

This Week --



Well, Governor Preston Smith failed miserably in his attempts to lead the recent session of the Legislature. Instead of following his leadership, and passing the package, they followed Lt. Governor Ben Barnes, and passed, almost to the letter, the legislation proposed by Barnes.

Friday night the Governor went on State-wide television and picked the legislative package to pieces, and junked it with his official veto.

Now, he is calling them back into session, late in July, and will try to "push" them into passing his package. It is going to be interesting to watch the developments. A number of the members of the Legislature are predicting that it is going to be a "hot summer" and they were not referring to the weather.

Did you ever see a ghost town? Well that is what Jayton is going to be for three days next week. Most of the businesses will close Thursday night, and not open again until Monday morning. The grocery store and bank will open Saturday. Better put in a stock of supplies.

Typical of June, the beginning of the hot weather, it has been all the subject of conversation the past few days. Sunday night it was in Abilene at 9 p. m. and the temperature at that time was quoted as 99 degrees. It was not hard to believe.

The auction sale held at the school Saturday to dispose of surplus items made a valuable contribution to the Jayton and Glenwood schools went off very well. Some of the items brought very competitive bidding which makes a sale good. Capt. R. N. Pierce is getting the reputation for getting the things together at auction sales.

You Can Get A Loan

If you feel that Uncle Sam neglected you, a member of the middle income class, then you have not heard of the federally insured loans for college students. If your family income does not exceed \$15,000, you may be eligible to borrow up to \$7,500 for your college education and have the interest paid by the federal government while you are in college. You make no payments until you are out of college. If you would like to get any college with assistance from this loan, then you get further information by writing or calling the Scholarship Advisor at your favorite college.

We would like to thank the Department and the men who came to our ski last week and put out the fire. It was very appreciated. John and Cornelia Cheyne

Light Bulb Sale Here Saturday

Saturday, June 28, there will be a light bulb sale by the Stonewall-Kent County Little League. The proceeds will go to provide equipment and trophies for the teams. When the boys call at your home, please buy some bulbs and help a very worthwhile cause.

Kent County Is Included In Area Economy Study

Kent County is one of the 30 areas of the state to be involved in an intensive three-year study of the structure of the economy.

Research assistants from Hardin-Simmons University's Bureau of Economics and Business Research will begin conducting interviews with selected firms at communities in Kent County between now and next fall.

"The study is an input-output analysis," said Dr. Jim Vinson, head of the H-SU bureau. "It is a technical analysis of the interrelationships between industries. It is a statewide accounting system which will illustrate the sources of supplies of Texas industries as well as the total market."

The project is being conducted through the Division of Planning Coordination of the Governor's Office.

Charylene Brantner Is Honored With Bridal Shower

Miss Charylene Brantner, bride-elect of Mr. William Ray Smith, was honored with a Gift Tea, Saturday, June 21, in the home of Mrs. Pearl Murdoch. Table appointments were in the bride's chosen colors, red, white, and blue. More than one hundred and fifty guests called or sent gifts. The guest list included people from Amarillo, Aspermont, Rotan, Haskell, Monahans, Breckenridge, Dimmett, Houston, Girard, Peacock, Lubbock, Abilene and Jayton.

The hostess gift was a Sun-beam Mixer.

I want to thank each one of you for the flowers, cards, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness made the time go by faster. May God bless and reward each of you.

Mrs. J. A. Parks

MARINER ON COURSE
Cape Kennedy, Fla. - Newton W. Cunningham, Mariner program manager for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported course toward Mars' icy south pole and if it continues should pass over August 5.

Granville Smith Is On Honor Roll At Sul Ross

Alpine--More than 300 students are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring Semester of 1969 at Sul Ross State University. Dr. Delbert Dyke, dean of the university, notified 333 students last week of the honor.

Students carrying 16 hours of university work with a B average are listed on the Honor Roll.

Students listed on the Honor Roll by hometowns are: Granville Lee Smith, Jayton.

Stores to Close Friday and Saturday

The Chronicle is informed that the grocery stores will be closed Friday, July 4th, and the following stores will be closed both Friday and Saturday of next week, McAteer's, the Drug Store, the Barber Shop, Hall-Wild Chevrolet, Goodall's, Jayton Supply, Vencil Supply, Long Laundry, and Joiner Department Store. The bank will close Friday only.

