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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

## NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS



On January 1st, at 10:30 a.m. the new Kinney County officers were installed in the respective offices by Mr. Allen Kreiger. They are as follows: County Judge-Albert Postell; County Commissioners-Alvin McClure and Plunker Sheedy; County and District Clerk-Dolores Raney; County Treasurer-Mary Schwandner; Justice of the Peace-Raymond Talamantez, Darrell Paul Franks, Rueben Fuentes and RoseMary Slubar; Constable Pct. No. 4-T.J.Hill.

### COMMISSIONERS' COURT

SPECIAL MEETING-----DECEMBER 28, 1978

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Meeting of the Honorable Kinney County Commissioners' Court was begun and holden this the 28th day of December, 1978, at 10:00 A.M. for the purposes duly set out on Notice of Meeting posted according to law.

Judge Tommy Seargeant called the meeint to order with the following members present and participating, to-wit:

Tommy Seargeant, County Judge presiding,  
Manuel Fuentes, Commissioner Pct. No. 2  
G.C.Talamantez, Commissioner Pct. No. 3  
L.S.Johnson, Commissioner Pct. No. 4  
Dolores Raney, County & District Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Kinney County Commissioners' Cout  
ABSENT: David G. Luna, Commissioner, Pct. No. 1  
VISITORS: Mary Schwandner, Albert A. Postell, Jim Faith,  
and Tully Shahan

#### KINNEY COUNTY LIBRARY PROJECT

Judge Seargeant reported that he was sorry the library project was not completed but as Project Director of the Library Project he had written a letter terminating the contract with Meyers Construction Company and had advertised extending the bidding on Library contract until January 8, 1979 at 2: P.M. The Clerk was instructed to post a notice that bids on the Library Project would be opened January 8, 1979 at 2:00 P.M. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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CONNECTIONS

New Years is a Great Time! It always reminds you of the terrific things you can accomplish in the future...it also allows you to forget your boo-boos of the previous year.

Right now, YOU CAN MAKE ALL THE PROMISES FOR THE COMING YEAR and FORGET THE ONES YOU MADE LAST YEAR! What a wonderful, wonderful time of the year!

LET US THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A MINUTE:

Good ole Pres. Carter feels pretty good, he told us business men not to increase our profits over five per cent per year.... yet he allows his post office department to increase their second class postage rates for your newspaper 66% in SIX WEEKS! Now this probably won't bother you if you are one of the minorities that can't read and are subsidized for not being able to read. LIKE I SAY, "IF YOU DON'T SUBSCRIBE TO SUCH PRESTIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS AS: The Kinney CAVALRYMAN, The Wall Street Journal, etc., it won't bother you a bit...TILL..... your next copy of the The Rio News Herald or Playboy doesn't arrive!!!!

Well! poor ole pres. Carter got a whole bunch of "belly crawlin', grass grabbin' problems ahead of him..Praise the Lord!

SO DO OUR COUNTY\*\*\*\*\*

I do hope they will at least appropriate some money to our volunteer Kinney County Ambulance! In the past this group has had virtually no support from the county..... They have saved many lives. They are not paid...their equipment to save your life is inadequate ....There are Government programs to hire paid attendants. Our county in the past has deemed it more important to hire people to serve lunches to the elderly at the Civic Center...than to supply their emergency medical needs!

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WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR MARK IN THE
WORLD, WATCH OUT FOR GUYS WITH
ERASERS.....



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Try grated cheese over kidney
beans and warm in oven.

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Bacon rinds are good boiled with
cabbage, string beans or soup
beans.

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SALAD

Hallow out tomatoes, fill with
cooked kidney beans, diced ce-
lery, pickle relish, and enough
mayonnaise to moisten.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER DEPUTATION

Commissioners Manuel Fuentes moved that the Deputation of Vella
O. Gum as Deputy County Treasurer of Kinney County, Texas be ap-
proved. Commissioner L.S.Johnson duly seconded the motion which
passed unanimously. Judge Seargeant administrated the oath.

READVERTISE BIDS ON SURPLUS LOTS & TRUCK

Commissioner Manuel Fuentes moved that the County Clerk be
authorized to readvertise for bids on Lots 7,8,9,10,11,12, Block
No. 7, City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas, less the 26
foot easement off the South side of all lots, to be opened Feb.12,
1979 at 10:00 A.M. Commissioner L.S.Johnson duly seconded the
motion which passed with the following vote: Ayes: Mauel Fuentes,
L.S.Johnson, and Tommy Seargeant; NAYS : G.C.Talamantez

Commissioner Manuel Fuentes moved the the County Clerk be aut-
horized to readvertise the 1974 four door 3/4 ton Chevrolet pickup
motor number CCY244B132581 to bidders with bids to be opened Feb.
12,1979 at 10:00 A.M. Commissioner L.S.Johnson duly seconded the
motion which passed with the following vote: AYES: Manuel Fuentes
L.S.Johnson and Tommy Seargeant; NAYS : G.C.Talamantez.

CONSTABLE, PRECINCT NUMBER FOUR

Judge Tommy Seargeant recommended that Thomas J. Hill be ap-
pointed as Constable Precinct Number Four to serve until the next
General Election.

Commissioner L.S.Johnson moved that Thomas J. Hill be appointed
Constable of Precinct Number Four to serve without pay until the
next General Election. Commissioner Manuel Fuentes seconded the
motion which passed with the following vote: AYES: L.S.Johnson,
Manuel Fuentes, and Tommy Seargeant; NAYS: G.C.Talamanez

Commissioner Manuel Fuentes moved that the Court recess until
4:00 P.M. Commissioner G.C.Talamantez duly seconded the motion
which passed unanimously.

Court Recessed untio 4:00 P.M.

Court reconvened at 4:00 P.M.

Judge Seargeant reported that he would turn over all keys,
office and equipment to one of the Commissioners before leaving
office on December 31, 1978.

