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by LELAND BOYD

Two of the most celebrated holidays of any during the year are passed as of one and two weeks ago. Christmas and the beginning of the new year, of course, are the holidays referred to.

Besides being the most celebrated, the two holidays mentioned are perhaps also the most uplifting. The atmosphere that prevails during the Christmas season impresses upon us the value of benevolences, giving gifts, soul-searching and worship. Our hearts are flooding about this time with a "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" feeling.

Since Christmas time has also grown to mean days off from work, time to spend with relatives and friends, it qualifies well for being the most uplifting time of the year.

Of course New Year's Day follows . . . in just a week. We are further impressed to make our new year's resolutions. Some of us humans may make a resolution that we won't receive anything. But most of us go along with the crowd of new year observers and resolve how much better we are going to be the next year.

Feeling "peace and goodwill" are all right. Making new year's resolutions are okay, too. There is no substitute for either "peace and goodwill" and new year's resolutions when they are put into action by the maker.

All too often the good will and resolutions are simply forgotten.

What we wish would happen for one week of any year is for people to be conscientious about carrying out their resolutions and put into practice the good will feeling they so religiously exhibit during Christmas.

Of course, all people could not fit into this category. Some of them never get the "spirit" of Christmas, except from the mouth of a bottle. They aren't sober enough on New Year's Eve to make a serious resolution.

Christmas is uplifting also because of the closer attention folks give to the Christian virtues of giving and sharing. Groups interested in the civic welfare of the community want to share with others. They are careful to check for possible people who need aid. They want to be sure that these people have a merry Christmas, and generally supply a few of the articles of living that the underprivileged generally do without.

This is good too. But we wonder if it is superficial concern for the welfare of others. We wonder if the same organizations would demonstrate their concern for the welfare of underprivileged on January 7, on June 12, and any other time of the year.

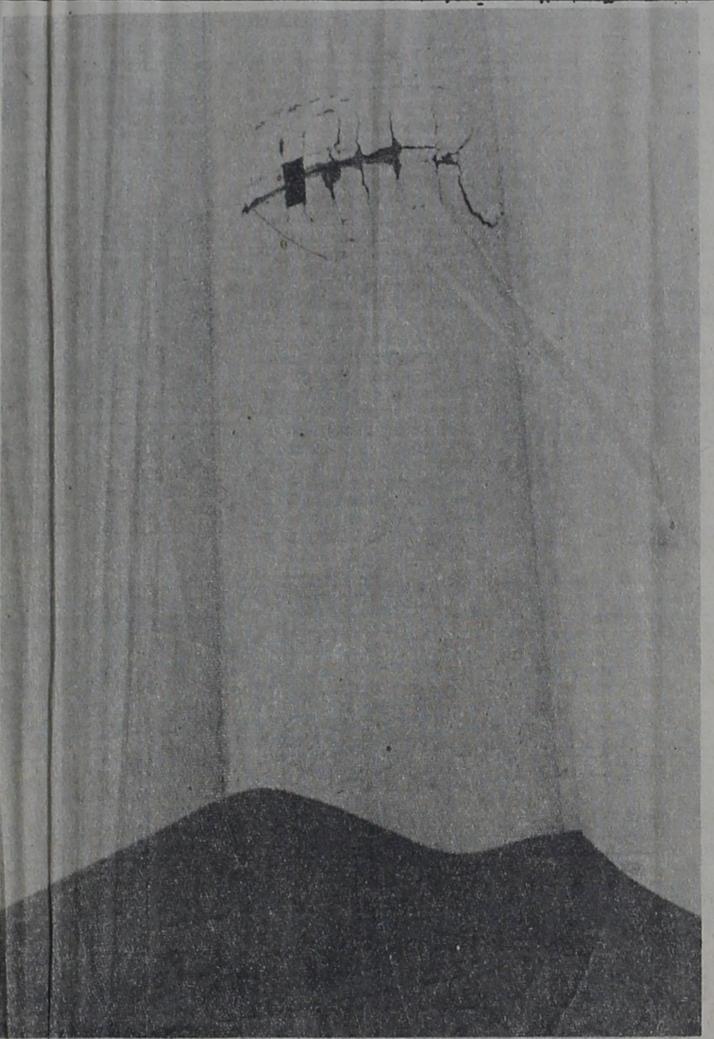
If this be the case, here's a recommendation concerning this display of charity: Save charity demonstrations for some other time than Christmas, and you'll get a lot more attention.

If your new year's resolutions have been forgotten, form a habit to make resolutions for January 8, January 9, and every day of the year. You might find time to keep one during the year.

That would be good. Well, we were not trying for any gifts nor thinking that we should leave our Christmas trees up all year. Anyway, a tree decorated with purple and pink lights never did mean Christmas. But we shouldn't take our spirit of charity out and burn it up as we do our Christmas trees just because it is January instead of December.

Scott Levins might be one of the persons who could use a little charity now. We have noted with concern his beard, and decided what the man needs is someone to loan him a razor and give him three blades for it.

Levins has somehow managed to produce the woolliest beard we have seen in several years, except in the movies he shows once in a while. Maybe he has started a fad, but we'll let him have it for himself. (Continued on page 8.)



Elevator Tank Bursts

Pressure of moving grain burst a slab from an upright tank at Sherry Grain Co. Sunday, spilling about 20,000 bushels of grain sorghum on the ground outside the tank.

Elevator Superintendent Jack McCutchan reports that the split was the same spot as one that had cracked about four years ago.

Lack of adequate steel in the structure at the burst spot is named as the defect that caused the split.

The tank erupted about at its midpoint, some 70 feet from the ground. It is on the east end of the elevator.

County Bank Deposits Up

Bank deposits in Parmer County banks are up. December 31 statements of condition show that the three banks have considerably more deposits than they did December 31, 1957. Total deposits the last day of 1958 were \$10,453,175.54. On December 31 of 1957 the total was \$8,875,012.

Without exception, bankers attribute the increase to a better crop year. Frank Spring of Friona State Bank points out that the big difference this year was the weather. "This was the best crop year we've ever had," Spring figures. In 1957, weather was exceptionally unfavorable for farming. A cold, wet fall was the biggest setback to it.

(Cash crop income for county farms for 1958 shot past the \$27 million mark. See High Plains Farm and Home Supplement in this issue for further details.)

Bob Anderson of Security State Bank in Farwell reports December 31 deposits at that bank at \$4,952,041. This is an increase of \$870,986 from a year ago when deposits totaled \$4,071,055.

Since the last call, September 24, deposits at Security State have jumped a million and a half dollars. Loans are down slightly from 1957. Loans totaled \$942,000 in '57. In '58, they were \$918,000.

Anderson says that while 1958 was a "real good" year it didn't set a record for deposits. "We had over \$6,000,000 in deposits in 1955," he says. Shortly after the first of the year, deposits at Security went over the five million dollar mark.

Total deposits at Friona State (Continued on page 8.)

WEATHER BY WILLIE

Warming trend all week, very little moisture. --WILLIE

Lions Ask City's Aid for Pool

Teter Case Has Jury Discussion

A delegation of the Bovina Lions Club Monday night requested aid from the City of Bovina in getting a swimming pool for the area.

Monday night was the regular meeting for the City Commission, and Leon Grissom, Troy Fuller, Warren Embree and Woody Wright were present to state the Lions Club's case.

What the Lions were seeking was a place to construct a swimming pool.

The members of the committee had eyed the city park with anticipation. That would be an ideal spot for a swimming pool, they said, and would add to the worth of the park more than anything else that could be done.

Commissioners were not in agreement that the park was a likely spot, even though they expressed belief that the city would be glad to lease some lots to the Lions for their pool.

The spot the commissioners said would be best is in the northwest part of town, near the ground storage tank the city erected last year.

Another Lions request was (Continued on page 8.)

No Dough For City Marshall

An applicant for the job of city marshal for Bovina was told Monday night that no money is available for paying him.

The applicant, Russell Renfro, was present at the Bovina City Commission's regular meeting.