A New Electronic Monitoring Device

Coronary heart disease, with its appalling yearly mortality of over half a million persons, ranks as one of the greatest health problems in the United States. Despite advances in medical knowledge regarding the relationships of coronary heart disease to heredity, physical inactivity, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, high blood cholesterol and overweight, no preventive program has yet gained general acceptance. Impressive advances have been made in electronic monitoring and other diagnostic equipment to aid in better treatment for people who have suffered a coronary attack.

Stonewall Memorial Hospital has recently purchased an electronic monitoring device which will take care of two patients at the same time. This machine enables the trained nurses and doctors to continuously observe the patient's heart activity and his pulse rate from the central nursing station, as well as from the bedside. Patients with "suspected" as well as "definite" diagnosis of coronary heart disease should be placed on the monitor. The attachment of the patient to the monitor is even more simple than attaching the patient to the regular electrocardiogram machine. If his condition allows, the patient may even get out of bed and sit in a chair while attached to the monitor.

This machine allows closer nursing and medical observation of the patient. Early cardiac warning signs can be observed on many patients and medications given which will prevent



This week's mystery scene is an old Kent County house, that many Kent County people see every day, but may have trouble recognizing it in this picture. If you think you know where it is call the Jayton Chronicle after 1 p. m. Friday, June 27th. The first person to correctly identify it will get a year's free reading to the Jayton Chronicle. R. N. Pierce was the first to correctly identify the "Old Haglins House" last week. (Chronicle Photo.)

Wedding Plans Are Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Addison Cols, Sr. of Hobbs, N.M., are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Lee, to Mr. Kenneth Leon Ficken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ficken, of Marshall, Oklahoma.

Miss Cols is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Short. She is a 1968 graduate of Jayton High School and has now finished nursing school in Enid, Oklahoma.

Mr. Ficken is a student at Northwestern State College at Alva, Oklahoma.

The couple plans to be married August 1.

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to each and every one that was concerned about me in any way during my surgery and while I was in the Rotan Hospital. To those that sent cards and flowers and those that visited me while in the hospital and since I've been home, I'll always be grateful. Most of all, I thank you for your prayers. May the Lord's richest blessings be yours is my prayer. Thanks again, Woodrow Murdoch

cardiac emergencies. Also purchased was an emergency piece of equipment known as a Defibrillator. This is a heart shock machine.

In certain heart conditions this machine can bring the falling heart beat back to a normal heart beat.

The nursing staff of the hospital has been training for this specialized equipment since the middle of April.

Dr. A. R. Mancille in Aspermong Clinic and Dr. George Neese at Spar Clinic are on the staff at Stonewall Memorial Hospital, Aspermont, Texas. Kent County patrons are cordially invited to visit our hospital and inspect our new Coronary Care Unit.

Do You Recognize It--

Old 1924 Picture Brings Back Memories

By Dolphus Moreland

The picture of Jayton shown as it looked in 1924 brings back fond memories of the long ago to those who remember those days. As the picture shows the Model T was the leading car at that time. A preacher said that more people were going to H--- in a Ford car than any other way. An old lady said that if it takes them there it will bring them back.

At left of picture of course is the Kenady building built by C. S. Kenady and S. R. Lee in 1923. Later Lee sold his interest to Kenady.

The building by it was built at the same time by John Donahoe and was used for some time by the Smart Motor Company who specialized in the Model T Ford.

The building was later remodeled and was used for some time by Glenn Huls to house a drug store. Later Rex Alexander bought Glenn out and ran the drug store until it was destroyed by fire in 1949.

I believe the Jones building now housing the Chronicle was built by J. C. Jones in 1913 or 1914. When the picture was made it was occupied by the Robinson Mercantile Co. The little building by it was Ernest Mayfield's barber shop. It was later removed and the brick picture show building was built and was the social center for Jayton young people for years.

Will Lane, one of Jayton's early druggists, ran a drug store in the next one for many years. Then a man named Favorman ran a grocery store for some time. Very unusual for a Jew as they usually go for dry goods.

It was interesting to hear the Jew talking to his wife in Hebrew especially when he was mad at her.

There was another little building or two when Dr. Alexander's office stood where Rex's

Card of Thanks

The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Brother Tommy Ewing for the beautiful service--each prayer and word of comfort spoken, cards, calls, the food and the lovely floral offerings, for them any kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. May God bless each of you. The family of Mrs. Thomas P. Johnston

The Cowboy Reunion Is Coming Next Week

Mitchell Kidd to Twirling School

Mitchell Kidd from Peacock will attend the 22nd annual McMurry College Band and Twirling School in Abilene, July 23-26.