DECEMBER BILLS

Commissioner Manuel Fuentes moved that all bills incurred for
December 1978 by Kinney County be approved for payment and the
report of Justice of the Peace, David Seargeant. Commissioner L.S.
Johnson duly seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BAND CONCERT--FREE USE OF CIVIC CENTER

County Treasurer Mary Schwandner reported to the Court that
the Brackettville Band used the Civic Center on December 19, 1978,
and asked if she should bill the Band for the \$170.00 for use of
the Civic Center. The Court agreed to give the band free use of
the Civic Center for December 19, 1978. Commissioner Manuel
Fuentes duly moved that the County donate the use of the Civic
Center for the Band Concert held December 19,1978, and not bill
the Band for \$170.00. Commissioner L.S.Johnson duly seconded the
motion which passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

"LOOS CONNECTIONS"

WHY? WHY? WHY? Can not the County pay someone to save the
lives of our elderly yet provide them with weekly entertain-
ment and food?

Entertainment you say? YES AND WHY NOT? This program is for
the elderly! It is one of the greatest things instituted in this
county...It is equal for the "little Old Black Lady" or the
out-of-state lady driving up in her new car!

What the cost of the above program is I have no idea.....I
do KNOW THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FULL TIME PAID EMPLOYEES TO RUN
IT!!!

Our ambulance has needed a heart monitoring machine for a long
time...cost about \$2,500.00.....the county just bought another
Radar unit for the state, that cost this amount. OH WELL!! IT
IS JUST THE LIFE OF.....A CHILD....AN OLD PERSON....OR OF THOSE
THINGS CALLED "HUMAN BEINGS!"

About now, some of our "senior Citizens" are madder than Hell..
...GOOD!!! Organize a group to support your ambulance Committee
(if it isn't too late)...Contact your City and County officials
and let them know you are an ACTION group!

## Soil Conservation

by: Howard Ragsdale

### SOIL SURVEYS CAN HELP YOU

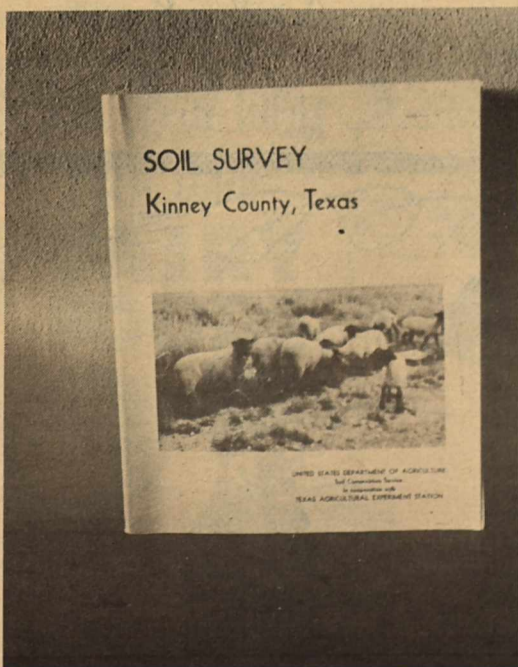
Soil surveys available from the Soil Conservation Service are intended for many different users. They can help a homebuyer or developer determine soil-related hazards or limitations that affect homesites. They can help land use planners determine the suitability of areas for housing or onsite sewage disposal systems. They can help a farmer estimate the potential crop or forage production of his land. They can be used to determine the suitability and limitations of soils for pipelines, buildings, landfills, recreation areas, and many other uses.

Many people assume that soils are all more or less alike. They are unaware that great differences in soil properties can occur within even short distances.

Soils may be seasonally wet or subject to flooding. They may be shallow to bedrock. They may be too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Very clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

These soil properties and many others that affect land use are given in soil surveys. Each soil survey describes the properties of soils in the county or area surveyed and shows the location of each kind of soil on detailed maps.

Conservation of land and water resources is an important part of all land use. The maps and soil descriptions in soil surveys can help in identifying specific conservation problems in a given area and planning measures to reduce erosion, sedimentation, subsidence, slippage, wetness and other hazards.



COPIES OF THE SOIL SURVEY FOR KINNEY COUNTY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE OFFICE.

## 4-H & FFA STOCKSHOW

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL KINNEY COUNTY FFA & 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Twenty-fourth Annual Kinney County FFA & 4-H Livestock Show is scheduled for January 19, 20 in Brackettville. The annual event promising to be bigger than ever, draws more people together at one time than any other local activity in the year states Carl Esser, Kinney County Extension Agent.

This year's show will begin at 8:00 a.m. Friday, January 19 with the weighing, tagging and penning of all livestock to be exhibited by 4-H & FFA Club members.

Judging of Livestock will start at 2:30 p.m. with that of market hogs followed by judging of market steers.

On Saturday, January 20, beginning at 8:00 a.m. judging will start with lightweight finewool lambs followed by heavyweight finewool lambs, lightweight crossbred lambs and heavyweight crossbred lambs. At 11:55 a.m. presentation of showmanship award will be given, followed by the Old Fashioned Ranch Style Bar-B-Que at noon. At 1:00 p.m. the Junior Stockshow auction sale will be conducted by Southwest Livestock Exchange of Uvalde compliments of Joe Hargrove and his staff.

Lamb judges this year will be John Kearney Ag Teacher of Sterling City, well known among the sheep shows of Texas.

The Livestock Show Committee at this time reminds everyone from Kinney County to circle January 19, & 20 on their calendar and come down to the Civic Center and watch the youth of Kinney County exhibit their projects that they have been working with since September of 1978.

\* There will be a lamb showmanship workshop for all lamb feeders in Kinney County states Carl Esser County Agent, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6, at the Brackettville FFA Rodeo Arena. Bring the lambs you plan to exhibit at the County Livestock Show to this workshop to practice showing. Cash awards will be presented to best exhibitors.

The West Nueces, Las Moras 4-H Clubs will meet Monday night January 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brackettville Civic Center. Program Chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Meyer and Mrs. Antonia Garza. All 4-H members should plan on attending.

TOM LANDRY TO ADDRESS FCA STATE CONVENTION SET FOR JANUARY 12-14

Dallas Mayor Robert S. Folsom will welcome the delegates and Tom Landry, head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, will give the opening address to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2nd Annual Texas State Convention Friday, January 12, 1979, at 8:30 p.m. at the Convention Center in Dallas. Over 1,000 people from all over Texas are expected.

