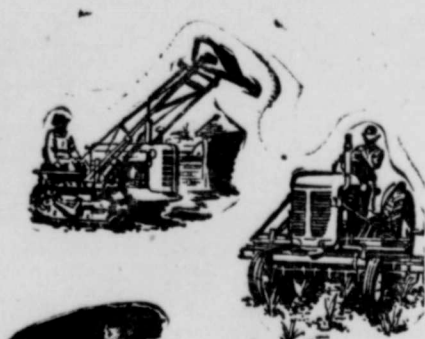
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Mr. and Mrs. Twala Price and Sue of Roscoe and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Solomon of Cuthbert visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Finch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Meadows of San Antonio returned home after a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Meadows.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Scarborough Sunday were his niece and family. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Baird and children of Snyder.



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Mrs. L. D. Smith of Sweetwater honored her mother, Mrs. A. G. Haygood of Loraine, with a birthday dinner Sunday, June 21. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Haygood, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Haygood, Truitt Meeper, L. D. Smith and Radnal Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pieper and daughter of Odessa visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pieper.

Alan Kuykendall of Eldorado, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McDermitt of Abilene visited in the S. E. Meadows home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cripplier of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Meadows this week.

Mrs. W. M. Teeters visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cox in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Combs and family visited in Sweetwater Sunday with relatives and friends. Those who returned to Loraine with the Combs family for supper were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Combs and LeRoy. Mrs. Hoard, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Halcorn and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shultz of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shultz Wednesday.

Sally and Garrett Boyd returned to their home in Fort Sumner, N. M., Monday after visiting friends here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Burk of Mildred, Marshall Smith of Vernon and Billy Bowdin of Naples visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mote and family Thursday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scarborough Saturday were her nephew and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomson and Dean of So Dos Palos, California, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Scarborough, Sandra and Max, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Scarborough, Albert and Troy, of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Payne and Wanda Fay.

Barbara Homsley returned home Sunday night after a weeks visit in Mullin with friends.

Mrs. L. G. Baker is visiting her mother at Weatherford this week.

Read the ads in The News—it pays.

Eggie Rollins of Plainview visited last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Walding.

R. W. McDonald of San Antonio visited in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald, the past weekend.

Mary and Sue Cox are visiting this week with Rev. and Mrs. Monroe Teeters at Key.

Mrs. J. B. Knight and children and Louise Knight visited in the Henry Beecher home in Dudley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and family of Kingsville visited relatives in Loraine last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Monroe Teeters and children of Key, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Teeters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chambers of Levelland visited Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Carpenter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Narrell and Mrs. Don Narrell attended the graduation exercises June 19, of Don Narrell, who graduated from O. C. S. in San Antonio. Second Lt. Don Narrell returned home with his family and he and his wife and daughter visited his parents Sunday. After a 30 days turlough Don will be stationed at Camp Parks in California.

Arnold Lee Faulkenberry and Eugene McGee returned home from the National Guard camp at Fort Hood to visit their parents over the weekend. Others who are at the National Guard camp from Loraine are Jim Edd Taylor, Jackie McDonald, and Max Sheppard.

Tommy, Charles and Dale Roberts of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Narrell Sunday evening.

Mrs. L. E. Crutcher is visiting in Longview, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana, this week.

Mrs. F. W. Hilfield of Juneau, Alaska, visited Mrs. Ida Baird and her sister, Mrs. Palace Barnes, who is visiting here from Washington, D. C., Monday night.

Mrs. Will Conn spent Wednesday in Colorado City on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alice Britton spent last weekend fishing at Buchanan Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tarit spent Wednesday in San Angelo at the auction sale.

Melvin Hamilton of Silverton visited Gloria Wheeler and her family the past weekend.

Hal Haralson visited his family over the weekend from Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, where he is enrolled this summer.

Mrs. W. M. Porter of Denison and Mrs. Jack Cook and children of Garden City, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson, this week.

Betty Horton visited her family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horton and Margaret, Friday until Sunday. She has been working at Bradford Hospital in Dallas the past three months. She will return to Abilene to continue her work at Hendrick Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilley and Dannie, and Alex Hale of Mesilla Park, New Mexico, are visiting relatives and friends in Loraine this week.

Mrs. Billie Whisenant and son Don of Sweetwater visited Mrs. J. J. Land Wednesday.

Mrs. D. W. Haralson returned home Tuesday, June 16, from Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, where she had surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Henderson left Thursday for San Antonio, where she had a medical check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark and daughter Par of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richey Sunday. The Richeys accompanied them to San Angelo where they visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Grauke.