The possibility of hiring a marshal for Bovina developed at the meeting a month ago, and the commission told Renfro that they would discuss the matter, try to figure out how to pay him, and let him know after the first of this year.

The commissioners said that they had no had time for a meeting to talk about a city marshal, but didn't see any chance of having money to pay a marshal's salary.

Roy Whisler, local chairman of the annual March of Dimes campaign, reports that a number of plans are underway by which money will be raised for the fund.

A pancake supper, sponsored by the Bovina Woman's Study Club, is planned for Friday evening, January 16, in the school cafeteria. The meal will begin at 6 o'clock and will continue until all have been served. Mrs. Reagan Looney and Mrs. J. P. Macon are in charge of arrangements. The pancake supper will be one of a series of annual efforts of assistance by the organization.

Another annual drive for the March of Dimes will be the Mother's March, again to be sponsored by the Bovina Town and Country Club. Mrs. Don Owens, reporter for the organization, says that plans for the march will be complete this week and announcement of the date will be given next week in the Bovina Blade.

Whisler reports that the Bovina area fell slightly short of their goal in last year's campaign but he hopes that, through the assistance of the local organizations, the school and the coin canisters placed in local businesses, Bovina will "go over the top" this year.

Officials Launch 4-Year Terms

Six Parmer County officials and three Justices of the Peace were sworn into office at the courthouse Thursday morning, January 1.

Hugh Moseley, county clerk, was in charge of the swearing in ceremony. The action was taken at a traditional called meeting of county commissioners court. A. D. Smith, outgoing judge, presided at the brief session.

Each of the officials and the JP's are beginning four year terms. Four officials were re-elected while two were sworn in for the first time.

Moseley, Mabel Reynolds, county treasurer; Hurshel Harding, county attorney; and Charlie Jefferson, commissioner of Precinct No. 2, were re-elected. Loyde Brewer, county judge, and G. W. Crain, commissioner of precinct No. 4, took the oath of office for the initial time.

J. R. Thornton, Farwell Justice of the Peace, was the only JP to be re-elected. Thelma Jones, Friona JP, and W. J. Parker, Bovina JP, began their duties with the New Year. Mrs. Jones was absent from the ceremony.

This is the first time there has been a JP in Bovina precinct.

Other county officials, who still have two of their four-year terms to serve, are Chas. Lovelace, sheriff; Lee Thompson, tax assessor-collector; E. G. Phipps, commissioner of Precinct 1, and J. H. McDonald, commissioner of Precinct No. 3.

It is a Parmer County custom to install officials on the first day of the year even though it is a holiday. It is permissible by law to make installations on a non-holiday, but Parmer has stayed with the January 1 idea down through the years.



COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE--Hugh Moseley, county clerk, right, administered the oath of office to new and re-elected county officials January 1. Taking the oath are, left to right, back row, G. W. Crain, Charlie Jefferson and Loyde Brewer. Front row, right, J. R. Thornton, Hurshel Harding, W. J. Parker, and Mabel Reynolds.

Collectors Out in MOD

Thief Strips Irrigation Motor

Theft of parts of an irrigation motor was reported to Parmer County sheriff's office last week.

A diesel engine on the Reardon Wanner farm south of Lazbuddie was stripped of valve covers, one of three heads, push rod, rocker arm, and a manifold. Deputy Tom Atkins reports.

The theft occurred the latter part of last week, Atkins says. It was discovered Saturday morning. There were no clues to the identity of the thief.

Director Resigns, Lauds Band Talent

W. Wayne Stevens, band director and music teacher at Bovina, resigned his post this week, effective at mid-term, January 16.

His letter of resignation to the board of education, which follows, is self explaining:

"Gentlemen:

"After three and one-half years as your band director and music teacher, I hereby offer my resignation, effective as of Jan. 16, 1959.

"I have enjoyed my work here a great deal, and my highest compliments go to you for the excellent school plant and educational system you are maintaining in Bovina. I will long remember my opportunity to serve this school district and cherish the friendship of many students and fellow faculty members.

"I feel that Bovina has more than a usual amount of fine musical talent and I have great hopes for the future of the musical program within the school. There are musical standards here that are envied by many other communities of similar size, and I am happy to have had a part in the development of the band and public school music attainments of Bovina.

I plan to move back to Oklahoma City to be near my wife's parents and my own parents, and where I shall be employed as a locomotive engineman for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway and do substitute teaching in the Oklahoma City Schools.

I regret that I am not able to give you longer notice of this resignation, and it is my earnest desire that you find, without difficulty, the best and most qualified person possible to serve you as your new director of music.

Respectfully submitted, W. Wayne Stevens

Thank You

As it would be impossible to personally thank the multitude of people in Bovina and the surrounding area for their encouragement and support, we take this seemingly inadequate means.

We would especially like to thank the Grand Jury and those who contributed so much time and effort in the fabrication and subsequent completion of the petition without which the best interests of justice could not have been served.

THE TETER FAMILY

City Commission Appoints Judge

Bovina City Commission Monday night appointed W. J. Parker to the judgeship of the City of Bovina.

Parker is also Justice of the Peace for the Bovina and Rhea precinct.

Compensation for the city judge is to be in token by furnishing an office for his corporation court and his JP court. Also, the city will furnish necessary bookkeeping and office equipment.

Parker's appointment is to be effective one year.

Ketch-all
Korner

By Sally Whitesides

One of the tricks of the newspaper trade, I've been told, is the art of acquiring what might be called "temporary intelligence" about a certain person, place or occurrence. Most of the time it pays off, but then, when it doesn't, blunders fly thick and fast.

I pulled such a blunder in the report last week on the ex-student banquet. When the reporter called in the minutes of the meeting, she never gave it a thought but what I knew that Roberta, Mrs. Neal and Bert Mager were one and the same person. So, in my report, I put at least two of the above names in; thus causing confusion throughout.

Bert, by the way, is a sister of Lady Armstrong and she and her husband spent the holidays in Bovina from their home in Spokane, Wash. She is a former resident of Bovina and has many friends in this area. I'm so sorry about the mixup; especially since Bert not only was there; but she was the one coming the greatest distance to be there and, to top it all off, she was toastmistress for the affair.

The strike that has held air traffic to a minimum knocked a hole in the big Christmas that Betty and Harold Hawkins had planned. Betty's sister from Florida was planning to be here, but, because of the pilot strike, railroads were jammed and they just couldn't make it. In fact, Betty reported last week, her sister and husband got part of the way; got crowded out of transportation and even spent four days trying to get back home to Florida.

For those who haven't seen them, Edna and Herman Estes are now grandparents. And, with the title, Edna swears they are taking up the rights.

Seems that the first purchase they made after the arrival of Kenneth and Selma's boy was a walking cane for Herman.

Edna, by the way, reports that she sees no sense what so ever in having children; they only work you to death, eat you out of house and home and, on top of that, they cause you more worry than the normal human brain can accept. Her solution is; no children--just grandchildren.

Have listened to two "grandmothers - for - the - first - time" lately; Lois McCutchan and Edna, and, to hear them tell it, we who can't contribute our brags just aren't in the running. To be even more frank, we, they say, aren't even living yet. Congratulations to them both and, incidentally, to the young parents, too.

Geneva Berry was telling me one day last week all about her search for gold in northern California. Seems she and daughter Celia went out with some others to an old, almost abandoned gold mine while visiting the West Coast for the Christmas holidays. And they found some gold. But, says Geneva, knowing their own luck, neither one was surprised when they were informed that it was Fool's Gold.

Both of the Berry sprouts, Celia and Julian, got a big kick out of all the ins and outs of gold mining but after only a few minutes of trying their own hand at it, they came to a very logical conclusion; they'd rather come home and let Daddy Cecil make the living.

Geneva's folks, by the way, live within a mile of the gates of Yosemite Park and she reports that the weather was lovely. However, to the people of the area, the drought that has been with the Panhandle and Southwest for the last some-odd years has just moved up a little. In fact, this was their driest year up there since 1850.