The band school, directed by Dr. Raymond T. Bunum, McMurry's veteran bandmaster, features two weeks of intensive emphasis on band and individual instruments for college and high school players. The school annually draws hundreds of students from the West Texas-New Mexico area.

Faculty for the band and twirling school includes some of the most outstanding band teachers in the state, people who excel in theory but are also practical bandmen.

Among the faculty are Fred Smith, Brownfield; Tim Jones, Hamlin; Warren Thaxton, Cooper High School, Abilene; Bill Pence, Mann Junior High School, Abilene; Ed George, Lincoln Junior High School, Abilene; Darryl Phillips, Memphis; Willis Giddens, Friona; Kyle Ellison, Graham; Judy Mathis, Roscoe; and Robble Brooks, Clyde.

The drum majoring and twirling faculty will be coordinated by Jerry Tate, Jefferson Junior High School, Abilene.

The students will live in air-conditioned dormitories or off-campus, if it is more convenient. Appropriate social activities and sports, under experience guidance, are arranged for the off hours and evening.

Applications for the band school are still being accepted and may be made to Dr. Bynum, Band Hall, McMurry College, Abilene, Texas.

Secretary of State William F. Rogers has reported the U.S. is ready for secret talks with the enemy on a Vietnam settlement and simultaneous gradual U.S.-North Vietnamese troop withdrawal. He declined to say if talks had begun.

The annual Texas Cowboy Reunion Quarter Horse Show will be held in Stamford, Texas on July 3, 4, and 5, according to Charles Stenholm, Manager of Stamford Electric Cooperative and Chairman of the Quarter Horse Show. Judge for this year's events will be Robert S. (Bob) Johnson of Santa Rosa, N. M. Frank Daws of Throckmorton will assist with the cutting horse events.

Thursday, July 3, will be devoted to open youth activities, beginning at 8:00 a. m. Competition will be in six events, with three age divisions. The divisions are 12 and under, 13-15, and 16-18 years of age. Entry in the open youth show is open to all horses, registered and non-registered. Trophies will be awarded all class winners in each division.

Friday morning, July 4, beginning at 8:00 a. m. the American Quarter Horse Association approved halter classes will be shown.

Friday afternoon, July 4, beginning at 1:30 p. m. the AQHA Registered Youth Activity Show will take place. There will be one age division and entry is limited to registered horses.

Saturday morning, July 5, the AQHA Performance Classes will be judged, beginning at 7:30 a. m. with junior cutting.

Trophies will be awarded to all class winners and champions. Premiums in AQHA Halter and Performance Classes will be made up of the jackpot of 70% of entry fees. No cash awards in Youth Activities will be given.

Stalls will be available for overnight stay.

For complete information, contact Charles Stenholm, Chairman Quarter Horse Show, Texas Cowboy Reunion, Box 1147, Stamford, Texas 79553. Home phone 915-773-5238. Business phone 915-773-3684.

Greer Funeral In Spur Monday

Funeral for Leslie Greer, 76, former Spur resident, were at 2 p. m. Monday at Campbell Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jack DeWitt, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dickens, officiating.

Burial was in Red Mud Cemetery.

Born Jan. 29, 1893, in Robinson County, Mr. Greer died Thursday at his home in San Angelo, where he had lived since 1941. He was a retired cafe cook.

Survivors include one son, Leon of Spur; one daughter, Mrs. Marcell Taylor of La Canada, California; five brothers, Vance of San Angelo, L. A. of Osona, Adrian of Fritz, Belton of Carlsbad, N. M., and Earnest of Mesa, Ariz., and one sister, Mrs. Lois Burkett of Jayton.

Swimming Lessons

If you are interested in swimming lessons, then please come to the swimming pool on Saturday morning at 10 a. m. Classes and time will be assigned. Please be present if you are planning to enroll your child or children.

I want to thank the people who remembered me in any way during the illness and death of my aunt, Mrs. Edna Bennett.

Margaret Hall



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TODAY'S EDITORIAL:

'Booby-Trapped Highways'

A BUSINESS organization calls attention to a menace millions of American motorists unwittingly face as they venture on the highways this Summer. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety refers to what it calls our "booby-trapped highways."

The unfortunate motorist, says the Institute, may suffer fatal injuries through collision with a thick, unyielding I-beam support of a sign which was planted next to a road and designed to stand forever instead of break away on impact. He may be speared by the sharp end of a so-called "guardrail," angled toward oncoming traffic rather than buried in the ground. Or he may be confused by a misleading sign, or no sign at all, and set himself up for a collision with another vehicle.

