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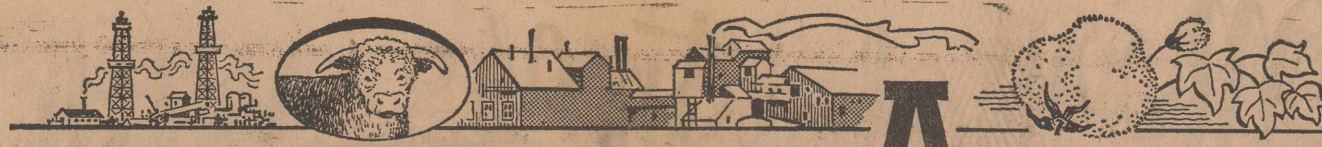
J P Phillips

From records of Fred Byerly, Weather Observer.

Wed. 11th	67 35
Thurs. 12th	61 50
Fri. 13th	54 25
Sat. 14th	54 20
Sun. 15th	56 25
Mon. 16th	66 37
Tues. 17th	73 52

Total precipitation to date 1967 ..... 21.10

Total precipitation to date 1968 ..... 24.60



# THE ROTAN ADVANCE

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## Advance Early Next Week

Christmas edition of the Advance will go in the mails Monday. This will carry several hundred Letters to Santa and Greetings from most merchants and business people of Rotan.

The letters are very interesting and will give you the Christmas spirit if you will read some of them. The Greetings carry some of the best art work for newspapers we have seen. Each is individual messages so be sure to read these from your merchants who appreciate you and do wish you a Merry Christmas.

Deadline for news and advertising for this edition is Friday noon. This will be the Advance for next week, and next edition will be January 2nd.

## Joint Veterans Party Friday

All members of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion are to hold Christmas Party at VFW Hall Friday night 8:00 o'clock.

Light refreshments will be served and members are asked to bring gift not to cost over \$1. Men to bring men's gift and Women to bring one for another woman.

All members invited to attend.

## Jr. Livestock Show January 4

The Fisher County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday January 4, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the County Show Barn in Roby, according to Richard Spencer, County Agent.

There will be classes for lambs, swine, steers, and dairy and beef heifers.

The show is being sponsored by the Fisher County Young Farmers, Jerry Hood-entple will be General Superintendent of the Show.

Mrs. Mattie Key and Mrs. Beulah Moffett visited Mrs. Key's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Price and family in Knippa, Sunday.

## Hospital News

Local patients admitted to Callan Hospital from Dec. 11 through Dec. 17 include:

Mrs. Jack Aaron, Mary Jane Hudguth, Mrs. Charles Kelley, Mrs. Jim Armendariz, Mrs. C. N. Martin, Mrs. Hattie Baker, Wylmer Blount, Larry Weatherman, Bill Posey, Ivy J. Taggart, Bennie Jack Snapp, Jr., Lazaro Chavez, Patsy Stanford, H. V. Vittitow, John Wylie, Victor Hill, Alfred Perales.

Out of town patients: W. L. Burk, Roby; J. D. Harris, Houston; Bennie Carriker, Jayton; Allen Johnson, McCaulley; J. D. Stringer, Houston; Clifton Terry, Roby; Mrs. Elmo Bookman, Aspermont; Mrs. B. D. Hicks, Clairmont; Mrs. J. T. Houghton, Roby; and Mrs. Charles Newton, Pecos.

Births: A 5 lb. 4 oz. girl, Tracy Annette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Davis of Abilene, at 12:00 noon, Dec. 12. A 7 lb. 12 oz. boy, Timmy Glenn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meador of Pecos, at 3:32 a.m., Dec. 14. A 7 lb. 14 oz. boy, Shannon Wayne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rushing Jr., of Snyder, at 9:26 a.m., Dec. 16.

## Neighbors Gather Crop

Another gesture of the type people we have in Fisher County was displayed Monday when some 60 men, 20 cotton strippers and 60 cotton trailers gathered at the field of Mrs. Willie B. McKimney to gather her crop.

These neighbors and friends had planned to do this since the recent death of Mr. McKimney.

Odell Rains and Billie Joe McCombs were in charge of the operation and had full support. They started about 10 a.m. and at dark they lacked about an hour work which was completed Tuesday morning by the group. Some 200 bales were harvested and estimates on labor etc. that was a Christmas gift from the good people to Mrs. McKimney amounted to about \$3,000.

Some 175 row acres were gathered.

At noon Monday the workers gathered at the Crossroads Baptist Church for lunch, which was prepared and served by the women of the community. Many of the farmers who worked Monday still had unharvested cotton in their own fields.

## Quarter Horse Show-Sweetwater

Sweetwater — Sweetwater will be the scene of the big Nolan County Sheriff's Posse Quarter Horse Show on Saturday, December 28. Approved by the American Quarter Horse Association, AQHA rules will be used throughout.

The show will take place at the Nolan County Coliseum beginning at 10:00 a.m. Judge will be Weldon Johnson of Snyder. E. G. Allen of Sweetwater is manager. All entries should be mailed to Nolan County Sheriff's Posse, P. O. Box 101, Sweetwater, 79556. For more information, contact the same address.

Entries must be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association and NQH BA horses are eligible. For halter class, two-year-olds, yearlings and foals listed in the Appendix are eligible. Stallions and mares three years old or over must have a Registration Number. Geldings need Appendix Registration only. For registered performance classes, Appendix Registration only is necessary on all horses.

