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Amarillo Oil Finals South Ward Strike

Amarillo Oil Co., operating from Midland has completed its No. 1 Miller Estate as an Atoka gas discovery in Ward County, three miles east of Barstow.

Calculated, absolute open flow was for 520,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day, producing through perforations at 16,350-18,497 feet, which had been sealed with 3,000 gallons.

Originally filed as a Fossilman test in the Barstow field, it later was amended to wildcat.

Drilled to 16,373 feet, it has been plugged back to 16,549 feet, in a 6-inch liner hung from 16,606-18,373 feet.

The following tops were reported under ground elevation of 2,546 feet: Delaware lime, 4,836; Cherry Canyon, 6,002; Bone Springs, 8,325; Wolfcamp, 11,205; Atoka, 16,280; Mississippian, 17,195; Woodford, 17,422; Devonian, 17,770; Silurian, 18,065 and Fossilman, 18,149 feet.

Wellbore is 1,000 feet from northwest and 3,920 feet from northeast lines of section 35, block 33, H&TC survey.

Stonewall Sectors Draw Venture Sites

Two Stonewall county areas drew locations for exploratory tests. Hanson Corp., Midland, filed application to drill No. 1 Jeff B. Nash, a 3,600-foot prospect, eight miles west of Swenson and two miles south of the Peacock, Northwest (Tannahill) oil field, but separated by failures.

It spots 1,980 feet from north and 600 feet from east lines of section 33, block D, H&TC survey.

Burk Royalty Co., Wichita Falls, accounted for two wildcats, in the northeast part of the county, and offsetting the firm's No. 1 Nanny, a scheduled re-entry operation, 13 miles northeast of Old Glory.

Both have a projected depth of 6,000 feet, and are in S. 20Graw survey 59, abstract 411.

No. 2 Nanny, 1/4 mile southwest of the re-entry, is 1,400 feet from north and 1,500 feet from west lines (which is the river), of the section.

No. 3 Nanny, also about one mile west, spots 467 feet from north and 1,000 feet from west lines of the section.

East Basin Areas Draw Exploration

Schleicher, Irion, Kimble and Concho counties drew sites for prospectors.

J. H. Purvis of Midland has scheduled No. 1 Floyd Higginbotham, a 4,500-foot venture in Concho, 2 1/2 miles east of the depleted one-well Mereta (Strawn) oil field.

Location is 963 feet from south and 1,874 feet from west lines of Christina Diehl survey 1622, eight miles west of Paint Rock, Kimble.

Mitchell Energy Corp., Houston, plans to drill a 3,700-foot searcher in Northwest, Kimble. It is No. 1 Rust Ranch.

Drill site is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 45, BS&F survey, abstract 51, 17 miles northwest of Junction and (Continued On Page 8D)

Retail Prices Up Once Again

Rocky Begins His Duties As 41st Vice President

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nelson A. Rockefeller began his first day as vice president by presiding over the Senate and then said he plans to be "as quiet and as helpful" as possible in working with President Ford.

Talking to reporters as he left the Capitol to return to New York with his wife, Rockefeller was asked about suggestions he might pose a problem for Ford.

"You can be assured right now," he said, "I'm not going to pose a problem for anybody. I want to be as quiet and as helpful and only do that which is appropriate and useful to the President and to the people of this country," he added.

Although aides had said earlier in the week Rockefeller would meet with Ford today to discuss his vice presidential assignments, they said today the meeting would take place Saturday afternoon at the White House.

As for the four-month delay in his confirmation, which ended Thursday night with a House vote and his swearing in, Rockefeller said, "I was very pleased."

He said the 287-126 House margin was "better than any vote I got" in winning four terms as governor of New York.

Rockefeller, one of America's most experienced public servants and wealthiest men, used his inaugural address Thursday night to praise the congressional review that scrutinized his career and delayed his confirmation for four months.

Just hours before being sworn in by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger in a televised ceremony in the Senate, Rockefeller was confirmed by the House.

President Ford, members of Congress and the Cabinet, Rockefeller's family and a host of New York officials were on hand to witness the inaugural.

Senate President Pro Tempore James D. Eastland, D-Miss., convened the ceremony, and a committee of senators conducted first Ford and then Rockefeller into the Senate chamber. It was the first time television cameras were allowed in the Senate.

After taking the oath, Rockefeller read from his own handwritten notes scrawled on a yellow legal pad and told the nation: "There is nothing wrong with America that Americans cannot right."

The new vice president said: "I pledge myself to the fullest limit of my capacity to work with you, Mr. President, and (See ROCKEFELLER Page 2A)



FIRST PRIZE AND PAL — Blake Batte cuddles up to a gobbler, stand-in for a dressed Christmas turkey he won in a poster contest for the 5- and 6-year-olds at Rusk Elementary School. Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Batte, had never seen a live turkey before, but it was apparently love at first sight. (R-T Staff Photo by Johnny Virden.)

LATE NEWS FLASHES

DALLAS (AP) — Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. officials said today a successor to the late T. O. Gravitt, former chief of Bell's Texas operations, would be named later in the day. "He (the successor) is not from within the Southwestern Bell system," said spokesman Jim Patillo.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clearing the way for final adjournment of the 93rd Congress, the House overwhelmingly approved today a major international trade bill despite complaints that it will not force freer Soviet emigration.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin declared today he is ready to meet Egyptian President Anwar Sadat "anytime and any place" for peace talks.

U.S. Steel Submits Documentation For Increase In Prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest steel producer, U.S. Steel Corp., submitted written documentation to the government today as justification of its controversial 8 per cent increase in prices of many steel products.

President Ford had demanded the explanation. A spokesman for the Council of Wage and Price Stability, which is investigating the price hikes, said the information was received from U.S. Steel during the morning.

The council declined to reveal the contents, saying that was up to the steel company.

The chairman of U.S. Steel, E. B. Spear, was scheduled to meet during the afternoon with council chairman Albert Rees at the council offices a block from the White House.

Meanwhile, the council said it had received a reply from a second steel company, C. F. & I. of Pueblo, Colo., saying it also would send material to Washington justify its own announced price increases.

The council asked both U.S. Steel and C. F. & I. to justify their proposed price hikes after President Ford said he was dis-

Showers Diminish

Scattered showers and thunderstorms started drying up in South Texas this morning as the latest cold front headed into the Gulf of Mexico.

Clouds blanketed the southeast third of the state; crisp, dry air kept the skies clear elsewhere.

Aside from clearing weather in the south, little change was forecast. Another cool night is expected.

Midland residents can anticipate pleasant Saturday weather with an expected high mercury mark in the upper 60s, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Air Terminal.

The weatherman reported the Thursday high as 66 and the overnight low as 28. The high this afternoon should reach near 60 followed by a low tonight in the lower 30s.

Biting northwest winds chilled the Panhandle-Plains and far West Texas early today, tumbling temperatures as low as 18 degrees at Dalhart and 19 at Marfa. Readings elsewhere ranged up to 60 at Brownsville and McAllen in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, The Associated Press reported.

Fire Insurance Rates Rise

AUSTIN (AP) — The State and their contents but reduced losses due to causes other than fire, such as explosions and hail.

The actual rates an owner will pay will vary according to the kind of structure and where it is located, with homeowners and extended coverage costing more along the Gulf Coast and in the northwestern corner of the state.

"Unpredictable and often violent Texas weather and inflation has contributed significantly to moderate overall rate increases for fire, extended coverage and homeowners insurance," said board chairman Joe Christie.

"Texas residents are also still suffering the ill effects of economic disasters from hurricanes and tornados of past seasons when they purchase this type coverage because the

The fire insurance rates were raised 3.8 per cent for homes reimburses building owners for

The State Board today raised 24.4 per cent for other kinds of insurance rates on homes and buildings.

An average increase of 19.3 per cent was ordered in home-owners insurance, while rates for extended coverage went up an average of 10.4 per cent.

New rates take effect Jan. 20. Fire insurance rates were raised 3.8 per cent for homes reimburses building owners for

Four Gunmen Free Hostages, Surrender

RICHFIELD, Minn. (AP) — Four gunmen whose escape from a supermarket robbery was cut short at the door by a policeman dashed back inside the store and took some 30 persons hostage. The bandits surrendered themselves and their unharmed captives today after a six-hour siege.

Police said the final 14 hostages were freed about 1:25 a.m. when the last two gunmen in the store gave themselves up following a telephone conference with Gov. Wendell Anderson.

Another group of about 15 persons had been released an hour earlier when a third gunman surrendered. The fourth robber was captured before the men grabbed their hostages.

The hostages, ranging from small children to a woman in her mid-80s, emerged from their ordeal shaken but unharmed. Two of the gunmen suffered minor injuries, one a shotgun wound in the shoulder and the other lacerations from broken glass.

The gunmen were not identified, although there were indications that at least two of them were teen-agers.

The sequence of events began about 7:30 p.m. Thursday when four armed, masked men entered the Country Club Supermarket in this Minneapolis suburb, ordered customers and employees to lie on the floor and then rifled cash registers and a safe. As they were leaving the store with an undetermined amount of cash, a police officer in an unmarked car surprised them and a flurry of gunfire ensued.