Booby traps exist on new roads as well as old. Even the zillion-dollar, 41,000-mile Interstate highway system, which has contributed so much to safe driving in other ways, has not escaped the indictment.

A recent study of fatal accidents on sections of the Interstate system reveals that single-vehicle "ran off the road" accidents accounted for 57 per cent of the total fatal accidents. Of those, 78 per cent struck one or more fixed objects. Another study of a State's entire highway system showed that 53 per cent of the fatal accidents involved a single vehicle. Of these, 63 per cent had struck fixed objects.

It may be argued that fixed objects don't kill people; people kill people through reckless, or careless driving. Many do. However,

others are innocent victims of the reckless driver who forces them off the road; of blow-outs, of unexpected skids on faulty surfaces; of poorly planned grades or intersections.

In opening Congressional hearings on the subject, Rep. John A. Blatnik, Minnesota Democrat, said:

"Regardless of the reasons why a driver may leave the paved portion of a high-speed highway, roadside areas should be sufficiently clear of obstructions to give him an opportunity to regain control of his car. He and his passengers should be given a reasonable chance of survival and not be faced with the death penalty for a comparatively minor error."

That is a point that has not been impressed upon the public thinks Dr. William Haddon Jr. He is president of the Insurance Institute and formerly director of the Federal Government's highway safety agencies.

The Institute says there are three factors in the over-all problem: The driver, the car and the highway environment.

Most of the emphasis naturally is on driver-training and auto safety. Both are of tremendous importance. The average person is not too well acquainted with the subject of highway environment and, therefore, is reluctant to discuss it. But evidently there is need for more study, since it contributes significantly to the number of fatalities. No stone should be left unturned in an effort to reduce the traffic toll, properly referred to as "a disgrace to the nation."

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Cattlemen 'Sizzle'

Gray County Agricultural Agent (Reprint from The McLean News - May 15, 1969)

Last week I noticed a front page news story in an area paper that had a pink headline entitled "Meat Prices Up - Housewife Sizzles."

The article was an Associated Press release with a New York date line.

The article had a few selected quotes from housewives across the country about how shocked they were about soaring meat prices. One quote that took my eye was as follows: "The cause of rising prices, according to cattle and retail dealers, is that consumer demand is continuing unabated, so American families are eating their beef and paying DEARLY for it."

At least this was the opinion of the reporter that the consumer was paying dearly for it.

Buried in the next to the last paragraph of the paper on page two the reporter quoted the Department of Agriculture, "Cattle and retail prices are the highest they have been since 1951-52."

Now isn't this just awful that cattle and meat prices are about to get back today to what they were bringing seventeen years ago.

Let me direct a few questions to this uninformed reporter and some of the shocked housewives with whom he interviewed.

Are you shocked when you go down to your car dealers today and he prices you a stripped-down, medium-priced car today for \$2,600.00. The same car in 1952 could have been purchased for about \$1,850.00.

Are you shocked today when your husband pays \$1.75 for a haircut that cost him a one dollar bill in 1952? Are you shocked, Mrs. Housewife, when you go to the local hospital to have your baby and it cost \$30.00 for a private room today that you could have gotten for \$12.00 in 1952?

If your husband was drawing an average wage in the U. S. in 1959 of \$1.53 per hour, are you shocked that he is drawing over \$2.75 per hour today?

Now, Mrs. Housewife, let me tell you about a few folks that are not only shocked but they have been shaken out of an occupation at the rate of thousands annually because of the inflationary trend in which both of you are living.

A farmer is very shocked when he goes down to purchase a tractor today that costs \$5,000.00 when a tractor of similar horsepower could have been purchased in 1945 for \$1,650.00. He really gets shocked when he goes down to sell his wheat at \$1.25 per bushel that he was getting well over \$2.50 a bushel for in 1950.

He has been shaken out of agriculture because the price of the things he has been purchasing have gone up and the things he has to sell has been going down.

Mrs. Housewife, are you aware that it took almost twenty-five percent of your husband's disposable income (Take home pay) to pay for the food your family ate from 1947-1949? Today it takes a little more than seventeen percent. While it cost you \$306.00 per person to buy groceries in 1947-49, it cost you \$484.00 in 1967. Your husband took home an average of \$1,244.00 in 1947-49. In 1967 the average take home pay was \$2,783.00. While the price of food has gone up fifty-eight percent, your husband's take home pay has gone up two hundred nineteen percent. Most of the slight advance in the price of groceries was added because of increased labor cost after the products left the farm.