Other events will include western pleasure, reining, pole bending, barrel racing, and roping. All events have junior and senior classes. Barrel racing and pole bending will be electric eye timed.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded in all 27 classes. Each exhibitor may enter as many horses in each class as he desires, but rider may ride only one horse per class. This is the same Quarter Horse Show that has been so popular in Sweetwater for a number of years. Temporarily it was dropped, but now this is the second year that it has been sponsored by the Sheriff's Posse. They expect that it will be bigger, better and more exciting than ever this year.

Two days later, on Monday, December 30, the West Central Texas Cutting Horse Association Finals will be held in the same arena. Many horsemen are going early and staying for both shows. For information regarding the West Central Texas show, contact Boley Cotton, Woodson, Texas.

## Peak Passed In Cotton Harvest

Peak of the cotton harvest passed this week when gin yards were swamped with loaded trailers. Highest point of cotton waiting to be ginned was probably Monday night.

Local gins had processed 17,117 bales up to Wednesday afternoon and gin yards were fairly loaded. Ginning was continued throughout the day in spite of high winds, which often causes the plants to shut down because of fire danger. Several cotton 'experts' are now weakening on their lower estimates and are coming to our original 20M guess-still believe we'll make it.

Hobbs Gin reported 7,945 at the same time, and lots of cotton on the yard.

## TANE Youth Work Active

Marijuana is not properly a narcotic; it is an hallucinogen, more kin to LSD than heroin, according to a new book just released by Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education (TANE).

Legally, however, "Mary Jane," is classified as a narcotic, and possession of the weed is a felony. The feminine gender of its name is also proper; marijuana is the flowering top and upper leaves of the Indian Hemp plant, according to the book. "Why Not Marijuana?", by Lindsay R. Curtis, M.D., author of several books on drugs.

The book, aimed at youth, and illustrated with cartoons, is distributed primarily through schools, churches, and service clubs. According to TANE's Executive Director, Albert F. Tucker, 80,000 copies comprised the first printing.

TANE is a non-profit, educational organization, dedicated to preventing problems that arise from the use of alcohol, narcotics, and other dangerous drugs. It is a Texas organization, supported financially by Texas churches and individuals, however, it's books and film strips are in use nationally, and in several other English-speaking countries.

A film strip will be produced, based on the book, "Why Not Marijuana?" to be added to TANE's present "Tell It Like It Is," film strip series on drugs.

## Ceramic Group Enjoys Party

Rotan 'Mud Hens' enjoyed their Christmas party at Rotana Restaurant Friday, Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Mitcham had table decorated very appropriate for the holiday season. The group expressed their appreciation to them for making the lovely party possible.

Gifts were exchanged and Mrs. Marjorie Fowler was presented a nice gift.

Among the group attending were, Mmes. E. B. Hull, Zula Edwards, Essie Lee Pearson, Goldie Springer, Lola Rameriz, Lois Ratliff, Frances West, Joe Pennington, Billie Ruth Hardin, Thadde Wilson, Ida Medrano, Katherine Bruce, Buky Montez, Sandy Alvando, Nellie Mae Powell, Zenaida Luna Marjorie Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. George Field of Knox City visited Mr. and Mrs. Melton Field Monday night.

## Young Farmers Meet Tonight

The Young Farmer Chapter will meet Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the First-National Bank.

The program will be on tax management with Bartlett Strayhorn in charge. Anyone interested in this program on the Young Farmers is urged to attend.

## Former Resident Dies at Snyder

Mrs. Annie Angilee Strickland, 78, died at her home in Snyder Friday afternoon following a heart attack.

Funeral was at 2 p.m. Sunday at Avenue D Baptist Church in Snyder with Rev. Jack Riley officiating, assisted by Rev. Thomas Hall of Fluvanna.

Burial was in Dowell Cemetery.

She was the former Angilee Scott, daughter of the late, Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Scott who lived west of Rotan for a number of years.

A native of Wood County, Mrs. Strickland had lived in Snyder seven years. She married W. J. Strickland April 30, 1922, in Rotan. He died in 1963.

Survivors include a son, Clovis Strickland of Tularosa, N.M.; a brother Claude Scott of Houston; three step-daughters, Mrs. Robert Jones of Fluvanna, Mrs. Tom Ragg of Odessa and Mrs. Lola Lady of Colorado City; two step-sons, Leslie and Etheridge Strickland, both of Odessa, and Fulton Strickland of Midland; two grandchildren.

Among local people attending the funeral service was Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Strickland, Mrs. Ruth Strickland, Mrs. Dick Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cade, Mrs. Addie Scott, Jessie Lee Keener, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith.

## S-Sgt. Bivens Re-enlists



Austin — Staff Sergeant John W. Bivens, son of Mrs. O. J. Shomaker, 402 W. Buffalo, Girard, Kan., has re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at Bergstrom AFB, Tex.

Sergeant Bivens is an aircraft maintenance technician at Bergstrom with the Tactical Air Command.

The sergeant attended Delmar High School, Paris, Tex. His wife, Odessa, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harvison, McCaulley.

Carl Martin continues to be our champion turnip grower. For many years he has grown the biggest turnips in the country and this week he upheld his reputation when he brought in one that weighed 4 pounds. It measured 22 inches in circumference and 22 inches long.

## Lighting Contest To Be Judged Sunday Night

The annual Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored jointly by Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce will be judged Sunday night, December 22.