The four men ran back inside (See HOSTAGES Page 2A)

Workers' Earnings Decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported today that the cost of living rose another nine-tenths of one per cent in November, while workers' real earnings declined to their lowest level since 1967.

The Labor Department said a decline of 1.8 per cent in workers' real earnings during the month meant the nation's workers were earning 5.6 per cent less than a year ago.

The increase of nine-tenths of one per cent in consumer prices matched the October increase and pushed the cost of living 12.1 per cent higher in November than it was a year earlier. This was the biggest 12-month increase since a 12.6 per cent increase in the 12 months ending in September of 1947.

For the first 11 months of 1974, the cost of living was reported up 11.4 per cent. The Consumer Price Index stood at 154.3 of the 1967 average of 100, meaning that it cost \$154.30 to buy a statistical supply of goods that sold in 1967 for \$100.

Although the Ford administration has been predicting an easing of the nation's high inflation rate by spring, there was little evidence of decline in the November figures on consumer prices.

The Labor Department said prices increased during the month for a wide variety of consumer goods and services, including most foods, clothing, natural gas, mortgage interest rates and even taxicab fares and parking fees.

But it noted that the price of gasoline declined for the fourth consecutive month, with regular gasoline averaging 52.8 cents per gallon and premium gasoline averaging 56.7 cents in November.

Food prices were reported up 1.4 per cent during the month, marking the fourth consecutive month of rapid increase.

Sharply higher prices for sugar and sugar products were the (See Prices Page 2A)

Students Here Begin Holidays

Youngsters in Midland's six public and private school systems began their Christmas holidays this afternoon, with most returning to the classroom Jan. 6.

Students at Greenwood School report back to school Jan. 2, and children at St. Ann's will enjoy their holiday until Jan. 8.

Trinity School, Midland Christian School, Hillander School and the 26 schools in the Midland Independent School District will end their yuletide vacations Jan. 5.

Administrative offices for the Midland public schools will be closed throughout the week of Christmas and will close again New Year's Day.

Weather

through Saturday. Warmer on Saturday. High 50s, low 30s. High Saturday, upper 50s. Windy with scattered showers 1-5 p.m. Saturday. Low 40s, high 50s.

National Weather Service Headlines:

Thursday's High	60 degrees
Overnight low	30 degrees
Next day's High	51 degrees
Lowest today	3:00 p.m. 30 degrees
Hottest Saturday	7:00 a.m. 57 degrees

Precipitation:

This month to date	0.1 inch
1974 to date	20.50 inches

The record high temperature recorded for a Dec. 19 was 71 degrees in 1923. The record low for a Dec. 19 was 15, set in 1953.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

11 a.m.	50	Midnight	30
1 p.m.	52	1 a.m.	28
3 p.m.	54	3 a.m.	27
5 p.m.	56	5 a.m.	26
7 p.m.	58	7 a.m.	25
9 p.m.	60	9 a.m.	24
11 p.m.	62	11 a.m.	23
1 p.m.	64	1 p.m.	22
3 p.m.	66	3 p.m.	21
5 p.m.	68	5 p.m.	20
7 p.m.	70	7 p.m.	19
9 p.m.	72	9 p.m.	18
11 p.m.	74	11 p.m.	17
1 p.m.	76	1 p.m.	16
3 p.m.	78	3 p.m.	15
5 p.m.	80	5 p.m.	14
7 p.m.	82	7 p.m.	13
9 p.m.	84	9 p.m.	12
11 p.m.	86	11 p.m.	11
1 p.m.	88	1 p.m.	10
3 p.m.	90	3 p.m.	9
5 p.m.	92	5 p.m.	8
7 p.m.	94	7 p.m.	7
9 p.m.	96	9 p.m.	6
11 p.m.	98	11 p.m.	5
1 p.m.	100	1 p.m.	4
3 p.m.	102	3 p.m.	3
5 p.m.	104	5 p.m.	2
7 p.m.	106	7 p.m.	1
9 p.m.	108	9 p.m.	0
11 p.m.	110	11 p.m.	-1
1 p.m.	112	1 p.m.	-2
3 p.m.	114	3 p.m.	-3
5 p.m.	116	5 p.m.	-4
7 p.m.	118	7 p.m.	-5
9 p.m.	120	9 p.m.	-6
11 p.m.	122	11 p.m.	-7
1 p.m.	124	1 p.m.	-8
3 p.m.	126	3 p.m.	-9
5 p.m.	128	5 p.m.	-10
7 p.m.	130	7 p.m.	-11
9 p.m.	132	9 p.m.	-12
11 p.m.	134	11 p.m.	-13
1 p.m.	136	1 p.m.	-14
3 p.m.	138	3 p.m.	-15
5 p.m.	140	5 p.m.	-16
7 p.m.	142	7 p.m.	-17
9 p.m.	144	9 p.m.	-18
11 p.m.	146	11 p.m.	-19
1 p.m.	148	1 p.m.	-20
3 p.m.	150	3 p.m.	-21
5 p.m.	152	5 p.m.	-22
7 p.m.	154	7 p.m.	-23
9 p.m.	156	9 p.m.	-24
11 p.m.	158	11 p.m.	-25
1 p.m.	160	1 p.m.	-26
3 p.m.	162	3 p.m.	-27
5 p.m.	164	5 p.m.	-28
7 p.m.	166	7 p.m.	-29
9 p.m.	168	9 p.m.	-30
11 p.m.	170	11 p.m.	-31
1 p.m.	172	1 p.m.	-32
3 p.m.	174	3 p.m.	-33
5 p.m.	176	5 p.m.	-34
7 p.m.	178	7 p.m.	-35
9 p.m.	180	9 p.m.	-36
11 p.m.	182	11 p.m.	-37
1 p.m.	184	1 p.m.	-38
3 p.m.	186	3 p.m.	-39
5 p.m.	188	5 p.m.	-40
7 p.m.	190	7 p.m.	-41
9 p.m.	192	9 p.m.	-42
11 p.m.	194	11 p.m.	-43
1 p.m.	196	1 p.m.	-44
3 p.m.	198	3 p.m.	-45
5 p.m.	200	5 p.m.	-46
7 p.m.	202	7 p.m.	-47
9 p.m.	204	9 p.m.	-48
11 p.m.	206	11 p.m.	-49
1 p.m.	208	1 p.m.	-50

SOUTHWESTERN TEMPERATURES:

Albino	57	Houston	58
Amesbury	58	Lubbock	59
Beaumont	59	Marfa	60
Corpus	60	Midland	61
El Paso	61	Odessa	62
Fort Worth	62	Wichita Falls	63

Bob Boydston kills scorpions. (Adv.)

Shah Unhappy With Gold Accord

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The Shah of Iran is unhappy with the recent French-American gold agreement and has warned that an increase in the official price of gold will be matched by higher oil prices.

The 55-year-old ruler of the world's second largest oil exporter contended that an increase in the official price of gold would decrease the value of the dollars Iran and the other oil nations get for their oil.

"If our purchasing power is lost, everything goes," said the Shah in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press.

He indicated that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would cancel the nine-month price freeze it agreed on last week after raising the price of crude oil 38 cents a barrel.

Higher oil prices will "surely follow," the monarch said. "It won't be just a question of a few per cent inflation. It could eventually be the collapse of the whole monetary system."

Financial experts in Europe were mystified by the Shah's concern. They pointed out that President Ford and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing at their meeting in Martinique last weekend did not agree to raise the official value of national gold reserves to the market price. They agreed that nations could use the market value when pledging their national gold reserves as security for loans to pay their huge oil bills.

Common Market officials in Brussels termed this a book-keeping operation only. They pointed out that Italy revalued part of its gold reserves in this fashion last August to secure a \$2 billion loan from West Germany.

The Shah brushed off a suggestion that the 38-cent increase in oil prices might bankrupt some Western customers.

"Oh, that was nothing," he said. "The price of oil has not yet even reached what it would take to produce alternate sources of energies."

He confirmed reports that his government is conferring with Shell International "for some kind of distribution in the United States," presumably an interest in Shell's service stations. But "nothing in particular or spectacular," he said.

He also said there may be "some kind of joint cooperation between Pan American and Iran Air that would be in the interests of both airlines." But he insisted "there never has been any talk of buying into Lockheed and Grumman," despite reports to the contrary published in the United States.

The Shah scoffed at talk of an American seizure of Arab oil fields if another Arab-Israeli war brought another oil embargo against the West. But he gave the Arab nations a "friendly warning" against another oil embargo, "not because there is a fear of... occupation, but for their own future well being."

The Shah said he still wants to work out an oil pricing system geared to the prices of 20 to 30 commodities that the oil countries import.

"I am ready to go up if you are inflating, and I am ready to go down if you are deflating," he said.



