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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gregg of Plainview visited friends and relatives here in Quitaque Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Vines, Morzetta and Kenneth spent Sunday afternoon in Brice at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Vines.

Mrs. Johnnie Morrison and Mrs. Ruby Cushmanberry attended a bridal shower for their niece, Mrs. Morris Troxell, nee Earnestine Young at Memphis Thursday night.

Layne Cushmanberry of Amarillo spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Cushmanberry.

Lela Mae Hutcheson, Myrtice Gillespie and Mrs. Paul Bailey were in Lubbock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney and children of McLean stopped by in

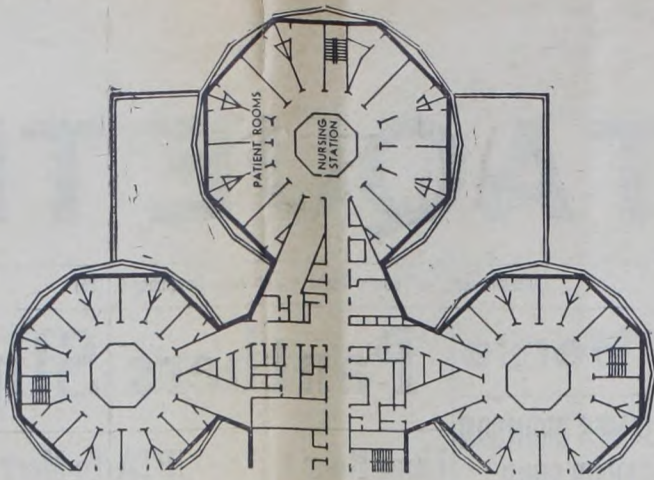
Quitaque for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barrett Sunday afternoon and found no one at home. The Barretts were in Plainview. The Seaneys left a note saying that they had been here.

George Seaney of Silverton was a Quitaque business visitor Monday morning. He stopped at the A. C. Barretts for a short visit.

Mrs. Buster Chadwick and Mrs. Vance Robison were business visitors in Plainview Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Owens and Eddie spent Sunday afternoon in Silverton with Mrs. Owens' brothers, Eural Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Vaughan.

It was reported here over the weekend that Jack Holcomb has completed treatments at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and is showing improvement. He hopes



NEW HOSPITAL CONCEPT

No patient's room will be more than a half-dozen steps from a nursing station in the new Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic to be built in Temple. Ground will

be broken Dec. 2 by Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson on the \$8 million structure. Patient rooms are in tiers around central nursing stations, and the central part of the building itself houses clinic fa-

ilities such as X-ray. First floor will house consultation and examination rooms. Later, additional medical education buildings will be erected on the 300-acre campus.

to visit in Quitaque one day this week if he feels up to the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reed of Wichita Falls spent from Friday until Sunday with her brother, H. B. and Mrs. Finney.

Mr. and Mrs. Corky Morris and Celia spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Stark visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Middleton in Amarillo Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Roberson and Minnie Mae Roberson visited Mrs. Dutch Tidwell in Tulia Sunday afternoon. They had planned to visit Mrs. Tidwell's mother, Mrs. Frances Christopher who has been in the Tulia Hospital for several weeks but her condition did not permit her to receive visitors Sunday.

Mrs. H. B. Finney drove to Amarillo Thursday afternoon and spent the night with her daughter, Mrs. Ronald Kaiser and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jouett of Alamogordo, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Johnson and Wayne of Estelline were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Morrison.

Visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Foster, over the week-end were Mr. and

Mrs. Zack Foster and family of Dalhart; Mr. and Mrs. Artie Dockery and family of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Barbian and family of Amarillo; and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Fred Foster and family of Estelline. Also visiting at the Foster home were Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and family of Parnell and Elmer McCarvin of Luther Ranch.

Join the Cub Scouts—Calling all boys ages 8, 9 & 10 as the Cub Scouting program awaits you with lots of things to do; handicraft, games, ceremonies, trips, tours, and the opportunity to wear a Cub uniform and to have fun with a group of boys your own age. Remember — be at the Methodist Church next Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kinug visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry King in Silverton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morris and children visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hamner and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morris over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cates of Spearman visited his sister and her family the Joe Bedwell's, and Mrs. Cates' relatives, the Johnny Brummetts and the Horace McDonald family from Wednesday until Friday of last week.