Prizes of \$15 for first, \$10 second and third, \$5 will be awarded. Judges will be members of both organizations.

Entries are limited to within City Limits and everyone is urged to have lights on before 8 p.m. and leave them until retiring for the night.

## Fire Danger In Homes

College Station — Dec. 12 — Few things are more costly and, in many instances, more tragic than fire, says an Extension agricultural engineer at Texas A&M University.

Resolve to make your home a fire safe home, suggests W. S. Allen. A home safe from fire, he says, depends on two important factors: good family habits about fire and its hazards, and good construction.

Good family habits include such things as care with matches and smoking, good housekeeping to get rid of rubbish, proper use of electrical fuses, appliances, and extension cords, and a constant general awareness of the ways fires start and how to avoid them.

Good construction for a fire safe home, according to the engineer, includes built-in fire stops. These are barriers of wood or masonry between studs, joists, rafters or stringers that serve to prevent the spread of smoke and fire. Good escape routes are a must. Best exits lead directly outside, not through other rooms. Windows should be large enough and low enough to climb through, and operate easily for the youngest member of the family.

Interior finish of materials with low flame-spread characteristics is suggested. Wallboards made of gypsum, cement, asbestos and similar materials are noncombustible and resist flame spread.

Fire-resistant roofing material, such as asphalt shingles, slate, asbestos or metal is preferred.

Proper wiring is most important. Qualified electricians follow the provisions of the National Electrical Code when installing wiring, a major factor in a fire safe installation.

A good heating plant properly installed and located, regularly inspected and cleaned insures its safe operation, he says. A furnace should never be located under stairs or near an entrance where fire originating in the heater might block escape.

Mrs. C. E. Leon returned from Odessa Saturday where she visited her daughter Mrs. Buck Denton, Mr. Denton, Chris and Mark and while there she attended the stage play "Camelot", where her grandson, Mark Denton was a member of the cast of fifty-two characters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Shows went to Louisiana last Thursday and visited Mr. Shows mother. They returned home by Dallas, where they visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sutton, and came home Sunday.

## School Holiday Starts Friday

Rotan Schools will dismiss for Christmas holidays Friday. Classes will be resumed Monday, Jan. 6th on regular schedule. Much Christmas spirit has been shown this week, with various Christmas trees in rooms of lower grades.

Hobbs School will also dismiss Friday, but will resume regular schedule Thursday, Jan. 2.

## SCS Aiding Many Farmers

The Abilene Area of Great Plains Conservation Program was recently allocated \$265,000 to help landowners and operators apply conservation practices. The \$265,000 has been utilized through Soil Conservation Service offices in Abilene, Anson, Aspermont, Haskell, Knox City, Rotan, Seymour, Stamford, Sweetwater, and Throckmorton. Persons entering into GP Contracts through the Rotan office are: Eugene Baker, Glen Copeland, Alfred Douglass, T. A. Douglass, and Larry Weatherman.

Another allocation will not be made to the GPCP until July 1969, therefore new contracts will not be available to the public until such time. SCS offices are however, still accepting application for participation and doing preliminary planning.

Parallel terraces are the foremost single conservation practice again this fall and winter. Rotan SCS Personnel expect to help farmers plan and apply about 500,000 feet of parallel terraces, some of which are cost shared through GPCP and others through ASCS in Roby.

Conservation Cropping Systems (SSC) seem to be more popular this year as many farmers planted blank rows in sorghum and others planted small grain, use of cover crops, and mulching with cotton burrs. The objective of a SSC is to reduce soil loss by wind erosion and works in conjunction with crop residue management.

Parallel terraces are or have been recently built on: Stanley Nowlin; Mack Blair; and Horace Carter, Rotan; and L. C. Brown, Sylvester.

## S. S. Class Is Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harper were host and hostess to the Friendship Class of First Baptist Church last week. Mrs. H. L. Davis is the teacher and Mrs. Ruple Morrow is the asst. teacher.

Christmas decorations were carried throughout the house, including a beautiful Christmas Tree.

Mrs. Ruple Morrow read the Christmas story. Rev. Billy Hudnall gave the closing prayer.

A delicious dinner was served to three guests, Rev. and Mrs. Billy Hudnall and Mrs. T. C. Adams and to members attending, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ruple Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis, Mrs. Ruby Nowlin and Mrs. Oma Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Watson arrived home Saturday from Tucson, Ariz., to spend Christmas holidays at their home in Rotan. They plan to have their children and grandchildren here with them during the holidays.

## Hats Off To Fire Department

Those familiar "fruit Jars" can be seen in the places of business in Rotan indicating that the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department will again bring Comfort and Cheer to the needy, the under-privileged, the aged and shut-in people of Rotan. For many, many years these Firemen have brought Christmas cheer to those who otherwise would not even know that Christmas had come and gone.

Most of us just take these fruit jars casually, but Christmas is almost here and if the firemen are to answer every call for aid, we must all chip in and fill these jars.

Every one should appreciate the fine work our Rotan Fire Department does at Christmas times. Not a penny of the money they raise is spent foolishly or unwisely. If you have ever gone the rounds with them on Christmas Eve night and looked into the faces of little children when Santa Claus picks them up, leaves fruit, candy, nuts, toys and groceries and see the gleam in their little eyes, we would have no trouble raising enough money to cover their Christmas program. As a one-time active member of the Fire Department and for many years an honorary member, I feel the urge to ask our citizens to rally to this great Christmas cause and fill these jars with money.

