

## is Week in Jayton



Residents of the community begin the new year of 1970 with a cold blast. As the year goes on, there was much snow on the ground, from the Christmas snow, and several days later, much snow and ice is still in existence.

And then right about the time we get going, the cold weather hits. Well, this will make the sun look good.

The weather, cold as it is, appears as a spring day, because the coldness that hit the Dallas Cowboys for their game. What happened? is what everyone is asking. The Cowboys can play a lot of good ball, but not quite good enough.

The Longhorns played true to form as they came from behind in the Cotton Bowl Thursday to beat a fine Notre Dame team. This makes them without a doubt the No. 1 team in the nation, and Royal the No. 2 coach.

Texas Tech now has a new football coach, along with a new basketball coach. Coach Bass is winning some and losing some in the game of round ball. But his team is making a good showing. The football coaches get on the job just in time to begin the recruiting schedule and all the Raider fans hope he can come up with a fine crop of freshmen for next fall.

A meeting was held this week, by a group of farmers and businessmen to discuss the matter of hail. Just what they can do about it, no one really seems to know.

The holiday season sure makes it rough on us middle-aged people who are fighting the "battle of the bulge" trying to keep the waist line down to reasonable proportions. Just when we had Christmas and New Year behind and I thought the days of rich food were over and we could settle down to meat and beans again, Melba Wildeman, our bookkeeper at the office here, comes in with a big delicious German chocolate cake. But the boys took care of that in a hurry.

## Voters Must Register Again

Kent County Tax Collector, B. J. Stanley, said this week, that voters are urged to go to the tax office and register during the month of January. This includes all people who will vote this year, the 21 year olds, as well as those under and over 60 years of age.

There is no poll tax any more, but you must register

## New License Plan To Be Used in 1970

Texas Automobile drivers will find it different this year in registering their vehicles, Tax Collector B. J. Stanley said this week.

All motorists have been mailed from the Austin office forms to use in registering their vehicles. In the period from Feb. 1 until April 1 they may fill in these forms and take to the tax office, or mail in and ask that the licenses be mailed out.

This will make it much easier and better, according to State officials.

## Court Will Appoint New County Attorney

The Kent County Commissioners Court has received several applicants from licensed attorneys for appointment to the office of County Attorney, a member of the court told the Jayton Chronicle this week.

"We want to screen them carefully and get some one that will keep the office open, and will practice civil law, for the benefit of the people of the county" a member of the court said.

This matter will be discussed at the Monday meeting but an appointment may not be made at that time, he said.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Richards:

Please renew my subscription to the Jayton Chronicle for another two years - (January 1, 1970 thru January 1, 1972).

I enjoy reading the Jayton Chronicle, and look forward to receiving it with the news relating to the people in Jayton (my old home town) and the surrounding communities.

Your comments on your recent visit to New York was a musing - you should have come on out to Connecticut, as over 30,000 daily commuters from this area engage in the human race of survival by working in New York City.

With all good wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season, I remain, Sincerely Yours, (signed) Jimmie (Davis) Hart, Mrs. Jimmie D. Hart (Edward T.) Box 181 Rowayton Station Rowayton, Con. 06853

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in order to vote. This is a law passed by the Texas Legislature.

# Annual Jayton Jaybird Basketball Tournament Now In Progress

The annual Jayton Jaybird basketball tournament is scheduled to get underway in the local gym Thursday.

Eight teams will be competing for the honors. They are, in the girls division, Guthrie, Patton Springs Post, Roby, Coahoma, Matador, Roaring Springs and the home team the Jayton Lady Jays.

In the boys division the same eight teams will be in competition for the honors.

First games get underway with the starting sounding whistle at 2:15 p. m. on Thursday afternoon.

According to the schedule, the Lady Jays are to play Thursday night at 7:15 against Roaring Springs.

This will be followed by the same two teams of

boys to play at 8:30.

If the Jayton girls win their first game, they will play the next game at 7:45 Friday night. If they lose the first game, they will play the next game at 4:00 Friday afternoon.

The boys will play at 9:00 p. m. Friday if they win the first game. If they lose the first game they will play at 5:15 Friday afternoon.

If the girls win the first two games they will play in the finals Saturday at 7:15 p. m.

If the boys win the first two games they will play in the finals for the championship Saturday night at 8:30 to defend the title.

All local fans are urged to attend every game possible.



## Engagement Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron A. Bennett announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Belinda, to Randy Alan Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Arnold of Spur.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Jayton High School and is attending Texas Tech University.

Graduated from Spur High School, the prospective bridegroom is attending South Plains College at Levelland.

## Cold and Ice Storm Covers Much of Area

Jayton was turned into a Winter Wonderland the first of last week. Rain which changed to freezing rain then to sleet, gave the Jayton area its first real taste of winter. Rain began falling around mid-morning Sunday week, and by mid-afternoon, a thick coating of ice formed on trees and utility poles and lines. The rain, sleet, and snow which fell Sunday evening and Monday made the streets and highways very hazardous.

Trees, utility poles and lines were down all over the county from the conglomeration of severe weather, and many of the residents were out of telephone service. Only a few have had town telephone

service and most all of the county have been unable to make contact out of the town.

Highways remained open, but hazardous driving conditions were issued by the Highway Department.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

At this time of the year a great many of the subscriptions to the Chronicle are due.

Please check and renew if your subscription has expired. The expiration date is printed just to the right of your name on the address label, the month and the year. If the date is earlier than January 1970 then your sub has expired. Thank you very much for seeing about this.

## Contract Is Let For Seal Coating of County Roads

AUSTIN -- Contracts for seal coat work on 496 miles of highways in the Abilene district have been awarded by the Texas Highway Commission.

