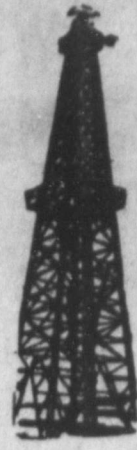


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R. N. Pierce Gets New Three Year Contract

At the regular January meeting of the Jayton school board, Supt. R. N. Pierce was given a new three year contract.

Terms of the new contract, Mr. Pierce will draw a salary of \$5,000 above state schedule, with a house and utilities furnished.

In other matters they--

-- Voted to amend the budget.

-- Voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

-- Voted to call an el-

lection, on April 6th to fill two places on the board, that are expiring. These are the terms of Buddy Gallagher and Bill Sartain.

--Voted to carry Ethel Carr and Betty Bural on sick leave.

All members of the board were present. They are Buddy Gallagher, president, and Russell Wright, Bill Sartain, Billy John Harrison, Garth Gregory, Harold Parker, and Jon Allen Kelley.

Bank Deposits Reach New All Time High

It has been said that the best indication of the economy in the community, is to look at the condition of the bank.

The Kent County State Bank, at the end of the year 1973, showed the best report it has ever had.

In a statement dated Dec. 31, they showed total deposits of \$3,622,457.73. Loans amounted to \$1,059,502.44. In the cash on hand column was listed the amount of \$1,162,642.59.

Total assets, and total

liabilities were listed at \$3,842,025.26. This is more than twice as much as it has ever been before.

Two things are listed as being responsible for this. One, the good grain and cotton crop made in the community, and second good banking practices.

The bank paid its regular \$5.00 per share dividend at the end of the year. For several years the bank has been declaring dividends twice each year to the stockholders.

Jimmie Bural Is Candidate For Precinct Two Commissioner

The Jayton Chronicle is authorized by Jimmie Bural of the Girard community to announce that he is a candidate to the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 of Kent County in the Democratic Primaries this year.

Mr. Bural has had the

desire to serve the precinct as commissioner for many years, and has decided this is the year to make his bid to the voters.

His statement will follow later. In the meantime he asks your consideration.

Postmaster Says Use Your Route Box Number

Postmaster Rex Alexander today urged all rural and star route postal customers served by the Jayton post office to use box numbers as part of their return addresses to assure faster, more efficient mail deliveries from correspondents.

"Although box numbers are an integral part of most rural and star route addresses, it has recently become the practice of many postal customers to omit this element," Postmaster Alexander said.

of duplicate mailings to rural customers.

"These duplicate mailings hurt everyone," Postmaster Alexander said. "They cost the big mailers in dollars and cents, and because they flood the mail stream, everyone's mail is slowed."

Postmaster Alexander said the box number is as important to rural and star route addresses as the house number is to city addresses.

4H Demonstration On Peanut Butter Candy

The Junior High 4H Club met on January 17 at the community center. The program was on how to give a method demonstration and Gene Cleveland and Grace Chavez gave a demonstration on making "Peanut Butter Candy."

The District III 4H Contests were discussed as part of the new busi-

ness.

Those who attended the meeting were: Grace Chavez, Lex Dunham, Billy Harrison, Gene Cleveland, Brent Cleveland, Brian Cleveland, Mrs. Herman Dunham, and Mr. Bobby Stanaland. Refreshments were served by Grace Chavez and Gene Cleveland.

W. P. Ratliff Is Candidate For Judge

William P. Ratliff of Haskell County who is now Judge of the 39th Judicial District of Texas, composed of Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, and Throckmorton Counties, Texas, has authorized the Jayton Chronicle to announce that he is a can-

didate for the above office. Judge Ratliff is now serving the unexpired term of Judge B. C. Chapman who retired September 1, 1973. Judge Ratliff will be running for a full four year elected term of this office.

Microwave Oven May Be Your Answer

...In a stew over the energy squeeze affecting home cooking: Today, many consumers turn to microwave ovens--one of the greatest energy-savers around. Electronic ovens cook foods in about one-fourth the time of conventional methods.

...In addition, a home-maker needs fewer utensils to prepare and serve foods. As an added bonus the kitchen doesn't overheat from cooking, and cleaning is cut to almost nothing.

trays that keep food warm. Usually, broiling units are available in the home's regular range.

...Will the oven be used frequently for defrosting? Automatic defrost cycles free the homemaker's time for other jobs by cutting 'on' and 'off' automatically. For ovens without these defrost cycles, homemakers can set the timer for a few seconds, wait while and then manually reset the timer for a few seconds more. These short-time cycles and waiting periods defrost--rather than cook--foods.



THIS WEEK IN JAYTON

Many Americans are just about ready to become disillusioned with the American Constitutional system of government.

We have been told, beginning with the first government class in school, that the three branch system of government works so well, because one branch is a check on the other two, and this makes for good government.

subpoena, people are put under oath, with the eminent threat of prosecution for perjury, and questioned, about these matters, yet the Congress and the courts have come up with no answers.

One thing is very apparent about the entire matter -- many people at the White House are lying under oath to the Congressional Committees, and are lying under oath to the courts to suppress the truth about these matters.

New Conservation Plan To Be Explained

The new 1974 Rural Environmental Conservation Program (RECP) will be explained at the regional conference of top officials of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) in Dallas, January 28-31, 1974.

Joe M. Favor, ASCS county Executive Director said this regional meeting is a follow-up to the recent USDA announcement of the 1974 RECP operation and funding figures.

detailed program announcement, and then those eligible should contact the county ASCS office in order to apply for conservation cost-sharing.