SHAH OF IRAN WARNS WESTERN POWERS Gold Price Tinkering May Bring Oil Retaliation

Rockefeller Sworn In As 41st Veeep

(Continued From Page 1A) the Congress in the great task of building the strength of America to meet the grave new problems which we confront as a nation and as people.

He later told reporters that he was delighted with the margin of his approval by the House rather than disappointed that 198 members voted against his confirmation.

"There are some Democrats who find it very hard to vote for a Republican," he said, reaching with a smile for the glass of New York state champagne handed him over the heads of the crowd by Nancy Kissinger, wife of the secretary of State.

Most of the questions raised about his fitness concerned the immense Rockefeller family fortune, later reported to be slightly more than \$1 billion,

and the ways Rockefeller had used it.

For weeks he answered questions about more than \$2 million in gifts and loans he has made to associates, most of them employed under him as officials in the New York state government.

Rockefeller said the payments were made to help friends in personal need.

But as the hearings continued he said he had come to understand why some might be concerned about possible conflict of interest. He pledged to make no similar gifts to U.S. officials if confirmed as vice president.

Rockefeller's confirmation made him the second consecutive person to move into the nation's No. 2 office by appointment rather than direct popular election. Ford, the man

who nominated him, was the only other vice president to assume office by that route.

The swearing-in ceremonies in the Senate Chamber marked a climax of a series of events that began with the resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew last year and his no-contest plea to a felony charge.

Then, last Aug. 9, President Richard M. Nixon, beleaguered by the Watergate scandal and implicated in its cover-up, also resigned, leaving the presidency to Ford.

As Chief Justice Burger swore in Rockefeller as vice president Thursday night, House Speaker Carl Albert sat a few feet away with a broad grin.

Albert, who has been next in line in succession to the presidency since Nixon's resignation,

was reported by friends to be extremely relieved and happy that he no longer had that role.

In his speech, Rockefeller praised Ford, Congress and "the vigorous coverage of the free American press, radio and television, by which the American people are so well informed."

He had words of thanks for "my gallant wife, Happy," who recently has had both breasts removed in cancer surgery.

He hailed what he called the thoroughness in which Congress exercised its responsibilities to investigate his past.

Rockefeller said that thoroughness "has been another dramatic evidence of the enduring vitality of the American Constitution."

"I feel a great sense of hu-

manly ... of gratitude for the privilege of serving the country I love," Rockefeller said.

In the applause that greeted Rockefeller's completion of the vice presidential oath, Betty Ford and Mrs. Rockefeller embraced and Mrs. Rockefeller then turned to shake hands formally with her two sons, Nelson Jr. and Mark.

Rockefeller took the oath on a family Bible held by Burger. It was his grandfather's and his father's before him and he has used it for four inaugurations in Albany, New York's state capital.

Then, after the ceremony, he exercised the only formal duty given him under the Constitution: he presided over the Senate for a brief interlude before going to a reception in the Capitol.

Fire Insurance Rates To Climb

(Continued From Page 1A) board adjusts rates on a 10-year basis.

The rate increase will add almost \$25 million to insurance company revenues during 1975, the board estimated.

Christie said the new rates would raise the homeowners premium on a \$25,000 frame home in Austin from \$171 to \$196 a year, on a similar structure in Houston from \$212 to \$264, and on a \$25,000 brick veneer house in Lubbock from \$224 to \$280.

Homeowners rates in the Seacoast Territory—the first two tiers of counties back from the Gulf—will rise 24.4 per cent; in the sprawling Central Inland Territory 13.8 per cent; and in the North-Northwest Territory by 25 per cent.

Extended coverage rates will increase an average of 13.7 per cent in the Seacoast Territory; 8.8 per cent in the Central Inland Territory; and 8.6 per cent in the North-Northwest Territory.

Celebrities Recall Best Christmas

"My Most Memorable Christmas: Experiences as Recollected by 10 Celebrities" is the title of a timely feature appearing in the current issue of Family Weekly, the magazine section included each Sunday with The Reporter-Telegram.

"Rejoice — For This Time We Love" (Some Thoughts on Christmas) is another holiday feature.

"A Christmas Cake from the Bible" is the topic of the "Smart Cooking" column.

Congress Ready To Close Doors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 93rd Congress was ready to wind up its business with passage of a major international trade bill as its principal task.

Acting Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd said he was confident both House and Senate could finish their work today.

Byrd had hoped the Senate would have completed its tasks Thursday night, but it was unable to act on the trade bill

and two other measures.

Both chambers stayed in session late to complete confirmation of Nelson A. Rockefeller as vice president and to attend his swearing-in ceremony.

The House first and then the Senate were expected to act promptly on the compromise version of the trade measure and send it to President Ford, who has given the measure his highest priority. The bill empowers the President to negotiate tariff reductions with foreign nations.

The bill also contains provisions designed to ensure migration of minorities from Russia and other Communist countries.

On House Calendar

The House is scheduled to complete action on bills permitting the public media to carry news items and advertisements about state lotteries, extending antidrug programs and revising the Hill-Burton hospital grant program. The Senate passed both measures Thursday.

In other legislative business, Congress sent to the President the session's final money bill containing \$4 billion to begin funding public service jobs and assure a full 52 weeks of unemployment compensation benefits to workers covered by this program. This would be 13 more weeks than are now available.

Foreign Aid Program

Also sent to Ford was a continuing resolution making possible a \$3.4 billion foreign aid program for the current fiscal year.

Another bill sent to the President would extend the Export-Import Bank but put sharp limits on the use of its funds for energy development projects in the Soviet Union.

Both houses also completed action on a bill meeting objections of colleges and universities to a law enacted earlier this year allowing students to inspect their school records.

The Senate sent to Ford a bill granting tax relief to military personnel who served as war prisoners in Vietnam and to members of families of service men missing in action in the war.

Prices—

(Continued From Page 1A) major cause of the food price jump, the department said.

Prices also increased for fresh vegetables, pork and poultry, but declined somewhat for beef, fresh fruits and eggs.

The cost of food in November was listed as 11.9 per cent above a year earlier.

Nonfood commodities increased in overall price by eight-tenths of one per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis in November. This was higher than the October increase of six-tenths of one per cent, but still the second smallest increase during 1974.

While real weekly earnings of workers declined 1.8 per cent during November, real spendable earnings — real wages minus taxes — declined 1.7 per cent. The drop in spendable earnings was the highest monthly decline since the Labor Department began keeping such figures in 1964.

Hobby Asks New Constitutional Convention Call

PORT ARTHUR, Tex. (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby says the 1975 legislature should call a constitutional convention of elected citizen delegates to try again where lawmakers failed at producing a new state charter.

Extended coverage rates will increase an average of 13.7 per cent in the Seacoast Territory; 8.8 per cent in the Central Inland Territory; and 8.6 per cent in the North-Northwest Territory.

A convention made up entirely of legislators failed by three votes to come up with the required two-thirds majority to submit a new constitution last summer.

The general feeling appears to be that we must not allow the great volume of supportive work done by the constitutional convention to be wasted," Hobby said in a speech to the Rotary Club. He said he expects the 1975 legislature to reconsider the document drafted by the convention as well as the draft prepared by the Constitutional Revision Commission.

Hobby also said he feels the legislature must act to regulate public utilities such as telephone companies.

Minor Tax Changes Near Final Passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — A tax bill that would raise the interest on overdue taxes and double the maximum credit and deduction for political contributions was awaiting final action by the outgoing Congress today.

Senate-House conferees sent the measure to both chambers Thursday after putting together a package of random provisions.

Effective next July 1, the interest rate for taxpayers who fail to pay their taxes on time would be boosted from 6 to 9 per cent a year. Likewise, the government would be obligated to pay the same interest in refunding tax overpayments.

Future interest adjustments would be tied to changes in the prime lending rate that banks quote for their biggest borrowers.

The bill also would double the current maximum tax credit of \$12.50 for an individual and \$25 for a couple on political contributions.

Likewise, the maximum deduction for political gifts would be boosted from \$50 to \$100 for an individual and from \$100 to \$200 for a couple.

The legislation also provides that, in general, political organizations are to be treated as tax-exempt groups but are liable for taxes on any investment income they receive. Political contributions would no longer be subject to gift taxes.

Hostages—

(Continued From Page 1A) but one of them was apprehended as he tried to run out a back door, said Richfield Police Capt. Donald Lundquist. Lundquist and another officer entered the store to negotiate with the men.

"They wanted a car and were going to take the hostages," said Lundquist. "They also wanted a helicopter."

The police captain said the behavior of the hostages was "excellent. They caused no problems for us and they did what they were told. There was no hysteria."

Lundquist said there was no estimate on the amount of money the robbers had taken, but he said bills were found scattered all over the store.

He said the gunmen talked at least twice with the governor, the last time only minutes before the last two decided to give themselves up.

An aide to the governor, Thomas Kelm, said the governor assured the gunmen they would receive legal assistance.

Origin of Poetry

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, the origin of poetry was probably with the magical spells, the ritual incantations, and the highly rhythmic and formalized storytelling of early tribal society.