The work will be under the supervision of District Engineer J. C. Roberts, and will be in Callahan, Jones, Taylor, Haskell, Fisher, Stonewall, Baylor, Howard, Kent, Scurry, Mitchell, and Borden counties.

J. H. Strain & Sons, Inc. of Tye was awarded the contract for one project with a

low bid of \$709,242.70. A. L. McKee of Abilene is the Highway Department engineer in charge of the project which will take an estimated 100 working days.

This project includes: SH 70 & US 350 16.4 mi. from Dickens County line to Stonewall County line.

US 350 7.7 miles from SH east of Clairmont to SH 70 south of Jayton.

US 350 6.8 miles from 12 miles east of Garza County line to Clairmont.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harper of Odessa announce the birth of their son, Chad Preston on Saturday, Dec. 27, 1969 at 4:51 p. m., weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Odell Harrison, Jayton, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper of Odessa.

Little Miss Karla Kay Culpepper arrived Dec. 15, 1969 at 7:43 p. m. She weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and is 19 inches long. Her proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rommy Culpepper of New Braunfels. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Culpepper of Garland and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker of Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Hoddick, Jr. of Pasadena are announcing the arrival of little Miss Charlotte Camille Hoddick on Dec. 21, 1969 at 11 a. m. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and is 20 inches tall. Grandparents are Mrs. Clyde M. Hoddick, Sr. of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker of Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cheyne of Abilene announce the arrival of a daughter,

## Wedding Plans Are Told

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. York announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cindy, to Cpl. Jim White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville White of Spur.

Miss York is a 1968 graduate of Jayton, attended South Plains College and is now attending Abilene Commercial College.

Mr. White is a 1964 graduate of Spur and a 1969 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is presently stationed in Fort Benning, Georgia with the United States Army.

The couple plan a March wedding.

## The Student Council Does Well on Game

The Jayton High School Student Council would like to thank the people of Kent County for your support of our Harlem Star Basketball game. The Council's part of the gate was \$120.60. We use our money to pay for the Southern Assemblies and other projects. We will have four assemblies this semester Jan. 27, Feb. 20, March 31, and April 17.

Laura Lynn, Dec. 10, 1969, weighing 9 pounds 6 ounces. The paternal grandmother is Mrs. Velma Cheyne of Jayton.

## Know Your Faculty

By The Jayton High School Journalism Class



While living in Washington, Mrs. Fern Newton, Secretary to Jayton High School Superintendent, Mr. Pierce, graduated from Richland High School in 1956, attended Columbia Basin College of Washington State in 1957, and she met and married Mr. Ralph Newton, Jayton High School Basketball Coach, while he was in the Army, stationed at a base near her home.

Fern, Ralph, and their "pride and joy", Zane, age 9, are active members of the Jayton Baptist Church where Fern teaches Sunday School girls, ages 9-10.

While in High School, Mrs. Newton belonged to the advanced Choir because of her particular interest in music. She also had a keen interest in Secretarial Science, and she was a member of a secretarial club in High School.

During college, Mrs. Newton states "I mainly had a good time although I managed to be an honor student and part of the college Drill Team."

While living in Trent, before coming to Jayton, she worked with the Title I Program in Remedial Reading and as Librarian Assistant for two and one half years.

One other job Fern experienced after High School is that as a secretary for an at-

torney for an oil company, while Mr. Newton attended college.

"I enjoy my position with the school because it feels great to see the magic of learning taking place. Secretarial work is one of the things that has to be exact, yet because of the variety of things to do, one is never bored with the same routine", stated Mrs. Newton.

Fern loves music. She enjoyed snow skiing while in Washington, and she plans to learn to water ski. She likes to sew and is rather fond of camping.

After living in Washington and California, Mrs. Newton prefers a small town and enjoys knowing her neighbors and everyone else. We are proud to say Mrs. Newton is returning for her second year at J. H. S., and we would like to extend a warm hand of friendship to make her welcome.



An only child, reared in Stamford and a 1955 graduate of Stamford High School, Mrs. Gerry Nauert, J. H. S. Secretary in the business office, states that she enjoys secretarial work very much. She had a good business background in High School, and she has never wanted to change from the secretarial position.

After eight years of experience as an insurance secretary and clerk, Mrs. Nauert, mother of Greg, a second grader, and

wife of Ronald Nauert, J. H. S. Science Instructor, is returning for her fourth year at Jayton.

Mrs. Nauert and her family, of which she is very proud, attend the Methodist Church in Jayton. During her spare time, Gerry says she likes to read and to sew.

Gerry says she likes the school system at J. H. S. very much and really prefers Jayton. May we all extend a warm hand of friendship and welcome her to enjoy this year at J. H. S.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Rena Page acknowledge with grateful appreciation each kind deed, for each prayer, the wonderful food and the beautiful flowers. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Mrs. Sue Kelley of Hollywood, N.M., was home visiting among her children and friends this week.

Mrs. Lee Parker Came home Thursday after spending 18 days in New Braunfels and Pasadena helping Ken-Ed Culpepper and Athena Haddick care for their little new sisters.

May I take this means of saying Thanks to all of the good people of Kent Co. for your kindness to me while I was in the hospital.

For every kindness or any good thought you had of me while I was sick I shall be ever grateful.

For the flowers the cards, the visits, the prayers, and your visits, you will never know how much good they were to me.

I shall never be able to repay all of you good people for your kindness, but I only trust the Lord will richly repay and bless you.