ASCS will administer the cost-share agreements through its farmer elected committee system, in close cooperation with other agencies of USDA.

Abstract Firm Is Sold

Mrs. Heloise H. Cathey is announcing this week she is selling the abstract business in Jayton.

New owner is John Warren, of the Warren Title Co. of Dickens.

Mrs. Cathey has been in the abstract business in Kent County since 1929. The Warrens have been in Dickens since 1960.

WEEK END VISITOR

Mrs. Rosalie Myers of Lubbock visited Mrs. Jack Myers last week end.

Wedding Is Planned In Sweetwater Show

Three Kent County 4H Club members exhibited in the Sweetwater Area Livestock Show last week. Lisa Cravey, Hank Cravey, and Don Wayne Jones each showed one steer in the seven-county event.

Lisa's 1115 pound black bull-faced steer was exhibited in the heavy weight class. Hank's Hereford entered in the medium weight class. Don Wayne showed his Hereford in the light weight class.

The calves are entered in the Abilene Area Show for Jan. 21-23.

School Board Sets New Policy

The board of trustees of the Jayton-Girard independent school district has approved the 65 and over exemption on residential homesteads for 1974.

Forms to apply for this exemption are in the mail and should be completed and returned to the school tax office.

WEEK END VISITOR

Mrs. Rosalie Myers of Lubbock visited Mrs. Jack Myers last week end.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hines of Las Vegas have returned home after spending several weeks with Mrs. Jack Myers.

\$32-MILLION ERROR

SANTA BARBARA, CAL. -- Bill Wiberg and his wife were surprised when they opened a letter from the Internal Revenue Service telling the 50-year-old house painter he owed the Government more than \$32-million. He said he had a back tax bill of "around \$130," which he had been paying off in installments.



MISS MINETTE GEESLIN

Minette Geeslin Is New SCS Secretary

Miss Minette Geeslin has been employed by Duck Creek Soil and Water Conservation District. She replaces Lucille Taylor and will serve as SWCD Secretary on a part-time basis.

Minette will assist the Soil Conservation Service Field Office at Jayton in the preparation of co-operators Conservation Plan folders, cooperators Great Plains Conservation Program documents, news articles, and filing.

Minette is a Junior in the Jayton High School, where she is a member of the Jayton Band and a twirler in marching season. She holds an office in Future Homemakers of America, participates in girls Basketball, and girls Track. She also is an active member in 4-H.

She is a member of the First Methodist Church and sings in the church choral group.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Geeslin of Jayton.

No Accidents In Kent County In December

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated no accidents on rural highways in Kent County during the month of December, according to Sergeant Frank Jirck, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

Public Safety Region for December, 1973, shows a total of 499 accidents resulting in 17 persons killed and 277 persons injured as compared to December, 1972 with 462 accidents resulting in 20 persons killed and 213 persons injured. The was 37 more accidents, 3 less fatalities, and 64 more injured in 1973 at the same period of time.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the year of 1973 shows a total of nine accidents resulting in no persons killed and five persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of

The 17 traffic deaths for the month of December, 1973, occurred in the following counties: Parker, four; Lubbock, three; Wise, Young, two each; and Floyd, Hockley, Terry, Carson, Ochiltree, and Oldham, one each.

Girard HD Club Holds Meeting 16th

The Girard H. D. Club met Jan. 16, at the community. Eleven members and one visitor answered roll call with "a money quotation." We are happy to have Mrs. Geo Sweet as a new member. The game was "a Christmas questionnaire. The Vernon Rehab. Center sent a thank you letter for the gifts the clubs sent for Christmas. Mrs. J Wyatt had charge of the program, which was titled "Cost of Credits." Reported

regulated loans, alternate rates of interest, installment loans, and Retail installment sales and charge agreements were explained, and how to figure the true annual rate by the Constant Ratio Method. Mrs. Jake Swarngen was hostess. The next program "New Fabrics" set for Feb. 16. Mrs. Hugh Turner will be the hostess.

Come, meet with the club.Reporter

Clairemont Club Meets

The Clairemont 4-H Club met Tuesday January 8. They elected a vice-president, Donnie Shipp was elected. The members discussed the club trip. Suggestions were made for roller skating, bowling and miniature golf. The trip will be held later in the Spring.

The club members then watched a film on entomology, and afterward they

were served refreshments. The following members were present: Von Hamrick, Jane Hart, Harold Parker, Bryan Parker, Donnie Shipp, Bro. Don Vaughn, Valerie, Johnny Julie and Tammie Panter, LaRhonda Carriker and the following adult leaders: Pat Carriker, Vera Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Shipp and Mark Geeslin.

Wedding Is Planned



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne McMeans are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dianna, to Joe McAteer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laddell, McAteer.

The date of the wedding has been set for June 8th. Both Dianna and Joe are now attending Texas Tech.

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January Dates

The last half of January contains, perhaps, as many important birthday anniversaries as any other like period of the year for Americans.

"Stonewall" Jackson, the most daring tactical military leader in the Confederate armies and perhaps in U.S. history, was born on the 21st, in 1824, at what is now Clarksburg, West Virginia. Fred Vinson, 13th Chief Justice, was born on the 22nd in 1890, at Louisa, Kentucky.

Douglas MacArthur, one of the ablest strategists of World War II, was born on the 26th at Little Rock, Arkansas. (The 26th is also Michigan Day, the 29th Kansas Day.) William McKinley, 25th President, was born on the 29th at Niles, Ohio, in 1843.