Blake Baffe Wins Drawing Contest

Blake Baffe, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Baffe, is providing his family with the main fix for Christmas dinner this year by winning a poster contest at Rusk Elementary School.

The contest was for the 108 5- and 6-year-old students who drew yuletide pictures which were judged by the school's art teacher, Roberta Bain.

Walter Clark was second place winner, with Eddie Livingston ranked third.

The youngsters' art work is on display at Bonanza Sirlin Pit.

Damage Suits Filed In Deaths Of Three Workers

Three damage suits, one for \$675,000 and the other two for \$625,000 each, have been filed in Midland's Western Division Federal Court by the families of three Denver City men killed in an oil field accident.

The accident occurred Sept. 14, 1974, at a Shell Oil Co. wellsite. The three men killed were Employees of Pool Co.

The suits are filed against Shell Oil Co. and Cabot Corp.

The plaintiffs in the \$675,000 suit are Mary Lou Daugherty, widow of Norman Daugherty, and Winona Morrow, as friend of the Daugherty children.

One of the \$625,000 suits was brought by Mary Ruth Morgan, the widow of Edward Morgan, and the other by Priscilla Morgan, widow of William Morgan.

The three men were killed when a boom on a pulling unit came into contact with a high voltage power line.

Saxbe Confirmed For Envoy's Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — With no dissent registered in a voice vote, the Senate has confirmed the nomination of Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe to be the next U.S. ambassador to India.

The Senate acted Thursday within hours after completion of a Foreign Relations Committee hearing, at which Saxbe testified that his first task in New Delhi would be to "establish friendly relationships." He will succeed Daniel P. Moynihan, who is returning to the Harvard University faculty.

Senate Judiciary Committee members have said President Ford will nominate Edward Levi, president of the University of Chicago, as the new Justice Department boss.

Oyster Oddity

Oysters funnel up to 100 gallons of water a day through their rather shapeless, headless, slippery bodies.

Steels—

(Continued From Page 1A) no authority to forbid price increases. But the agency could hold public hearings to focus public attention on steel prices.

Meanwhile, Congress neared final action on several economic measures, including one to alleviate the unemployment situation.

Both houses approved the first \$4 billion to finance a public service jobs program and a full 52 weeks of unemployment benefits for most persons laid off.

Senate-House conferees agreed on a bill to increase interest charged on back taxes. The bill would increase from 6 per cent a year to 9 per cent the interest rate paid both by tardy taxpayers and the government on any tax overpayments.

The Senate rejected a \$5.5-billion federal spending cut, defeating a move to keep federal spending near the \$300 billion level in the current fiscal year.

Parks Gymnasium To Close 2 Weeks

The Parks and Recreation Department Gymnasium at 300 Baldwin St. will be closed Saturday through Jan. 3 for painting.

No classes, rentals or other activities will be scheduled for the gym during this period.

The parks department announced today that regular office hours will remain in effect except for Christmas and New Year's Day, when offices will be closed.

Three Arrested At Crane For Pot

CRANE — Three Grand residents this week were arrested and charged with possession and sale of marijuana, according to Police Chief Bill Lee.

Stephen Carl Caldwell, 20, and a 16-year-old juvenile were arrested and charged. Bond for Caldwell was set at \$1,000 by Peace Justice Clara Cronin. The juvenile was referred to juvenile authorities.

Also arrested and charged with the sale of marijuana was Joe Ralph Pierce, 17, who remains in Crane County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 bond set by Peace Justice Mary Teague.

'CONSPIRACY ... BY THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS OF THIS LAND'— Prosecutor Details Watergate Cover-Up Payments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Referring repeatedly to the White House tapes, chief prosecutor James S. Neal described to the Watergate cover-up trial jury today payments of cash and veiled offers of clemency he said were used to keep the Watergate burglars from talking.

"Listen to the tapes," Neal repeatedly told the jurors after reading portions of conversations between former President Richard M. Nixon and his aides.

The five defendants listened silently while Neal outlined what he called a conspiracy to

obstruct justice "on a massive scale by the highest officials of this land."

Charged with conspiring to obstruct the investigation of the Watergate break-in are former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell; ex-White House aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman; former assistant Atty. Gen. Robert C. Mariani; and Kenneth W. Parkinson, a Washington lawyer who represented the Nixon campaign committee.

Several times during his summation Neal drew laughter from spectators, which brought protests from defense attorneys

who urged U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica to punish anyone caught laughing.

Neal described a March 21, 1973, discussion in Nixon's White House office during which then-presidential counsel John W. Dean III outlined what he knew about the break-in and cover-up.

"Dean to his everlasting credit has had about all he can stand," said Neal.

"To his shock, what happens? The President of the United States in the Oval Office starts to discuss how the money can be paid," the prosecutor said.

"... The President of the United States in the Oval Office suggests they'd better meet (E. Howard) Hunt's demand to buy time."

"The President suggests not once, not twice ... more than 10 times they'd better pay Hunt."

Then Neal described how hours later "in the dead of night" an envelope containing \$75,000 in cash was left in the mailbox at the home of William O. Bittman, Hunt's lawyer.

Neal read repeated references from the tapes in which Nixon and his top aides praised Dean before Dean began talk-

ing to federal investigators.

"Fine John Dean, good John Dean ... so, members of the jury, it's good John Dean ... suddenly, good John Dean becomes mean John Dean," Neal said.

Neal said the change was caused by Dean's decision to talk to the investigators.

Neal began his summation on Thursday and referred to testimony about meetings at which Job Stuart Magruder, former deputy director of Nixon's reelection committee, outlined a cover story he planned to tell Watergate investigators to ex-

plain the \$250,000 budget for the political intelligence plan that led to the break-in.

His voice rising, Neal asked the jury:

"Can you imagine those meetings? There's the former attorney general of the United States and this fellow stands up there and tells them this false story and they don't disapprove it."

He described Haldeman telling top CIA officials on June 23, 1972, six days after the break-in, to inform the FBI that its investigation of money traced to the burglars might uncover

covert CIA operations in Mexico, a story he branded "utterly, totally, completely false."

Ehrlichman had testified that he attended that meeting but said nothing.

"No one has ever accused him (Ehrlichman) of being naive, dumb, ignorant or not knowing what's going on," said the prosecutor.

Neal told how Parkinson learned the true story of Watergate from Magruder on July 13, 1972.

He said Parkinson took copious notes of his interview with Magruder "like this," he

said picking up a piece of paper from the prosecution counsel table.

"But this isn't those notes," he told the jury. "I can't pick up those notes," he added, describing how Parkinson later shredded them.

Neal told how nearly half a million dollars was raised and paid out to the Watergate burglars and their attorneys "in the most covert, secret, surreptitious means."

"Compassion? Humanitarianism?" Neal asked. "No. A quid pro quo. A bargain struck with money for silence."

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Explanations Given For Current Currency Boom In U.S.

By DONALD C. BAUDER
Copley News Service

You're feeling flush with cash. Your wallet is bulging. You've got so much folding money in your billfold you can barely sit down. "You're crazy," you say. "Don't call me crazy. Tell it to the economists. They say that, for some reason which is not entirely explicable, there is what appears to be an unusually large amount of currency in circulation these days.

Currency is actually a small part of the money supply—less than 6 per cent of the broad measurement, M2, which includes demand deposits (checks) plus time deposits other than large (over \$100,000) certificates of deposit as well as currency.

For the four weeks ended Oct. 30 of this year, the public held an average of \$66.7 billion in currency, about \$5 billion above the \$61.7 billion outstanding in the last month of 1973.

Thus for this year, currency has grown at an annual rate of more than 10 per cent, or twice the rate of growth of the money supply, which has averaged 5 per cent growth for the last 12 months, a slower 2.9 per cent for the last 6 months, and only 3.1 per cent for the quarter ended Nov. 27.

"In the past, currency has tended to grow at more rapid rates only in periods of uncertainty and crisis," said William Wolman, economist for Wall Street's Argus Research Corp. For instance, currency demand soared between 1931 and 1933, during World War II, and during the early days of the Korean War.

There are several explanations why currency has boomed this year. There was the gasoline crisis; when you didn't know where you would get your next tank of gas, you

carried more cash. (And some oil companies also restricted use of credit cards.)

Then there was all that negative publicity about banks—at least a few people stashed money into mattresses, buried some in the backyard, etc.

When currency grows at an

unusually fast rate, the Federal Reserve Board's job of keeping the money supply growing at a pace it desires is made more complicated.

The Fed can increase the money supply in several different ways, but a key way is the technique of the Fed buying securities on the open

market, and paying for the purchase by crediting the account of a member bank.

This credit, in turn, eventually creates even more money, because the bank only has to keep a fraction of its deposit in reserve.

So every time you yank money out of the bank, there

is that much less money on deposit which can be used for a loan. "To some extent, the Fed anticipates the rate of currency growth when it makes its calculations, but to the extent that currency growth was faster than anticipated, the monetary authority suffered a degree of frustration getting the money

supply to rise," said Wolman. Some economists think that the unusual increase in currency suggests that the money supply has actually been growing at a faster rate than the 6 per cent (of the last 12 months) which the Fed calculates.