Mrs. Buddy Riddle and children

of Fort Worth spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bedwell and Donna.

WAYLAND HOMECOMING SET FOR NOVEMBER 17 & 18

Plainview — (Spl) Happy Holidays is the theme for the tenth annual Homecoming at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, when a full schedule of activity is planned for Nov. 17-18.

Reigning over festivities will be the Homecoming Queen chosen from a regal array of 12 young women from six states and Japan.

The student body elects the queen after appearances in talent and style shows.

Starting off festivities will be the Homecoming play, "Tiger at the Gates," with performances set for Nov. 16-17. The Association of Former students will sponsor a chapel program Nov. 17 with Dr. S. Boyd Stewart, chairman of the division of arts and sciences at Texas College of Arts and Sciences, Kingsville, as featured speaker. During the chapel the Coming Home Queen, elected from the honor class of 1941 by her former classmates, will be presented.

Perhaps the most thrilling moment of all, at least for one young lady, will be the crowning of the Homecoming Queen at the Nov.

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- 1 package roll mix
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 1/4 cups canned apple sauce
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- Cinnamon

Prepare roll mix according to directions on package, adding 2 tablespoons of sugar. Cover; let rise until double in bulk.

Add 2 tablespoons butter to apple sauce; cook 10 minutes to evaporate some of the liquid, stirring occasionally; cool. Melt remaining 4 tablespoons butter in 9"x9"x2" pan; add brown sugar and heat until melted.

Roll out dough to 17"x9"x1/2" rectangle; spread with cooled apple sauce, sprinkle with pecans and cinnamon; roll up jelly roll fashion. Slice in 1" slices. Arrange cut side up in pan on sugar mixture. Cover; let rise until double in bulk. Bake in hot oven, 400 degrees, 20-25 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 16 rolls.

17 banquet. Her identity will not be revealed until then. After the coronation the Queen and her court will have places of honor at the play starting at 8:15 P. M.

Saturday's festivities start with a parade in downtown Plainview at 10:30 A. M. After the procession of campus floats and bands from nearby high schools, the children of former students will stage a baby parade through "Story Book Land," one of the most popular activities for former Waylanders.

Famished students, faculty and friends will replenish their energy from the noon barbecue before they attend the concert by Reese Air Force Band and the talent show scheduled Saturday afternoon. Reunions for the classes of 1921, 1931,

1941, and 1951 will be Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

After sparking their spirit at a bonfire and pep rally, everyone will be ready for the climaxing event — Homecoming basketball games when the Flying Queens, six times National AAU champions, meet the Boosters from Topeka, Kansas, and the Pioneers play the Southeastern Oklahoma Savages, from Durant. During the halftime of the game, prizes will be awarded for the best float, the best dorm display and the best nurtured beard, grown for the annual celebration.

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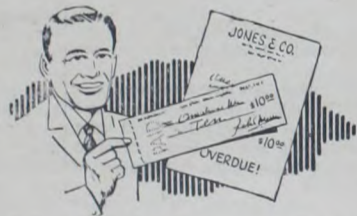
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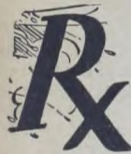
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Bible Study Wednesday 7:30

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Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
M.Y.F. 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
Bible Study, Choir Practice Wednesday 7:30

Sermon Subjects for Sunday:
Sunday Morning - "The Stewardship of Influence" (1 Cor. 8)
Sunday Evening - A special program.

FIRST METHODIST NEWS NOTES
THREE SPECIAL EVENTS

The First Methodist Church is looking forward to three special events to occur during the Thanksgiving season. On Nov. 15th the youth of the church will have their annual Thanksgiving Banquet. Two turkeys have already been ordered for this feast. Rev. Dan Solomon, assistant minister of the First Methodist Church in Plainview, has been secured as the banquet speaker. The youth are allowed to bring friends to enjoy this with them.