Mrs. Warren Embree brought us by a recipe for Heavenly Pie the other day--but no samples. However, she does report that it is delicious and one of those dishes that are both tasty and decorative for parties and the like. Here it is:

HEAVENLY PIE

Beat four egg whites stiff and add one cup sugar, one teaspoon cream of tartar and mix well. Grease a pyrex pan and pour the meringue into it. Spread over bottom and sides, but not too near the edge. Bake one hour in 275 degree oven and then let cool one hour.

FILLING

Beat four egg yolks, adding 1/2 cup sugar, three tablespoons lemon juice and one tablespoon grated lemon rind. Cook in double boiler, stirring constantly, until very thick. Cool and add one pint whipped cream. Put filling on top of meringue and let stand in refrigerator several hours before serving.

While visiting my sister Hazel in Portales awhile back, we stayed for a hamburger supper. Her method of keeping the meat from sticking to the bottom of the skillet was something new on me. Hazel preheats her skillet--cast iron, and then, just before putting the flattened meat patty on it, she sprinkles the pan lightly with salt. Thus, she serves two purposes; not only is the meat

still intact when she starts to turn it over, but the patty is also flavored about right with salt. And then too, for those who are watching the grease in their diet, her method works fine.

Last week, with grim determination showing in every line of their faces, the women of Bovina set to work--and swore they would never use snow spray on their windows again. But we will, and we all know it. Must admit that this year, for some reason or another, the spray decorations were easier to get off at the Whitesides' house; reckon they are making it that way on purpose?

Editor Leland mentioned in the Blunt Edge last week that out of area visitors found farming a mystery. So, I've found out, did the two boys who spent Christmas with us. Not until I got a letter from Bill's sister, whose two boys had taken the airmen on a tour of Bovina, did I know that neither of the boys knew the difference between corn and wheat--and they were appalled at the appearance of cotton in the rough.

This obvious ignorance was vastly amusing to both of the farm-raised nephews and their mother writes that it took quite a bit of explaining on her part to show them that the boys weren't dumb; just out of their element. To emphasize her point, Nora Lee asked them about the subway systems in New York City. Their sheepish looks was enough--because one of the airmen had spoken quite casually about that and other points of interest in HIS element. To each his own--

with maybe a little temporary intelligence to help things along.

Berry's Return From California

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Berry and family, Celia and Julian, returned home the first of last week from California. They spent about ten days there, as guests in the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Osborne and daughters of Yosemite Park. The local family also made a number of side-tours; to Disneyland, Sonora and a number of gold mining towns;

In Los Angeles, they visited with Berry's aunt, Mrs. Iva Riggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berggren of Amarillo spent the recent holidays in Bovina with relatives. They were guests in the home of his father, Alfred Berggren and also visited with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Berry and son, "Little Bud," of Canyon spent New Year's Eve in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Berry, here.

Mrs. Margaret Caldwell and daughter, Miss Rita Caldwell, were holiday guests in the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Caldwell and sons of Amarillo. They returned home Friday.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brandon and family spent the recent holidays visiting with relatives. They were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens of Mador and also visited in Roaring Springs with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brandon.

HOME FROM VISIT IN ARKANSAS

Mrs. Minnie Alderson returned home Christmas Day from several weeks in Farmington, Ark. She had been visiting there with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Broyles. Friends report that Mrs. Alderson is at her home on the farm, west of Bovina.

Mrs. Alderson was among the Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ward. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denney and family, Bovina and the Ward's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Spurlin and daughter, Kathy, of Alamogordo, N.M.

LOCAL FAMILY TO MEMPHIS

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. (Bud) Crump visited recently in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hayes of Memphis. They also visited with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Crump. The local family returned home the early part of last week.

The Crump family also visited last Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fleming of Friona. The Fleming's son, Ray Dean, has just returned home from serving six months with the Naval Air Force in Malta.



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IN KANSAS

Visiting over the holidays in Wichita, Kans., were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leake and daughter, Janice. They were accompanied by a nephew, Larry Hromas of O'Donnell. The local family were guests in the home of the Leakes' daughter and husband, Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Owens. They returned home the day after Christmas.

WITH RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon and children, David, Gail and Michael, visited with her mother, Mrs. B. L. Perry of Ryan, Okla., shortly after Christmas. They were Christmas Day guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Dixon of Kress.



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creating a Sabina neckline edged in natural lace scallops and sprinkled with tiny iridescent sequins and pearls. Long sleeves tapered to petal points over the bride's hands and the full, gathered skirt featured a center panel that extended from the bodice, creating a princess line effect. The gathers of the panel fell from the side and across the back. Lace medallions were applied at each side, providing a peplum illusion and they were sprinkled with sequins and seed pearls. The billowing skirt swept into a formal length train.

The bride's fingertip veil of pure silk illusion fell in tiers from a lace crown of tiny pearls, fashioned in a semi-pointed design and accented with tear drop pearls. A semi-circle of feathered carnations and centered by a single white orchid, was the bride's bouquet.

Bridemaids were Miss Linda Griffin of Frisco, Mrs. Frances DeMoss of Denton, Mrs. Raylene Klinglesmith of McAllen and Miss Carolyn McFarland of Fort Worth.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams of Bovina, was attended by Jimmy C. Graham of Fort Worth as best man. Groomsmen and ushers were Dr. Jack Barnett, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Paul Smith Bill Scott Hickey, all of Dallas and Joe Callaway of Denton.

A reception in the church parlors followed the ceremony. White mums, tied in red satin bows, centered the bride's table and Mrs. Malcolm Walters presided at the three-tiered cake and Miss Mary Beth West poured punch. The guest book table was covered in white satin and centered with a large white satin bow, the streamers of which extended to flow below the edge of the table. A silver candelabrum holding five white tapers completed the table adornments.

Following a short wedding trip to Austin, the couple are at home in Denton; 727 Woodland Street. Mrs. Williams is a graduate of NTSC and is teaching in the Reinhardt elementary school of Dallas. She is a member of Alpha Rho Tau and Kappa Delta Pi fraternity in the college.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Bovina High School and is attending North Texas State College. He will be graduated from the college in January.

Among the out of town guests to the wedding were another of the bridegroom's sisters and children, Mrs. George Small, Maurie and Sharon, all of Fayetteville, Ark.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Crawford and family returned home last Thursday from two weeks in Greenville and surrounding area. The local family spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Browning of Quinlan and with his mother, Mrs. Roy Crawford, of Greenville.

TO VERNON

Visiting several days of last week with relatives in Vernon were Mr. and Mrs. Art Mast and children. They were accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilkinson and they visited in the home of an aunt and uncle of Mrs. Mast's, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson. The local families returned home Saturday.

Barksdale-Williams

Vows Read Recently

Miss Ada Faye Barksdale became the bride of Charles Denney Williams Saturday, December 20, in wedding ceremonies at the McKinney First Baptist Church.

Dr. Charles Myers, pastor, officiated. The pre-nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Jack Barnett, soloist, and Mrs. Charles Myers, organist.

The church decorations were in red and white; with a background of wedding greenery flanked by floor standards holding white tapers. The choir rail

was outlined with red poinsettias, tied with large, red satin bows and on either side of the altar were tall baskets of white mums, carnations and gladioli. A white aisle cloth led to the altar.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy L. Barksdale of Route 2, McKinney, was given in marriage by her father. Her wedding gown of crisp white silk taffeta was exquisitely fashioned with molded bodice which featured a yoke of re-embroidered Alecon lace,

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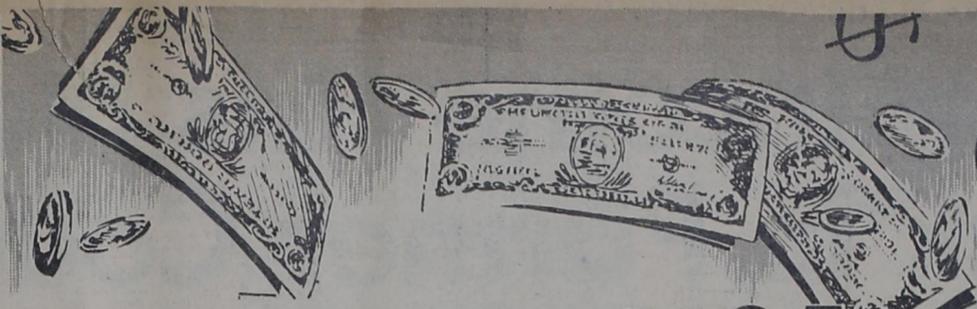
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Farm Income Hits New Peak In Parmer County

\$27 Million-Plus Surpasses Previous High Set In 1956

Parmer County farmers got on the "comeback trail" in 1958 and surpassed their previous cash crop (gross) income. For the 12 months ending December 31, they posted estimated receipts totaling over \$27 million. That is a whopping increase over the \$21,735,000 of last year and a jump of over \$1 million in 1956 which was the previous record year.