GORDON L. HAMILTON

# George Mahon to Visit South Plains Farmers

Farmers and leaders of farm organizations are invited to meet with Congressman George Mahon in Lubbock on Friday, January 9 at 10 a. m. at the Koko Palace for a general talk

session concerning farm problems. The present farm program expires at the end of this year and Mahon wishes to get the views of the people and report to them in regard to

the prospects for farm legislation at the forthcoming session of Congress.

Mahon said that farm legislation which is expected to be enacted this year will have

a vital impact on the economy of the area, affecting both farmers and non-farmers.

Mahon expressed deep concern over the difficulties involved in securing the passage

of suitable farm legislation, pointing out that most members of Congress represent urban areas and are becoming increasingly unsympathetic toward the problems



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FOR COUNTY TREASURER  
F. O. (Ozell) Harrison  
(Re-Election)

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Prec. No. 2  
Garth Gregory  
C. C. (Cliff) Scott

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Prec. No. 4  
Donnie Carter

Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Spradling and children from Poplarville were holiday visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Spradling.

CHIROPRACTOR  
Spur, Texas

Leave your clothes at Jayton Supply and Furniture for Dry Cleaning for Fred Hyman.

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Tom Hammett  
Phone 284-2256

## GIRARD POT-SHOTS

Two inches more of snow on the ground in the old home town and icicles hanging from the trees on the 10th day of Dec. Quite a contrast to the beautiful weather we had in late November.

Such a nice Christmas at our house. In addition to the stars and trees, we also received a 40 inch "catch-cope" a pair of boots and a large Confederate flag. The flag a gift from a couple of the grand kids who said the gift was rather "fitting". Anyway we can go back to "catch-cope" and "flag waving".

The rank and file of the American people are really fed up with politicians and Civil Rights leaders who advocate moving the goalposts in your back yard—that is as long as it is in their back yard.

This heinous crime in jail in California charged with the brutal slaying or at least involved in the killings of several persons and who needs a job of some sort has been granted more privilege in the construction of his own defense, a telephone set up in his cell along with typewriter, law books, etc. Pretty sure our Courts will be awarding the "Purple Heart" for murder and homicide.

## PLAIN TALK

What would you call America's most priceless asset? Surely, not its limitless natural resources, not its matchless national wealth, not its unequalled store of gold, not its giant factories, not its surpassing railroads, not its unprecedented volume of cheap power. Is not its most priceless asset the character of its people, with their inexhaustible energy, their boundless courage, their indomitable self-confidence, their transcendent vision, their sleepless initiative, and, perhaps above all, their inherent irrepressible optimism?

The British are famed for their tenacity, their grim faculty of purpose, their stoicism under adversity. But Americans meet adversity, not with dour determination, but with lightheartedness, with a smile on their face, and a pun on their tongue. "Tomorrow will be a better day"; "You can't hold a good man down"; "Smilin' through." That's our national spirit. Gloom may last for a night, but optimism returns in the morning.

**Handwriting Revamped**  
The lawyer, Robert O'Brien, while writing a thoughtful and documented article on handwriting for the Saturday Review, decided to see what he could do about improving his own handwriting. In a few days he had a phone call from his bank. "I think we've got a forgery," the manager said. "Can you come in?" O'Brien drove down, looked at the check. It was his new signature. The difference between it and his old signature was that the new one could be read. Nearly all of us could improve our handwriting, O'Brien believes, but holds it is a mistake to improve it all at once. Work on a letter at a time, he suggests.

And another word on the subject of illegibility in handwriting comes from Thomas Bailey Aldrich, who once wrote to a friend: "It was very pleasant to me to get a letter from you the other day. Perhaps I should have found it pleasanter if I had been able to decipher it. There's a singular and a perpetual charm in a letter of yours; it never grows old, never loses its novelty... other letters are read and thrown away and forgotten, but yours are kept forever, unread."

The most unproductive, empty, fruitless fellow in the world is the man with a barren heart. Happiness can never reach him, for nothing good and lasting can lodge in his heart. It is said as a brilliant ball. Contrast this man with his barren heart with the human that plays the game of life fairly and honestly and is willing to make others happy by his own sacrifices.  
— F. D. Van Amburgh

See in the paper where Worthworth Business Barbara Hutton is staying in a San Francisco Hotel in a suite of rooms that is costing her \$2500 per day and in addition she has three turkeys around the clock. The old gal has only been married seven or wonder she is on the list at the age of 57. There is something seriously wrong in this world and when one old sister can pay twenty-five thousand for a ten day stay in a hotel and over half of the population of the world go to bed hungry.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson visited their daughter and family; the Don Spradling in Wadsworthville and the Gerald Boland in Houston during the holidays.

The Tom Hamiltons had several children and grandchildren home during Christmas holidays.

Holiday visitors in the George Darden home over the holidays were Mrs. Tom Cooper and family from Spur, the George Darden Jr. from Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Peterson from Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Decker and children from Pine Bluff, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cox and two daughters from Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson from Baton Rouge, Mrs. Ben O'Connell and children from Lubbock and Wadsworth, M. A. Darden of Girard.

Kent County grandparents just you forget, Jan. 10th at the Girard Community Center is the first meeting for 1970 and there will be a Chili supper and plenty of domino games. Remember back when you used to dance to the 8th of January?

Donnie McDaniell from the state of Montana is spending the winter in the home of his sister, Mrs. Glia Boyce, and son Clifford in Girard.

Gerry Dyer of Lubbock was a holiday visitor in the home of his mother, Mrs. Maxine Dyer of Girard.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Skewer spent the Christmas holidays in



"Geezy, do you remember that attitude test you took last summer?"

Houston with son and family the Senior Shermans.