Then, on Sunday, Nov. 19th., the great Thanksgiving Offering for

"Others" will be given to pay at least half the church's benevolences for the year. The minimum goal is \$1200, and it is hoped that the spirit of Thanksgiving to God will be such that the goal will be surpassed. Everything given beyond that minimum goal will mean that much less to raise at Easter. The money goes for the support of missionaries, retired ministers, schools and colleges, hospitals, home missions, and many other vital aspects of the Kingdom of our Lord. From this offering a percentage will go to the American Bible Society to help translate the Scriptures into languages that as yet have no Bible.

On Sunday evening of the 19th, comes the United Thanksgiving Service of Quitaque where all Christians of all churches will be invited to come together to give thanks to God in a united manner. The service this year will be at the Methodist Church. A Community Choir will sing. All those loving to sing are invited to participate in this choir.

CAROL CHOIR NEWS

The Carol Choir met Sunday, Nov. 5 at First Baptist Church. Those attending were Johnny Griffin, Danny Brooks, Anita Hunter, Sherry Stark, with Peggy Stephens substituting for Mrs. Cora Gragson, who was ill. The songs practiced were "Jesus Was Born In Bethlehem", "How Tall the Tree", and "Sing! Sing! Sing!" We hope that everyone will be practiced next Sunday afternoon.

—Reporter Sherry Stark

Cub Scouting is fun. There are almost 4,000 Cub Scouts in the South Plains Council. Cubbing is open to all boys who are between the ages of 8 and 10. Join in the fun.

Mrs. Mary Johnston and Mrs. Jewel Everhart of Lefors are visiting the Wallace Johnston's and the Odell Johnston's this week.

MARSHALL FORMBY TO BE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Marshall Formby says he is going to make a formal announcement as Democratic candidate for Governor in January.

Formby, who is a former Chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, says that he will have planks in his platform to simplify the tax system and to change the "unfair merit automobile insurance plan".

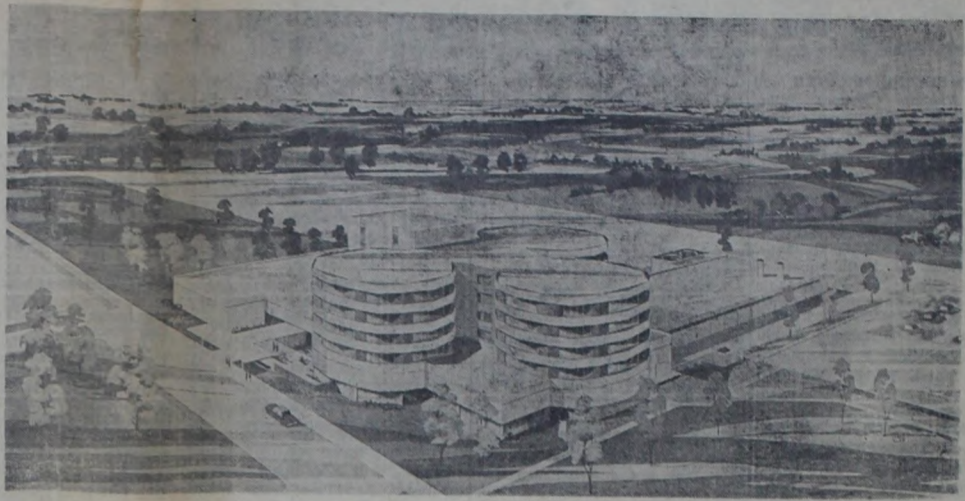
"Our taxing system is in a muddle," he said. "Cost of collecting the present sales tax is too costly and troublesome."

He said he is vigorously against the plan which is now in effect by orders of the State Insurance Board. Under the system, a driver who is convicted for a moving violation not only pays the ordinary fine but must pay a penalty in his insurance premiums for three years. "I don't think that a driver who is convicted of a minor traffic violation should be penalized \$60 to \$100 a year in insurance payments during the next three years," Formby said. "Going 35 miles an hour in a 30-mile zone does not necessarily make a man an unsafe driver."