I would also mention the many services our Fire Department gives freely and without hope of fee or reward save that of the satisfaction they get in doing good deeds. It would be hard to estimate the many gallons of blood these men have given in years past (and still giving) in order to help some person recover from injury, accident or sickness. They are always in the forefront of the financial drives for the Red Cross, The Heart Fund, the Polio and other humanitarian drives.

This article is voluntary and unsolicited by any one, just from a friend of the men who risk their lives to protect our property. LET'S FILL THESE JARS SO THAT NO INDIGENT CHILD, NO AGED PERSON, NO SHUT IN WILL GO WITHOUT SOME CHEER FOR CHRISTMAS.

—L. E. Newton

## Simmons Is Promoted in A-F

U. S. Air Force Academy, Colo. — Jessie R. Simmons, son of Mrs. Sinie K. Simmons of 524 Bates Ave., Bakersfield, Calif., has been promoted to staff sergeant in the U. S. Air Force.

Sergeant Simmons is an electrician at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The sergeant is a graduate of East Bakersfield High School. His father, Gus R. Simmons, resides on Rt. 1, Rotan.

His wife, Bobie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisk of Rt. 2, Springtown, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harrell attended the funeral of W. W. White in Roscoe last Tuesday afternoon. Mr. White was a nephew of Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Mrs. Bud Steward and Moneta of Midland are visiting for several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Swaringen.



We Say Merry Christmas With  
at  
Thriftway

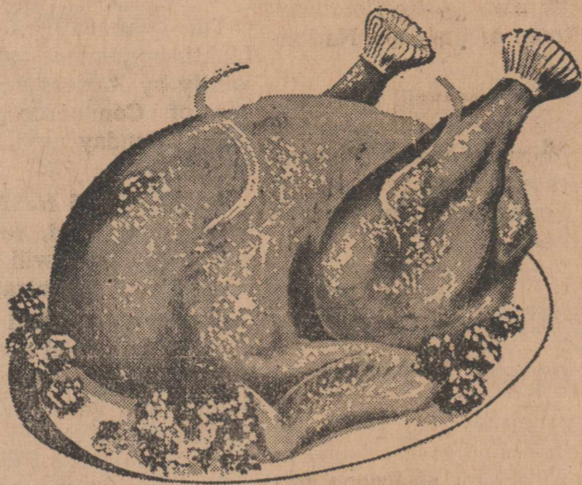


**FINE FOOD  
VALUES**

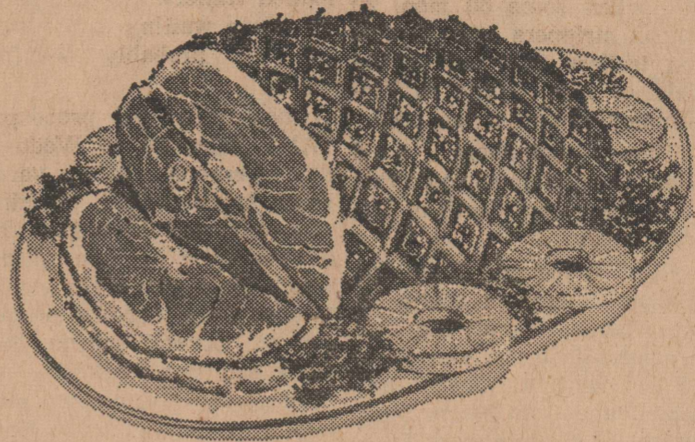
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TOMS **33c Lb.**  
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With  
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BAKER — 12 OZ.  
Chocolate  
Chip **39c**

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CELERY **9c** Lb.  
Green Onions **9c** each  
Radishes **9c** each

GLADIOLA — 5 LB.  
CORN  
MEAL **35c**

ELLIS or DEL CERRO — 6 OZ.  
PECANS  
**59c**

OCEAN SPRAY — STRAINED OR WHOLE  
Cranberry  
SAUCE **19c**

GANDY — 1/2 PINT  
WHIPPING CREAM  
**33c**

Hipolite  
CREME  
MARSHMALLOW **19c**

Armour Star  
BACON **49c**  
Lb...

PHILADELPHIA — 8 OZ.  
Cream  
Cheese **33c**

DURKEE — 14 OZ.  
Coconut  
**49c**

200 COUNT  
Napkins . . . **29c**  
SHURFINE  
SALT . . . **10c**  
DIAMOND  
FOIL . . . **49c**  
SHURFINE — 5 LB.  
FLOUR . . . **49c**  
GOLD COAST — 2 1/2 CAN  
SPICED PEACHES -- 2 for **49c**

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gruben are the proud parents of a baby girl who was born Thanksgiving Day. She weighed 9 lbs, 8 ozs., and they named her Evette Dawn. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker and Mrs. Alvin Gruben, all of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Loden of Uvalde spent last week here with her sister, Mrs. J. O. Cooper and Mr. Cooper.



## COUNTY AGENT NEWS

by Richard Spencer

The Stock Show season is near at hand. The county show has been set for January 4. Then comes Sweetwater January 9-11, Abilene January 20-22, Ft. Worth January 23, 31, San Antonio, February 5-14, Houston February 23-March 2, and San Angelo March 5-9. Some 20-30 Fisher County animals will be entered at all the above mentioned out of town shows. I'd say by March, we'll have several tired 4-H'ers, parents, and one county agent.