Mr. and Mrs. Wooddell and children have returned from Houston, where they visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wooddell, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Preston and Billy, Mrs. Clay Graham and Ken, Mrs. Delmar McDaniel and Cindy and Mike, left Tuesday evening for Toyah and Midland, where they will visit friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Young and Larry visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Young in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones, Mrs. Cora Hall, Billy Jay and Thomas Bob Long, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bennett attended a picnic supper at the Thompson cabin at Lake Colorado, honoring Bill Thompson on his birthday. Other guests were from Sweetwater, Snyder and Colorado.

Farmers Need Tractors

Farming operations since the close of World War 1 have been rapidly mechanized. Under present conditions, farmers MUST HAVE TRACTORS AND TRACTOR-OPERATED EQUIPMENT OR QUIT FARMING.

1. Farm population has declined;
 2. Total population is increasing rapidly;
 3. Acreage in crops has remained virtually stationary—at approximately 360,000 acres;
 4. Horses and Mules (all ages) are no longer a factor;
 5. Tractors have revolutionized farming;
 6. Combines have revolutionized harvesting;
 7. Windrow Pick-up Balers have revolutionized baling of hay;
 8. Field forage harvesters have revolutionized putting up silage;
 9. Farm labor is scarce and expensive.
- Hiring suitable and sufficient farm help is an acute problem for several reasons:
1. Farmers' inability to compete with defense plants for help;
 2. Price of hired help, if obtainable, is high;

Farm wage rates, for month, with board and room—

October 1, 1951	\$116.00
October 1, 1952	\$122.00

3. Farmers' sons continue to be drafted into the army;
4. "Farm wage rates may be starting to level off," according to the January 13, 1953 "Farm Labor" of the USDA, because "farm wage rates generally follow the trend in cash receipts from farm marketings and prices received by farmers." Prices received by farmers have been declining in recent months, and cash receipts in 1952 were only slightly above 1951. "These measures of farmer's ability to pay wages to hired farm workers have been tending to limit increases in farm wage rates in recent months." In other words, farmers wanting hired labor find it difficult to obtain all the hired help they want for two reasons—scarcity and price.

5. Average age of farmer—50 years and up. Farmers, therefore, must have new and efficient farm machines with which to increase their yields per man and per acre, and to decrease their costs of production. They must have farm machines with which to do their work faster, easier, more conveniently and at lesser cost.

Farmers Need Tractors Because

Farm Population Has Declined:

1920	31,556,000	1945	24,342,000
1930	29,447,000	1950	24,335,000
1940	23,047,000	1951	23,276,000

Total Population Is Increasing Rapidly:

1930	122,497,000	1950	150,697,000
1940	131,669,000	1953	153,000,000 (est)

Acreage in crops has remained virtually stationary:
At approximately 360,000 acres.

Horses and Mules (all ages) are no longer a factor:
Horses and mules are no longer a factory, except in certain areas, and even there they are rapidly being replaced by tractors—

1920	24,742,000
1940	14,478,000
1952	6,293,000

Tractors, on the other hand, have revolutionized farming since 1920

1920	246,000	1950	3,615,000
1940	1,545,000	1952	4,170,000
1945	2,422,000		

Combines have revolutionized the harvesting of threshable grains and seeds:

1940	190,000	1950	714,000
1945	375,000	1952	887,000

Windrow Pick-up Balers have revolutionized baling of Hay:

1942	25,000	1950	196,000
Jan. 1 1951	240,000		

Field Forage Harvesters have revolutionized putting up silage:

1950	81,000	1952	124,000
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Farm Labor Scarce and Expensive:

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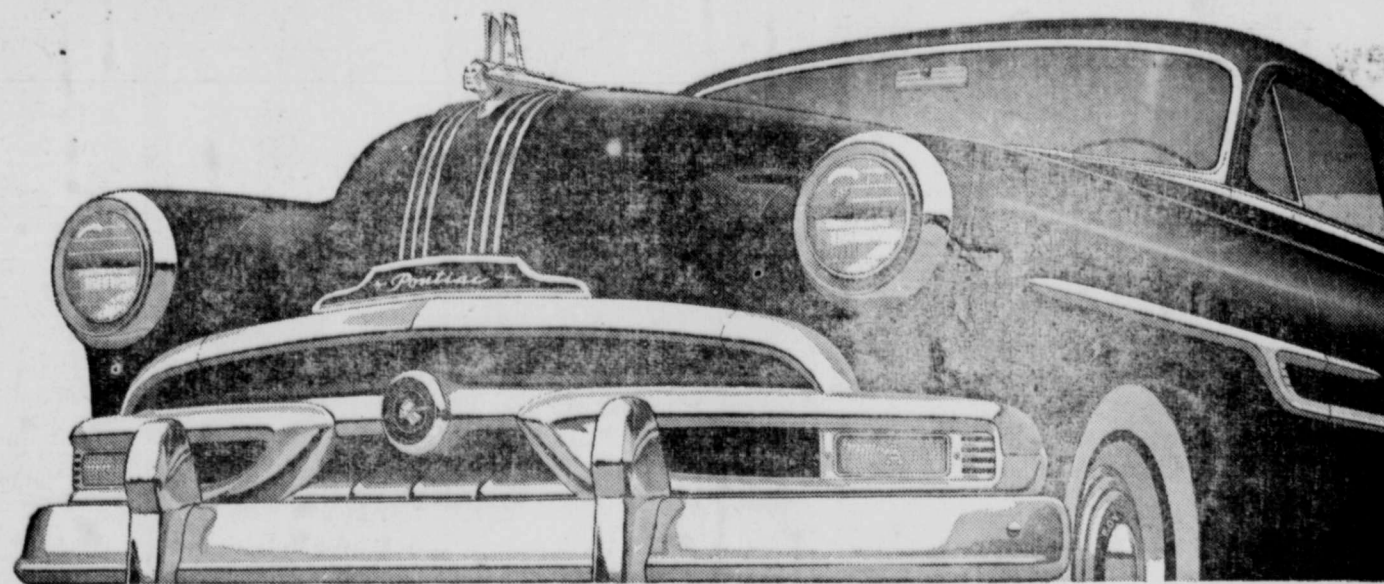


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1. Produce \$470.00 worth of milk (this is based on present wholesale price) for a period of seven months production.

2. Or this cow will furnish enough milk to fatten a 500 pound steer which is enough to supply the meat for one year plus having sufficient milk for

the family with a wholesale value of \$352.80.

Every farm having a good brood sow will furnish all pork and lard the family needs plus furnishing a supplemental gross income of approximately \$525.00 (this figure is based on 2 litters a year) finishing the litter at \$200.00 with the present value of pork.

A flock of good laying hens will furnish the family with a weekly cash income—thus meeting their daily and weekly financial needs.

To attain all these things for a sound cow-hog-hen way of live-at-home, sound management must be planned and practiced.

For the cow, a summer and winter grazing program such as summer sudan and small grain grazing for winter. This, plus your balanced ration will yield top production at a low cost. Buying all feed stuff for the cow will reduce profits greatly.

Therefore a well planned cropping system is necessary. Fattening out of swine for market gives the farmer a media to market his grain sorghums—thus adding additional profits to grain sorghum production. Temporary pasture for brood sows also cut down production costs greatly.

The farm poultry flock properly managed will also reap

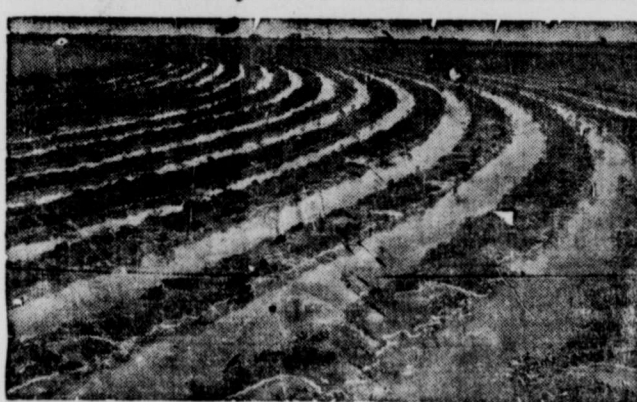
profits—thus supplying weekly cash from the farm.

It has been said that a family cow was worth more to the economy of the family than 7½ acres of cotton producing half a bale to the acre.

Jim Templeton and Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Templeton and children attended the annual Templeton reunion held at the Girl Scout cabin in Stevenville Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dockery and son Terry of Westbrook visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler, Sunday.

Mitchell County Soil Conservation News



Recognition Of Range Sites Important To Rancher

Ranges are classified into separate sites to help determine their potential values. Each site has a slightly different maximum or climax plant community, partly in terms of plants but largely in terms of productivity. Plant community patterns vary because of differences in available moisture. This available moisture is influenced by precipitation, soil, topography, temperature, light, elevation, and latitude. Grading ranges according to site variations and range conditions helps landowners tell how good a range is and how much better it may become under correct use. The land buyer can afford to pay more for land of high grazing potential than he can for ranges of low grazing potential. Wise management of the land is dependent on correct treatment of all sites in line with their potential to produce forage and protect the soil.

Eight range sites have been identified in this soil conservation district. Each of these sites is represented by different soil types, different moisture relationships, different land slopes, varying soil depth, different productivity, and other distinguishing characteristics. The sites listed in order of potentiality and productivity are: 1. bottomland, 2. deep sand, 3. mixed land, 4. shallow upland, 5. clay loam upland, 6. heavy clay hardlands, 7. hills and ridges, and 8. rough breaks. A brief description follows for each of these sites.