Included on the program are soccer star Kyle Rote, Jr.; Dallas Cowboy's Roger Staubach, Bob Bruenig, Rafael Septien and Doug Dennison; noted speaker and author Zig Ziglar; world champion Yo-Yo artist Burny Martin; and ventriloquist Paula Box.

Eligible participants are FCA Huddle and Fellowship members their sponsors (and spouses) and adult members of FCA chapters in Texas. Deadline for registering is January 5, 1979. For information call (214) 231-4053 or write 50 Bus. Pkwy., Suite D Richardson, Texas. 75081.

## CHRISTMAS BILLS GOT YOU DOWN?

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# TECHbits

By: Cal Graf

EAST IS EAST-WEST IS WEST----  
 The Panama Canal, contrary to usual belief does not run east and west, but rather northwest to southeast. As a result a ship sailing from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific actually leaves the canal on the Pacific side 27 miles east of where it entered on the Atlantic side.

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NO STRING ATTACHED--A string, or fiber, has been used for many years as a means of voice communications. To tin cans tied on each end of a long sting pulled taut served as a make shift telephone for a youthful experimenter for the past 100 years. Now, once again, the fiber comes to man's rescue with fiber optic cable where light is beamed through a long piece of light string. And since optical fiber is mainly quartz, like ordinary sand, it will always be abundant. Optical cables already carry thousands of telephone calls per fiber as small as

thread, and soon you will see them used on autos, airplanes, house wiring, doorbells, TV sets, and washing machines. While the cost of copper wire is rising abruptly, the cost of optical fiber is decreasing greatly, Soon we will all see the light!

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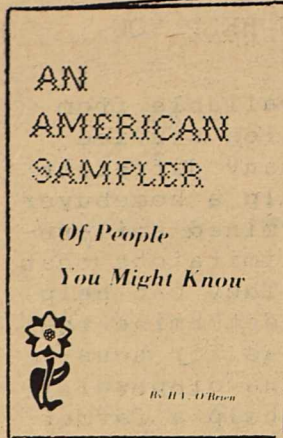
RAIN DROPS FALLING ON MY HEAD  
 Very large rain drops that sometimes fall during thunder showers do not come from any great heights. Extremely large rain drops fall so much more rapidly that they lose their spherical form because of the rushing of the air past them. They then flatten out like a saucer and are broken up into smaller drops. Under normal air density at sea-level, drops can not exceed 4.5 millimeter (.2 inch) in size without breaking up. These large drops have a terminal velocity of about 26 feet per second, or 18 mph as they smack you in the face.

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FALLING DOWN ON THE JOB--If a man were to fall out of an airplane at 25,000 feet, he would soon reach a terminal velocity of about 150 mph. As he neared 10,000 feet, his fall would begin to slow due to the denser air near the ground and he would be falling about

100 mph when he hit the earth. But remember, its not the fall that kills you. It's the sudden stop!

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AN AMERICAN SAMPLER--Of People You Might Know. By H.V. O'Brien. A collection of 12 pieces of short fiction, and one true recollection. Published by Eastland County Newspapers, P.O. Box 29, Eastland, Texas 76448. \$5. (inc. tax) postpaid.

REVIEWED BY  
 VIOLA PAYNE

A small town newspaper editor deals with life in many dimensions, and editor H.V. O'Brien captures a number of these with photographic clarity. There is a wide variety of characters and settings in this book, ranging from a Fortune-teller in

Washington, D.C. named Mama Rose to a Texas Church having a glorious, behind-the-scenes fight during the production of an Easter Pageant. Although this is not strictly a regional book, several stories--including "The Man With The Withered Hand"--are among a few short stories of literary quality to come from the peanut farming area of Eastland and Comanche Counties. This account of a family's will to survive is flavored in a manner only a native could produce, and has sociological impact. The story "Values", also, which describes the thoughts of a small-town newspaperman during a typical day, is as authentic as a tape recording.