Formby, a practicing attorney says: "When a man is convicted of a traffic violation or any crime, the court sets a penalty as provided by law as his punishment. Under the ruling of the Insurance Board, a driver convicted of a minor traffic violation not only pays the fine provided by law but he also must pay the insurance penalty for three years as set out by the Insurance Board. To me, this is double jeopardy."

Formby was born in Hopkins County in East Texas. He now lives in Plainview. While a member of the State Highway Commission he was a strong advocate of the Farm-to-Market road system.

NEW SCOTT AND WHITE HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT AT TEMPLE



Temple, Texas - Remember when you were in the hospital, how you rang for the nurse and had to wait such a long time for her to make the trip down the hall to your room?

That won't happen at the new Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic to be built at Temple. It is only six steps from the nurses' station to any room in the entire hospital!

This will be possible by making each floor of the hospital in a circle around the nursing station. There will be three short "towers" of such floors, each six floors high, to be sure that nurses can get to any of the 253 beds without delay.

Ground will be broken on the \$8 million structure on Dec. 2 when Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson joins the president of the American Medical Association and the head of Mayo Clinic in ceremonies at the 300-acre site on a hill overlooking Temple from the South. The circular hospital units will be

situated on each side of central clinic facilities which will provide consultation and examining rooms for 56 staff specialists and 40 intern and resident physicians, accommodating up to 50,000 patient registrations a year.

Also in the non-profit institution will be laboratory facilities for research as well as classrooms and libraries for the 71-year-old organization's medical education programs.

Design for the nursing unit is based on results of a research project out by the Methodist Hospital and Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., with the assistance of Ellerbe and Co., consulting architects. Texas architect is the Wyatt C. Hedrick firm in Fort Worth. They have called for bids, which will be opened November 28, in Temple.

Scott and White registered more than 40,000 patients in 1960 and its facilities have attended patients from each of Texas' 254 counties, from 43 other states and 12 foreign

countries. Graduate medical education in eight specialty fields have extended to 527 intern and resident physicians who are now serving patients throughout the U. S., particularly in Texas and the Southwest. More than 1,000 nurses have been graduated from the Scott and White School of Nursing.

As the Temple Division of the University of Texas Postgraduate School of Medicine, Scott and White conducts diagnostic and treatment conferences for physicians and surgeons throughout the Southwest. Its basic research facilities have been widely acclaimed, and the new research center will bear the name of Olin Culberson, long time member of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Staff specialists at the memorial hospital work as a team through group practice, giving each patient the advantage of a special task force suited to his particular needs. Doctor's pay is limited to salaries, which are fixed by the trustees of

the hospital foundation. All revenue in excess of their modest salaries must be used in either medical education or research at the hospital.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, November 13
Fried Chicken - Gravy
Green Beans - Salad
Bread - Rice - Butter & Sugar Milk

Tuesday, November 14
Weiners - Blackeyed Peas
Potatoes - Hot Rolls - Butter Syrup - Milk

Wednesday, November 15
Pinto Beans with Ham
Buttered Corn
Canned Chilled Tomatoes
Corn Bread - Cherry Pie - Milk

Thursday, November 16
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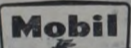
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Mr. and Mrs. Am Roric and children of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her father and brothers, Mr. Floyd Tiffin, Cowboy and J. B.

The hand that lifts the cup that cheers, is not the hand to shift the gears.

The coating of civilization is so thin that if often comes off with a little alcohol.

James Brunson was a business visitor in Amarillo Tuesday. James said that he visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holcomb and that they are doing very well. Jack seems to be improving slowly but steadily and hopes to come to visit Quitaque soon. They had hoped to come one day this week, but felt like that he was not quite ready for it yet.

A Canton, Pa. motorist bought a horse and buggy after losing his driver's license for speeding. He hung this sign on his buggy: "Drive slow, or you, too, will ride this way."

Columnist Henry McLemore: "It's entirely possible to be killed at 10 miles an hour, but its nowhere near as assured as at 70 or 80!"

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WALTER ROGER'S NEWSLETTER
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Russian communism. Although retribution is slow, it is sure, as can be testified to by Hitler, Mussolini, now Stalin and, in the not too distant future, Mr. Krushchev.