"I have some doubts about the latest Fed numbers," said Prof. Allen Melzer of Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh. In another interview, "June and July we saw a tremendous growth in the currency component, and it's difficult to know why the increase was so large. It may be a statistical error, and if it is, the money stock could actually be growing faster

than we know."

Whether this surprisingly fast growth rate of currency is inhibiting monetary expansion, as Wolman suggests, or possibly serving to be a factor in an overstatement of total money growth, as Melzer thinks is possible, won't be determined for some time.

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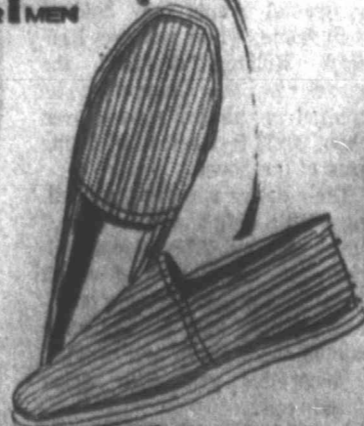
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Today In History

By The Associated Press
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Today's highlight in history: On this date in 1813, the U.S. Congress established a system of internal revenue to raise money.

On this date: In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

In 1803, a flag-raising ceremony at New Orleans marked the official transfer of the Louisiana Purchase from France to the United States.

In 1820, the state of Missouri began taxing bachelors one dollar a year.

In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

In 1922, 14 Republics of Russia formed the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In 1957, the European Nuclear Energy Agency was inaugurated.

Ten years ago: U.S. officials voiced strong displeasure at the overthrow of South Vietnam's civilian legislature by a group of military commanders.

Five years ago: President Juan Valasco of Peru signed a contract for copper development by a U.S. company despite objections by leftists and Communists.

One year ago: Spain's Premier Luis Carrero Blanco was killed when assassins bombed his car in Madrid.

Today's birthdays: Democratic Sen. John Sparkman, D-Ala., is 75 years old. Bob Hayes of the Dallas Cowboys football team is 32.

Thought for today: The only thing we have to fear on this planet is man. — Carl Jung, Swiss psychologist, 1875-1961.

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Midkiff Student Honor Graduate

MIDKIFF — Mrs. Duwain Vinson Jr., the former Sue Jackson, was graduated magna cum laude recently from Tarleton State University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Son Jackson of Midkiff.

Mrs. Vinson earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education. She is a 1971 graduate of Rankin High School and attended Angelo State University. While at ASU, she was a member of Lambda Tau, freshman national honor society. At TSU, she was initiated into Alpha Chi, national honorary scholastic society. She also was presented the W. J. Wisdom Scholarship Award her junior and senior years.

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ROOM TO SPARE — Wayne Chapman pots at his potter's wheel in the studio of his home which is the lower level of his house. Redwood beams display his work and that of his wife, Barbara, a weaver and stitcher.

Today's Homes Designed With Area For Creativity

By MARIE STANTON
Copley News Service

Today, homes have a place to sleep, a place to sit and watch television, and a place to cook and dine. But seldom have homes been planned with the thought that anyone might like to weave, sew, pursue photography, weld, pot or a million other things that creative people find challenging.

Undoubtedly a place to hang your hat and rest your body are important for a home to provide, but that's hardly adequate. It's only a start, as many homemakers are discovering. Daughter may want to fire her enamels, son may want to practice the drums with his combo, dad may want to relax and work on his sand casting and mother may want to finish silk-screening the family's Christmas cards.

All these things are the stuff that make creative people tick, whether they are amateurs or professionals. Yet pursuits such as these take space and most take storage, among other things. Some require natural light and some the absence of it; some special electrical wiring use of special chemicals, tools and equipment.

More often than not it's the dining room table that first serves as the creativity center. It's where people seem to spread out and work. It's probably the largest, sturdiest work space in the house.

And undoubtedly this is the place where many fantastically fine artistic expressions are created. But there's always that moment when people get hungry. Do you clear off the about-to-be-completed work or do you eat on television trays or on the floor?

At that point the need for a creative space arises. It might be found in an extra bedroom, it might be a converted garage, it might be an entrance hall or a dining room wall, a corner of the living room, a closet off the bedroom. It might even be a section of the bathroom or the washing area (especially good for a mini-darkroom). Most any room in the house has the bones for a work space if some creative thinking goes into planning. Then, too, there are spectacular workshops that professionals create to fill their own needs.

When Barbara and Wayne Chapman decided to remodel their Solana Beach, Calif., home four years ago, they planned a lower floor for an extensive studio area for both to work. Chapman is a potter and Mrs. Chapman does work in clay, although not at the wheel, stitchery and various types of weaving, in addition to fanciful Christmas ornaments.

Their plans included large working spaces for Chapman's potting wheel, table space for drying the pots as well as work space for Mrs. Chapman and display space for their work which they sell twice each year at special events they hold in their home. When architect Kendrick Kellogg designed the spaces for the Chapmans, he created an almost square area about 30x33 feet below the living area of the house.

Their desire was for high ceilings. "We didn't want a hole," they explained. The 10-foot ceilings were natural wood which they found absorbed large quantities of light and so they have painted them white and created a decorative grid with strips of redwood.

A 5x9-foot work table was designed to serve also as a Ping Pong table for the family,

but clay sculpture and other work took precedence and it's never seen a Ping Pong ball. Constructed on a base covered in redwood bender board, it has doors which open to reveal carts that slip under and contain materials and supplies.

Gray cement floors were once covered with old but still lovely Oriental rugs. But the clay dust made these impractical. "We're planning to paint the cement in muted colors and abstract shapes so that we will have some color and pattern. We want to get away from the drabness of the gray floor. But the clay dust is particularly abrasive. I spill lots of orange shellac on the floor so the design will have to be such that spills like this won't show," Mrs. Chapman explained.

Across three redwood-sheathed walls are wide redwood shelves which provide the storage for finished work until it is sold. "We like the rough materials. We can put a nail anywhere," Chapman remarked. One wall of shelves also includes a sink and serves as a coffee bar. One wall is interrupted by a six-foot span of glass which looks out onto a lushly landscaped garden.

The glass panel was designed to slide open if desired. Spotlights are located throughout the room to provide light where it is most needed to supplement the soft natural light that filters through the large glass panel and partial wall of tall, narrow glass panels. Chapman finds the area immediately in front of the large glass panel the logical spot for potting and has a small cabinet for tool storage next to his wheel. The potting area is just slightly lower than the rest of the studio floor, making it easier for cleaning up the clay and keeping it out of the rest of the studio.

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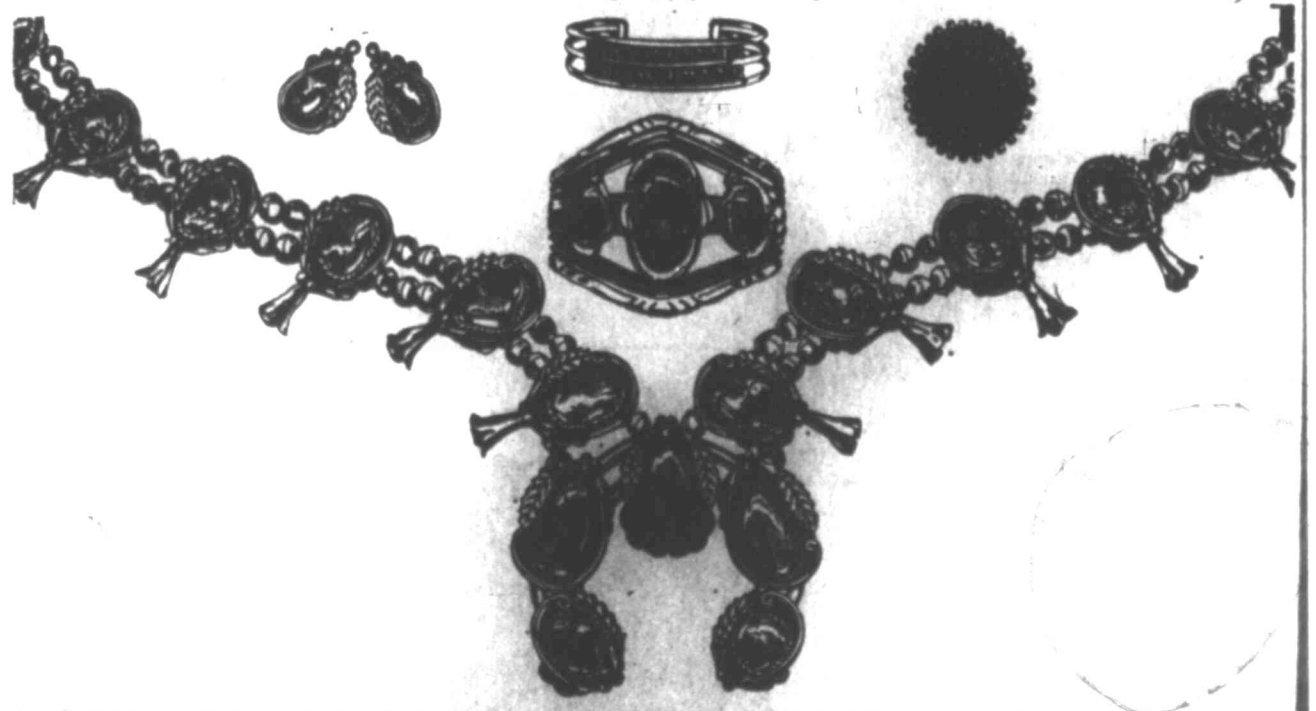
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Decorating the door of the Rendall residence was a large green bow with rice bags and rosebuds.