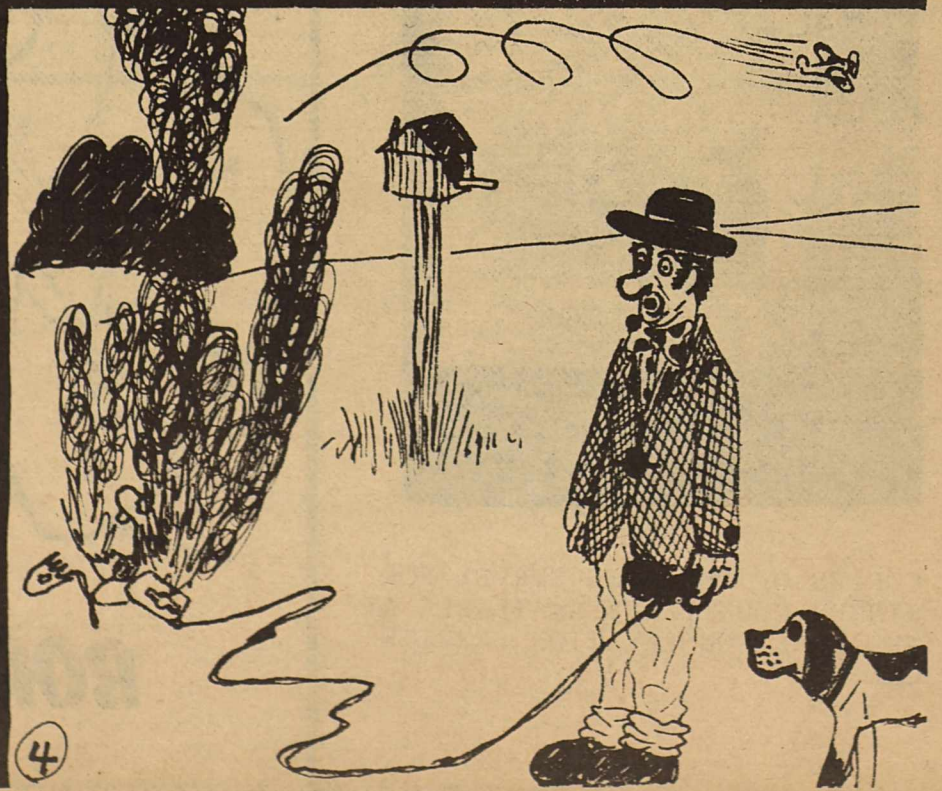
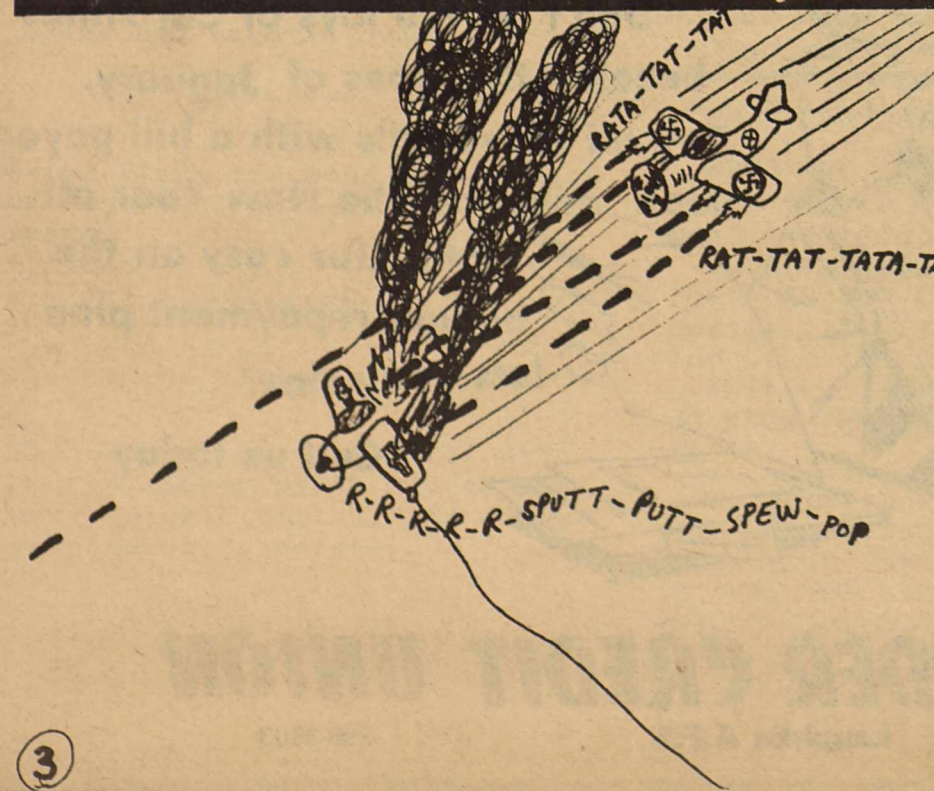
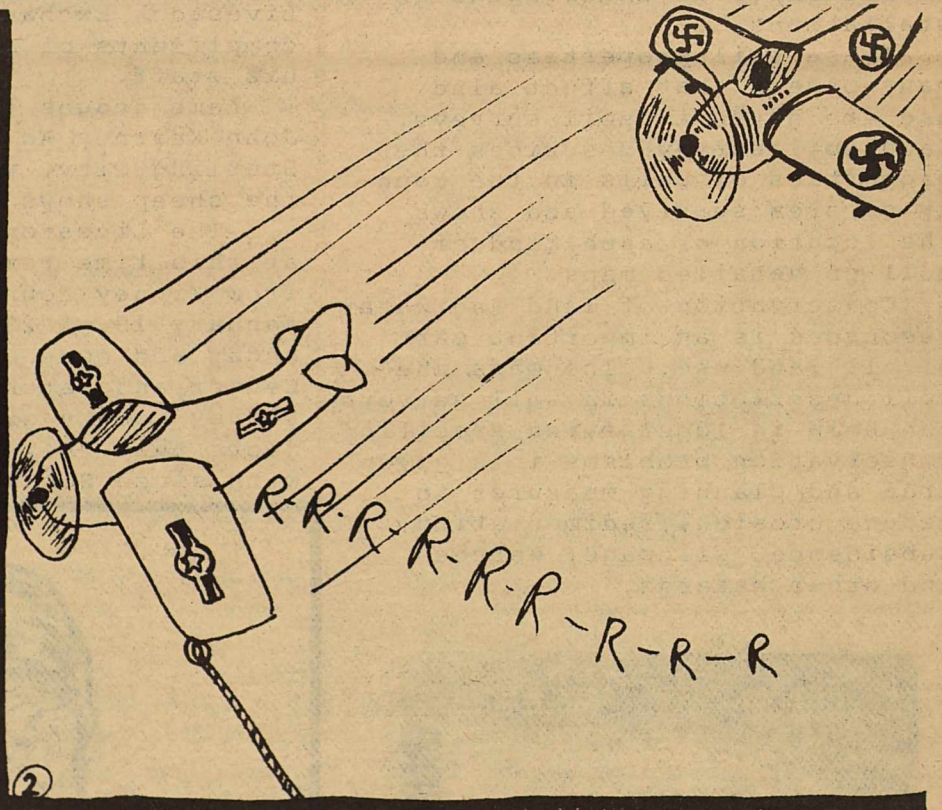
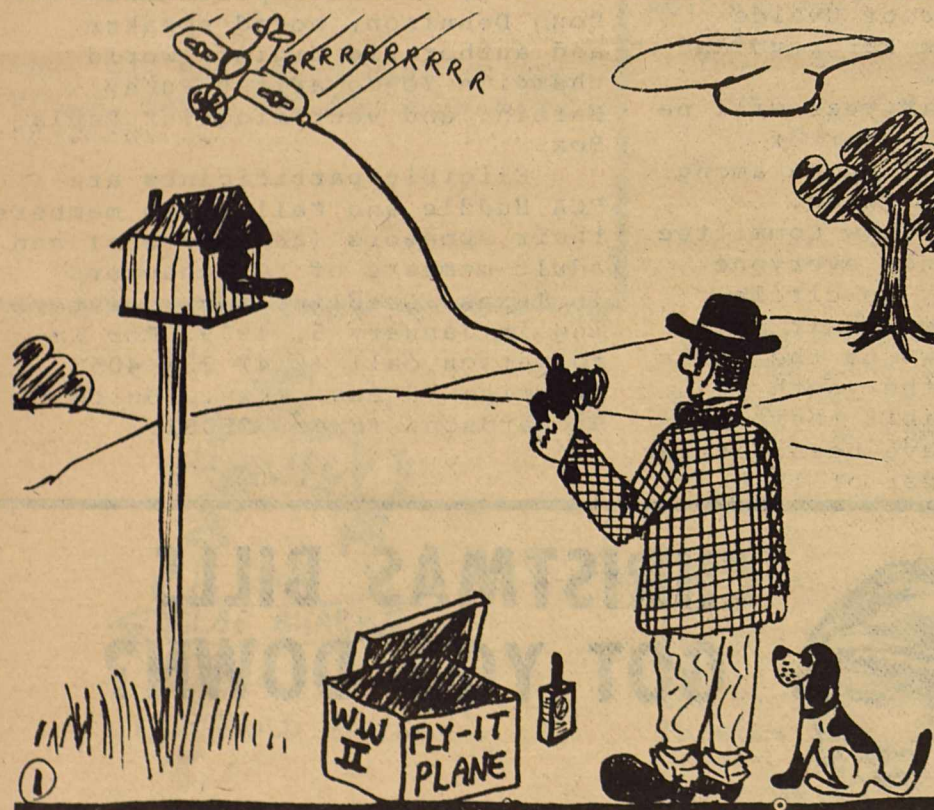
You'll meet an assortment of characters. Some you may love. Some you may hate. But chances are you'll admit, "Yes, I've know such a person."