Range site No. 1. Bottomland, includes all flat narrow overflow areas along creek banks which are made up of fill material consisting of deep soils which are both fine and medium textured. These areas have the influence of extra water and the soils are very productive. Usually these areas have some winter grasses in the grass composition and they are grazed both summer and winter and because of this over use are usually in the poorest range condition.

Site No. 2. Deep sand, consists of all coarse textured deep sands of the so called shinnery area of the district. These soils take up and release moisture very readily and are rated second in so far as potentiality is concerned. The condition we see this type range in today is far cry from what was growing on this site under climax vegetation. Today a few grass burs and a lot of shinnery brush characterize this range site in contrast to a mixed bluestem range of former years.

Site No. 3. Mixed land, consists of all the sandy loams and friable clay loams which are usually located on flat or very gentle slopes and the soils are deep. These soils take in and release moisture fairly readily and are considered especially good for cultivated land.

Site No. 4. Shallow upland, consists of the same soils listed in mixed land but it represents these soils in the shallow phase or less than 20 inches deep. The shallow areas are usually located on hill tops or small knolls within an area of deeper soils. These soils are productive but due to having less depth they have less overall potentiality.

Site No. 5. Clay loam upland, consists of fairly level, deep, moderately tight upland soils which are considered very good for cultivation. This type of soil takes up water at a moderate speed and will hold from 2 to 2½ inches per foot depth.

Site No. 6. Heavy clay upland consists of the soils that have a dense clay surface and subsoil. In the lower range condition classes these soils puddle badly and become compact and dense. They take up water very slowly and considerable runoff occurs unless it is well protected with grass and litter. A rather large percentage of our range land in the district is represented by this range site.

Site No. 7. Hills and ridges, consists of shallow and very shallow soil types located on slopes from 5 to 40 percent. Runoff is great unless properly protected and care should be practiced in grazing range land

in this site. Site No. 8. Rough breaks, represents badly eroded, very shallow soil conditions with little or low plant growth potentiality. Moisture storage and root development are usually limited and a high runoff is expected. Very light use of this range site is the maximum it can stand and maintain any of the grasses and weeds growing there. Each of these sites represent an entirely different range problem, with different grasses, varying productivity, and different management practices needed to secure and maintain range improvement. A recognition of range sites by the land owner is simply taking a land inventory of what you have to work with. Treating and managing these sites in accordance with their needs and capabilities will result in greater forage production and the best possible soil and water conservation.

Royce Mahon, district cooperator just north of Lorraine, is reporting good yields from his irrigated alfalfa and small grains. The alfalfa was harvested the second time June 8th and produced 500 bales of hay from the 13 acre patch. This would represent a yield of approximately 1.3 tons per acre. The first cutting was just short of one ton per acre. He harvested his 26 acres of wheat and 3 acres of oats this month. These crops had received some supplemental irrigation and the wheat produced 26½ bushels per acre and the oats made about 75 bushels per acre. These represent good grain yields when you take in account that this 28 acres was grazed with 26 head of steers from October 15th to April 15th. The steers made good gains during this period and were fed only 15 sacks of cake and 125 bundles of feed. After harvest there remains on the land a heavy residue standing 6 to 8 inches high which will be mulched into the surface soil for protection and improvement.

This field has had excellent protection during the critical blow period and no soil movement was noticed from this field due to wind or water erosion. Another feature to this type program is that good use was being made of irrigation water during a period when other cash crops such as cotton were not in production. This scattered acreage out which can be watered with supplemental irrigation and released the irrigation equipment and water for other crops after the small grain is matured. A program like this makes for year around use of the rather expensive irrigation equipment and tends to get the full benefit from the investment.

Mrs. O. E. Albright of Odessa is visiting Mrs. S. M. Hallmark this week.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral of Glenda Kay Simmons here last Tuesday were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell of Ozona, with whom she made her home; her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons and son Chris of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Simmons and family of Midland, Harold Simmons of Nacogdoches, and Trent Simmons of Ray, S. D.; Mrs. George Corder and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brazel of Midland, Mrs. Hope Mitchell of San Antonio, Mrs. C. M. Reese of Albany, and a large group of friends from Ozona, which included classmates and teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson of Fort Stockton visited Mrs. H. B. Wilson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Carter of Odessa visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cain Friday and Mr. Cain went with them to Elk City, Oklahoma, where they will visit relatives.

Virginia Kidd of Coahoma spent from Wednesday until Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lankford and Kay Nell, and other relatives here.

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