**LASSIE AND 4-H** — The popular Lassie TV show on January 5, 1969 will feature Lassie and the 4-H boys. The full hour will be devoted to the dramatization of 4-H Club activities. Local station schedules should be checked for time.

**FARM CO-OP BUSINESS UP** — Dollar business volume of farmer cooperatives, volume of farmer cooperatives, for the July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967 year, exceeded \$16.5 billion, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Farmer Cooperative Service. This is an increase of 6 percent over the precious year and 59 per cent over the volume of 10 years ago. Total number of cooperatives

decreased almost 3 percent and membership by 5 percent from previous year totals.

Just about everyone in Texas has to worry about frozen water pipes around the house at one time or another — but the worst time to worry is when the temperature drops below 32 degrees.

A few quick precautions can make your winter season more enjoyable. The best time to take these precautions is, of course, before the cold weather moves in, but it is never too late to:

\* Keep fresh air from getting to water pipes under the home by sealing off openings in the foundation and other vents.

\* Set heating system high enough to avoid freezing inside the house during short periods of absence.

\* Turn off water from outside the house and drain all pipes when planning to be away from home for longer periods.

\* Insulate pump-houses or supply other heat with a regular light bulb or heat lamp — however, don't rely on this type of heating if the pump-house is poorly constructed.

Wrap all exposed pipes with heating tapes or cables, and take care to read all

directions with the devices.

Taxpayers who suffered from theft or casualties, such as hurricanes, flood, storm, fire, automobile accident, shipwreck, lighting, airplane crash and freezing, may be able to claim their losses as an income tax deduction.

The amount of the tax deduction is the loss in property value, but is limited to its cost or basis, and must be reduced by the amount of insurance or other compensation received or expected to be received.

Proof of loss should be documented soon after the casualty occurs.

Business or farm property damaged or lost is deductible as a business loss. Each item of real or tangible property damaged by casualty or lost by theft is considered separately in determining the deductible business loss. No deduction is allowed for the loss of crops, livestock, crops or produce purchased for resale are ordinary business expenses and therefore deductible.

You may not deduct the first \$100 loss to property held for personal use. Improvements to personal real property such as your residence, trees, shrubs and ornaments are considered as an integral part of the property. A single loss is calculated by comparing the fair market value of the property as a whole before the casualty with its fair market value following the casualty, even if several items of personal real property are damaged. Damage to tangible personal property like autos, clothes, furniture and household equipment is evaluated separately from personal real property.

Deductible casualty losses DO NOT include, (1) expenses incident to a casualty such as temporary housing, travel, or moving expenses, (2) expenses incurred by reason of injury to yourself or others, (3) loss through

## Tax Man Sam sez

Way back, 'Since Buck was a Yearling,' Internal Revenue has been telling taxpayers to SIGN those tax returns — both husband and wife if a joint return. In pointing out the more common errors made by taxpayers throughout the country, IRS says "Forgetting to sign" was still a major problem last year. However, in the Dallas District very few tax-

payers forgot to sign their returns. It appears that the Texas tax folks talk to Texas taxpayers a lot more about Signing Those Returns. We know Texans are often accused of talking more or too much. We're not sure whether Texans — even those working for IRS — talk more than the average American, but Texas taxpayers' following IRS's advice does disprove the old saying—"You can tell a Texan, but not very much." It appears that IRS told the Texans To Sign, and they signed.

misplacement of cash or other property, and (4) damages by rust or erosion.

Costs of cleanup, repair, replacement and restoration are not deductible. You are not required to repair or replace the property to qualify for the tax reduction.

Get the proof and supporting evidence of your loss; your tax practitioner, accountant, attorney or the Internal Revenue Service can assist you in claiming the deduction when you file your tax report.

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**\$2<sup>29</sup>**  
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**Federal Land Bank Association of Roby**  
RALPH C. SOUTH, Mgr.

# Christmas Closing

To give our employees more time with their families during Christmas we will be closed  
**December 25 & 26**

We appreciate your cooperation on this arrangement.

**Rotana Restaurant**  
*Harold and Rita Mitcham*

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1% DECEMBER 1 to DECEMBER 31

First and Last Days Inclusive

**Robert Buck**  
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WISHES EACH OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
WE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> AND DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup>  
SPECIALS GOOD FROM THURS. 19<sup>TH</sup> TO TUE. 24<sup>TH</sup> 5 BIG DAYS

FRESH LARGE ea. **COCONUTS 19¢**

**CELERY 10¢**  
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**CRANBERRIES 39¢**  
FRESH LB. BAG

**BANANAS 9¢**  
CHIQUITA POUND

TEXAS KING **YAMS 9¢**  
LB.

WASH. DEL. APPLES - SUNKIST  
NAVEL ORANGES ALL SIZES  
BOX CHRISTMAS CANDY FROM \$1.69 To \$5.49

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MRS. BAIRD'S PECAN FRUIT RING CAKE ea. **98¢**  
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**A Special Birthday Message To My Mother, Susie (Mrs. Jim O'Briant).**

On this, your birthday, I think back over the years of happiness you have given me and I have asked Mr. Hooper Shelton to print the following story I wrote about you many years ago in 1952, originally intended to be enclosed with your birthday card that year, but never given to you. Happy Birthday, Mother. —Jo

**SUSIE**

"Susie, telephone". This is the usual first request to a busy woman nick-named "Susie". Actually, Susie is a farm wife, an excellent cook and housekeeper, mother, wife, etc., but these duties go on into all phases of public work.

