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Local News In Brief

Bill Murphy and family of Snyder, Howard Murphy and family of Fort Worth and Barnes Ketchens and family of Clyde visited their parents, Pierce Murphy and wife, during the holidays.

A. L. Clark of Everetts, Washington is visiting his parents, Wade Clark and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Williams of Houston, Miss Clara Hutchins of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Loving of Grandbury were guests of their sister, Mrs. C. G. Stubblefield, and Mr. Stubblefield during the Christmas holidays, and they attended Open House for the family at the home of their brother, M. D. Hutchins, and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gilbert in Breckenridge. Then they spent Christmas Day with the Lovings in Grandbury.

W. M. McMillan and wife of Gorman visited O. Stone and wife New Years Day.

Rayneal Baze and family of Ranger visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Black, and other relatives here Sunday.

J. O. Butler and wife of Feymour attended the funeral of Mrs. Florence Jay in Gorman Tuesday and visited here with his brother and sister, M. R. Butler and family and Mrs. Georgia Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gooch of Corsicana and Sack Gilbert of Dallas visited their father, H. P. and Mrs. Gilbert during the holidays. On Christmas Day they all went to Hondo to spend the day with George Gilbert and family, Mrs. Gilbert stopping at San Marcos where she visited her niece, Mrs. C. H. Eakin and children.

Mrs. W. C. Couch has returned home after an extended visit with her children in South and East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Stoe enjoyed a Pre-Christmas visit with their son, Capt. J. Sam Stone, in Wichita Falls who flew there from Bellemeille, Ill. where he is stationed with the Army.

from his attending the funeral of Mrs. Florence Jay in Gorman. Mrs. Henry Montgomery, H. R. Gilbert and wife, Mrs. W. S. Maxwell.

Lee Clark and wife of Rising Star were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Clark.

Wade White and wife have returned home after an extended visit with their children in Odessa.

B. L. Leathers and family of Vernal, Utah visited her sister, Mrs. Travis Spence, and family during the holidays.

O. Stone and wife spent a White Christmas in Ruidoso, N. M. with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ireland and Janice, from Lubbock and other relatives from Fort Worth and Odessa.

Jack Brown and family of Midland visited over the week end with their parents, Arthur Brown and wife and Leaster Vaughn and wife.

Athel Cleburne and family of Trent, Abilene and wife of Fredricksbury and Harry C. Holland and family of E. Pasco spent the New Year holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wall.

W. P. Love and family of Beard and Beatrice Vaudin and family of Fort Worth visited A. S. Jackson and family during the holidays.

Maurice Sherrell and family of Mesquite spent Christmas with his parents, S. S. Sherrell and wife.

B. W. Wyatt and family visited relatives in Fort Worth during the holidays.

Mrs. Mamie Clement of Houston visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Eteil Boussekwy and children of Weatherford visited Mrs. Matt Wilson last Thursday.

Dial Telephone Rates For 1957

The De Leon Telephone Company Inc. informs us that Carbon is to be cut over to Dial Telephones some time this year, 1957. The company now has its building and equipment, with details yet to be worked out with the rural subscribers. The manager for the company, E. F. Stephen, stated that people in the rural districts could build their lines if they so wished and could share in a very reasonable rate of \$1.60 plus U. S. tax.

The schedule of dial telephone rates will be as follows: Business telephones, \$5.00; Residence straight line, \$4.00; Selective party line rates, \$3.25 plus tax. This will be among the lowest rates in the state for Dial telephone service, the manager stated.

SVGPA To Meet

A regular meeting of the Sabanna Valley Game Preserve Association will be held Tuesday night, Jan. 8, at 7 o'clock at the Center Point community home. Refreshments will be served at the close of the business meeting. Everyone welcome. Perry Green, Secretary.

Mrs. Mary Wesley, who is recuperating from a recent operation, returned from Fort Worth where she spent Christmas with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith returned from a recent visit with relatives in Dallas and Abilene.

Mrs. Elon Campbell and children of Gage, Okla. Mrs. Sidney Ross and Wyndle Armstrong of Eastland visited W. M. Durn and wife Sunday.