These figures are shown in the annual year-end report made by County Agent Joe Jones.

Such eight-digit figures don't reflect the true "spendable" income of the 1100 farm families in the county, naturally, but the cash crop income is of vast significance, nevertheless. It is a measure of the health of the county's farm plant as a whole, and a year of big farm gross always means a perk-up of local economy.

Parmer County is almost wholly dependent on the returns from its fertile soils for sustenance. When farmers are taking in money so are elevator operators, seed dealers, implement houses, butane and fertilizer supply establishments, and so on. Those who supply goods and services directly to farmers are, understandably, the ones who benefit first.

But it doesn't take long for this income to find itself felt in many other lines of business also, both wholesale and retail. The merchant on Main Street of Parmer County cities can tell you pretty quickly how things are down on the farm. His business tells him that.

The third round of farm income finds itself into the pockets of salaried persons and wage earners, who are directly or indirectly serving the farm-centered local economy. This group includes professional people and job holders of every description—all who would, were they to trace the source of their vocation's existence,

agent. That is a slight but helpful increase from \$3,230,000 posted in 1957 which was also considered to be a good wheat year. In fact, wheat is about the only crop that did well year before last.

After the "big three" have been accounted for, the excitement sort of dies down in the income department. No other single crop accounts for as much as a million dollars to the county farm income till.

True, farm leaders and outside advisers have been suggesting a trend to other crops for a number of years, but so far no challenger has risen to meet the power of wheat, grain sorghum and cotton—especially the latter two.

In 1957, corn looked like a "comer," tripling in acreage from the previous year. Farmers grossed over \$1 million from the crop then, but met with many problems getting the money in. Apparently, they soured on the hopes of making corn a significant part of the county farming picture, because acreage was reduced from around 20,000 to somewhere near 10,000 for this year. That produced a gross of about \$600,000.

Vegetables, which attracted lots of comment in the early part of 1958, proved to be the disappointment of the year (for some farmers the disappointment of a lifetime) when nearly all of them dropped like lead ducks on the nation's markets. Vegetables doubled in acreage for 1958, but the income certainly didn't. It probably fell below \$1 1/2 million, which is extremely poor considering the grosses racked up by single individuals in years past when they hit good times with certain crops. On the whole, 1958 was just an "experience year" for Parmer County vegetable farmers.

Sesame, while not attracting so many grandstanders, did fairly well again this year, and will probably see some gains as the years roll by. To date, sesame has been the only "new" crop introduced to Parmer

County farms which has not suffered really serious production or price (or both) difficulties in getting established. Gross from this oilseed commodity is put at \$200,000.

Sorghum-type seed crops constitute one of the most difficult sources of farm income to keep track of. Because acreage is usually small and production and sales cannot be easily kept track of (such as would be the case with grain sorghum placed in government loan), any guesses as to income figures fall into the "uneducated guess" category, Jones thinks \$100,000 would be as good a guess as any.

Sudan occupies a fairly respectable place on county farms, especially in the sandier soil areas where tremendous yields of grain sorghum are hard to come by. Sudan production is off this year, compared with normal, but should result in an income of about \$270,000 when the crop moves into the market. Most farmers are still holding their seed, and some still have a part or all of the 1957 crop on hand. This is standard practice with long-time growers who are accustomed to long waits for a sale.

Soybeans, which although highly regarded on thousands of Midwestern farms have always been held as just a rotation or soil building crop to most of the High Plains, moved up fast. They occupied perhaps as many as 10,000 acres on county farms in 1958 and provided about a \$380,000 slice of the county farm income.

There are other minor crops which were grown in the county during the past year which are

THE HIGH PLAINS FARM AND HOME

THE HAPPY HOMEMAKER

BY JUNE FLOYD

not listed, nor are they included in any simply "miscellaneous" group as so often appears in a comprehensive analysis of this kind. Their effect would be almost unnoticeable on the county as a whole.

However, one phase of county agriculture which ought not to pass by without any mention in a run-down of a farm income is livestock. The year 1958 brought back a year when good margins of profits were available to almost all livestock operators who were conscious of good management practices.

Improving market conditions for beef was the main reason for this. Prices trended upward sharply almost all year and this stimulus was noticed as the livestock population—especially on wheat pasture—jumped substantially.

So, the farmer had another "cash crop" in wheat pasture cattle, which, according to Agent Jones, produced from \$30 to \$40 a head for many operators.

Pork production is trending up also, as more and more farmers consider marketing their grain by the "conversion" process of changing it into meat.

Pork prices were good through the most part of 1958 which helped encourage this trend, although they tapered off quite a bit during the last part of the year. They didn't drop as drastically as lamb prices, though, which underwent a severe adjustment.

Just the same, with all things considered, 1958 must certainly be regarded as a banner year for Parmer County farmers, and the \$27,225,000 cash crop income estimated by County Agent Jones is very probably on the conservative side!

Nutritionists seem to agree that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Yet there are many many grown-ups, as well as children, who do not eat adequate breakfasts. Anyone who drinks one or more cups of coffee then skips breakfast entirely is often inviting stomach disorders that could be avoided.

Every homemaker should make an effort to encourage each member of her family to eat an adequate breakfast every morning. Sometimes the same menu can be served day after day without the man of the house or other members of the family tiring of it. Then at other times it is necessary to vary the menu to keep up the interest of those for whom the meal is prepared.

A tasty addition to the morning meal can be easily and quickly made with canned biscuits or biscuits which the homemaker has prepared. Simply roll the batter thinly on the doughboard and add butter, cinnamon, and sugar, then roll, cut and bake. When canned biscuits are used, they should be rolled thin and stacked together after being spread with butter, cinnamon, and sugar.

The most delicious casserole dish we have tried recently makes a wonderful main dish for any noon or evening meal. It is called: RANCHERO CASSEROLE

2 tablespoons butter
1 medium onion, chopped
1/3 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 pound dried beef
3 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Poppy growers tell us that the ideal time to start your poppies for next spring is when the temperature is low and there is snow on the ground. If those two factors are to be desired, the only thing that could be lacking this week is having the snow in the proper place.

If the bed you want to grow poppies in isn't covered with snow, perhaps you could move the snow, then scatter the seeds on top of it. Think the reasoning behind this is that the nitrogen that is in the snow adds to the color of the blooms of the plants. It might be a good idea to make sure that poppy beds are filled with snow every time it snows.

The saying, "An ounce of cure" is never more true than when you are baking a cobbler, pudding, or casserole dish. When you put the baking dish in the oven, slip a cookie tray under it. Then if it drips or bubbles over, you can remove the cookie tray, soak it in detergent, then clean it much easier than if the drippings or bubbles are in the oven. It is much easier to keep your oven clean than to clean it once it catches the drippings and gets drippings burned on it.

The next time you prepare a salad that contains sliced bananas, try soaking the slices in pineapple or grapefruit juice 30 to 40 seconds before adding to the salad. This will keep the banana from turning dark and the taste will be altered very little.

Before transplanting a plant to a new pot, soak the pot in water over night. The moisture needed to fill the pores of the new pot will not be drawn from the plant. If this is done, the transplanted plant rarely wilts even for a day.

Just before baking, sprinkle the cracker crumbs over the top. Cover with the grated cheese. Bake in a preheated oven about 35 to 40 minutes or until the top is browned and most of the liquid is absorbed.

This recipe makes 7 generous servings.