Guests made rice bags and brought favorite spices, which were placed on a spice rack, gift of the hostesses to Miss Wilson.

The serving table was covered with an emerald green linen cloth and was centered with 25-year-old sweet gum branch belonging to Mrs. James A. Alexander. Rice bags with yellow and green ties and tangerine rosebuds tied with emerald green satin bows completed the centerpiece.

Hostesses were Mrs. Rendall, Mrs. Glenn Gardner, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Joe Field, Mrs. Porter Baswell, Mrs. Richard Schmidt and Mrs. Clifford Sherrod.

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5A-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1974

Dear Abby

—By Abigail van Buren

What Is Correct Attire For Funeral?

DEAR ABBY: My mother is in very poor health and I would appreciate it if you would advise me as to the proper attire for funeral services.

I look terrible in black, but I could buy either a dark gray or navy blue suit.

Also, what is acceptable for my son, who is 17? He has a new green plaid blazer which he could wear with a white shirt and black tie. Or do you think a solid color jacket would be more appropriate?

My two daughters are 12 and 14. Must they wear something dark, too? Also, should I carry gloves? If so, do you think white would be too conspicuous? Also, may I wear a small pin or pearls? Or is jewelry out of place at a funeral? Thank you.

NAMELESS IN N.M.

DEAR NAMELESS: You and your children should wear whatever you would normally wear to church. Don't buy anything especially for your mother's funeral. She may live.

DEAR ABBY: Your recent exchange on how to say no to sex reminds me of an old story that might bear repeating:

What's the difference between a lady and a diplomat?

When a diplomat says "yes" he means maybe.

When a diplomat says "maybe" he means no.

When a diplomat says "no" he's no diplomat.

When a lady says "no" she means maybe.

When a lady says "maybe" she means yes.

When a lady says "yes" she's no lady.

WALTER E. BLAKELY:
BELOTT, WISC.

DEAR WALTER: Thanks for a dandy day-brightener. "Old" is right. But it's still good.

DEAR ABBY: A friend and I lunch together about once a week and we've been taking turns picking up the check.

I notice that when it's my turn to treat, this friend orders three martinis and a full course meal.

Next-To-New To Be Closed

The Junior League of Midland, Inc., announces the closing of its Next-To-New Shop Sunday through Jan. 9.

But when it's HER turn to treat, she orders only one martini, and then says she's not very hungry and all she wants is a sandwich, so naturally I'm not about to order a more expensive lunch than she orders.

It's beginning to irritate me. She's not hurting at the bank if you know what I mean. How should I handle it?

FED UP

DEAR FED: Go Dutch.

DEAR ABBY: I just had to write about the letter from "Missing my Grandchildren."

After my husband and I were divorced, I used to take my children over to my in-law's house a couple of times a month.

They seemed happy to see me and the kids, but sometimes I felt like I was imposing. After about six months, I decided not to drop in, but to wait for an invitation.

I'm still waiting, and it's been two years. We live in the same part of town and I have a phone.

I think if they really wanted to see their grandchildren, they would call once in a while and ask about them, or ask me to bring them over, or maybe come to visit us.

I guess it's because I'm keeping the grandchildren away from them that they're not sending any birthday or Christmas cards.

Tell that granny who's missing her grandchildren if she wants to see them, she should pick up the phone and invite her former daughter-in-law and the kids over. If granny gets snubbed in the attempt, at least she can say she tried.

SAN BERNARDINO

DEAR SAN: Amen!

Everyone has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to ABBY in care of this newspaper. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

Degree Candidate

ABILENE — Mrs. Cindy Lee Reese Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reese of Midland, will complete requirements for graduation at the close of the fall semester at Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Moss is a candidate for a bachelor of science degree. December graduates will receive their diplomas at spring commencement in May.

OC Schedules New LVN Class

ODESSA — A new vocational nursing class will begin at Odessa College in February.

Applicants need to sign for the course by Jan. 24 with Mrs. Eva Mauldin, director of the program at OC.

Each LVN class is limited to 40 students, so persons interested need to apply soon, Mrs. Mauldin said.

The one-year program will be held from Feb. 3 through Feb. 5, 1976. After completing the course, students are eligible to take the state examination that certifies them as licensed vocational nurses.

The instruction includes classroom study and clinical practice at Medical Center Hospital.

Each applicant needs to have a high school diploma or the equivalent; be a United States citizen; be able to speak, read and write English; be between 18 and 45 years of age, or receive special permission to enroll. Each student also must take a pre-entrance exam, unless she has taken a college entrance exam.

Mrs. Mauldin may be contacted at OC, but will be on vacation Saturday through Jan. 5.

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Party Planned

The Auxiliary to the Texas Postal Union Workers met recently in the home of Mrs. Gail Wilson. Plans were discussed for a Christmas and New Year's party and dance to be held at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 28 in the Midland County Exhibit Building. The next meeting of the auxiliary was announced for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28 in the home of Mrs. Raymond Byrd, 4408 Erie Drive.

Musical Program Presented Club

Debra Tindle and Elaine Hines presented a Christmas musical for members of Modern Study Club Wednesday in the Midland Woman's Club.

Miss Tindle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tindle, and Miss Hines' parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hines. Both are members of the Lee High School Chorus Choir and "Origins" folk music group. They attended

the music festival in Austin last summer with the choir. Mrs. H. M. Emsley, program chairman, introduced Miss Hines and Miss Tindle. They introduced each selection as a traditional, Spanish or contemporary Christmas carol. Miss Tindle was the accompanist.

Hostess to the social hour was Mrs. J. C. Snyder.

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Music Teachers Conduct Bazaar

A Christmas bazaar and luncheon were held recently in the home of Mrs. Hans Roweck for members of the Midland Music Teachers Association.

Mrs. Donald K. Thompson served as auctioneer for the bazaar. Members donated hand-

made items, including pin cushions, pillow cases, jewelry and wall hangings, home baked breads, pies and cakes and home canned foods. Proceeds from the auction will be given to the Wallace Wimberly Scholarship Fund.

Following the auction, the luncheon was held. The tables were decorated with Christmas centerpieces.

Serving as co-hostesses with Mrs. Roweck were Mrs. William Maitland and Mrs. Thompson.

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6A—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1974

POLLY'S POINTERS Put True Meaning Into Holidays



By POLLY CRAMER
Newspaper Editor/Writer Association

Polly's Problem
DEAR FRIENDS — This is a Christmas season when all of us are conscious of saving while still presenting a gay and festive front. Perhaps one of the good things we will learn is to dwell a bit more on the true meaning of the season and less on the commercial side. The latter has become so prevalent in our present-day society. If the budget does not stretch to the Christmas Eve party you have always had, then make an occasion of the family going to church together. If presents are not as lavish or as numerous as in Christmases past, make more of them by doing as a reader suggests.

DEAR POLLY — My mother used to prolong the gift opening for me in a very clever way. Instead of putting name tags on the packages around the Christmas tree she would cut pictures from old Christmas cards and then cut them into jigsaw puzzles. One piece would be attached to a gift with clear plastic tape and the remaining pieces were put in a large envelope with my name on it. On Christmas morning I was handed an envelope and would have to put the puzzle together and then find the gift with the missing piece to complete the puzzle. The older we got the more scissor-minded Mother became. Four or five gifts can take a long time to open. The pleasure is continued over a longer period and one is not conscious that there are not quite as many gifts. — J.C.

Expensive gift wrappings are not a necessity. A Sunday comic sheet with red or green wool ties will please the young fry as much or more than the Vanderpool, Mrs. Donald Ross, grandest matched wrappings. Rug yarn bought by the hank Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and Kathryn Twist all that leftover knitting

yarn into cords — the children will love doing it for you. Use a lot of big fat candles but make them yourself. Waxed milk cartons make great forms for impressive looking ones. Make a few extra for gifts. They will be a good substitute for the baked gifts you may have previously given but are eliminating because of high prices. Put the Christmas tree in front of a big window so it can be enjoyed from both indoors and outdoors and cut down on exterior lights.

These few Pointers are only to start your own imagination to work. After the holidays write and tell us the things you discovered that made this ecology-minded Christmas a happy and gay one for your family and friends. Next year we will pass them on for others to try. Let us all put our wits to work as we tighten our belts and pocketbooks to have a gay and happy holiday. — POLLY.