Charles Carr has been home for several days during the holidays—he has been employed for several months out in the Gulf near Corpus Christi on oil rigs.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Burrow had several of their children and grandchildren with them over the holidays.

The H. H. Hamiltons had some of their children and grandchildren home for Christ-

Mrs. Tom Darden and son, Wren and the A. C. Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morgan in Roscoe last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Simmons visited her parents, the Earl Dardens in DeLeon during the Christmas holidays.

The George Dardens attended funeral services for R. L. Miles in McCaskey Baptist Church last Monday. Mr. Miles is a brother of Mrs. Darden. He died Sunday morning in the Forts hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson from New Orleans, La. visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruth Spradling last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Crabtree were luncheon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth Hodges last Sunday.

Mrs. Oretta Stephens and Mrs. Mike Swearingen and their daughters were hostesses for a party for Ronnie Goss who was home from the Service in the community center on the night of last week.

That's about it for the Free State of Kent this week.

"It all began with a savings account at

## KENT COUNTY STATE BANK

## Attend The Church of Your Choice source of beauty

When we look upon the grandeur of nature—when we gaze with awe at a masterpiece of art—when we are thrilled with the sounds of great music—then we often wonder about the source of all this beauty. Undoubtedly, our energy and ability is God. It is He who is the real source of beauty in our culture. Human spirits, touched with divine inspiration have given the world treasures untold.

Consider Da Vinci's The Last Supper. Consider Handel's Messiah. Consider the marvelous literature of the Holy Bible. Truly some of the very finest of man's creations have come as the result of an awareness of God.

Indeed today our culture continues to be enriched by the expression of man's faith in the Eternal. Our churches bring us faith in God which is still a vital source of inspiration and beauty. Let the church enrich your life. Attend this Sunday and every Sunday.

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McAteer's Dept. Store      Kent Co. Rest Home  
 Kent Co. State Bank      Bill Williams Service & Supply      Farmers Gin  
 The Teen Scene      Jayton Supply & Furniture      Lula's Beauty Shop  
 Hall-Wild Chevrolet      Cheyne Welding Shop      Goodall Ford Sales  
 Girard Farm Supply      Thos. Fowler Ins. Agency      Jayton Flower & Gift  
 Charlie Kimmel      Spot Grocery      Odell and Laverne Harrison  
 Vencil Lumber & Supply      Jayton Chronicle  
 R. Edward Hall Mobil Sta.      Mr. & Mrs. Bobbie T. Gallagher



# Jayton Bandsmen Will Compete For Region Band

Four students of Jayton High School will try out for the all-region band Saturday, Jan. 10. They are Lajuana Hamilton, Jack Williams, John Charles Davis and Mike Rice. They will go to Haskell this Saturday to compete against several hundred other students from Region II (two) which includes schools of all classes from Wichita Falls to San Angelo.

Keith Bearden, local band director will accompany the students to Haskell. A few

weeks ago the same four students went to Abilene to try out for the All-District Band. All four made the band. By doing this, they were eligible to try out for the Regional Band.

Lajuana plays flute, Jack the cornet, John Charles the Contra-Bass Clarinet, and Mike the Baritone.

"We wish these students much luck and success in these tryouts", Bearden said Tuesday.

### NURSING HOME THANKS

The residents of the Kent County Nursing Home wish to thank the many people who remembered them during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

The following people were very kind and thoughtful: The WMS of the First Baptist Church, Jayton, who brought pumpkin pies; Mrs. Joe Gilmore brought cookies and a Candy Cane Tree; H. H. Hamilton of Girard brought oranges; the Cub Scouts and Brownies from Spur visited and sang carols; Mr. Otha Smith and family of Dumont brought candy; the young people from the Assembly of God Church, Jayton, visited and sang carols; Mrs. Chenaunt from Aspermont brought candy; the Mary Martha Sunday School from First Baptist Church, Aspermont brought fruits and cookies; the WMS of First Baptist Church in Aspermont sent Christmas stockings.

Also Mrs. Healer and Mrs. Meador brought rags; Mrs. Ruby Booth brought candy and plastic bags; Mrs. Sam Johnson brought aprons; Mr. Will Bardner brought candy, cookies and fruit; Mr. Cliff Haines of Abilene brought candy; Mr. Ollie

Bural of Girard brought apples; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lewis of El Paso brought a cake; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Williams brought candy.

Mrs. Carrie Booth of Spur brought a cake; the ladies of the Eastern Star, Spur, brought individual gifts for each person; the 4-H girls from Spur brought cookies and candy and sang carols; the Primary Department of the First Baptist Church, Jayton, visited and sang songs; Mr. Keith Bearden brought the first and second grades of the Jayton School to sing.

We thank Mike Owen for being Santa Claus at the Christmas tree and for distributing the bags of fruit which were given by the churches of Jayton. We also thank Ray Smith as Santa Claus who came with Odell Harrison and Frank Chisum and gave fruit.

Mrs. Duncan and a group of girls from Aspermont visited and brought cake and candy.

We want to thank Jean Westfall of Spur who makes monthly visits to cut hair for the patients, and Lajuana Hamilton who comes each Wednesday night and plays the piano for thirty minutes.

Each visit, card, gift, deed or thought of kindness is sincerely appreciated.

Pike Nichols and Staff

Mr. and Mrs. George Branch and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brantner attended the funeral of Eugene Wesley Mabey, 74, in Lubbock Monday. He was the brother-in-law of Mrs. Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sandell, Jr. of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sandell III and daughter, Robyn of Austin, Frank Sandell and Eddie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill, Rickey, Dibia, and Mark of Fort Worth, Hearn Hill of Houston, Frank Skinner of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Worth, Jan and Carol of Bowie spent the holiday season with Mrs. M. S. Sandell and Hattie North.