R. E. Thurman and wife and Leroy Thurman and family of Houston visited relatives here over the week end.

Guests of Mrs. W. S. Maxwell during Christmas were Bill Vencl and wife of Jayton, Bill Fite and wife of Abilene, Lindsey Barnett of Durant, Okla. and Jim Kellogg and wife of Springtown, Okla.

Eastland County's New Budget Calls For Expense Of \$355,504

The Eastland County Commissioners Court recently approved a budget of \$355,504.10 for operation of the county for 1957, according to a report here. The new budget puts the county in the big business bracket, making it one of the largest in the county. The county will go into the new year with a balance of \$332,270.08. The estimated expenditures for 1957 are about \$35,452.08 more than the estimated revenue. County Auditor C. H. O'Brien has conservatively estimated revenue, and it is expected that the county will round itself out perfectly as has been the case in recent years. With 80 per cent tax collection, O'Brien estimates revenue at \$321,052.02, however, records

show 90 per cent collection during the past few years. The tax rate will remain at 80 cents. The rate was increased from 75 cents last year.

The breakdown of funds for the coming year is as follows: jury fund, .05; road and bridge fund, .15; general fund, .35; courthouse interest and sinking fund, .15; and road and bridge sinking fund, .10.

O'Brien stated that all funds of the county are in top shape, with the exception of the general fund. The general fund has barely held its own during the past few years, but is due to get relief in 1958 when commissioners can re-allocate funds.

Delinquent taxes as of June 30, 1956, in the county were listed at \$14,443.56 in the budget.

No Acreage Reserve Program Is Planned For 1957 Peanuts

No acreage reserve program will be offered on peanuts for 1957, it was announced Saturday by Emmett E. Powell, county manager of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee. New payment rates on cotton acreage placed in the Soil Bank Acreage Reserve are due to be mailed to cotton growers in the next few days.

Mr. Powell also stated that land intended to be placed in the Soil Bank Program for 1957 should not be grazed after January 1, 1957.

Funds for the Conservation

Reserve Program are limited to each county and producers will be signed up on a "first come, first served" basis. No more contracts can be taken when the funds are exhausted, and in no case after March 15, 1957.

Practices of the Acreage Conservation Program for 1957 are seedling pasture grasses, controlling oak and mesquite, construction of tanks, diversion terraces, waterways, and standard terraces. Persons interested in carrying out any of these practices were asked to contact the ASC office.

ASC Office Gives Details Of New Soil Bank Cropland Plan

Only cropland can be placed in the Soil Bank program, the County ASC office reminded farmers and landowners this week. No pasture land can be included, and contracts signed in the Conservation Reserve Acreage program, as it is called, will be in effect for five years. The acreage that can be placed

in the Soil Bank program is determined by what is known as the Soil Bank Base for the farm, which is the average acreage planted to Soil Bank Crops on that farm during the years 1955 and 1956, Emmett Powell, County ASC office manager explained. Soil Bank crops are peanuts, cotton, corn, sorghums and small grain for harvest.

A. A. Tate and wife of Abilene visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Murray and sons of Dinobe, Calif. and Mrs. Irvin Culp and son of Carlsbad, N. M. visited the Clifford Gilberts and other relatives here Saturday.

E. R. Yarbrough visited his brother in Marque last week.

All or part of the average acreage planted to one or all of these crops in the years 1955 and 1956 may be placed in the Soil Bank program, it was explained. In other words, a farmer who planted 25 acres of peanuts in 1955 and 20 acres in 1956 is eligible to place a total of 22½ acres of peanut crop land in the Soil Bank program. If he places all of the eligible peanut acreage in the program he cannot plant peanuts for a period of five years.

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Social Security Tax Will Go Up Beginning Jan. 1

Tax rates under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (Social Security) and filing requirements under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act have been changed by recent amendments to the law, according to A. E. Fogle, Jr., Administrative Officer of the Abilene office.

New F.I.C.A. rates on wages paid on or after January 1, 1957 will be 2-3/4 percent each for employers and employees, a total of 4-1/2 percent, Mr. Fogle said.