Thomas Paine, who gained fame and popularity writing in the cause of the American revolution, was born in England on the 29th in 1737. (He lost much of his popularity when he attacked prevailing religious beliefs, somewhat as Samuel Clemens was to do in later years.)

Franklin Roosevelt was born on the 30th, at Hyde Park, New York in 1882--the only President ever elected to four terms (the nation's 32nd).

FDR

The only President ever elected to four terms, and the only one likely to be, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born at Hyde Park, New York, on January 30th in 1882.

Though appraisals on FDR vary widely, he was a master politician beyond much doubt. His unquestioned contribution to the nation was restoring confidence and hope and bringing the country out of the depths of its worst depression.

Many now in their sixties' or seventies' can testify that they avoided losing their home or were able to educate their children, only because of the pump-priming and emergency measures of the first Roosevelt Administration (1933-36). No amount of argument that many of the emergency programs were faulty or wasteful will convince them they were not badly needed, that the ends didn't justify the means.

There is dispute over FDR's role in leading the nation into World War II, though the President undoubtedly felt this course was necessary to safeguard democracy and crush the tyrant Hitler and Japanese militarism.

At the time, when Roosevelt was quietly aiding England, attacking U-boats, and pushing Japan into a corner, most Americans were unaware of the whole story. But certainly the United States emerged from the Second World War the most powerful country in the world, and Axis aggression was thoroughly crushed.

NEWS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

Stennis-Jackson-Kissinger-Nixon

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator John C. Stennis (D-Miss), gunned down by punks in 1973 at the age of 72, announced recently he will run for reelection in 1976. The Senator, apparently fully recovered from three gunshot wounds, said in an interview with reporters in Jackson he was already working on 1976. At that time the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee will be 75.

Stennis' announcement was received with satisfaction in the Pentagon, where Stennis is considered a friend of the military. Had Stennis been forced to retire, Senator Stuart Symington (D-Mo) would have become the new committee chairman.

Senator Henry Jackson (D-Wash) is now the front-runner in the Democratic presidential nomination derby for 1976 in the opinion of some Senate insiders.

The generally-accepted favorite is Senator Ted Kennedy (D-Mass) but those who see Jackson as the likely choice think Kennedy couldn't win the election, although they admit he could be nominated.

The theory is that when enough political pros accept this, they'll prefer Jackson as a better bet to win against a Republican, without any scandal handicap. The only hitch here is that up to now the political pros are the very ones who have favored Kennedy, banking on the nostalgic and sentimental appeal of the Kennedy name to win.

In the end, the political pros are motivated primarily by one consideration--which candidate has the best chance to win. And usually--in recent years--public opinion polls indicate that.

It may be, as Jackson people argue, that the well-known Kennedy name gives

New Arrivals



Lt. and Mrs. Mark Taylor of Fort Rucker, Ala., announce the birth of a son, Tyler Mark, Jr. weighing eight pounds.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Donna Carter, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grice are the paternal great-grandparents.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Tildon McFerrin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Breckenridge of Jayton announce the arrival of a son, Jan. 17th at 8:29 p.m. in Rotan. He weighed 7 pounds, ten ounces and is nineteen inches long.

Grandparents are Mrs. Jimmy Brewer of Clairmont, and Mr. and Mrs. George Winn of Lockney.

Mrs. Velma Cave of Clairmont and Mrs. Vonnie Fortenberry of Cedar Hill are great-grandparents.

Great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Sibbie Terrell of Stamford.

Flea Market February 2nd

A Flea Market will be held at the Kent County community center Feb. 2nd. Sponsored by the home demonstration clubs of Girard and Jayton, the proceeds will go to the Kent County Home Demonstration Council.

Any articles that you wish to discard around your home will be picked up. In Jayton call: 237-2289, 237-3817, or 237-4866.

In Girard call 284-2741 284-2342, or 284-2045. All items are to be in by 9:30 a.m. Feb. 2nd. Doors will be open to the public at 10:00 a.m. coffee, cake and cookies will be sold.

You are invited to come by and browse and see what interest you. Have fun at our first Flea Market.

FEW BIRD WATCHERS

ROCKLEDGE, FLA.--The birds are flocking to Florida this winter in record numbers, but many dedicated bird watchers aren't, due to the gas shortage. Allan Cruickshank, a Florida Audubon Society auditor, said that teams of bird watchers usually visit the Cape Canaveral area to study the feathered winter residents.

Astronauts have 16 New Years in one day.

WTC To Offer Many New Courses

SNYDER--Seven courses for graduate level students are tentatively to be offered by Sul Ross State University at Western Texas College during the spring semester, Dr. Ben Brock, vice president of WTC, has announced.

Organizational meetings for the courses were held at WTC Wednesday night, with more than 75 prospective students in attendance. Dr. William Tindol, registrar and director of admissions at Sul Ross, was present to accept registrations and explain courses to be offered. Classes will meet one night per week from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The courses will carry resident credit through Sul Ross. Each class must have a minimum of 10 students. Tuition for one course is \$70, while two courses will cost \$100.

Registration for the classes will continue next week when the classes meet for the first time. Prospective students are to report to Room 203-A in the Learning Resource Center, or may contact Dr. Brock for additional information. Classes scheduled to

meet Monday night are Education 5312 (Advanced Survey, Exceptional Children), and Education 5316 (Educational Sociology).

Education 5311 (Methods of Teaching the Spanish-Speaking Child) is scheduled Tuesday night.

Classes scheduled Wednesday night are Education 5319 (Public School Law), Education 6308 (Advanced Studies in Child Growth and Development), and Physical Education 5303 (Seminar in Health and Physical Education).