The commies will be so busy burying and re-burying each other that they will have little time to carry out their threat to bury this country, which they now know was the height of fantasy.

RURAL HOUSING LOANS PROGRAM EXPANDED
Families living in small rural communities and in rural areas, even though not engaged in farming may now be eligible for the housing loans made by the Farmers Home Administration, according to Claude Moore, the agency's county supervisor for Swisher and Briscoe counties.

The Housing Act of 1961 broadened the eligibility requirements for rural housing loans. As a result owners of non-farm tracts in rural areas and in small rural communities of not more than 2,500, as well as farmers, may be eligible for this type of credit.

"This program is an important new tool in promoting the development of rural areas," Mr. Moore said. "Rural housing loans will not only help families obtain better homes but will put more carpenters, plumbers, and electricians to work, and will increase the sales in lumber yards and building supply firms."

Housing loans are made for the construction, repair, and remodeling of dwellings and essential farm buildings and to provide water for farmstead and household use.

In addition to major construction, funds are available to modern-

ize homes—add bathrooms, central heating, modern kitchens, and other home improvements—as well as to enlarge and remodel farm service buildings and put in related facilities such as paved feedlots, yard fences, and driveways.

Rural housing loans may also be used for the construction of fall-out and storm shelter.

The interest rate is 4 per cent per year on the unpaid balance of the loan. Loans may be rescheduled for repayment over periods up to 33 years.

The proposed housing must be adequate to meet the family's needs yet modest in size and design.

To be eligible an applicant must own a farm or a housing site in a rural area; be without decent, safe and sanitary housing; be unable to obtain needed credit from other sources; and be without sufficient resources to provide the necessary housing on his own account. He must also have or be able to obtain sufficient income to meet payments on existing debts, take care of his other expenses, and make the payments on the proposed loan.

The local county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration will review building plans and inspect the housing construction as it progresses in order to make certain that the borrower obtains sound and acceptable construction.

The local county committee of the Farmers Home Administration determines the eligibility of applicants.

Farmers who need to enlarge or develop their farming operations in order to obtain enough income to pay for housing loans may obtain farm enlargement and development loans and farm management help from the Farmers Home Administration.

All loans are secured to the extent necessary to protect the Government's interest. Small improvement loans made in amounts of less than \$1,500 with the payments scheduled over periods up to 10 years may be secured by a promissory note. Other loans are secured by mortgage.

More than \$400 million has been authorized for rural housing over the next four years.

The Housing Act of 1961 also authorizes the Farmers Home Administration to insure loans for housing and related facilities for domestic farm labor. These loans may be made to farm owners, associations of farmers, state and local government units and non-profit associations.

Funds for these insured loans are provided by private investors. The Farmers Home Administration will make and service the loans, and insure their payment.

The total volume of insured loans may not exceed \$25 million in any one year.

Further information on rural housing loans may be obtained at the county office of the Farmers Home Administration located on the second floor of the Tullia Bank

Successful Dieting Helps Diabetics

Chances are that a person suffering from diabetes is also suffering from obesity.

Statistics show that 80 to 90 per cent of all diabetics over age 30 are overweight when the diabetes is discovered. The statistics also show that the mortality rate for this disease is 133 per cent greater for men and 83 per cent greater for women when the patients are 20 per cent or more overweight.

Extremely encouraging, however, is medical evidence that diabetics can significantly improve their condition by losing an "appropriate amount of weight. A recent study presented to physicians at a meeting of the American Medical Association shows that Metrecal, as a means of losing weight, is a valuable weapon in the physician's arsenal for controlling diabetes.

A husband and wife physician team, Dr. Seymour L. Halpern and Anatred N. Halpern of the New York Medical College, Metropolitan Medical Center, New York City, recently put 101 overweight diabetics on a Metrecal diet for up to 10 weeks. Weight loss varied from a few pounds to several patients who lost more than 30 pounds.