Mrs. Housewife, if your family was average in 1957, you spent \$265.00 for meat. In 1966 you spent \$331.00. The cattlemen received \$154.00 for his share in the meat you purchased in 1957 and he got \$161.00 for his part in 1966. In other words, the cattlemen received a seven-dollar increase during the nine-year period. The marketing system received \$111.00 in 1957. In 1966 they received \$170.00 or a \$59.00 increase. The much higher wage the packing house worker is drawing today caused a slight price increase in meat.

In 1952 steer prices on the Chicago Stockyard average \$33.18; today average steer prices are about \$32.50.

The average price of all cattle including cull cows, calves, bull stags and finished steers and heifers was \$26.40 on April 15, 1969. If cattle were standing at parity (a figure considered fair in relationship to a long list of things farmers have to buy) they would be bringing \$31.00. This would place choice steer close to \$40.00 per CWT on foot.

To compare it another way, Mrs. Housewife, if the price of a choice steer on foot had gone up as much as your husband's wages since 1952, choice steers in Chicago would be selling for \$52.75. No doubt the price you would be paying for steak would be over \$2.50 per pound.

You live in a county where you spend less of your disposable income for food than any other country in

the world. You spend only seventeen percent for food in the U. S. In England you would spend over thirty. Most European countries over thirty percent. In Russia close to fifty percent. In China you will work two-thirds of the day for a bowl of rice.

One of the big reasons why you have had a slight increase in grocery prices is because of the precooked, ready-to-serve, built-in maid service that you are enjoying in much of the food you are buying today.

We would also like to suggest that you subtract from your grocery bill the hair curlers, the soda pop, the hose, and the thousands of other non-grocery items you buy at your local grocers. It will make you feel better about the price you pay for groceries.

Mrs. Housewife, if you want to make your husband feel better, let him know that in 1935 he could buy only one and one-half pounds of round steak for an hour's labor. In 1965 he could buy two and four-tenths pounds of round steak for an hour's labor. In 1935 only 3.2 pounds of bacon for an hour's labor. In 1935 only 1.3 pounds. He could have purchased ten quarts of milk with an hour's labor in 1965 but only 4.6 quarts in 1935.

Mrs. Housewife, we believe you would be interested in knowing this has been made possible because of the 219 percent increase your husband has enjoyed in increased wages. While the farmer has taken unbelievable cuts in the price of things he has to sell, he too is paying more for all production items he is buying.

This severe economic plight has forced almost one-half of all Texas farmers off the land into crowded cities in the last two decades. This situation is typical across the nation.

The average farmer today works longer hours, farms twice as much land, and produces many more units of production than he ever has. He makes less per unit of production than he ever has. Thus you the housewife, are the prime benefactor of this great economic revolution that has occurred on the farm.

Ed Scott, a resident of the Kent County Nursing Home celebrated his 98th birthday Monday. Mr. Scott is a retired cowboy who worked many years in the Polar area.

Mrs. Wilson Connell of Snyder brought him a beautifully-decorated cake and other friends remembered him with gifts. "Scotty" wants to thank everyone who helped him have a happy birthday.

Pasadena, Calif. -- The Highland Hospital, at 2414 50th Street, Lubbock, has been sold to Beverly Enterprises, National owners/operators of hospital facilities, it was announced by Roy E. Christenson, president.

Included in the transaction was the adjacent medical clinic which has 23,170 square feet and 22 suites for physicians.

Built in 1964 and regarded as one of the most modern and complete facilities in the area, the 51-bed Highland Hospital covers 20,000 square feet of floor space. It has a blood bank, clinical laboratory, emergency room, surgical recovery room, diagnostic X-ray equipment and a medical library. Among its departments are Dietetics, Pathology, Obstetrics, and Medical records.

One of its special features is an audio-visual nurse intercom system which allows patients to be monitored by closed circuit television.

Nelson Morris, Administrator of the hospital, indicated that no changes in personnel are contemplated.

Pasadena-based Beverly Enterprises are management specialists in the health-care field engaged primarily in owning and operating general hospitals and extended care facilities. Operations extend to nine states.

Official says teen-agers all over U.S. use drugs.

Jettiner to Institute service to Canada's Far North.

A white frock with a black belt and a black border around the hem of the skirt is rather smart. The border is about four inches wide and makes the skirt seem even shorter than it is.

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