"Susie, telephone" is the familiar phrase that most often wakes up this woman. Sleepily, she gropes her way to the phone. "Hello", she says. It is one of the local teenagers wanting her to assist on a talent show. Thirty minutes or an hour later, she hangs up with the ground-work laid for a talent show

for the entire country under the sponsorship of a local high school class.

Now she goes to the kitchen, makes coffee, and catches up on yesterday's newspapers, which she didn't get to read the day before as she had to take a TB patient to the hospital at Carlsbad, Texas. She devoted six years of her time, effort and money to the Fisher County TB Association, and takes a personal pride in delivering the patient herself and seeing they have comfortable accommodations and won't feel too lonesome while at the TB Hospital for treatment.

She is brought out of her reading by the telephone again. There is a holiday coming up and some of the local teenagers want a "Teen Dance", and would she please organize it for them? The "Teen-Dances" are for all teenagers in Fisher County, but invitations are sent so the teenagers may be informed as to whether the dance will be formal or informal, and it gives the boys and girls a "grown-up" feeling to have invitations — makes them more likely to behave them-

selves also. So, she makes a mental note to get arrangements started for the affair that afternoon.

Now for a second cup of coffee, she thinks. Honk-Konk—and she goes to the door to see who it is. One of the local townpeople and friends wanting to know if she will write her opinion about their son's eyes. So they come in and she gets the data needed and they leave - confident that Susie will get it done if she can and soon too.

Glancing at the clock, she quickly puts dinner on for her husband and son, who will be in soon from plowing in the fields and will be ready for lunch. She serves them lunch, washed the dishes and dresses to go to town.

"Now I'll get that cup of coffee", she thinks, as she goes into a drug store. Soon, she is surrounded by teenagers. "Susie, when are we going to start on the Talent Show?" "Susie, how about the Teen-Dance?" "Susie, can I borrow your evening bag for the banquet next month?" Finally, she has all their questions answered and starts to sip her coffee — Cold again!

"Oh well", she thinks, "I need to buy groceries anyway and run by the hospital for my vitamin shot", and so off she goes. Finding a sick neighbor in the hospital, she visits with him. While in the grocery store, one of the Girl Scout Troops she helps, buttonholes her for some advice, and she runs this through her mind as she is on her way

home again. Finally, she is home again, has prepared supper, washed and put away the dishes, and is thinking about the speech she must make at Lions Club Luncheon tomorrow and at the meeting the next night in an adjoining County which she has promised to attend to help set up a TB Association. The telephone rings again and it is her daughter, who is living in Oklahoma on a ranch. The daughter wants to know if Susie is all right, and what she has been doing—"Well, I've...." and she tells her daughter of all the local events going on and in the planning stage, and ends the conversation happily because her daughter has called to say she will be home for the holidays.

She hangs up the telephone again. SUSIE, — a mother, wife, housewife, speaker, public worker, amateur writer, friend of many, and needless for me, her daughter, to say—A MOST WONDERFUL PERSON.

The End  
written by Mrs. Jo Tankersley in 1952

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## WSCS Christmas Party Held

The annual Christmas Party of Woman's Society of Christian Service was held Wednesday, Dec. 11 in the home of Mrs. R. T. Williams, who was hostess to a luncheon. The lovely home was resplendent with beautiful Yule-tide decorations. A profusion of cedar and berries emphasized the method of observing Christmas ceremonies by the three cultures, Anglo, Indian and Spanish in New Mexico.

A variety of delicious courses were served from artistic table appointments.

An inspiring program followed. Mrs. Mark Strickland gave an exciting explanation of Ojas de Dios (Eyes of God) illustrated by a symbol she had originated. Mrs. Bob Ford read two appropriate selections, including "A Letter for Christmas" from "Songs of Marcllin" and a poem "A Story of the Poinsettia". Attractive Anaelia Batillo gave the closing number, delightful reading of excerpts from the book "Stars Over Adobe" by Dorothy Pillsbury.

The spirit of good will to all people was thus effectively emphasized.

### THANKS

I want to offer a most heartfelt word of thanks to our friends and neighbors who gathered our crop Monday and Tuesday.

To each one who furnished strippers, trailers and pickups, many thanks to the one that worked as helpers on the trailers — thanks for a job well done and deeply appreciated by us. The ones who furnished gas and for that I don't know about—thanks.

To the women who prepared and served the food and to Cross Roads Baptist Church for a place to serve it from — thank you.

We wish each of you to receive our sincere thanks and pray God's richest blessing be outpoured to you good people.

Mrs. Annie Mu McKimney  
Wanda, Karen and Kaye

## HD Club Enjoys Christmas Party

The Home Demonstration Club annual Christmas party was held Thursday, Dec. 12 in home of Mrs. H. L. Davis.

Mrs. W. P. Curry, president presided over a short business session and Mrs. W. L. Terrell was program chairman.

Mrs. Obed Hughes led the group in singing Christmas carols and Mrs. J. W. Porter gave a Christmas meditation and the story "The Christmas Dinner."

Santa Claus then appeared on the scene and Mrs. Thomas Colwell assisted Santa in presenting gifts from the beautifully lighted tree.

Traditional colors of red and green were used in decorating the entertaining rooms.

Mrs. W. P. Curry poured punch and Mrs. Ruple Morrow served cake squares. The serving table was laid in red and an arrangement of red and white flowers centered the table.