There's even a science fiction piece for those who prefer that type.

Readers will discover these favorites and others as they share the impressions and events of this collection.

# HARD LUCK HARRY

By: TEX HILL



### Camino Real health systems agency Planning for Community Health

Three area health projects will come under the scrutiny of the Camino Real Health Systems Agency Board of Directors at their regular meeting, January 17.

The three are submitting applications for Certificates of Need from the Texas Health Facilities Commission (THFC) for expansion or addition of services. A preliminary review of the applications, however, has to be carried out by the citizen boards of the appropriate health systems agency, according to Camino Real Executive Director Jose A. Contreras.

"The Certificate of Need Program was initiated with the expressed intent of helping contain the cost of medical care by eliminating duplication of services and unnecessary waste," said Contreras.

Before a health-related facility can expand or initiate a change in service, it must apply for and receive a Certificate of Need from the THFC. Area health systems agencies (Texas is divided into 12 regions, each with a health systems agency) serve as the first rung in the application process, making recommendations to the THFC on applications that affect their respective regions.

Camino Real serves a 21-county region stretching from Comal County to Val Verde (Del Rio) County and makes recommendations to the THFC on projects within the area known as Region 9, according to Contreras.

The three projects are the Bexar County Hospital District, applying for a Certificate to fund two neighboring health clinics to provide primary ambulatory care to medically underserved areas within Bexar County, specially west and east San Antonio; Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital, planning to provide

hyperbaric oxygen therapy services; and the San Antonio State Hospital, applying for a Certificate to relocate the multiple disabilities unit and to increase the bed capacity of that unit.

A total of three hearings are scheduled; one each by the two Subarea Advisory Councils and third by the Board of Firectors.

All meetings are open to the public, however, persons wishing to testify must sign a notarized speaker's card before the meeting begins, said Contreras.

For times and locations of meetings, please call George Caras, Betty Keith or Steve Enders at 225-4426.

### BETWEEN US

By: JOE TOWNSEND

It is most encouraging to see the young men taking places of responsibility in our community. Young men such as Tim Ward and Louis Starzel in places of com-

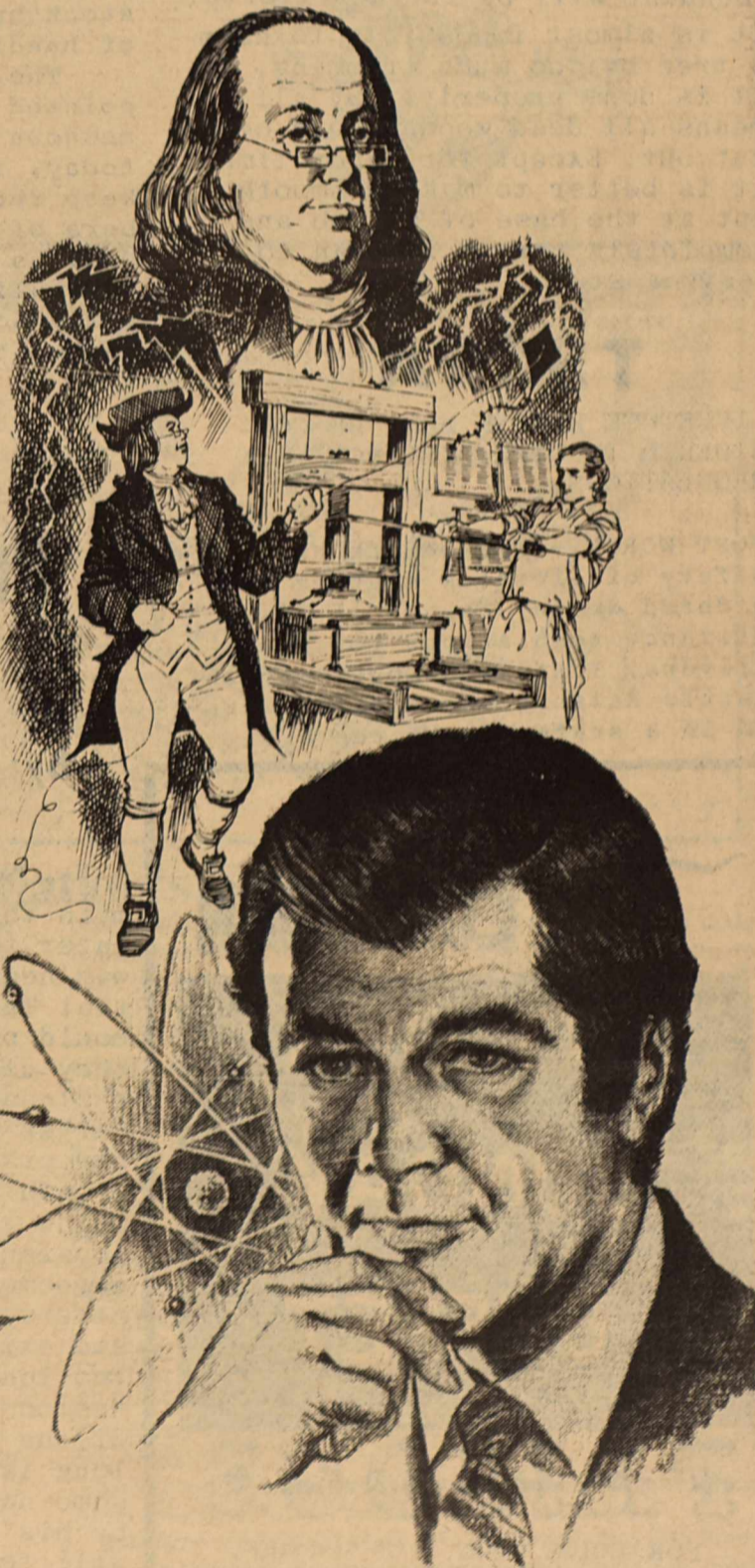
munity administration show a mark of confidence in them by the authorities whose responsibility it is to choose these officers. The confidence seems to be well placed. There is every evidence that these young men are seeking to do a good job.