The changes in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, he explained, provides that employers who had four or more employees on at least one day of each of 20 calendar weeks during 1956 will be required to file Form 940 by January 31, 1957. The filing of Form 940, Annual Federal Tax Return of Employers, was formerly required of employers who had eight or more employees.

Mr. Fogle said that copies of this return have been sent to most of the employers in this district. However, he suggested that employers who have not received this form by January 9, obtain copies from the local Revenue office at Abilene.

Lightning damages or destroys an average of about \$18,000,000 worth of property each year.

There are exactly 100 varieties of cacti.

Gauche is the name applied to the Argentine cowboy.

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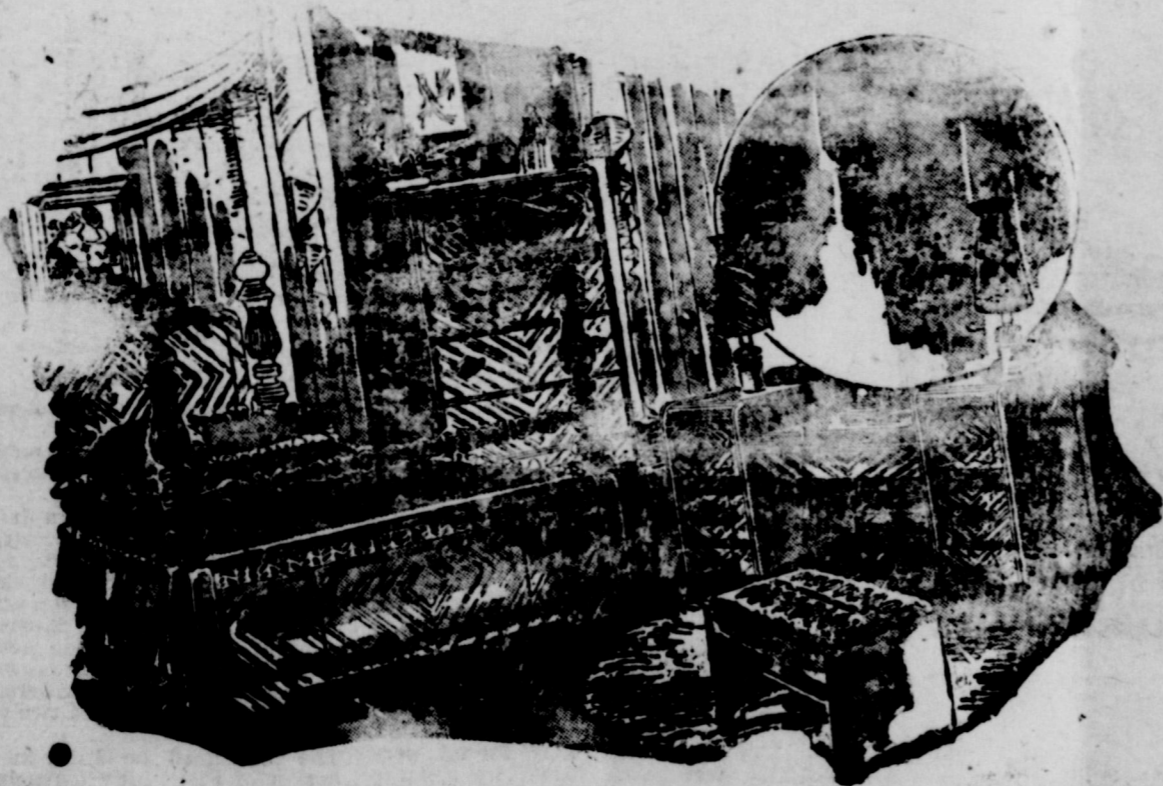
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 Praying 7:30 p. m.

Note: The Brotherhood will be glad to take the elderly people home from church for the asking morning and night.

Texas' King Ranch is so large that there is a month's difference in the growing season between the north and south edges.