Holiday Dinner Held By Organists

The West Texas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists observed the holiday season with a dinner party recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heckathorn. Mrs. James Huddleston led the group in singing carols.

Attending were Dr. and Mrs. Huddleston, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barthel, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Motter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Linda Lassiter, Lotta Williams, Mrs. Hugh Dickson, Mrs. J. B. Koenig, Mrs. E. W. as much or more than the Vanderpool, Mrs. Donald Ross, grandest matched wrappings. Warren Hammel, Charles Dixon, Rug yarn bought by the hank Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and Kathryn Twist all that leftover knitting Hoppe of Odessa.

Rankin Chapter Has Annual Party

RANKIN — An annual Christmas salad supper and party were held recently by Xi Epsilon Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in the home of Mrs. James D. Gossett, with Mrs. Gordon Shultz as the co-hostess. Mrs. Shultz, president, presided. Christmas gifts from secret sisters were exchanged. Mrs. Russ Blomson of Fort Worth was a special guest.

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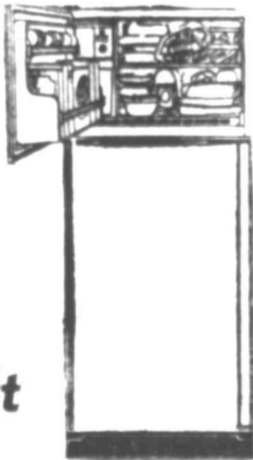
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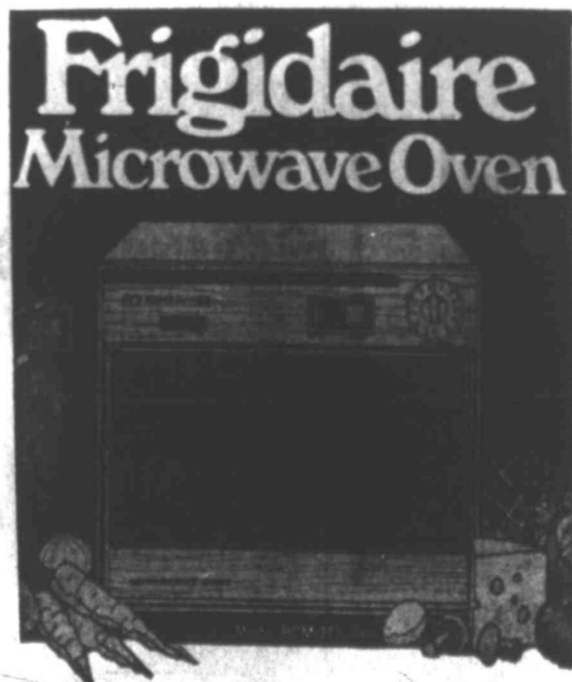
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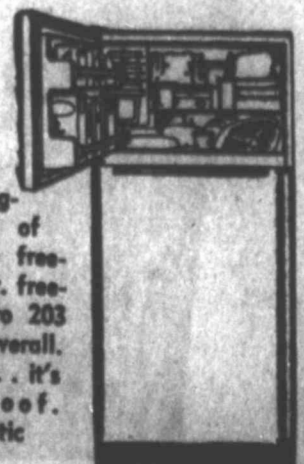
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**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Sponsors First Esquire Ball**

The Midland-Odessa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will sponsor its first Esquire Ball at 10 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall here.

The sorority will present outstanding high school seniors or college students from Midland and Odessa who have made commendable contributions to their school, church and community.

A full day of activities is scheduled Saturday for the young men, including a brunch following a rehearsal and a banquet at 8 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Sheraton Inn prior to the formal presentation and dance.

Esquires to be presented from Midland include Patrick Chinn, Terrill Littlejohn, Reginald Coleman, Conrad Coleman, Michael Williams, Jeffrey Rankin, Wendell Ward, Lucky White, Michael Hudspeth, Milton Jones and James Ramsoure. From Odessa, those honored will be Royal Anthony Huckaby, Darryl Hunt, Ralph Johnson, Woodie Shepard, James Walker, Eddie B. Washington and Ernest Clark.

A champagne toast will be given by James Bradford and W. H. Anderson and a presentation of gifts will be made by Mrs. W. H. Anderson, president of the sorority, and Mrs. Lola Nunn, first vice president in charge of programs. The presentation of the esquires will be made by Frizella Whitaker and Mrs. Mamie Williams. Banquet sponsors are Mrs. Maggie Washington, Mrs. W. H. Deaver and Mrs. James Bradford, while brunch sponsors are Mrs. Leroy Williams, Mrs. Price Whitaker, Mrs. William Merritt and Mrs. Weldon Elbert.

West Elementary is participating in the "White Christmas Project" this year. A prize will go to the room with the greatest number of contributions.

It was announced the West Halloween carnival was a success with a net profit of \$720.32. Thanks were given to Mrs. T. R. Crutchfield, carnival chairman, and to everyone who helped.

The next unit meeting will be Feb. 4 when a Texas PTA life membership will be presented.

Canned artichoke bottoms, hearts of palm, celery hearts or flaglets in cans are all special vegetables to spark the Christmas feast. Any one would be very welcome.

There also are smoked oysters, gourmet tiny shrimp, Greek olives, tall jars of anchovy-stuffed olives, bottles of pine nuts and macadamia nuts all to grace the cocktail buffet.

Honey makes a pleasant gift, too. There are so many kinds from all over the world you have a great choice. Why not give a jar of honey along with tin of imported crackers? A nice thought.

Several foreign countries specialize in fancy cookies. They are usually beautifully packaged in tin for the Christmas trade. American bakers do the same thing. Cookies, particularly where there are children around the Christmas tree, are always welcome.

Finally, and practically, there is one more suggestion - for Christmas 1974 - a gaily wrapped pound of sugar. For Christmas? Oh yes, oh yes!

Urban, Ill. (AP) - Eighth graders at Urbana Junior High School went right to the top for some tips on babysitting.

They wrote to Susan Ford at the White House and received a reply. The President's daughter wrote in part:

"When 'out on the job,' the most important thing to me is the children's safety and health. It's also important to present a loving and calm atmosphere and maintain as much of the children's routine as possible while the parents are away.

"Most of my babysitting is done for my former neighbors in Alexandria, Va., just as I have always done... It's just that now they not only get a babysitter but complete Secret Service protection at no extra charge. My rates are between 75 cents and a dollar an hour."

ANNUAL PARTY - Mrs. Vada Haile, Mrs. D. R. Germany, Mrs. J. W. Arnett, Mrs. W. B. Stanley and Mrs. T. P. Bryant, left to right, are shown at an annual Christmas party held Wednesday by the Prairie Lee Home Demonstration Club.

**Luncheon Held
By HD Members**

The Prairie Lee Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. T. P. Bryant, Route 2, for an annual Christmas party.

Gifts were exchanged and a luncheon was served.

Special guests were Mrs. D. R. Germany, Midland County extension agent, and Mrs. Christine Broxson, Mrs. Susan May Davis, Mrs. Ronnie Stanley, Mrs. Terry Bryant, Mrs. Walter Garaby and Mrs. Patrick Aleman.

Members present were Mrs. W. B. Stanley, Mrs. Vada Haile, Mrs. Jim Stanley, Mrs. Mama McKee, Mrs. Arlie Bryant, Mrs. Beth Roby, Mrs. Marie Tidmore, Mrs. Minnie Richman, Mrs. Tom Kornegay, Mrs. J. B. Hammett, Mrs. Larry Aleman, Mrs. J. W. Arnett, Mrs. Ethel Stason, Mrs. E. A. Voliva, Mrs. Alvey Bryant and Mrs. Clyde Reyes.

**West Fifth Graders Present
PTA Christmas Program**

The West Elementary Parent-Teacher Association met recently with Mrs. Dalton Linton, president, presiding. A flag ceremony was presented by Cub Scout Pack 6, Den 2, led by Mrs. Tom Rider.

West Elementary fifth graders presented a Christmas program directed by Mrs. Jerry Haire, music director, who was assisted by Mrs. Eddie Everett.

Mrs. Thomas Haney announced Mrs. Margaret Lambeth, Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs and Mrs. Everett won the membership contest. Mrs. Bob Ihinger, Mrs. Morris Todd, Mrs. Ann Donaldson and Nancy

Caswell won the publication prize.

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**Gifts For Those Gourmets
On Holiday Shopping List**

By GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA

The Christmas holidays this year come with unusual financial worries. The "Old Times" spirit of giving may still burn but in too many cases, the money to spend is not there.

There is something that can be done about it, particularly in the food line. Give your friends gourmet foods. Supermarket prices are so out of this world that many people have to pass up many things they used to enjoy. There is where you can come in - on Christmas Day with a present of some special treat to brighten the palate and heart for the holidays.

For those who plan to make their own Christmas gift foods at home, there are numerous new containers for that purpose. Made of glass, tin, wicker, plastic, or as crocks, they add gaiety to your special gift.