Far more important, however, was the effect of the weight loss on the diabetic condition. Of the 76 patients who were receiving insulin or other anti-

diabetes drugs when they started the program, 21 patients discontinued altogether their diabetic medication after losing weight; 43 patients were able to reduce their medication; and many of the remaining 12 patients, while not changing medication, showed distinct improvement in control of their diabetes.

Almost all of the 101 patients studied had been obese for more than 10 years and had failed in all attempts at weight reduction until they were put on the Metrecal diet.

The physicians warn, however, that diabetics should undertake a weight control program only under a physician's supervision because it is critical that adjustments be made in the patient's insulin (or related drug) therapy concurrently with the introduction of a change in the diet in order to avoid complications in the delicately balanced metabolism of a diabetic patient.

and Trust Company Building, on Second Street, Tullia, on Tuesday morning of each week in the basement of the Court House in Silverton.

DIFFERENT GRADES OF COTTON FROM THE SAME TRAILER

Why are two or more bales from the same trailer of seed cotton sometimes different in grade or staple length? Cotton farmers find this difficult to understand, especially when the cotton was all harvested the same day from a single field.

Anything that affects cotton's rate of growth and maturity, from planting to harvesting, can cause quality variations. A cotton field may contain several types of soil. High and low spots mean that some plants will get more water and plant food than others. Cotton planted in the shady parts of a field or near a dusty road may vary from other parts. Mixed planting seed may yield different qualities. Spot replanted cotton may vary from the early planted cotton.

Timing in the application of fertilizer or insecticides, or failure to apply them evenly, may cause big differences in the rate of plant growth and extent of insect damage. The amount of grass and weeds in different parts of a field may vary extensively due to cul-

tural practices or natural conditions.

There is variation in length of fiber attached to any one seed. There is variation in the size and condition of bolls and the quality of fiber within the boll depending upon its position on the plant.

Good harvesting practices are very important in keeping quality variations to a minimum. Excessive tramping of a portion of cotton in a trailer may cause trash to be difficult or impossible to remove.

The amount of moisture in seed cotton when it goes to the gin affects the efficiency of cleaning and drying equipment, so wet and dry cotton should not be mixed. Cotton picked early in the morning when dew is on or too soon after a shower will have more moisture. Rank cotton stays wet longer. A trailer should always be covered if rain begins to keep the exposed layers from getting wet.

The amount of trash in cotton depends a great deal on whether it hand picked, hand pulled, hand snapped, machine picked or stripped. Careless workers will get more leaf or trash in the cotton they harvest. Mechanical harvesters tend to blow light clean cotton to the rear of the trailer, while heavy trashy, trashy or wet cotton tends to fall in front.

These many variations that oc-

cur in cotton tend to remain localized in the cotton. Saw ginning and lint cleaning have a blending effect but this is largely confined within small areas. This frequently results to these variations being evident in different segments of a bale and the sample.

Poor ginning practices can easily result in different grades of cotton from one trailer even when the seed was uniform. Overflow cotton run back through the driers and cleaners may result in some parts of bales having different qualities. Feeding too fast often causes a tight seed roll in gin stands, which will turn out a different quality of cotton from those fed at normal speeds. Enough time must be allowed for a clear separation between trailers and between bales, or cotton from one bale may appear as a thin layer, or plate in the next one.

Farmers can help prevent these occurrences by allowing the ginner sufficient time to do his job properly. After investing many months and dollars in a crop of cotton, it is poor business to take unnecessary losses by demanding faster service than the gin can provide when operating properly. It makes sense and perhaps dollars to wait a few more hours or days so that the ginner can do the best possible job.

Determination of the grade and staple by the classer is not based on exact measurements. The human element of judgment is always a factor in grading and stapling cotton. This is particularly true for borderline samples. In these cases a small amount of trash or slightly more color can cause samples from the same load to be given different classifications for grade. The Department has provided for a review classification for any samples which the owner considers to

have been improperly graded or stapled.

The Department makes every effort to fulfill its responsibility to the samples strictly in accordance with the official standards. It is the responsibility of the producer and ginner to do everything they can to preserve the inherent quality of the cotton prior to presentation for classification.

The Department encourages producers, ginners or other interested persons to visit the classing office to become acquainted with how cotton is classed.

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