Graduate and undergraduate students may enroll for Education 5309 (3306) to be offered Thursday night. This is Administration and Utilization of Modern Media and Innovation in Education.

IN HOSPITAL

Lloyd Reed of Clairmont is reported to be a patient in the Post hospital, and Jimmy is at home, sick.

IN EASTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vencil visited Will Reagan in Eastland recently.

MONUMENTS & CEMETERY CURBING

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Art Classes Are Set

A series of art classes will be conducted by Mrs. Marie Neff of Post, starting Jan. 25, at the Kent County community center. Starting at 9:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., a series of 12 classes will be held, each Friday for beginners and refresher courses for others who have had previous lessons, then into advanced lessons. Cost is very low.

You are advised to bring a sack lunch, and coffee and tea will be furnished.

Interested persons may contact Mrs. Bill Vencil or Mrs. Bennie Smith.

the Massachusetts Senator a poll advantage, even though he carries a scandal handicap, which could be decisive in a national election. Perhaps no one will know the final answer--until 1976.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and State Department officials continue to insist they are putting no pressure on Israel--to reach a settlement in the Middle East.

President Nixon likewise remains silent on the question. But if Washington is not indeed applying all the pressure and influence it has at hand to persuade Israel to bow to world pressure, U.N. resolutions and public opinion in the United States, to reach agreement with the Arabs, the interests of the United States are being neglected.

Nixon Administration officials aren't thought to be that timid--especially when the Secretary of Defense is pressuring the Arabs with hints the U.S. might use military force to obtain their oil.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Jayton, Texas
 Rev. Bill Perkins--Pastor
 Church School--10 a. m.
 Morning Worship--10:50 a. m.
 Evening Worship--7 p. m.
 Wednesday Bible Study--8 p. m.
 Youth and Children bible Study--8 p. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Jayton, Texas
 Lawrence Hemp, Pastor
 Church School 4:45 p. m. Wednesday
 Morning worship 9:00 a. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jayton, Texas
 Virgil Yoachim--Minister
 Sunday School--10 a. m.
 Morning Service--11 a. m.
 Evening Service--6 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting--7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Girard, Texas
 Abe Martin--Minister
 Morning Service--10 a. m.
 Evening Service--6 p. m.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Classes--7 p. m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Jayton, Texas
 Rev. G. B. Jones--Pastor
 Sunday School--9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship--11 a. m.
 Youth Meeting--6 p. m.
 Evening Worship--7 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting--8 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jayton, Texas
 Truett Kuenstler--Pastor
 Sunday School--10 a. m.
 Morning Worship--11 a. m.
 Training Union--6 p. m.
 Evening Worship--7 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting, 8:15
 Choir Practice--7:30 p. m.



One stormy night our lights went out. The blackness was total.

Little Mary screamed and grabbed me. The boys, trying to be brave, banged across the room.

I comforted them, trying to hold all against the terrors of the dark.

Then the back door banged, and there was Bob standing in the door holding a lighted candle.

"Daddy, Daddy," cried the children, their fears forgotten, as the room resumed its safe proportions in the light. Gaily they helped to light the candles and build a roaring fire.

How like that candle is my church. The spiritual resources it offers light my life with a sense of proportion and confidence, no matter how dark things seem.

Your church can brighten your life, if you give it a chance.

January Clearance

Starts Wed.

Jan. 23rd

ONE GROUP

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LADIES DENIM

Tomboy Pants \$7.00 Lots of Other

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Spot Grocery

The Teen Scene

Bill Williams

Service & Supply

Thos. Fowler Ins.

Jayton Co-op Gin

Goodall Ford Sales

H & M Dept. Store

Jayton Cafe



Kent Co. Lumber & Supply

Kent Co. State Bank

Robert Hall Chevrolet

Cheyne Welding Shop

Cathey Abstract Co.

Caprock Telephone Co.

Jayton Chronicle

Derrell's Mobil Station

Troy Hagar Auto Repair

Jayton 66 Service and Supply

From The Recipe Files of Opal Richards



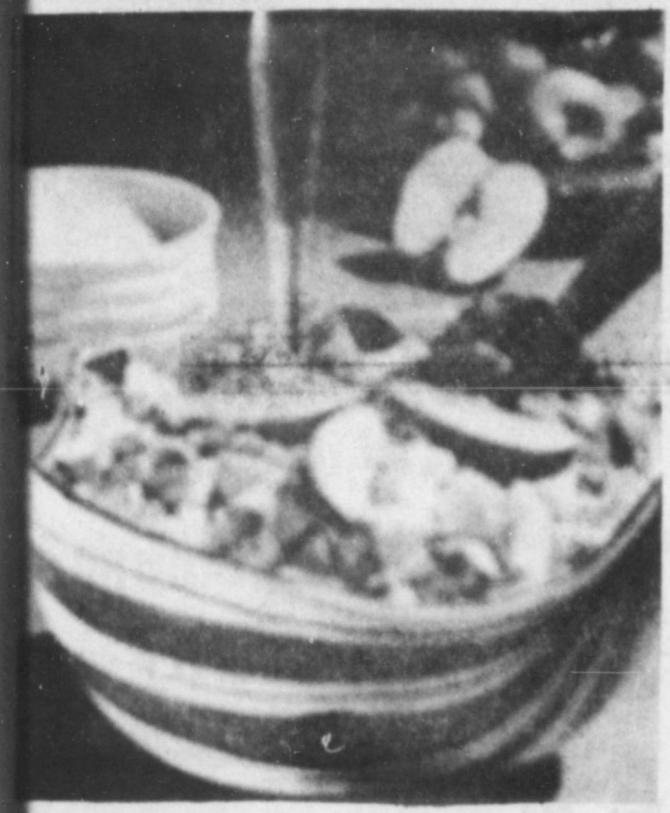
Quick Tuna Bake

- 1 7½-ounce package macaroni-and-cheese dinner
- 3 tablespoons soft butter or margarine
- 1 8-ounce can (1 cup) tomatoes
- ½ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons instant minced onion
- 1 slightly beaten egg
- 1 6½- or 7-ounce can tuna, drained
- 2 tablespoons snipped parsley
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 2 tablespoons corn flake crumbs