Attending the party were, Mmes. Terrell, Cleo Shell, J. W. Porter, Obed Hughes, Thomas Colwell, C. A. Ragan, Homer Aaron, Ben Hargrove, Joe Little, Altha Patton, W. P. Curry, J. M. Long, H. L. Davis, C. C. Roach; Mrs. Ruple Morrow, a visitor and Mrs. J. B. Harper, who is a new member.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hornsburger of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Kincaid, Ronnie and Jan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kincaid.

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Anyone missing a stray bay gelding with black mane and tail should see T. A. Park, or call Roby 776-2147. 45-2t

## Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Herron of Rotan announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Fay, to Don Wayne Pullig, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pullig of Roby.

A 1966 graduate of Rotan High School, the bride-elect is a junior Elementary Education major at Angelo State College. She is a member of the Student Education Association, Women's Recreation Association, and is listed on the Dean's List.

Her fiancé is a 1963 graduate of Roby High School. He attended West Texas State University, served with the U.S. Army in Korea, and is presently employed by the Celotex Corporation of Hamlin. He will attend Angelo State College in the spring.

An April wedding is planned.

## TOP's Hold Christmas Party

Nine former members and guests of TOP's met at Rotana Restaurant for their Christmas Party Dec. 12, and it was enjoyed by all.

T. is temptation. May it never come your way.

O. is for organization that helps us.

P. Is for promise of a better life in view.

S. Is the strength to make our dreams come true.

Why not Join TOP's. If you have a problem with your weight. Place: Farm Bureau Building. Every Thursday at 7:00.

Reporter

Mrs. Era Boen spent several days in Odessa with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Boen and family while Mrs. Boen was in the hospital for treatment.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all you wonderful friends for your kindness and consideration in the loss of our loved one.

We will never forget all of this.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mitcham

J. B. Hughey, Roby City Manager was in Rotan Wednesday.

Texas Ag Producers Buy As Well As Sell — The Texas Agricultural industry continues to be a very vital part of the state's economy. The total value of its raw products rank second only to crude oil, reports John G. McHaney, Texas A&M University Extension economist. After all expenses are paid, they amount to about \$2.2 billion, the \$300 million left is largely spent for consumer goods. Their production expenses keep cash registers ringing from country stores to those on main street in the major cities of the state and nation, says the economist. Their efficiency and ability to produce makes food a real bargain for the nation's consumers. A tip of the hat is in order as Farm City Week concludes, says McHaney.

Peggy Adams recently had an embarrassing accident when lifting a stove cap and her finger lodged, while visiting in the W. B. Hardin home. Members of the family soaped the finger used ice, and every other known remedy to no avail. Reports we received was that a blow torch was considered but was not needed as W. B. came home and quickly freed the finger by cutting the cap with tin snips. She is 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams.

Nine out of every 10 fatal highway crashes in 1967, involved driving violations, the Insurance Information Institute reports. Accidents attributed to speeding were blamed for 16,700 of the 53,100 fatalities.

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## Hobbs Club Christmas Party

The Hobbs Home Demonstration Club had its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Calvin Phillips, on Thursday, Dec. 12. Mrs. Dale Caye presented the program by asking each guest to relate a memorable Christmas event. She then read from the Bible, the Christmas story from Luke 2.

Gifts were opened and refreshments were served to

fifteen members. The following five new members joined the Club: Mrs. Aladean Gruben, Mrs. Walter Nash Miers, Mrs. Jesse Hardin, Mrs. J. R. Helms and Mrs. Donald Ray Helms.

The next meeting will be Jan. 9, 1969 when the Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Alice Ballenger, will present a program on "Culture and Use of Herbs in Cooking", in the home of Mrs. Connie Tutt.

Reporter

Try Classified Ads-They Pay

## Rotan Day At Fat Stock Show

Fort Worth — The Rotan Chamber of Commerce has been invited to select a "Special Day" to be honored by the 1969 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 26 through February 2.

"Special Days" are our way of showing appreciation to communities and people of Texas and Oklahoma for helping make the Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo one of the world's outstanding," said W. R. Watt, president-manager of the show. It's a long standing tradition which has created many close friendships for the Fort Worth Stock Show, Watt commented.

The special invitation includes a reservation for a block of rodeo tickets to be sold locally. The seats are in a block to enable all residents to sit together for their spotlighted introduction at the Rodeo. A local riding club may go with the "Special Day" delegation and ride in the Rodeo Grand Entry and a Cowgirl Sweetheart can be selected to ride in the Grand Entry and be introduced during the "Special Day" rodeo performance.

Popular Fess Parker, television's "Daniel Boone" will be guest star of the 1969 Fort Worth Rodeo. Parker now in to his fifth year of the NBC-TV series will be accompanied by the New Establishment musical group. In addition a number of outstanding specialty acts have been signed for the '69 Rodeo including Elaine Kramer's six horse Roman Ride and a spectacular performance by Jerry Olson and his trained buffalo.

Rodeo fans will see plenty of action as over 450 of the nation's top cowboys compete for rodeo purse of \$75,000 on some of the world's roughest bucking stock.

Doors open on the 73rd Fort Worth Stock Show at 4 p.m. Friday, January 24. Livestock entries for cattle, horses, sheep and swine close December 15. Poultry, rabbit and pigeon entries close January 15.