Curried Rice and Tuna Make a Tasty and Thrifty Filling for Luscious Tomatoes

Rice brings together the deep goodness of tuna fish and the Oriental excitement of curry in this versatile main dish. The curry powder contributes exotic flavor and intriguing color enhanced by the bits of green pepper and the brilliant red of the tomatoes. Served piping hot from the oven or cold and refreshing on a bed of greens, this "something special" for the family is also something quick and easy for Mom to fix.

- INGREDIENTS:**
 8 medium sized ripe tomatoes
 4 tablespoons minced onion
 2 tablespoons minced green pepper
 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1 7-ounce can tuna fish
 2 cups cooked rice
 1 teaspoon curry powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 cup water

PREPARING THE FLUFFY WHITE RICE: To make 3 liberal cups of fluffy rice, put 1 cup of uncooked rice, 2 cups of cold water and 1 teaspoon of salt into a 2 quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil. Turn the heat as low as possible. Cover saucepan with a lid and leave over this

low heat for 14 minutes. Do not remove lid nor stir rice while it is cooking. Turn off the heat.

Use exact measurements of uncooked rice and water. Time the cooking accurately. For real convenience and economy of time and effort, keep unused rice in the refrigerator in a covered container at all times. Use it for many quick, delicious and inexpensive soups, salads, casserole dishes, hot breads and desserts.

METHOD: Peel tomatoes easily by scalding, plunging into cold water and then peeling. Slice off stem end of tomatoes. Carefully scoop out pulp. Cook onion and green pepper in the butter or margarine until tender. Add the tuna fish, rice, curry powder, salt, pepper and water. Mix thoroughly. Fill the tomatoes with the tuna and rice mixture and bake at 350° F. about 15 minutes or until the tomatoes are tender. Serve hot. Garnish with green pepper rings if desired.

For a cool and refreshing salad, chill the tomatoes after they are stuffed and serve on salad greens. This recipe makes 8 servings or 3 cups of the curried tuna and rice mixture.

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ASC Officers

Continued from first page. The same holds true for corn, cotton, sorghums and grain for harvesting. If he places only a portion of the two-year average crop acreage in the program he can plant the remaining acreage to the particular crop affected. The following additional regulations governing the program were outlined by the ASC office: "The acreage placed in the Conservation Reserve Acreage program must have a cover of perennial grass established as soon as possible. "The Soil Bank Program will share 80% of the cost of establishing this grass cover. "The Conservation Reserve Acreage must not be pastured nor have a crop harvested from it during the time of the contract. "In addition to the cost-sharing on the cover crop, the Soil Bank program will pay a rental of nine dollars (\$9.00) per acre, per year, during the contract period, if no crop is grazed or harvested. "The producer must control the growth of sunflowers and cockleburs on the Conservation Reserve Acreage. "A producer may put acreage in the Conservation program and still place cotton, peanuts and wheat in the Acreage Reserve Program. "The land in the acreage reserve must be defined in the contract and can not be moved from field to field. "If the producer violates the contract during the five (5) years, he will repay all the money received under the contract with interest at 6%. In addition to losing all the payments on the farm, the producer is subject to a penalty of 50% of the annual payment. "The contract can not be terminated until the end of five (5) years. "If a producer sells or loses control of the farm during the contract period and his successor does not wish to continue the contract the original producer must refund all the money received. "Producers who sign Conservation Reserve Acreage contracts must plant within the allotted crop acreages except wheat, which has a limit of 15 acres or the allotment whichever is the

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larger.

The entire acreage on farms under contract will be checked and measured for compliance and the total Soil Bank acreage crops must not exceed the permitted base.

Landlord and tenant must both understand and sign the acreage agreement.

In case of a cash lease, the lease must be at least for the duration of the contract.

A landlord must not reduce the number of tenants in order to increase his share of the Soil Bank payments.

Contracts are now being signed in the program and farmers and landowners interested were advised to contact the County ASC office for further details.

Basketball News

The Avoca high school basketball boys and girls played the Wolverines here Tuesday night and won both games. The Avoca boys have a very strong team, having won third in the State last year.