Tuna-Noodle Casserole

- 6 ounces (3½ cups) medium noodles
- 1 6½- or 7-ounce can tuna
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sliced celery
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup chopped canned pimiento
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 10½-ounce can condensed cream of celery soup
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup shredded sharp process American cheese
- ½ cup sliced blanched almonds, toasted

Cook noodles in boiling salted water till tender; drain. Combine noodles, drained tuna, mayonnaise, vegetables, and salt. Blend soup and milk; heat through. Add cheese; cook and stir till cheese melts. Add to noodle mixture. Turn into 1½-quart casserole. Top with almonds. Bake in hot oven (425°) about 20 minutes. Makes 6 servings.



Blue-cheese Waldorf Salad

- 2 cups diced unpared tart apples
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup broken California walnuts
- ¼ cup crumbled blue cheese
- ¼ cup dairy sour cream
- ¼ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- Dash salt

Combine apples, celery, and walnuts. Mix remaining ingredients; add to salad and toss. Chill. Serve on crisp greens. Makes 6 servings.

ABOUT YOUR HOME

It's not too early to search the seed catalogs for new flowers and vegetables for spring planting.

Another use for a shoe bag is to tie it to the outside of baby's playpen to store small toys.

A metal soft drink carton under the sink is handy to stand boxes of waxpaper, plastic wrap and foil.

Denim is always a favorite for spring. Shirt-dresses of denim are being seen on the racks.

Women who know materials and tailoring are able to pick up good buys from the after Christmas sales. The smart woman sticks to classic styles when it comes to suits and coats, if she buys them a season ahead.

Bring out those good woolen garments you stored thinking wool was not in vogue. You'll find they're warm and still fashionable.

If you need to patch a place in your wallpaper, age the new piece by exposing it to the sun until it blends with the old. Tear the edges for a smoother patch.

It's a good idea for those who can to plant a vegetable garden in 1974.

It's against human nature to give up luxury without complaining.

Always remember that, with rare exceptions, you don't have to talk.



The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill Attorney General

AUSTIN--Concern over the possibility of gas cut-backs or electrical brown outs during Texas' current foul-weather months of January and February have prompted many people to look around for an alternate source of heat for homes.

And what many think of first is a cozy blaze in a fireplace.

Although it may be debatable how much good a fireplace does in actually heating a house, there's no doubt that it can provide warmth and comfort around the hearth on a cold winter night.

That is, if it's installed correctly, and proper materials are used. Otherwise, some of those considering adding a fireplace could find the problems that could result would be much more upsetting than comforting.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has had several reports of fireplace difficulties. In one instance the purchasers of a new \$50,000 house attempted to enjoy a fire in their fireplace only to find that the builders had installed a false one. Before they could put out the fire, their new home suffered smoke damage.

Another incident involved a woman who hired two itinerant contractors to build a fireplace for her. When it was finished, she was puzzled to find that she couldn't light a fire in it.

The contractors had built the flue and chimney straight up, and had not

installed a damper to regulate air flow. The resulting draft blew out every fire the woman tried to start.

To avoid problems after a fireplace is built, give plenty of advance thought to what you want, and take certain precautions before hiring a contractor for the job.

The initial step is to decide on the type and size of fireplace desired. Three kinds are available. The best-known is the traditional version with firebrick interior and brick or stone chimney.

Another is a pre-assembled built-in unit with metal firebox and flue. This kind can be installed to look like the traditional version, even to the point of enclosing the metal flue within a chimney.

The third is a free-standing prefabricated unit that can be placed anywhere in a room. Any of these types, if properly installed and made of quality materials should be satisfactory and safe.

Various sizes of fireplaces are available. The size you select will determine the maximum size of the logs you can burn.

You should also decide whether to include certain options in a fire-

A small piece of cotton stuffed in the fingers of rubber gloves will help prevent holes from long fingernails.

Political Announcements

The Jayton Chronicle is authorized to announce that the persons listed below are candidates for offices, under which their names appear, subject to the Democratic Primary, to be held May 4, 1974:

For the Congress 17th Texas District OMAR BURLESON Reelection

For State Senator 30th Texas District RAY FARABEE CHARLES FINNELL

For State Representative 101th Texas District W. S. (Bill) HEATLY Reelection L. MAX COURTNEY

For District Judge 39th Judicial District WILLIAM P. RATLIFF

For County and District Clerk HARTENSE NORTH Reelection

For County Judge and Ex-Officio County School Superintendent NORMAN HAHN First Full Term

For County Treasurer F. O. (Odell) HARRISON Reelection

For Justice of the Peace W. H. (Bill) HARRISON Reelection, second term

For Co. Commissioner Precinct No. 2 C. C. SCOTT CARLOS DICKERSON Reelection GEORGE (Heck) TAYLOR JIMMIE BURAL