## Cotton Grades Slightly Up

We are a little behind on classing says B. B. Manly, Jr., Officer in Charge, USDA Cotton Classing Office, Abilene. With the fair weather that prevailed last week, farmers were able to resume harvesting and our daily receipts again became greater than our daily classing totals. The fact that grades were up last week indicates that most producers are waiting for their cotton to dry before harvesting and ginning.

Grades were good with 33 percent in the white category, 62 per cent in the light spotted category and 5 percent in the spotted category. Seven per cent were called bark, the same as last week, and one per cent were called prep.

Staple length was down slightly with 31 the predominant length at 40 per cent. Other lengths were 30, 30 per cent; 32, 18 per cent; 33, 6 per cent; 34, 3 per cent and 35 and longer, 3 per cent.

Micronaire readings were about the same with 90 per cent falling in the 3.5-4.9 or premium range. Three per cent were 3.0-3.2; 3 per cent 3.3-3.4 and 4 per cent 5.0-5.2.

Strength readings were about the same with 62 per cent reading 80,000 PSI (pounds per square inch) and above.

The Consumer and Marketing Service, Abilene reports that prices were steady and range from 50 to 200 points above the Government loan rate. Some average net prices were: Middling 30, 19.05c per lb.; Middling 31, 20.01c per lb.; Strict Low Middling 30, 17.89c per pound; Strict Low Middling 31, 18.81c per lb.; Middling Light Spotted, 18.48c per lb.; Middling Light Spotted 31, 19.15c per lb.; Strict Low Middling Spotted 30, 17.65c per lb.; and Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 31, 18.34c per lb.

## Promotion of Cotton Success

Waco, Dec. 10 — The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee today commended cotton farmers for their progress in research and promotion.

Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Texas), in a statement released here this afternoon, said that in the relatively short period since cotton farmers voted overwhelmingly to access themselves \$1 per bale under the Cotton Research and Promotion Act the accomplishments have been "everything which possibly could be expected."

As the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee during consideration and passage of the legislation, the Texas Congressman was a leader in bringing about its enactment.

Representative Poage said the farmer's money is being put to work in a highly effective manner, citing progress toward development of all-cotton durable press fabrics. Durable press is a major consideration in markets involving 4.2 million bales of cotton.

Consumers are being made aware of the benefits of improved cotton products, he noted furthermore, through promotion under this program that sells these products in volume.

"I mean the type of promotion that during 1968 caused the Cotton Producers Institute to be named the grand winner of an award from the National Retail Merchants for performance in assisting

retail stores to increase their sales."

Mr. Poage said such progress is being realized because of the outstanding support being given the program by growers and those responsible for collections.

"As you know," he said, "the 1967-68 crop was very short — down to 7.3 million bales. However, collections to date total almost 87 per cent of ginnings."

"The cooperation of first buyers played an important role in this success story, and they are commended for the contribution they are making to the program by collecting the dollar per bale."

For 1969 the producer trustees of Cotton Producers Institute have budgeted \$10 million for research and promotion, contingent upon collections from the 1968-69

crop. This represents a 25 per cent increase over 1968.

The House Agriculture Committee chairman pointed out that the self-help effort was a favorable influence in the successful battle to obtain an extension of the government farm program.

"With farmers a small, diminishing minority in the nation," he warned, "it is getting harder and harder to get legislation in behalf of agriculture and especially in behalf of cotton. There are many in Congress who question the worth of saving cotton if it is going to be a heavy, perpetual drain on the Treasury."

"In my judgement, the fact that cotton farmers were putting up their own money provided strong proof that they intend to become competitive in the market place, and that

they deserve further government assistance over a reasonable period of time in reaching that objective."

Mrs. Lennie Hammonds of California is spending several days here with her mother, Mrs. Grace Byrd who is seriously ill in Callan Hospital.

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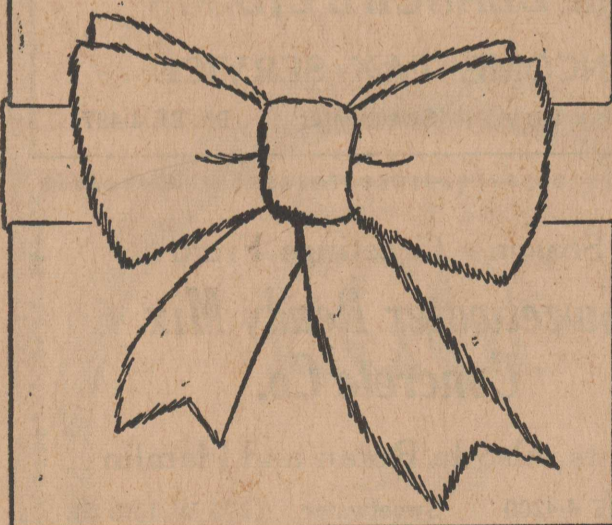
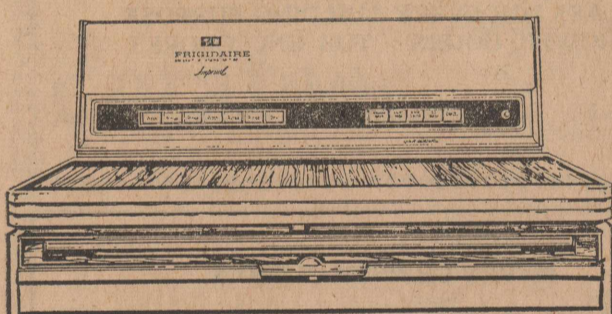
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