Mrs. Alice Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sanders is ill and is in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

### Act of Faith

A veteran stage star was asked to entertain at a large dinner party one evening. A ripple of excitement ran through the crowd of prominent and important guests as the great actor rose to speak. He chose the 23rd Psalm, and recited two verses before the audience realized they were in the presence of a master performer. He finished the recitation in a thunder of applause, and the crowd gave him a standing ovation as he walked to his seat.

The next speaker was an elderly white-haired man, bowed and worn by long years of patient labor as a missionary. "I, too, would like to recite the Shepherd's Psalm," he said quietly. Then, turning his face upward a little, and closing his eyes, he began. . . . When he was through, all was quiet. No one said a word. There was no applause. But there was not a dry eye in the room. . . .

Afterward, a man approached the great actor. "I don't understand," he said. "You both said the same thing. Your presentation was perfect in every way. Yet, when he spoke in his halting, imperfect manner, people were moved too deeply for words. What made the difference?" "I think I have the answer," replied the actor. "I know the 23rd Psalm, I know it well. But he knows the Shepherd!" —Cable Call

If a man was to compare the effect of a single stroke of the pick-ax, or of one impression of the spade with the general design and last result, he would be overwhelmed by the sense of their disproportion; yet those petty operations, incessantly continued, in time surmount the greatest difficulties, and mountains are levelled, and oceans bounded, by the slender force of human beings.

—SAMUEL JOHNSON

# From the State Capitol

Lagging voter registration may spell bad news for Democratic officials, according to no less an authority than U. S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough.

Yarborough called a news conference in the Statehouse the day after the State Republican Chairman William Steger of Tyler announced Texas GOP's plan to field strong candidates for both senator and governor this year.

Steger cited a poll as the basis of Republican hopes, but Yarborough said registration statistics, not polls, are the real cause for Democrats to be wary. He said 80 per cent of Republican strength already has registered in such large counties as Harris, Dallas and Midland, while the sign-up is poor in traditional Democratic strongholds.

On that same day, Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr urged all eligible adult Texans to exercise their constitutional rights by registering. Dies is the state's chief election officer. January 31 is the registration deadline. Dies issued these reminders:

Any citizen 21 years of age or older on the day of an election, who has been a resident of the state for at least one year and a resident of his home county for six months immediately preceding the election, is qualified to register for voting.

Eligible persons may register by personal appearance at the main office, branch office or authorized substitution of the home county tax assessor-collector. Written applications may also be made to the tax assessor-collector.

The husband, wife, mother, father, son or daughter may act as his agent in registering if the agent is a qualified voter.

A person who moves to Texas after October 1 may register during the regular period or afterward but must have been registered for 30 days before voting.

Any person who will meet qualifications before Feb. 28, 1971, may register during the regular period. Those who will become 21 after January 31 may register during the regular period afterward.

**CRIME FIGHT**—Department of Public Safety Director Wilson Speir persuaded the Criminal Justice Council to provide \$864,638 to enlarge the DPS training academy at Austin. This, subject to availability of funds.

Colonel Speir said the proposed construction and renovation would expand the student capacity of the facility from 181 to 301. Also, space would be made available for the council's proposed Texas Crime Information Center, a bank of computers and Teletypes linked with DPS offices around the state.

Council also voted to consider changing its name at the next meeting. Acting Chairman Harold Dudley said Gov. Preston Smith favors the title "Texas Justice Council" eliminating the word "criminal".

Among the eight local projects given council approval was a rehabilitation program for the El Paso County Jail. Project will involve counseling and job training program, starting with a cooking and baking school.

**AIR POLLUTION**—Texas Air Control Board will set up a regional office in Houston within the next three months. But the state board does not intend to duplicate any pollution control services offered by Harris County, the City of Houston or other local agencies.

Executive Secretary Charles Barden said the Air Control Board has been planning a regional office in Houston for a long time, but a request had just come in from the city. Regional offices already have been established in Corpus Christi, Tyler, Fort Worth and Lubbock.

**COURTS SPEAK**—Texas Supreme Court held in Houston must turn over to Harris County hospital district \$1.4 million in pension funds contributed by and for the Ben Taub and Jefferson Davis hospital employees.

Court ordered new trial in controversy over the ownership of \$10 million 21 Turtle Creek Square apartments in Dallas.

Hall County man failed to convince high court his loss of sight was caused by cotton gin accident.

Oral arguments were set for January 20 in Jefferson County man's injury suit against Hudson Oil and Gas Corporation arising from a gas line blow-

**ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES**—Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin says in an opinion that County and District Clerks must issue, without cost, as many copies of certified documents as is necessary to make claims for veterans benefits from the United States Government.

In other opinions Martin concluded that Railroad Commission has authority to prescribe safety standards for transportation of gas and gas pipeline facilities owned by a city and the attorney general is authorized to enforce them.

Provisions of Texas Engineering Practice Act are not applicable to Department of Health in establishing standards for design of hospitals and related institutions. Designs for structure larger than those specified in the act do not have to bear the seal of

a registered professional engineer if the design is exempt.

State Health Department is obligated to pay half the salary of a pilot for a plane jointly used with the Department of Public Welfare.

Use of a horn, recording or other device to call or attract wild foxes in Shelby, Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine, Falls or Leon Counties is illegal. **AGRICULTURE**—Farm production in Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma for 1969 probably will fall a little short of last year's levels. So reports the 11th Federal Reserve District.