The Wolverines play Hawley here Tuesday night. The Hawley girls are rated as one of the best teams in this part of the state and won third place in the state play-off last year.

The schedule for the year is as follows:

January:

- 11 Olden here
- 15 Gorman here
- 18 Strawn here
- 22 Desdemona there
- 29 Olden here

February:

- 1 Gorman there
- 5 Strawn here
- 8 Desdemora here
- 12 De Leon here

Fur Sale

One slightly used portable Hotpoint washer. - See Mrs. J. O. Green, west of Carbon.

For SALE

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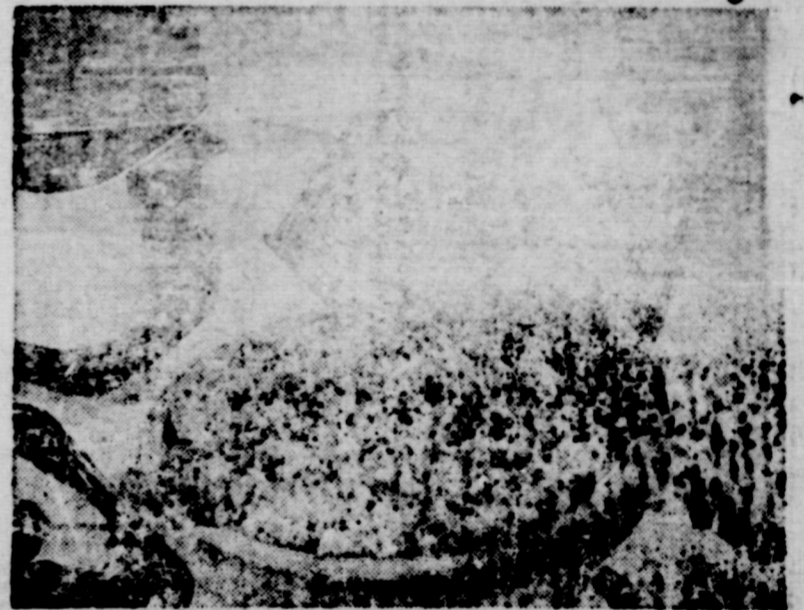
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FRENCH FRIED RICE is tops when eaten with the fingers as a snack, but this new rice food item is especially delicious topped with gravy, meat sauces, creamed foods or served with chop suey or chow mein. The uses of FRENCH FRIED RICE are limited only by your imagination! So heat the frying fat! Let's fry some rice!

INGREDIENTS:
Cooled cooked rice
Frying fat or frying oil

METHOD: If you don't have cooked rice in your refrigerator ready to use, put 1 cup of uncooked rice, 2 cups of cold water and 1 teaspoon of salt into a two-quart saucepan and bring to a vigorous boil. Turn heat as low as possible. Cover saucepan with lid and leave over this low

heat for 14 minutes. Do not remove lid nor stir rice while it is cooking. Turn off heat, remove lid, and allow steam to escape as the rice cools.

Heat frying fat or oil in a deep kettle, saucepan or in an electric or gas deep fat fryer. Place 3 serving spoons of cooked rice (more if large container is used) in a fine mesh basket, kitchen strainer or sieve. Fry in deep fat (375° F.) until a light brown, about 2 1/2 minutes. Remove from deep fat and drain fried rice on absorbent paper.

The rice must be fried in a basket of FINE MESH. An inexpensive kitchen strainer or sieve of fine mesh is ideal. The handle may be bent to allow the strainer to be easily lowered into the deep fat.

Fried Rice is delicious as a party-snack food. It is something entirely new and different served with chow mein, chop suey, creamed meats, vegetables, meat sauces or gravy. It stays crunchy crisp even when covered with gravy. A new kind of candy is made by dipping clusters of fried rice into or pouring melted dipping chocolate over the fried rice. A fried rice brittle is made by pouring the syrup used for making peanut brittle over the fried rice and allowing the hot syrup to cool.

So "have fun" with French Fried Rice. Try the above suggestion. Then try to think up some uses of your own for this newest of home-prepared foods. Write us about your ideas so we can pass them along for our other readers to try.