1/2 cup fat dry milk
2 cups water
1 egg, beaten
2 cups whole kernel corn
1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
Directions: Saute chopped onion and green pepper in butter melted in saucepan. Add dried beef, shredded. Cook five minutes. Blend in flour, add pepper. Mix dry milk with water and add. Cook until thickened. Blend in egg by first adding small amount of hot mixture to egg—then mix into hot dried beef. Add corn (if frozen it need not be pre-cooked.)
Pour into buttered 2 quart casserole. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in 350 degree oven—30 minutes. Serves 8.

TURKEY TETRAZZINI
2 1/2 cups cooked white rice
1 can (3 oz.) chopped mushrooms
2 cups cooked diced turkey or chicken
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon celery salt
1 can (10 1/2 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup soda cracker crumbs
1 cup grated American cheese
Place the rice in a well greased 2-quart glass oven dish. Top with the mushrooms and turkey or chicken. Mix together the salt, pepper, celery salt, mushroom soup and milk. Pour over the mushroom mixture.

Just before baking, sprinkle the cracker crumbs over the top. Cover with the grated cheese. Bake in a preheated oven about 35 to 40 minutes or until the top is browned and most of the liquid is absorbed.

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John, soon-to-be three year old son of the Bill Sheehans, had a feast at Christmas morning breakfast. He loved the hot rolls and pork chops and against parental advice, kept asking for more. So, it wasn't too long until John had a tummy ache. After much complaining, he said to Mary, "Mother, put me to bed without my tummy."

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SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



The Parmer County Soil Conservation District held their regular monthly business meeting in Friona Tuesday morning. Those present were A. L. Black, Bruce Parr, Joe Jones, Robert Zatzsche, Steve Messenger, and A. L. Logan.

The District annual plan of operation and the district needs were reviewed and discussed by the supervisors. Items to be given special emphasis promoting soil conservation in the District during 1959, include promotion of survice irrigation systems and location of underground laterals to obtain irrigation water management that meets district standards.

The Board then reviewed and approved the repairs and operation of the District equipment operated by A. L. Logan.

We have planned with S. L. McLellan, Sloan Osborn, and Eric Rushing to improve their water penetration by land leveling. Now is the time of year and the SCS technicians are ready to give you assistance to improve your irrigation system. Come by in the next few days and lets talk it over.

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MIGHTY PROUD are the residents of the Hub Community of this all-steel community center, shown above. It was built two years ago and is the frequent meeting place of farm, civic, study, and neighborhood groups.



GETTING READY for the big auction sale Tuesday at the Hub are Jim Mears, Rene Snead, and J. I. Burleson. Farm equipment of all kinds is being lined up on the grounds near the community center building. This will be the third annual sale for the group.

Hub Community Sale Tuesday

The Hub's third annual community-wide sale will be Tuesday, January 13. This is the yearly fund-raising activity which draws a large crowd and yields community boosters money to help pay for their civic improvements.

This year the Hub workers are shooting for a bigger sale than ever. They are drawing consignments from a wide territory and a jumbo-size sale bill will list the main attractions.

Several area auctioneers and clerks are donating their time

converted into a basketball, volleyball, or shuffleboard court. Equipment includes tables and chairs, dishes and silverware, and everything needed to round out a community center.

"Hub Community" as the booster group is officially but simply known, has about 40 members. Bill Wooley is president.

Around \$2,600 was earned from the sale last year and it is hoped that the last of the indebtedness against the building and other property can be retired with this sale. Hub Community members extend their appreciation to businesses and individuals who have made their project possible. "We are grateful," says A. L. Black, a leader of the group.

A bachelor is a man who can pull his socks on from either end.

to the sale. That is where the project makes money for the community. The sales commission belongs to Hub. Also, some persons are making outright donations of items to the sale, and so both the winning bid and the sales commission will go into the community till.

Auctioneers will include Bill Flippin, Dick Doshier, Haney and Wayne Tate, Scott Billingsley, Dean Sanders, Bill Woodley, and Jack Howell. Clerking will be Hugh Moseley, Jarrell Doshier, and Leo Ruzicka. Woodley will also clerk.

The sale will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon by the Hub community women.

Goal of the sale is to retire the indebtedness of the Hub Community Center, which is now about \$2500. The building, furniture, fixtures, and equipment is now valued at over \$13,000.

The building was erected in 1956 on an acre of land near Fleming & Son Gin south of the Hub intersection. Inside facilities include rest rooms, a kitchen, and an upstairs area for gaming. The auditorium area can be

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Water Election Next Tuesday

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District will hold its annual election of county committeemen and district directors on January 13.

Two new committeemen will be elected in each of the 13 district counties. The committees each consist of five members who serve three-year terms of office.

The five-man district board, which is the governing body of the district, will have three of its members whose terms of office expire. District board members serve two-year terms.

Voters in directors' Precinct No. 1, consisting of Lubbock and Lynn Counties, will elect a director from their area to serve a two-year term on the board. The same is true for No. 3, which consists of Bailey, Castro and Parmer Counties, and for Precinct No. 4, consisting of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter and Randall Counties.

Persons who are qualified voters and reside within the bounds of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and urged to cast their ballot. A voter may cast his ballot at any one of the voting places within his county.

Voting places in Parmer County include the American Legion Hall, Friona; Wilson & Brock Real Estate, Bovina; the

courthouse, Farwell; and the schoolhouse, Lazbuddie.

The two county committeeman positions line up as follows:

Commissioners' Precinct No. 2--Carl Schlenker and Franklin Bauer.

Commissioners' Precinct No. 3--Dick Rockey and Coy Patton.

The Precinct 3 (Bailey, Castro, Parmer) race: A. H. Daricek, Maple; John Gammon, Friona; Johnny Haberer, Muleshoe.

months, so the timeliness of the news is pretty much tarnished.

We're sorry this opportunity passed us by. We'll try to be more "on the ball" next time.

Folks over at Hub will be having their annual community sale next week. They are hoping that receipts from the sale will pay out the rest of their debt on a nice community building. We wish them success.

Many in-town residents of the Parmer County area don't stop to think what a vigorous and wholesome spirit of togetherness exists in our rural communities. We doubt that there is a county in Texas or New Mexico which has a group of such well-developed rural communities as we do here in Parmer County.

The Hub community, or just plain "Hub" as most folks refer to it, is an unusual rural community from several standpoints. Unlike most of the other rural centers in the county, Hub doesn't have any concrete thing from the past to build an organization around.

Rhea, Oklahoma Lane, Black and Lazbuddie are all tied to "old times" in the county's history. All at one time had community schools (Lazbuddie still does, of course). All except Black have community churches. Those churches and schools formed the nucleus of a rural community then and now--it was something upon which to build.

As the county grew and modern times came along, the influence of rural communities became less and less. School consolidations, paved roads, modern automobiles, rising farm family income, and diversions such as the television set helped break the ties that had been fast for several generations.

A renewal of interest in getting back together and regaining some of the warm friendships of community life has taken place in recent years. Much of the credit goes to such programs as the Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest, something that the Black community has participated in twice.

The "community fever" if it needs a term, is catching. All of the rural communities of the county are acutely aware of their independence, and most of them are doing something about it.

The Hub community is a good example of the outgrowth of this kind of thinking. They have facilities now worth about \$13,000, and just three short years ago there wasn't anything there . . . not even the memory of a church or school to start with.

We are convinced that the rural communities of Parmer County are just about the finest there are.

You probably heard several months ago about what the folks

up in Sherman County were doing. Concerned about the often apparent limitations on their farms, and with an eye to the future and what its possibilities might be, they hired the Doane people to come in and make a survey.

This survey, which was very extensive (and probably a little expensive, too), was followed up by a long list of recommendations to insure the growth and prosperity of Sherman County as an agricultural area.

Cary Joe Magness, Farwell businessman, brought up this subject the other day, and the question arose as to what we thought of it. We said then--and have said before and plan to again--that we're "for" such a survey in the Parmer County area 1000 percent.

However, we think that if we do try to organize and bring in an independent fact-finding group, we should not expect miracles from them. On the contrary, what we would fully expect to hear them report to us would be things that we have known all along . . . but simply never got around to putting into practice.