**YOU BE THE JUDGE**  
BY J. M. RANKIN

### INVEST IN LEARNING

With apologies for missing deadline by five some 60 years ago, my late father called the four oldest children of his family together, gave each of us a ten dollar bill and told us to go to college. He hauled us to Georgetown where we bought tickets at a dollar and a quarter each and we went to San Marcos. The school then was called Southwest Texas Normal School, meaning a school for training future teachers. When Young Lyndon Johnson graduated from the same school it was named Southwest Texas Teachers College, it has been named again and it is now Southwest Texas State College or is it University? and it still aims primarily at training future teachers. It is there that President Johnson this week signed the \$2.6 billion Higher Education Bill.

As Lincoln said, "It is altogether fitting and proper" that the effectuation of that education I act should be done in that place and during this week set aside for observance of National Education week. It is also "fitting and proper" that in our community there should be worthy observance of the week as we call attention to the present and future education of our young people. The Future Teachers of America in this school are to be complimented and commended for their program of observance under the guidance and encouragement of faculty advisers.

The Higher Education Bill, signed this week is an indication of the strong desire of the people of the United States to Invest in Learning. It was drawn up and presented by Congress and made effective by the signature of that former Texas School Teacher in the White House.

The American people have advocated and invested in Learning since the arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers. In 1836 the colonists in Eastern Texas were moved to a Declaration of Independence from Mexico. One of their chief charges against Mexico was: "She has failed to establish any system of public education, although possessed of almost boundless resources (public domain), and although it is an axiom of political science that, unless the people are educated and enlightened it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty, or the capacity for self-government."

After gaining independence from Mexico, the existence of these "almost boundless resources" encouraged the Government of the Republic of Texas to begin Investing in Learning and the third President of the Republic, Mirabeau B. Lamar who has been called the Father of Texas Education said in his Inaugural Address the famous words that have become a part of Texas Tradition: "The Educated mind is the guardian genius of Democracy." Under the leadership of President Lamar, the Texas Congress set aside three leagues of land for each county's school fund and fifty leagues each for two universities. Thus Texas began investing in Learning from the beginning.

This investment has been cherished to this day and it has grown. Each year the schools of this county receive some income from the permanent school fund which was built up by the sale of those lands set aside nearly a hundred and thirty years ago. Certainly the few dollars our county receives each year from the Permanent School Fund do not go far toward meeting the high costs for everything we need, and so the Texas Legislature appropriated huge sums each biennium for support of the public schools. It is notable that more than forty percent of the State budget goes annually for education. It is also notable that this year more than fifty percent of the National budget goes for Defense.

Last week, Edd McLaughlin, Texas Tech Board of Regents Member, and I had cast absentee ballots in the election held Tuesday and gone to Northern New Mexico on what you might call "sight seeing." We couldn't get radio reports there of the election results, and only learned what happened when we got to Dalhart at noon Wednesday. We were elated to learn of the splendid majority the voters had given to the amendment which will provide funds for building the desperately needed buildings for our institutions of higher learning. Regent Edd Whapped himself across three counties with his hat

in his relief at the Investment in Learning the people of Texas had authorized that day.

The generosity or parsimony of the Federal or State government is not the final measure of the investment in learning for any community. In the words of Governor John Connally, "There must be a desire for excellence in Education." And there must be a willingness to pay the costs in every community.

With the billions allocated and distributed by the United States we could not build and operate schools, nor with the millions sent us by the Texas legislature unless the communities—the individual taxpayers are willing to Invest in Learning. The Amendment adopted last Tuesday marked the acceptance of the taxpayers for the responsibility to Invest in Learning in our institutions of higher learning. The hundreds of bond issues voted every year in Texas prove the desire and determination of Texans to Invest in Learning. The taxpayers of the South Plains are not absent from that number.

Not every school has all the physical equipment it could desire and admire, and none has all the contractors would be happy to deliver—for a price. The buildings, new and being built around us testify that the people—the taxpayers are Investing in Learning.

No one of you, I am sure, thinks that Federal money comes to our school from a machine in Washington that grinds it out. The money must go from here first and be sent back; nor does the State of Texas get money from some magic machine, it goes to Austin from the taxpayers here. And you should know that the greater part of the money that goes to build and maintain and pay teachers and other personnel comes from the taxpayers in this home community of ours. That is our Investment in Learning.

Forty-five years ago I began teaching in this school, and I have been prejudiced in favor of it ever since. The young people of this school have used well the opportunities here offered for Investment in Learning. They have applied themselves with diligence and devotion and gone out, most of them away from here, to make a life and to make a living.

I have noted with immense pride and satisfaction in this troubled year the ugly incidents we read of almost daily of stupid and unworthy demonstrations against our government and against civilization itself have not found encouragement nor participation in our school. For that I commend you and I congratulate the people who have supported the schools with their Investment in Learning. The return on their investment has been abundantly rich.

There are approximately a thousand veterans in Crosby County, that's about one tenth of the population, who are recorded in my files as veterans of military service. Just as they all did at induction, I myself took that solemn oath to "Uphold and Defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and to obey the lawful orders of my superiors even to the laying down of my life." And I have never renounced that oath, nor heard of any of that thousand who has.

I like this community, this country, this America I think it is the finest place on earth to live and that we have the best government on earth. And I am sure that our Investment in Learning will be richly rewarding forever.

### THE EXCEPTIONAL DROP-OUT!!!



Every year thousands of students drop out of school, most knowing full well that more emphasis has been put on education today than at any other period in our history.

In fact, the National School of Home Study reports that more than 3/4 million students will drop out of school this year—each one thinking that he is the exception, the one who can beat the odds.