For Co. Commissioner Precinct No. 4 DONNIE CARRIKER Reelection

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Kent County, Texas, will receive bids for the purchase of the following described fuel. Bids will be received until 10:00 a. m. Monday the 11th day of February, 1974, this being the regular February term, 1974 of said Court, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud at the Kent County Courthouse in Jayton, Texas. Said bids will be for the purchase of fuel as follows:

- Gasoline-----Regular and Ethyl.
 - Diesel
 - L. P. Gas
 - Storage and pumps for gasoline and diesel to be furnished by successful bidder.
- All bids will be sealed when presented or filed and will be opened at the above time and place.
- The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- Witness my hand this 14th day of January, A. D. 1974.
- Norman, Hahn, County Judge. 49-3tc

AT MARKET Margaret Hall and Jean Murdoch were in Lubbock Sunday, marketing. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hall.

QUITAQUE VISITORS Mrs. Bertha Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Woods of Quitaque visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith this last week.

IN DE LEON Mrs. Oleta Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Floyd in DeLeon this week end.

TUMORS & EYES WASHINGTON -- George Washington University radiologists report they have developed a computerized X-ray technique for uncovering previously undetectable tumors behind the eye.

REST HOME NEWS Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hagins visited Joe Frank Hagins and M. A. Darden Wednesday.

Brenda and Joe Brer Stanaland visited Mr Benningfield last week.

Thanks to Mrs. J. Leech for the pajama and rags.

WEEK END VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wel and girls of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Elvi Lee over the week end.

MED WADE GUESTS Guests in the home Mr. and Mrs. Med Wade this week are: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Moore, and children of Canyon City, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Matthews of Gatesville.

MARKETING FOR THE STORE Floyd Hall was in Abilene Sunday marketing for the store.

FT. SILL VISITOR Mary Brown of Ft. Sill, Okla. visited Mrs. Guy Brown, and Zephie Brown this week end.

OKLA. VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Ford of Okla. visited Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hamilton, Jr. and family this week end.

IN MIDLAND Mrs. Amie Perkins and Mrs. Nellie Fuller visited relatives in Midland Thursday.

ATTEND FUNERAL Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Yocham flew to Phoenix, Ariz. for the funeral of his brother, Ray Yocham, Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 2:30 p. m.

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Wedding In Amarillo

The wedding of Nora Lynn Wade and Matthew Carpenter Lee was solemnized Friday afternoon in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. H. Evans Morland officiating at the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Wade, 2410 Redwood. Parents of the bridegroom are Mrs. Elliott Lee, 1200 Van Buren, and William L. Lee of Chester, Pa. Paula Jo Sinise was maid of honor, and Bernard Cohen served as best man. Ushers included Kent Wade, brother of the bride, Mike Martin, and the bridegroom's brothers, William L. Lee Jr., and Elliott H. Lee, both of New Haven, Conn. The bride is a sophomore student at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn. Her husband, also a sophomore, attends Yale University in New Haven. Attending the wedding from Jayton were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wade and Mr. and Mrs. Med Wade.

Dr. John W. Kimble OPTOMETRIST In Rolling Plains Association Building In Spur each Tuesday afternoons.

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JUNCTION VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Champion of Junction visited Mrs. Les Matthews this week end.

IN HASKELL Mrs. Les Matthews visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fincher in Haskell Sunday afternoon.

VISITS AT A & M David Parker spent the past week end visiting Tommy Stanaland at A & M.

IN HOSPITAL Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meador are reported to be patients in the Rotan Hospital.

VISITS MOTHER Mrs. Erma Black of Rotan visited Mrs. Blanche Barfoot, Saturday.

IN SPUR Mrs. Gladys Buckelew and Mrs. Grace Fincher were in Spur on business last week.

IN ASPERMONT Mrs. Eva Hahn and Mrs. Gladys Buckelew visited Mrs. John Boland in Aspermont last week.

Larger wheat harvest is expected in 1974.

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A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources
Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

The Best Since 1961... Freeze Cuts Into Citrus Production... Sheep and Lamb Feeding Increases... Milk Production Shows Some Gain.

Even though the 1973 estimate for cotton has declined from earlier predictions, the Texas' crop will be the best since 1961. Texas' cotton crop is now estimated at 4,650,000 bales.

Yield is expected to average 429 pounds of lint per acre compared with 408 pounds in 1972 and only 263 pounds in 1971. Harvested acres are estimated at 5,200,000 compared with 5,000,000 in 1972.

Harvest of the crop is virtually complete except for a few isolated fields.

Stalk destruction and land preparation for the 1974 cotton season is active in the southern Texas. Planting of the crop in the Rio Grande Valley will begin in mid-February.

IT'S OFFICIAL: the freeze in the Rio Grande Valley of several weeks ago has cut into production of the 1973-74 citrus crop. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that the crop now is forecast at 18,700,000 boxes. This is three per cent below the 19,200,000 boxes produced last season.

The January 1 estimate is down from the December 1 forecast due to the hard freeze that hit the Valley in late December.

Grapefruit production is expected to be three per cent below the production of last year.

Overall tree condition has dropped in many areas because of the low temperatures.

AN INCREASE of 19 per cent in numbers of sheep and lambs on feed in Texas is reported by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Drylot sheep feeders with a lot capacity of 2,000 head or more had 108,000 sheep and lambs on feed as of January 1. This is 20 per cent above the number on feed a year ago and 19 per cent above a month ago.