The Doane people could help us appraise ourselves--more or less take a barometric reading of where we are and where we can go from here--but they can't do much else but report facts.

If you're wondering what good could come from such a survey, it's this: It would focus the minds of the people on themselves. It would point up our weaknesses and make us look them in the eye. It would also show our strong points and allow us to "accentuate the positive." It would give us some organization of thought and unity of purpose, instead of the hodge-podge thinking mulling around that seldom gets past the coffee cup stage.

We're not really an "insider" on the Doane survey workings, so this is more or less speculation, but we have an idea that they make good use of what you might call "showmanship." Whether it's incidental or planned, the fact is that the Sherman County survey attracted a lot of attention, and its effectiveness was thereby enhanced.

You may better understand what we mean when we point out that the Doane folks sensibly made use of an electronic computer in processing and organizing much of their data. This computer, which has come to be a very common tool in medium to larger businesses, is held in awe by those who know nothing about them--namely, the people being surveyed and their onlookers.

The thought of having "an electric brain" figure out what was best to do for the Sherman County farms was a dramatic one. Without a doubt this stimulated the receptability of the advisory group's recommendations.

Exactly the same findings could have been made by a high school 4-H boy who had a pencil and piece of paper. It would just have taken him much longer.

An electric computer (at least one of the IBM 650 variety) is nothing more than a fast figuring machine. It is an "input-output" device which is wholly dependent with original information supplied it by the human brain.

If you were to contemplate a management move on the farm, you'd say to yourself, "Now, let's figure all the angles." If you had a computer, you could let it figure the "angles" or possibilities for you ONLY if you supplied it with information in minute detail which might affect the outcome of your plans. For one decision on one farm, the use of anything more than a pencil and paper (and perhaps an adding machine) certainly couldn't be justified.

However, when you take problems from all over the county and want the possibilities figured, that's where the com-

puter comes in.

Back to whether a survey would be desirable for the Parmer County area, we again say "Yes." This thing is sort of like going to see the doctor about being overweight. He suggests you stop eating so many high calaried foods. You knew this all the time, but the authority of an "expert in the field" will give you the impetus to carry through the needed reforms.

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NEWS FROM THE FARM BUREAU

By RAYMOND EULER

The March of Dimes annual drive got underway January 2 all over the United States. In Parmer County, it is under the direction of Cary Joe Magness. His workers placed placards, and canisters in just about every place of business in the county.

The film, "The Challenge," is available from Cary Joe, for any group, club, school, church, or anyone who wishes to see the purpose for the continuation of the National Foundation's program, even though polio is being brought under control. Research in the other fields, birth defects, central nervous system disorders, rheumatoid arthritis, and patient aid in these cases for children up to age 18, will, we believe, yield more fruits for all people than the polio program alone, valuable as it is.

Members of the county chapter have agreed that education of the people along these lines

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will cause them to want to give to the March of Dimes. We believe some Parmer County student should be able to qualify for one of the \$2,000 scholarships in medical school. School officials will have information for students interested soon.

portunity that has made America the preferred nation of the world, continue. Moral uprightness in all things, personal, political and otherwise, are important in this effort toward preservation.

We are not at all proud of the Internal Revenue Service action in taking livestock from the Amish or Mennonite people in Iowa for social security. These people, very religious, have never been known to ask the government to help them, but have taken care of their own in an admirable, Christian fashion.

"He becometh poor that deal-eth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich." Proverbs 10:4.

We are glad to note that in the American Farm Bureau Convention in Boston the past month, considerable time and space was given to the discussion of good citizenship and states' rights and responsibilities. Since every voting delegate in the convention receives a major portion of his income from agricultural production, we feel that the farmers of America still hold a great place in any force toward protecting and preserving the liberties we inherited.

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by W. H. Graham Jr.

For the first time since we've been pretending to report the news on the Parmer County area farm scene, we've missed the boat on what we consider a routine but nonetheless important task--our annual survey of gins in the county.

This is due in part to our negligence, and due in part to things we had no control over. In the first place, we put off making our rounds too long. That wasn't apparent at the time, but it is now.

The week that we picked to finally get out and get the job done (and this sort of a survey is no light touch), Mrs. Graham, our mother, suddenly became very ill. Naturally, our concern for her interrupted the work schedule.

Then came Christmas, which would have been a poor time for all concerned. We braced for our final attempt on Monday a week ago. Our early start was greeted by a howling Plains blizzard. After the weather finally leveled off, time had run out. Most all gin personnel is now "out of pocket" especially in the case of non-resident ownership.

That means that we have just plain missed the boat for this year. We wanted very much to get a year-end total on ginnings, plus other information, from the ginnings last month, but we just didn't get the job done.

This doesn't mean that the information we sought is a total loss, of course. Figures will trickle down from other sources. The really "official" ones are from the U. S. Department of Commerce. However, those probably can be available for at least another two

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Gathering Honors

Mr. And Mrs. Steelman

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gayle Steelman were honored with a gathering of the Hromas side of their family Thursday evening of last week. More than fifty people were present for a salad supper and an evening of informal fun and fellowship, held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hromas. Eddie Gayle, recently graduated from West Texas State College of Canyon as a member of the ROTC, is leaving January 19 for a two year tour of duty with the army. Mrs.

Steelman, a niece to Mrs. Hromas, and son Joe, plan to be with him most of the time. He will be stationed in Georgia for the first step of his training.

Prior to and following the covered dish, salad supper, to which all contributed, the guests made themselves at home in different areas of the house. Games of "42" were played by some, while others gathered in the music room for a songfest. Still others visited in other rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Hromas have, since moving into their large home west of Bovina several years ago, made such an event an annual part of their entertaining. The reunion is also usually held at the time one of the family is inducted into the armed services.

Among the guests Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sparks, Roger and Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boone and daughter Karan, also Steve and Mary Donally and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jo Sparks, all of Clovis; Minister and Mrs. J. J. Terry, their daughter and family, Mrs. Ludine Collins and children, Diane and Terry J., all of Dora, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tucker and daughter, Barbara, of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hromas and daughter, Darlene, of Farwell.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Donaldson and family, Jolene, Doris, Roy, Larry and Zeldia; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian and daughters, Gwendolyn, Lanelle, Loy Beth and Tammy Lisa, all of Oklahoma Lane and Kenneth Gaines of Friona.

Local guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hromas, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Steelman, Dickie and Vivaleigh, Mrs. J. O. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards and the honoree and family. Also, the host and hostess and their three children, Charlotte, Bradley and Galen Hromas.

H.D. Club Has Initial Meeting

Members of the Bovina Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club met Friday afternoon, January 2, in the home of Mrs. Bill D. Lane for their first meeting of the new year. Roll call was answered with a "New Year's resolution."

New officers took over their duties and the year books were partially filled out. Discussion was held about absentees and plans were made to carry out last year's ruling to encourage better attendance to meetings. The White Elephant sale planned for the meeting was postponed indefinitely and it was decided that the drawing for, secret pals would be held at the next meeting, which will be Friday, January 16, in the home of Mrs. Jack Morris.

Members attending were Mrs. W. E. Sikes, Mrs. Howard Looney, Mrs. Earl Dean Boyd, Mrs. Kenneth Horton, Mrs. D. C. Looney, Mrs. D. H. Wilkerson, Mrs. John Sikes and the hostess, Mrs. Glenn Ritchie was a guest.

She made a right-hand turn from the left lane and promptly collided with another car. The driver got out and accosted her. "Lady, why didn't you signal?" "Mister," she came back at him brightly, "I always turn here."

Local Woman Visits Relatives

Mrs. Eddie Ray Hutto, accompanied by her baby daughter, Nancy and her sister, Mrs. Eugene Ellis of Hub, spent last week visiting relatives. They first went to Willorado where they picked up their mother, Mrs. M. F. Fite and then went to Oklahoma City. There, they visited with Mrs. Hutto's sister and family and then, they came back through Hobart, Okla.