With nearly 4 million eighteen-year-olds entering the job market each year, improved methods of production, and replacement of manpower by computer power, the drop-out faces an ever-increasing need for more education. For every drop-out who proves to be "The Exception," hundreds of thousands of Americans are faced with mediocrity in earning power, living standards and future potential.

No country in the world offers so much education at so little cost, says National, but we have the highest number of unemployed people. Today millions of Americans do not possess a high school diploma.

National School of Home Study, chartered in 1954 for the purpose of providing fine education by correspondence in academic and technical subject areas, offers hope to thousands of these persons every year.

Its primary objective is to help its students "Discover the World" by achieving a better standard of living. To accomplish this the school specializes in high school education and career training. Its diverse programs are designed by educators not only to prepare students for high school equivalency diplomas but to give vocational training beyond high school. Courses ranging from bookkeeping and secretarial studies to electronics and data processing are included in the curriculum and new courses are constantly being added.

The School's headquarters are at 225 Park Avenue South in New York City, which also houses Educational Sciences Programs, the parent company and Deleahanty Institute, another subsidiary. From there, the students are serviced with books, kits, exams, grading, general correspondence, letters of encouragement and everything needed for sound schooling.

Says the National School, there is almost no place in our economy for the job seeker who lacks a high school diploma. While this may not be fair in the social sense it is sound economics.

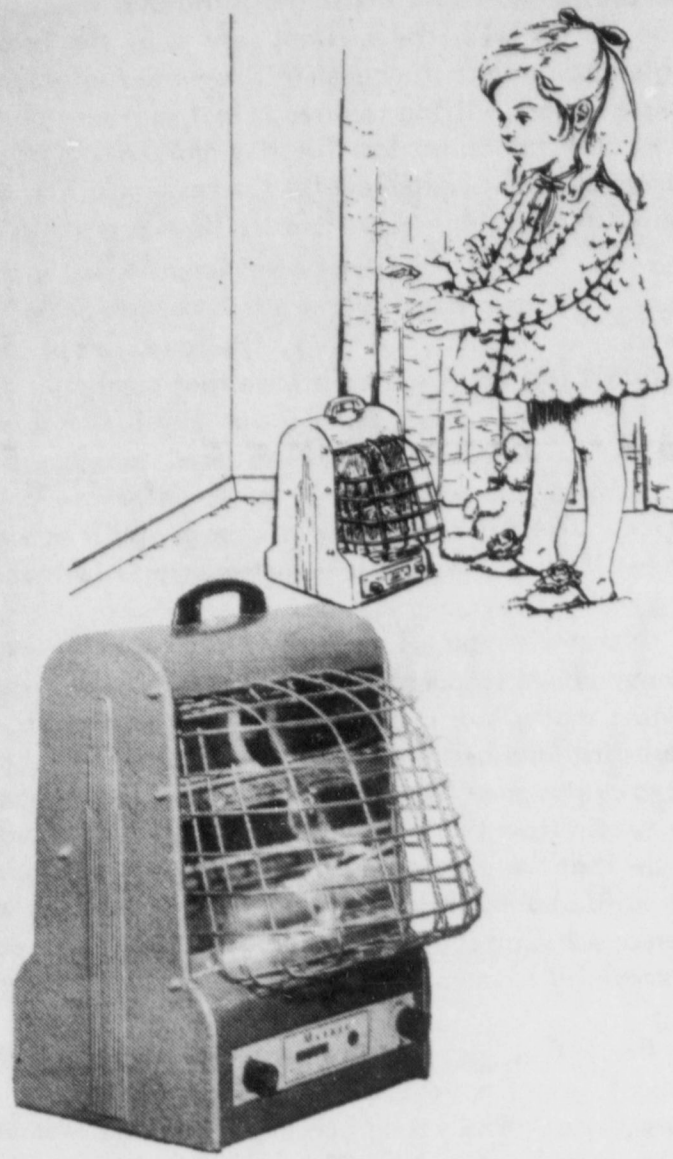
Thousands of youngsters who have dropped out at an age when they failed to realize the far-reaching implications of that decision are finding this out every day. National School offers these people a second chance to get their first chance!



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**Local and Personal**

Mrs. Mary Cade, mother of Faye Alexander, has returned to her home in Dallas after spending the Christmas holidays here.

Weldon Carriker of Houston was here to visit with Conrad, Bennie and Kathryn over the Christmas holidays.

Earl Hall was home to visit with his family, relatives and friends over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Morton and Brett Wayne are spending the week with her parents, the Bearl Murdochs.

Carolyn Davenport and Bobby have been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Nadene Adams.

Mrs. M. S. Sandell is in the Rotan Hospital with double pneumonia. At this writing she is reported to be resting very well.

Alice Young is in Rotan Hospital receiving medical treatment.

The Toby Mortons are moving from Alpine to Snyder where he will start teaching there.

Graveside services were held Monday in Jayton for Willie Haggard of Brownfield, brother of G. H. Haggard of Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller and family of Dallas, Mr and Mrs Ken Rice and family and Mrs. Connie Anderson and family of Abilene visited in the home of the Jack Williams over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson East visited their son, Mr and Mrs. Jack R. East in Eulass, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cheyne and Willie spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodall of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Cheyne had to take their little girl, Myran back to Callan Hospital Friday evening of last week.

Mrs. John Allen Kelley has been in the Lubbock Hospital, is now home feeling much better.

Mrs. Nadene Adams visited a daughter of hers for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meador had their son and daughter-in-law visit them Christmas Day.

Mrs. Pearl Shaffer was in the office Tuesday to renew her subscription to the Chronicle for another year. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. Oia Parks for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kidd and Parker spent Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. Sally Parker at Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and Earl spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Fitts of Peacock.