Current intentions to market are January 38,000 head; February 35,000 head; March 24,000 head. The February and March intentions are incomplete since additional lambs could be placed on feed and marketed during this period.

MILK production, which has shown a steady decline in Texas and the nation for the past year, did show a one per cent increase in December of 1973 and a three per cent increase above the previous month.

Milk production per cow kept for milk averaged 755 pounds during December which is 10 pounds above a year earlier.

Nationwide, however, milk production declined three per cent during December.

STOCKS of hay on Texas farms as of January 1 are almost twice as high as a year ago. Hay stocks totaled 4,356,000 tons compared with only 2,753,000 tons as of a year ago.

AGRICULTURE producers throughout the state are urged now to get their fuel needs known to their local distributors. Federal officials in charge of the fuel allocation for agriculture recommend that farmers let their suppliers know how much fuel they will need for 1974.

County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices are designated as the agency to handle fuel supply programs through the federal fuel program.

ASCS offices are receiving the detailed information on how the federal program will work, and should be contacted by producers having problems in getting sufficient fuel for food and fiber production in 1974.

IN SNYDER
Mr. and Mrs. Jackson East visited Mrs. Thelma Smith in Snyder Saturday afternoon.

JACKSON EAST VISITORS
Mrs. Joe McDaniel of Spur and Mrs. Noel Lee and Mrs. Jack Montgomery of Girard visited Mr. and Mrs. Jackson East Thursday.

HARRISON GUESTS
Mrs. Edna Cass of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Harrison of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Euel Harrison over the week end. Mrs. Harrison took Mrs. Cass back to Post Monday afternoon.

IN HOSPITAL
Benard Parker, of Crosbyton, reportedly suffered a heart attack Thursday evening, Jan. 17th. He is a patient in the Crosbyton Hospital. Lee Parker, his brother, has been at his bedside, most of the time.

DOING WELL
Mrs. Lela Parker, mother of Lee Parker, is reported to be doing well.

LUBBOCK PREACHER
Mike Tonaro of Lubbock preached at the Church of Christ, Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Tonaro and their daughter.

Home is what the family makes it.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Bill Boykin

AUSTIN, Tex. — Texas media groups interested in "freedom of information" met with Attorney General John Hill this week to discuss his opinion that police officers' arrest and offense reports are confidential under an exception to the new Texas open records act.

The quasi-judicial hearing was held because legislative leaders who supported the open records law said it was not their intention to allow police departments to keep arrest and offense reports secret.

Representatives of the Texas Joint Media committee were meeting with their attorneys to prepare statements for Attorney General Hill. Members of the committee include the Texas Press Association, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, Texas Association of Broadcasters, Texas Associated Press Managing Editors, Sigma Delta Chi, American Society of Newspaper Editors and Texas Press Women.

Most police chiefs were leaving their "blotters" open to news people, because they interpreted Hill's opinion as giving them an option on the closing.

Original sponsor of the amendment to the open records law that would close police records was Col. Wilson Speir, director of the Department of Public Safety.

"If this attorney general's opinion holds, and reports of crimes are withheld from the public, the Texas Joint Media Committee representatives will consider amendments to this legislation for the next Texas legislature," stated Glenn Sedam, Texas Press Association vice president and legislative chairman.

SPECIAL SESSION TALKED
As the Constitutional Convention rolled along, pretty much on schedule, new pressures started for a special legislative session on school finance during the summer.

Governor Dolph Briscoe, who has been firm against a special session on comprehensive restructuring of the finance formulas, ordered a day-by-day monitoring of school money problems resulting from inflation and the energy crisis.

Aides said he is giving "serious consideration" to requests for supplementary financial aid before school opens next September.

School administrators and Texas State Teachers Association have requested emergency appropriations of \$100

million for school maintenance and operation. Another \$40 million is asked to increase teacher retirement payments an average of 10 per cent.

State Rep. Dan Kubiak of Rockdale renewed his request for a meeting of the legislature on school money matters to help districts "in desperate financial need."

He noted a \$315 million surplus is anticipated at the end of the current state fiscal period.

However, Kubiak agreed to soft-pedal talk of a special session during the Constitutional Convention.

Briscoe reportedly is continuing to push for complete data on property tax values in each school district as a basis for long-term revision of the finance system.

He may offer a tentative overall plan by November for consideration of the next regular session.

EVERYBODY'S INVITED — When witnesses were slow to schedule appearances before Constitutional Convention committees, delegates proposed to go out looking for them.

One went even so far as to suggest "witness wanted" advertisements.

Citizens who have something they would like to say to the delegates about how to revise the constitution can line up appointments with the appropriate committees by free long distance calls.

The toll-free number is 1-800-292-9600. Call if for instructions on how to get on the schedule to testify — or for general information.

About 90 lobbyists for varying special interest, meanwhile, have registered with the Secretary of State to make their own efforts at influencing shape of the new constitution above board.

TICKETS DON'T COUNT — It's official: speeding tickets picked up during the next 60 days under the new 55 miles per hour speed limit won't count against insurance rates.

Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christie said a moratorium on all speeding convictions as far as insurance rates are concerned has been declared from January 20 through March 20.

AG OPINIONS
The contract of employment of the Borger school superintendent is disclosable under the open records law.

So are names and addresses of incoming university freshmen public information.

Parks and Wildlife Commission may prohibit use of

scines and nets in the Gulf of Mexico only in those areas which are within one mile of a pass connecting bays and tidal waters with the Gulf of Mexico.

Neither the county treasurer nor the county auditor has any responsibility for funds of a legally organized non-profit corporation.