Near Hobart, Mrs. Hutto, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Fite spent a day visiting their old home place. Mrs. Hutto hadn't been back there since moving away about 23 years ago. While in the vicinity, they also visited a number of aunts and uncles and returned to Bovina a week ago Tuesday night.

HAVE DELAYED HOLIDAYS

Members of the family of Mrs. Pearl Hastings delayed their Christmas holidays until a week ago Sunday, to enable her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim of Roaring Springs to be present. Also spending the day were Mrs. Hastings' other daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawkins and daughters and her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hastings and daughters.

TO MINERAL WELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hawkins and daughters, Vickie and Debbie, spent a couple of days shortly after Christmas in Mineral Wells. Leaving here Saturday, December 27, the local family were guests in the home of Mrs. Hawkins' aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Vaughan.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hudson and children, Joyce and Jimmy Lynn, were recent guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nunn of Clovis. The Nunn, and their daughter, Nina, spent New Year's Eve in Bovina with the Hudsons.

RELATIVES VISIT IN DODSON HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dodson was the site of a family gathering Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Visiting them were her mother, Mrs. C. E. Strawn of Littlefield, and her two sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Galen Williams and children and Mrs. E. L. Hicks, all of Lubbock. During the evening, Mrs. Dodson's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Strawn and family and Mrs. Strawn's mother, Mrs. J. C. Kendricks, also visited.

ATTEND REUNION

For the first time in seven years, members of the family of Roy Fuller were together for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuller and daughters spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fuller of San Angelo, where the reunion was held. While they were gone, the local family also visited a day or two with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sparks of Coleman. They returned home New Year's Eve.

OKLA. LANE by Avis Carpenter

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blankenship and family spent the Christmas holidays in Wichita Falls. They returned December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Ponce Billingsley and family returned Martha and Donna Robertson to their home in El Paso and spent New Year's Day in the Charles Robertson home. While they were there they attended the Sun Bowl Parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Gulley and family left last week to make their home in Yakima, Wash. We regret losing the family from the Oklahoma Lane Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Putman were called to Oklahoma to attend the funeral of his brother who was killed in a car wreck on New Year's Day. They are expected to return the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watkins and family returned Monday after spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Dallas, Houston, and Granbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and Miss Jennie Bolton of Redmond, Wash., and Mrs. Fred Bolton and children of Kirkland, Wash., returned to their homes after spending three weeks here visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Lola Bolton, mother of Mrs. Johnson and Miss Bolton, returned with them to make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roach and family returned last Friday from a trip to New Orleans, La., and Dallas where they visited with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Willard moved Monday to their new home in Bovina. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McGuire will move into the Willard's house.

Wendol Christian, Walter Verner, and Harold Carpenter spent New Year's Day near Roaring Springs quail hunting. They were accompanied by Glen Underwood, a former resident now of Plainview. They reported seeing lots of birds but didn't bring any home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner are in Merkel visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Sterlyn Donaldson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carpenter attended a salad supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hromas and family New Year's. Others present were members of the Donaldson family and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hromas, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Steelman, and Grandmother Glover.

Two Englishmen were sitting in adjoining easy chairs in the cloistered quiet of their club.

One looked up from his Times and murmured: "I say, old man—terribly sorry to hear about your wife."

"Eh? What's that?" asked the other, looking up from his copy of the Times.

"I said," explained the first, "I was sorry to read that they buried your wife yesterday."

"Yes, of course," said the other, preparing to return to his reading.

Then he added as an afterthought: "Had to, you know. Dead."

Youngsters certainly do brighten a home . . . you've never yet seen one turn off an electric light.



SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

The chilly breezes of late fall and winter may be the cause of driving the fair-weather fishermen to follow the warm-water species of fish to a milder climate, but do not be misled by the false belief that ocean fishing has temporarily ceased along the coast of the northern Atlantic states. There is only a certain lull between the fishing activities of the summer anglers and those hardy fishermen who fish during cold weather, says Robert D. Hall, Salt-Water Fishing Editor of Sports Afield Magazine. The striped bass fishermen are perhaps the one exception to the rule, as their fishing season usually extends into late November. While the warm-water species of fish have long moved southward, there is a new migration of northern fish moving inshore, and these are the frostfish, ling, cod, pollock, haddock and winter flounder.

With the first word that the frostfish and ling have arrived inshore, hundreds of fishermen swarm to the piers and beaches

from miles around. The fishing piers from Seaside Park, New Jersey, north to Sandy Hook are alive at night with these eager sportsmen.

Fishing for frostfish is customarily good until about January, then it starts to taper off, only to pick up again in the latter portion of February. The late-winter run is normally of short duration in comparison to the autumn fishing.

Cod are reported to grow to a tremendous size. A monster of 21 1/4 pounds, more than six feet long, was caught on a line trawl off the Massachusetts coast in 1895. However, during recent years cod of 100 pounds are exceptional, but 50- or 60-pound cod are not unusual.

The important thing to remember is that there is plenty of salt-water fishing action in the north, in the winter. All it takes is the proper rig, plenty of warm clothing and the desire to hook into a big one. If you've never tried it before, now's your chance. If you're an addict—see you out there.

WORK SAFELY



We will look up to the new Congress for many things, but not raising the debt limit. We'll manage that ourselves. Changing Times.

There is no greater test of character than to have had the same ailment a friend is describing, and not mention it.

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The best way to develop your reputation is to develop your conscience.

"Why are the medieval centuries called the 'Dark Ages'?" "Because it was the Knight time."

IN GRIFFITH HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Griffith and daughter, Barbara, for dinner last week were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bender and daughter, Miss Evelyn Bender, all of Higgins. Others were Mrs. Carl Wassenmiller and son Robert, also of Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ezell, Roger and Joan Kay, of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ezell and children of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paine and Thomas Glen, of Bovina.

For New Year's Day, the

Griffiths visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Oldham of Hereford, where they attended a family reunion. There were about 33 people present.

Information from 94 widely scattered weather stations in Texas was used to chart late spring and early fall low temperatures in the state and their probability of occurrence over a period of time. Copies of the new publication are available from local county agents or the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

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BLUNT EDGE

(Continued from page 1.)

More about Nevada--Gene Ezell has collected complete information about how to strike it rich by claiming Nevada land. It tells everything from how many acres a person can claim to how much money a fellow could lose trying to prove it up.

One point cleared up is that the claimer must live on the land for a while--seven months to be exact. Ezell says that for \$25 he'll pass the information around. It would be cheaper for someone to ask him, he says, than to go off up there to find out about it in person.

For the sake of stamp-happy housewives, we'd like to point out that Ezell, Bovina postmaster, could give double stamps every day if post office regulations were revised. It might help his business, too. While congress was in a stew last year trying to figure out how to get the post office out of the red, we were tempted to write our congressman and suggest that the post office try giving stamps and double stamps to increase their business.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Bovina and its fine people have become an important and beloved part of the lives of our entire family. We will miss our many friends more than we can say. However, we feel that a good opportunity for advancement has come our way and so we have made the decision to move. We shall always remember Bovina with kindness and appreciation.

The music program of the school is an integral part of the culture of this community and it is our fondest hope that it will have the heartiest support of the citizens of Bovina. Good things always require some effort, and musical attainments are no exception. Developing and maintaining a good band and a fine music program is by no means a minor task, but it is and always will be worth every drop of work, effort, belief and support put into it.

Best wishes to the future of a brighter, bigger and better Bovina.

Affectionately,
Wayne, Zonalynn, David, Mark and Larry Don Stevens

Running Water Draw Report

Dear Editor,

I am slowly becoming more inclined to be modern like the other farmers around here. Everyone around Running Water Draw knows that it is old fashioned to have a milk cow anymore, and that all modern farmers drink store-bought milk when they can't get something stronger from local bootleggers.

Well, I've had milk cows all my farming career, some gentle, some wilder, but I'd never thought about owning one like ol' Bossy until the recent cold snap.

I went out to milk the other morning and Bossy and me neither one was very anxious. It turned out terrible on account of Bossy's refusal to allow my cold hands anywhere near the "faucets" on her mammary glands. Yessir, she put her foot down--right in the milk pail.