Mrs. Travis Smith spent Christmas in Lubbock with the Robert Bybees.

Mr. and Mrs. George Branch had their children Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oliver and family of Amarillo, Mr and Mrs. Jimmy Matthews and girls of Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brantner and Beckey of Jayton visiting them Christmas.

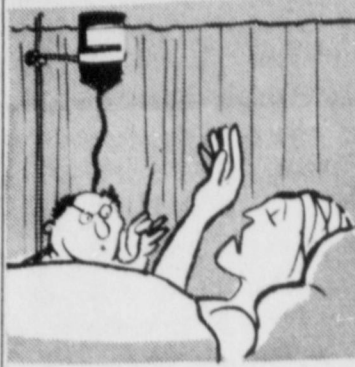
Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Fitts and Donnie of Peacock has as guest in their home Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Petterson of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Graham of Aspermont, Mrs. Clyde Trammer and family of Aspermont, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. LeMond and Neil of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Graham, Lubbock Robert Edward Bybee of Lubbock and Lyda Boyd of Ropesville.

**THE FAMILY LAWYER**

**Compulsory Blood Transfusion?**

May a person refuse a blood transfusion on which his very life depends? May the law force him to submit? These grim questions, testing the vitals of freedom, law, and morality, have already confronted a number of our courts.

To begin with, this is not the same as the problem of suicide (which some states still consider a crime). Here, the person is not claiming a right to take his life. He is merely claiming the right to refuse a life-saving transfusion, usually on grounds of religious freedom.



But religious freedom, as guaranteed by the Constitution, is not without limits. Although the state must not interfere with a person's religious beliefs, it may indeed interfere with his religious practices if they are sufficiently harmful.

On this basis, one court did order a compulsory blood transfusion for the dying mother of an infant. The court said her act of refusing the blood, in these circumstances, was an act of irresponsibility toward the child.

"The state will not allow a parent to abandon a child," said the court, "so it should not allow this most ultimate of abandonments."

Another justification for a compulsory transfusion may be that the patient is too far gone to make a rational decision. In one such case, the judge said it was part of a hospital's duty to take the initiative when the patient was no longer competent to decide for himself.

But in a third case, the court faced a different set of facts. This time, the dying man had no dependent children to leave behind. Furthermore, he was in full control of his faculties. In this situation, the court refused to order a transfusion that the man did not want. The judge commented:

"It is the individual who is the subject of a medical decision who has the final say."

Were these decisions right or wrong? They have been debated passionately by legal authorities, who have reached sharply differing conclusions. But that isn't surprising. On such momentous issues, unanimity would be too much to expect.

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Holiday visitors in the Lee Parker home include Tod and Karin Power of Centerton, Ark. Paula Holmes of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meixner, and Mechelle and Andy of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Driggers of Spur and Ken and Karla Neeley of Amarillo.

Lee and David Parker attended the Neeley reunion in the home of J. T. Holmes in Clyde, Sunday, Dec. 28.

IN NEW YORK  
Donny Richards is visiting in New York City this week with his brother, Charles Richards, and family.

**Crosbyton Man Named To Post**

Truett Mayes, a Crosbyton resident, has been appointed regional service officer on the staff of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG). The announcement was by H. Alden Deyo, executive director of SPAG, Lubbock.

Mayes' primary responsibility will be maintaining liaison with the region's governments. He will provide them with information regarding SPAG, state and federal government activities and programs while providing assistance in finding solutions to their problems.

For the last 12 years, Mayes has held an interest in a well servicing and equipment company. He was the "Outstanding Citizen" of Crosbyton in 1960, and received the Andrew Carnegie Award. For four years he was on the City Council.

KING - D. D. Strange, of Wichita Falls, has scheduled two projects in the Reutinger (upper Tannehill) field of King County, approximately 1 1/2 miles southeast of Guthrie.

The drillsite for No. 6-A Alexander Estate is 1,284 feet from south and 1,054 feet from east lines of Section 32, Block F, H&TC survey. It is projected to 3,200 feet.

The No. 4-B Alexander Estate spots 1,183 feet from south and 1,714 feet from east lines of Section 32, Block F, H&TC survey and is contracted to 3,100 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph East of Austin were visiting her mother in Spur over the holidays. Mrs. Jackson East visited them while they were in Spur.

Mrs. Oia Parks was operated on Monday at Rotan Hospital. At this writing she is reported to be doing fine.

Junior Alvarado of Clairemont, who was in a car wreck about four miles north of Jayton in the Rotan Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Long and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker visited Mrs. M. S. Sandell in the Rotan Hospital last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Murdoch was visiting his mother, Mrs. Oia Parks, in the Rotan Hospital Sunday.

Tammie and Sonny Hall of Arlington spent the days here with their father, Marvin Gene.

Mickey Alexander and Pat Ball returned to Angelo, Sunday after spending the holidays with Faye and Rex.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith returned to San Angelo, Sunday after spending the holidays with their parents.

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**Area's Teachers Support TSTA**

Lubbock area teachers, participating in a record-breaking membership total of over 125,000 members statewide, are almost 100 per cent in joining the Texas State Teachers Association. Mrs. Inez Moore of Lubbock, membership chairman for TSTA District XVII, report membership of over 99 per cent, or only six out of about 4,500 area teachers who are not members. In a late December membership report, L. P. Sturgeon of Austin, TSTA executive secretary, said the group's membership had exceeded its 1969-70 goal and may reach 127,000 before books for the current year are closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck McCurry and Kenneth visited their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Burrow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Templin in Abilene over the Christmas holidays.