They are preparing themselves as best they can in areas where they are neophytes. Brackettville will do well to give them full support to these fine young men. While we are on the issue we'd do well to point out other young men of the community who are becoming an integral part of community life. Morgan Bailey as local Chief of Police. There is Billy Belcher and Tully Shahan who have taken over operation of ranches, Jimmy Bader, ranchman and Allen Kreiger, Jr., Insurance man. As long as men of this caliber take such places of responsibilities in their home town, the future of Brackettville is bright.

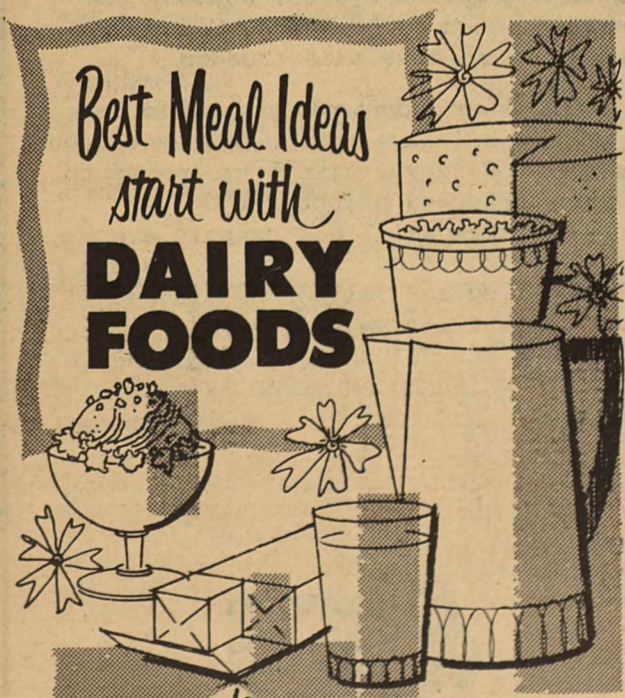
*We Revere the Past ...  
But We Believe That  
The Best  
Is Ahead*

There's no magic secret to progress — just a lot of faith and hard work! That's the way it always was throughout our nation's history and that's how it is today. What we do now . . . in the present . . . is what will shape our tomorrows. The future is in our hands. Let's get together and make it glorious!

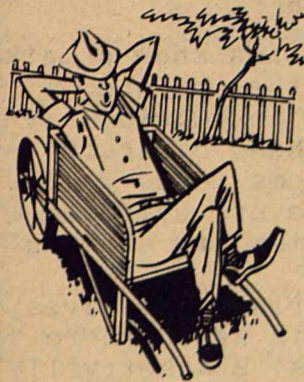
*We want to help improve the present . . . brighten the future . . . make things happen!  
Talk over your ideas with us.*



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## GREEN THUMBS

By: JOE TOWNSEND

It's high time to prune trees. The sooner this is done the better. Remember when you saw a limb be sure you make a lean cut. This means to saw a small portion on the bottom of the limb then saw from the top to meet the groove. This will prevent tearing the stub and wounding the tree. In our area there is little need to treat the wound when a limb is removed. Just be sure to cut at a slant so water will drain easily. The wound will heal quickly and penetration by insects and disease will be less than minimal. It is well to remember that the more severely you trim the tree the more abundant will be the new growth. It is almost impossible to harm a tree by too much trimming, if it is done properly. By all means all dead wood should be cut out. Except for major limbs it is better to make a smooth cut at the base of a limb and completely remove it than to leave a stump.

## TSCRA

LIVESTOCK HEALTH MUST BE CONSIDERED IN TIME/DISTANCE REGULATIONS

FORT WORTH,--The Health and safety of livestock must be considered in any change of time/distance regulations for truck drivers, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association warned in a statement to the U.S.

Department of Transportation recently.

John B. Armstrong, president of the 14,000 member livestock producer group in Texas, Oklahoma and surrounding states, said the comments came on proposed changes that would drastically cut the amount of time a driver could work within given time periods and would also restrict the number of miles he or she could drive during these periods.

"A few hours' delay in reaching a destination in too hot or too cold weather could seriously jeopardize the health of our livestock," Armstrong said.

"Our association and members are interested in keeping our nation's highways safe as possible," he explained, "but we do request that the Department give special consideration to livestock carriers' unique problems."

In Texas and the Southwest, a shortage of livestock carriers already exists and producers are finding it more and more difficult to transport their cattle to market. Burdensome regulations would reduce the number of livestock haulers and hike the cost of handling, he said.