I wonder if I was to get modern enough to do away with Bossy if I could swap her for a good hunk of store-bought milk.

Yours truly,
A. A. Dry

MOD

(Continued from page 1.)

In the area of arthritis and rheumatism alone, at least 11 million are crippled in the United States, and of these 30,000 are infants and children. In the case of birth defects, 250,000 are born each year with congenital malformations. Added to these problems are 50,000 polio patients which are on aid rolls of the National Foundation.

Parmer County's 1959 goal is more than \$4000.

The drive will continue throughout this month. KICA-TV, Channel 12, Clovis, is making plans to have a telethon to aid in the drive this year. Magness says, "In years past, this has helped our drive here to a great extent," he points out. Date of the telethon has not been set.

A 15-minute film, explaining the National Foundation's expanded program, may be scheduled for showing to groups in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones, community chairman at Lazbuddie, showed the film in that community last week. The film may be scheduled by contacting Magness at Farwell.

BANK

December 31 were \$4,380, 611.25. This is \$738,210.73 more than '57 when deposits were \$3,642,400.52.

An all-time high in deposits was reached at Friona State Friday morning. They soared to \$4,600,000. The previous record was \$4,500,000. That figure was reached in 1955.

December 31 deposits at the comparatively new First National Bank in Bovina were \$1,266,679.20. At the end of '57 the total was \$1,161,557.18. This is an increase of \$105,122.02.

Alfred Moody of First National points out that it (1958) was certainly a better year for farmers than was '57. There's not an outstanding difference but economic conditions are better this year than last," Moody believes.

Dub Mayhew Opens Shop

Dub Mayhew has opened Dub's Garage in the former Farrell Motor Co. building, after he and Grady Hall disbanded their partnership in H & M Garage.

The new garage will do general repair, states Mayhew. The partnership was nullified January 1.

Lois Sparks Buys Artistic

Mrs. Lois Sparks has purchased the interest of Jessie McSpadden in the Artistic Hair-style Salon and has assumed management of the beauty shop, effective January 1.

Mrs. Sparks has also purchased the equipment of the shop from Herman and Edna Estes. However, Jessie McSpadden will continue to serve as operator at the Artistic for an indefinite period, says Mrs. Sparks.

Mrs. Sparks has been an operator at the shop for several months.

Watch Party Held In Hromas Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hromas was the site of a New Year's Eve Watch Party Wednesday evening of last week. The party was for members of the Bovina Town and Country Club and their husbands.

Games of cards and "42" were played and refreshments of assorted sandwiches, a snack plate, cookies, cakes and coffee were served.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Don Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Nickle Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Embry, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Charles and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Hromas.

Low Of 11 Recorded

A low of 11 degrees below zero was recorded in Bovina during the recent cold snap that dropped about one inch of snow on the area.

The 11 degrees was recorded by Paul Jones. Jones says that he had three thermometers, and all of them registered the same--11 degrees.

More than a score of city water meters were frozen, and many residents were out of water due to the freeze-ups.

Mid-Term Exams Next Week

Roy Whisler, high school principal, reported early this week that the semester exams will be given Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16. Beginning Thursday, examinations will be given for classes usually held during the second, fourth and sixth periods of the day. Friday, subjects taught during the first, third and fifth periods will be given.

Whisler reports that an hour and a half will be devoted to each subject's test; thus, they will run from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for the first test of each of the two days. The others will

follow from 10:30 a.m. to 12; and from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. No definite plans for early dismissal of school on either day have been made, reports the principal.

Coffman Out At Ford House

E. R. (Weedy) Coffman has sold his interests in the Parmer County Ford dealership, Friona Motors. The three men who were partners with Coffman in the automobile firm purchased Coffman's part, effective in December.

Left as owners of Friona Motors are Oscar Baxter, Vance (Kater) Crume, and Cordie Potts.

The business moved to Friona in September, 1958, from Farwell.

Superintendents To Austin

Warren Morton, superintendent of Bovina Public Schools, reported Monday that he will be in Austin for several days this week. There, he, along with the three other school superintendents of Parmer County, will attend an Advisory Conference on Education; the annual mid-winter conference.

Leaving Tuesday, Morton will return to Bovina either Friday or Saturday. There will be 15 different work groups which he

may choose any four of to attend. He plans to make a discussion of the Hale-Aiken report one of his chosen groups to attend.

Other superintendents of the county who are in Austin include Dilly Kelley, Friona, Jack Williams, Farwell and James Ward of Lazbuddie.

Cafeteria Menu

The following is the menu for the Bovina Public School cafeteria, for the week of Monday, January 5 through Friday, January 9, as planned by Mrs. Gene Ezell, head of the cafeteria department. This menu is subject to alteration.

Monday, January 5; chili and crackers, tomato and lettuce salad, with french dressing, bread, butter, milk and chocolate cake.

Tuesday, January 6; Kraut and wieners, hot rolls, butter, creamed potatoes, celery sticks, apple pie and milk.

Wednesday, January 7; turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, English peas, hot rolls, butter, apple butter and milk.

Thursday, January 8; meat loaf, baked potatoes, hominy, cornbread, butter, fruit and milk.

Friday, January 9; tuna pie, green beans, cabbage, cheese and apple salad, rolls, butter, milk and icebox cookies.

Christmas Guests

In Gaines Home

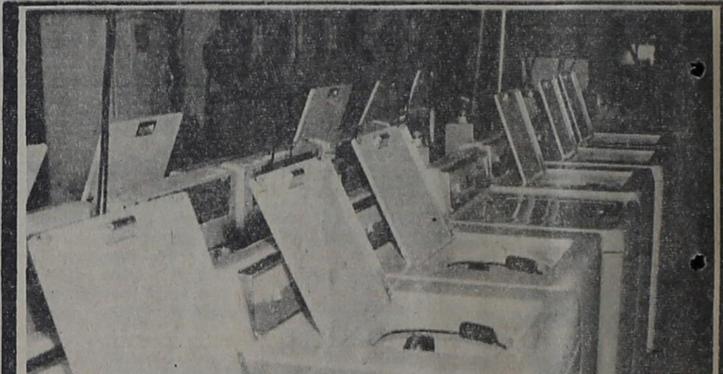
The home shared by Mrs. J. Sam Gaines and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Armstrong, was the gathering place for a number of relatives during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Visiting in the Gaines home during Christmas were Mrs. Gaines' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Mager of Spokane, Wash.; her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryant and children, Lady Roberta and Lanny, of Colorado Springs, Colo. Others were a grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Garbee and children, Rhonda and Sheila of Lubbock; a son, Herbert Gaines of Newkirk, N. M., and "Dad" Taylor, also of Newkirk.

TO DIMMITT

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gooch and daughter, Janet, spent the Christmas holidays in Dimmitt with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gooch. On New Year's Day, guests in the Gooch home were the E. E. Gooches and a brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gooch, Jerry, Gene, Wesley and Judy, all of Plainview.

Twiggs (over telephone)

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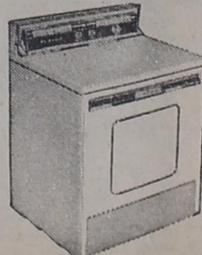
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Tuesday, January 13, 1959

for District Director and County Committeemen

POLLING PLACES IN PARMER COUNTY:

1. Friona American Legion Hall
2. Wilson & Brock Insurance Agency, Bovina
3. Farwell County Courthouse
4. Lazbuddie Schoolhouse

DISTRICT DIRECTOR:

(One to be elected)

1. A. H. Daricek, Maple, Texas
2. John Gammon, Route 1, Friona, Texas
3. Johnnie M. Haberer, Route 4, Muleshoe, Texas
- 4.

COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN:

(Vote for one--Commissioner's Precinct No. 2)

1. Carl Schlenker, Route 2, Friona, Texas
2. Franklin Bauer, Route 2, Friona, Texas
- 3.

(Vote for one--Commissioner's Precinct No. 3)

1. Dick Rocky, Route 1, Friona, Texas
2. Coy Patton, Route 1, Friona, Texas
- 3.

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