The legislature may not by appropriations bill rider require the governor's approval of agency expenditures. A finding by the governor of the existence of a particular fact may be required as a prerequisite to an expenditure, however.

A county is entitled to reimbursement from sureties for reasonable and necessary costs of rearrest after a bond forfeiture or an affidavit of surrender.

Texas Animal Health Commission may prohibit admission of Mexican cattle into designated Tick Eradication Areas in an effort to prevent introduction and spread of penic or Texas fever.

COURTS SPEAK — The Third Court of Civil Appeals ruled for the state over the federal government in a Texarkana ammunition plant sales tax suit that could mean \$50 million in back tax collections.

In other cases, the high court held:

Land owners don't have right to profit on land condemnation due to projects like the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport.

Affirmed a Waco court finding that a 23-year-old man did not commit suicide, allowing his mother to collect on an insurance policy.

Upheld a negligence verdict against a man involved in an accident in which parents of a child were killed near Del Rio.

The age of man has little relation to his intelligence.

JAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT REPORT PERIOD ENDING 1-14-74

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten	13
First Grade	18
Second Grade	14
Third Grade	19
Fourth Grade	12
Fifth Grade	19
Sixth Grade	21
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	116

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Seventh Grade	30
Eighth Grade	22
Ninth Grade	26
Tenth Grade	23
Eleventh Grade	23
Twelfth Grade	24
TOTAL SECONDARY	148

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 264

Hobby Gives High Praise To Texas DPS

By Bill Hobby
AUSTIN--We in Texas are fortunate indeed to be served by one of the most professional state law enforcement agencies in the country.

The professional of more than 2,300 officers of our Department of Public Safety is no accident. It is the result of four and a half decades of pioneering methods in educating lawmen.

We owe the major portion of our thanks to the late D. P. S. Director Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr. Since he was a member of the first highway patrol school in 1930, Col. Garrison was a strong advocate of sound training programs for prospective officers.

In 1956, Col. Garrison moved the D. P. S. Academy--which now bears his name--to its present site in Austin. Prior to that, the police classes

were conducted at Camp Mabry in Austin.

In addition to training more than 4,000 highway patrolmen, the academy over the years has upgraded the qualifications of more than 17,000 city and county officers through extension and on-campus courses.

D. P. S. cadets currently receive more than 800 hours of instruction during an 18-week course. The training program has been broadened to allow graduates to receive college credits for their work.

The original academy building had a seating capacity of 118 and dormitory accommodations for 65 persons.

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, present director of the D. P. S., has continued the Texas tradition of leadership in law enforcement training.

In 1971, a \$1.6 million

expansion program began. The training center now can accommodate 352 students in its classrooms and house 434 of them in dormitories.

In addition to training recruits, the academy--nationally recognized for its excellence--also provides recurrent training for its field personnel. The center includes many of the latest educational innovations, such as closed-circuit television and multi-media teaching devices.

Of course, superb training does not wholly account for the excellence of our state police force. But it is, perhaps, the major ingredient.

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Welfare Commodity Plan Replaced By Food Stamps

The Federal Food Stamp program replaced the county commodity program effective Thursday, and J.J. Tydlaska, local director of the new program, believes it is an improvement over the old one. All counties in Texas are now on the stamp program and the office here serves Kent as well as Scurry County.

"Under the new program, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that about \$1,500 in tax money is saved each month in each county," Tydlaska said.

He pointed out the saving results because there are no transportation costs, handling of bulk items or storage fees.

Under the new program, participants obtain their identification cards at the Food Stamp office located at 2607 College Avenue. After they are certified by Tydlaska, then the applicants receive their authorization cards from the State Department of Public Welfare in Austin. Then, they go to the Post Office and pick up their stamps which they can use to purchase food at local grocery stores.

Only one other employee assists Tydlaska in handling the food stamp programs for Scurry and Kent Counties. She is Mrs. Billie Morgan, office secretary. They are employed by the State Department of Public Welfare. However, the state pays only 25 per cent of their salary; the other 75 per cent comes from the federal government.

Tydlaska says federal law prevents him from helping applicants fill out their applications. However, he pointed out the RSVF (Retired Citizens Volunteer Program) at Western Texas College has been doing a good job helping applicants with their applications.

"Mrs. Betsy Duncan (director of RSVF) has been doing a wonderful job assisting the applicants," he said.

Under the new program, applicants purchase food stamps and convert the stamps



NEW PROGRAM—J.J. Tydlaska, director, and Mrs. Billie Morgan, office secretary, study the new Food Stamp Program which went into effect here last Thursday. It replaces the old County Commodity program.

into groceries. The amount the stamps cost them depends on the family income. The National Eligibility Standards set the maximum allowable resources at \$183 a month for a family of one, \$287 a month for a family of four and \$379 a month for a family of 12. However, in determining eligibility family bills also are taken into account. How much money is paid into the program also is determined by how much money is spent on utilities, rent, and medical bills. Giving a hypothetical case, Tydlaska said an older citizen who lives alone and draws \$60 a month in social security benefits might have to pay \$5 to receive \$38 worth of food stamps. However, again the

amount paid is dependent on the amount of bills the family has.

The most a family of four would have to pay for \$116 worth of food would be \$62. They could pay any lesser amount of money down to \$0, depending on their income and their bills.

"The purpose of this program is to assist low income families in securing an adequate diet," Tydlaska emphasized.

The program was made possible by the Food Stamp Act of 1964. Households with one or two persons with income of less than \$20 a month and households with three or more persons with income of less than \$10 a month do not pay anything

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