The TSCRA statement also pointed out that with the tremendous consumer demand for beef today, it is very important to keep the movement of large numbers of cattle throughout the U.S. as efficient as possible. Unrealistic restrictions on time and distance would severely hamper this efficiency.

## A FABLE FOR MODERN TIMES

Once upon a time there was a little red hen who scratched about and uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her barnyard neighbors and said, "if we work together and plant this wheat we will have some fine bread to eat. Who will help me plant the wheat?"

'Not I' said the cow. "Not I" said the duck. 'Not I'. said the goose. Then I will, said the Little red hen. And she did!

As the fable continues, when the wheat started to growing the little red hen again asked for help. and got the same sort of answers from her neighbors. But finally it was ready for harvesting.

"Who will help me reap the wheat?" said the little Red Hen. "Not I, said the cow. 'Not I' said the duck. "Out of my Classification" said the pig. "I'd lose my A.D.C." said the goose. So the little Hen went ahead with the harvesting on her own, and likewise the grinding into flour. Again, she asked for help with the baking.

"That's overtime for me" said the Cow. "I'm a dropout and never learned how" said the duck. "I'd lose my welfare benefits" said he Pig

"If I'm the only one helping that's discrimination" said the goose.

So the little Red Hen did the baking and held five loaves of bread up for her neighbors to see. "I want some" said the cow. "I want some" said the duck. "I demand my share" said the goose. "NO" said the hen. "I can rest for a while and eat the bread myself."

"Excess Profits" cried the Cow. "Capitalistic Leech" screamed the Duck. "Company Fink" shoted the goose "Equal Rights" the pig demanded. And they hurriedly painted signs and marched around the little Red Hen singing "We shall over come" and they did.

For when the farmer came to investigate the commotion he said, "You must not be greedy, little Red Hen. Look at the oppressed Cow. Look at the disadvantaged Duck. Look at the Underdeprived Pig. Look at the less fortunate goose. You are guilty of a making second Class Citizens of them"

"But-But-But I earned the bread" said the little Red Hen. "Exactly" said the farmer. That is the wonderful free enterprise system; anybody can earn as much as he wants. You should be happy to have this freedom.

In other barnyards you would have to give all five of the loaves to the farmer. Here you give four loaves to your suffering neighbors."

And they all lived happily ever after. Including the little Red Hen who smiled and smiled and clucked "I am grateful, I am grateful."

"BUT HER NEIGHBORS WONDERED WHY SHE NEVER BAKED ANY MORE BREAD."

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## Present Day Myths

by: JOE TOWNSEND

It is a firmly established myth that small nations must cater to the mighty nations. It was heartening this week to hear that Taiwan said to the U.S. they could paddle their own canoe, they didn't need patronage nor explanations from the mighty Mr. Carter's team of Communist supporters. Almost in the same breath Twiwan told Communist China to "go fly a kite." Apparently it takes more than an agreement between two major powers to destroy the antonomy and existence of a small nation. Too long the U.S. and other big nations have carved up the map of the world. Mr. Carter is at long last finding that at least some nations do not have to abide by his edicts. Mr. Carter can at will tear up a treaty (or so he thinks) and consign Taiwan to oblivion as a nation. His ignorance of the Oriental mind and the determination of the Chinese on Taiwan is monumental. Long live this spirit that has made Taiwan.

**THE LONGHORN**  
**TRY OUR**  
**SUNDAY**  
**BUFFET**

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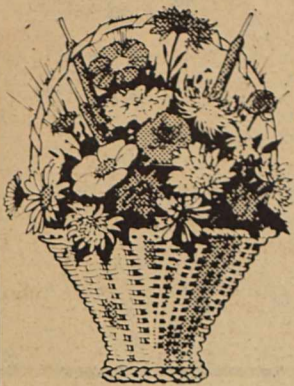
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## Texas Receives Seven Grants

New York was the only state that received a larger proportion than Texas of the U.S. Travel Service's matching grants for Fiscal 1979, the USTS disclosed last month.

Sharing \$63,000 were six Texas cities and the Texas A&M Research Foundation. The amount represents 10.5 percent of the \$600,322 that the USTS parceled out to states, cities, and non-profit organizations across the country "for projects designed to increase international tourism to this country."

Recipients included the City of Corpus Christi, \$4,500 for Canadian advertising; City of El Paso, \$10,000 for trade development and media information in Britain, France, and Germany; City of Fort Worth, \$10,000 for market development in Britain; City of Galveston, \$8,521 for advertising in Canada; City of San Antonio, \$9,979 for a film; McAllen Chamber of Commerce, \$10,030 for advertising in Mexico; and Texas A&M, \$9,999 for research in Britain.

Last year five Texas cities shared \$36,680 in USTS grants. Corpus Christi, El Paso, Galveston, and McAllen made the list both years.

Above reprinted from the "Texas Tourist Development Agency newsletter, January 1979.)

## OOPS!

FOR SALE.....

Ceramic top electric range,  
continuous cleaning oven, 3  
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#### Attention HEW

Kenneth Snodderly of Key West, Fla., reported his \$65 Gucci handbag stolen containing the following items: a matching Gucci wallet (value \$30), a Tiffany lighter (\$180), a checkbook, \$50 in cash, and \$30 worth of food stamps.

#### Fat Fact

According to Dacar Associates, Chicago food consultants, the typical Thanksgiving Day dinner this year exceeded 2,000 calories, compared with 575 calories consumed by the Pilgrims back in 1621.

#### Initials Contest

"FCBCD," read buttons sported by the White House staff, which upon request will translate, For Carter Before Camp David. A friend sends a button, "FSPBC": For a Separate Peace Before Carter.

#### Free Parking

Commenting on her city's efforts to crack down on parking violations, Cherrie Lyles of Washington, D.C. said, "I think it's bad. You can walk anywhere, so you should be able to park anywhere. That's why they have streets."

#### Another Law

Alfred D. Bragg of Columbus, Ga., submits his Law of Legislative Productivity: "The quality of legislative achievement varies inversely with political priorities."

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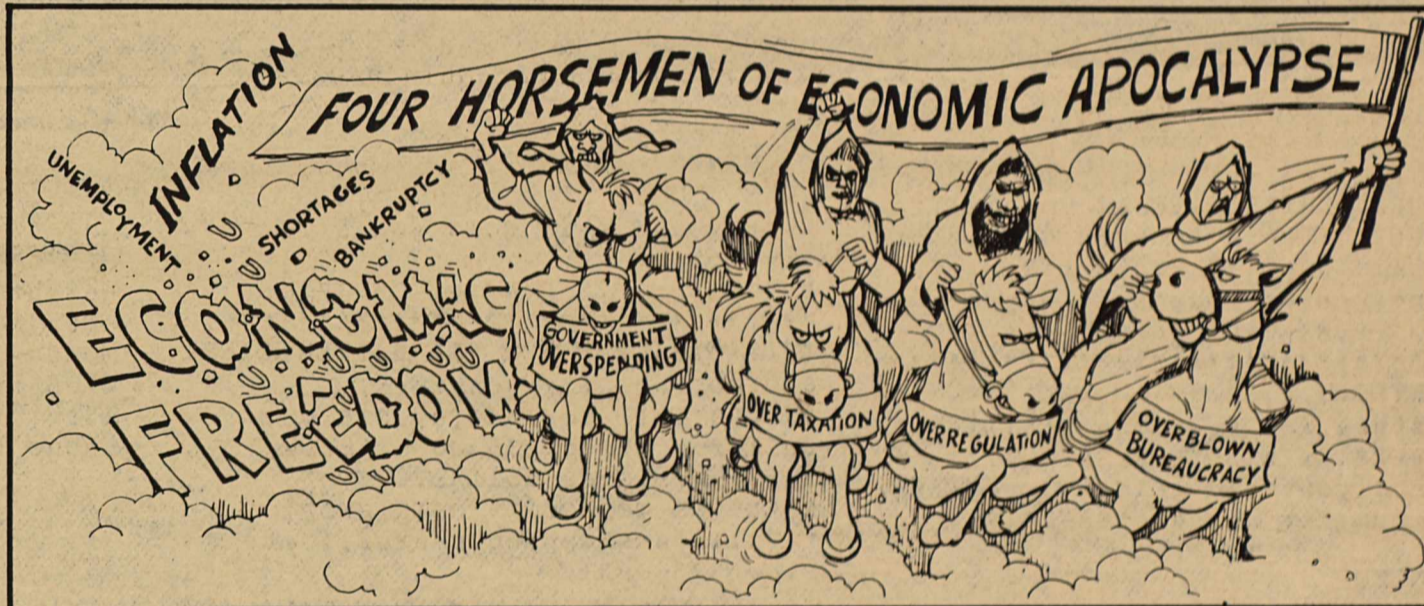
Humorist Mark Russell offers his definition of inflation: "When you pay cash, they ask to see your driver's license."

#### Cleaning House

After removing the cabinets, fixtures and dishwasher from John Sizemore's Louisville, Ky., home, a burglar went back for the kitchen sink. Apparently, however, he gave up on his quest because police found the sink intact although the pipes had been disconnected and the hot water turned off.

#### Fuel Saving

A trucking industry report shows truckers could save about 3 cents a mile or \$131 million annually by observing the legal 55 mph limit rather than driving at 65 mph.



## 1979: Can America Halt Inflation's Fateful Foursome?

The first glimmering of determination to fight and subdue inflation is finally showing itself in Washington. Will it last? Or will it flicker out at the first real gust of political pressure to continue the ways of big spending and big government that generated the problem in the first place?

The inflation we suffer from today is a testament to the large dose of economic ignorance and the even larger dose of waffling and political cowardice that have marked public policy for years. We've simply tried to do too much for too many, without the gumption to use fiscal and monetary restraints needed to keep the lid on inflation. So we have had:

► **Government overspending.** Ten years ago, federal expenditures were \$185 billion and we ran a small budget surplus. Even then, the spending figure was considered enormous. Today, expenditures are at half a trillion dollars and the deficit adds up to around a billion dollars a week. Go back 30 years, to the height of the Fair Deal, and you find total outlays about one-fourteenth what they are now.

That budget surplus 10 years ago, incidentally, was a fluke. The pattern since the 1950s has been red, not black ink—only two small surpluses in 20 years. The interest payment alone on the mushrooming federal debt created by deficits is, like the current deficit, also a billion dollars a week.

► **Overtaxation.** The average taxpayer works from Jan. 1 to May 4 each year, more than a third of the work year, just to pay for taxes at all levels—income, property, sales, Social Security. Taxes have increased much faster than personal income over the past decade and are now the largest single item in most family budgets. In 1976, the latest year for which we have hard figures, Americans paid \$486 billion in taxes—federal, state and local. To put that in perspective, we spent \$17 billion less than that on food, clothes and housing combined.

In addition to socking individuals, the heavy tax bite on

businesses has a direct economic effect in that the tax code tends to penalize companies that save up to expand and create more jobs.

► **Overregulation.** Regulation at all levels of government is estimated at a whopping \$100 billion a year. This includes salaries at agencies charged with making regulations, the costs to businesses and individuals to comply with those regulations, and the "opportunity" costs, i.e., an estimate of the new products that didn't get produced and the jobs that didn't get created because of the time, money and energy detoured into regulatory compliance. All of these factors give an upward push to inflation—not least the fact that firms that pay out for regulation ultimately have to pass the costs along to consumers in the form of prices.

► **Overblown bureaucracy.** As government has swollen, so has the army of bureaucrats. The federal payroll has risen from 2 million in 1950 to about 2.8 million today. State and local government growth is even greater—from 4 million to nearly 13 million. This, of course, means increased outlays and the risk of deficits.

So big government translates into big inflation, and that spells trouble for us all. Nobody escapes inflation.

But there are hopeful signs, too. Although there are hold-outs, a majority in Congress and the White House now label inflation the number one domestic problem. The President has put together a program that emphasizes government restraint and already is catching flak from the big spenders. Wage and price standards have been invoked.

If the wage/price focus is matched by a determination to implement wiser and more prudent fiscal and monetary policies—which are the real answer to curbing inflation—then the battle may just be won. If not, then we are headed for more trouble and a dark and frightening future.

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