Some of the homemade items are fruit cakes, cookie bars of nuts, fruit, chocolate bits, etc. Supermarkets carry special teas with orange rind or other flavors added, flavored coffees, special seasoned salts for salad dressing or meats, fruit butters in crocks (they use less sugar than jellies), and jellies and marmalades. The cost of each item gift can be kept within \$2 to \$5.

Here are a few suggestions: Dundee marmalade in crocks, containers of English gooseberry or damson-plum jams, glass jars of brandied peaches, papayas in syrup, oranges sliced in syrup, Kadota figs in syrup, the kumquats in syrup and pickled watermelon rind. Don't forget jars of marrons in syrup or the ever popular Nesselro Sauce (marrons, pineapple, melon rind and cherries.) This is wonderful over ice cream or a fine custard.

Wild rice is another more expensive suggestion. Also stuffed leaves from Greece that can be eaten either cold or hot. Round glass jars of cooked smoked tongue or smaller jars of lamb's tongue would be a pleasant surprise gift, too.

**Mrs. A. O. Sharp
Hosts Yule Event**

The United Methodist Women of St. Paul United Methodist Church held recently their new member Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. A. O. Sharp, 2816 Maxwell St.

Mrs. J. R. Woods, president, recalled the past year of programs to the group, while Mrs. J. W. Clark presented a Christmas reading and Mrs. David Maxey led the singing of Christmas carols. Gifts were brought for Park Place, Inc., residents.

Other members attending were Mrs. B. J. Walker, Mrs. E. G. Adamson, Mrs. T. W. Morrow, Mrs. Ken Tudor, Mrs. Jim Holmes, Mrs. Lillia Lowe, Mrs. H. J. Martin, Mrs. Glenn Cain, Mrs. Doug Lowe, Mrs. T. L. Witt, Mrs. Dayle Binston, Mrs. Merrill Martin, Mrs. Sam Brown and Mrs. Victor Kuykendall.

New members attending were Mrs. Jim Fairbanks, Mrs. Steve Tudor, Mrs. Bill Bett, Mrs. Tommy Nelson, Mrs. Clifford Chapman, Mrs. Kenneth Bristol, Mrs. Ruth Newton and Mrs. Maxey. Guests were Mrs. W. W. Cregg and Mrs. Nan Tudor.

**Mobil Women
Meet For Cards**

The Mobil Women's Club met recently in the home of Mrs. Charles F. Brown, 3215 Sentinal St., for bridge and canasta. Holiday decorations were used as table centerpieces.

Mrs. Howard Causby won the high bridge, with Mrs. Roger McCracken winning second. The canasta prize was won by Mrs. John Seerey, Mrs. W. D. Gill and Mrs. Phillip Terry won special prizes.

Assisting Mrs. Brown were Mrs. John Willis and Mrs. Bob Smith.

**LCC Associates
Hold Yule Party**

The Lubbock Christian College Associates met recently for an annual Christmas party, with husbands as guests, for a potluck dinner and exchange of "white elephant" gifts.

The candle-lit tables were covered with red cloths. Large wooden bowls filled with red apples and decorated with red and white checked bows centered the tables. Red candles, red berries and Christmas greenery completed the decorations.

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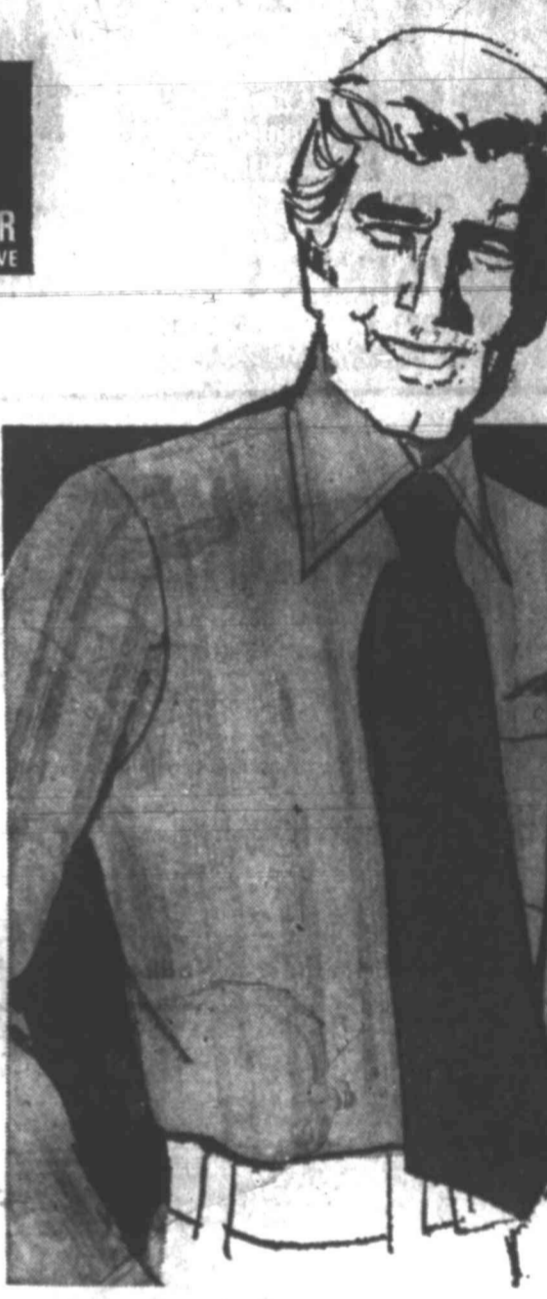
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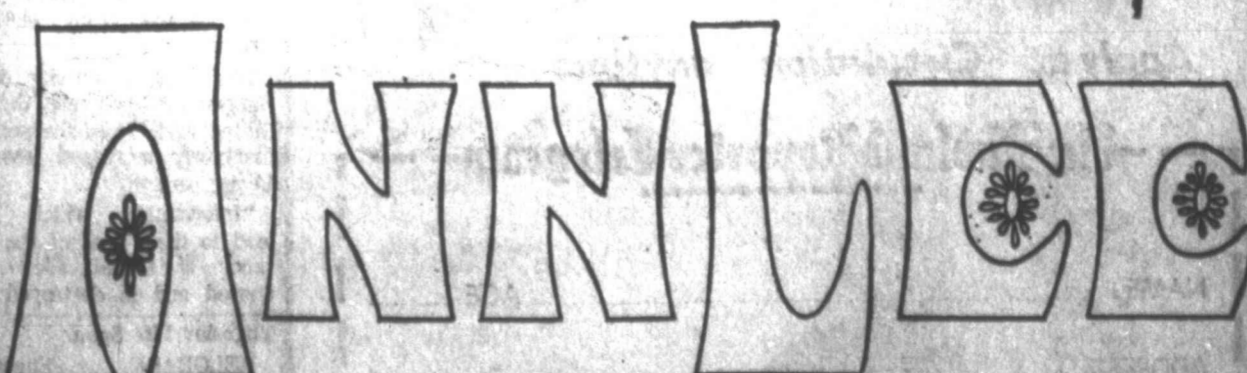
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Barnes flew in Thursday from St. Louis to defend his company against allegations of a corporate political slush fund, illegal wiretapping and illegal rate making in Texas.

Depositions Taken

Shortly after Barnes spoke to the civic club, depositions were being taken in another part of the city in a \$29.2 million lawsuit brought against Bell by James Ashley, a fired Bell executive, and the family of T.O. Gravit, a Bell executive in Dallas who took his life in October.

And in yet another development, State Sen. Ron Clower,

When asked about reports of a Bell corporate slush fund, Barnes said, "I underscore and emphasize that is personal money and not company money and there is no coercion associated with that."

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D-Garland, said in Dallas he would introduce legislation to establish a state utilities commission because Texas telephone service "is not good enough" and its costs should be "dramatically cheaper."

Barnes told members of the San Antonio Kiwanis Club "widespread attempts have been and are being made to bring into dispute a number of our operations in Texas that have passed the test of time for effectiveness and fairness to the public."

As to Bell's rate making in Texas, Barnes said, "You may have heard reports of a so-called secret memorandum by a Southwestern Bell rate expert in St. Louis. Boiled down, to simple terms, this memorandum says just what I said: original costs requires a higher rate of return than fair value."

Barnes was referring to Texas law, unlike laws of other states, which allows utilities to ask for a certain level of profit based on the fair value of investment with inflation as a factor.

Barnes conceded under questioning the same memorandum said certain unique Bell practices in Texas in figuring fair value and operating expenses would be hard to defend in court.

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Lack Of Manpower, Funds Cited In Flow Of Illegal Aliens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Insufficient funds and manpower are keeping the Immigration and Naturalization Service from stemming a flood of illegal immigrants into the United States, a House committee has reported.

"The ever-increasing number of illegal aliens in this country appears to be due in great part to the inability of the service to control and enforce immigration laws in every section of the country," the Government Operations Committee said.

"Operations efforts of INS frequently resemble a man trying to turn back the flood with a pail and shovel," it said in an interim report released Wednesday.

Two-Year Study

The committee's criticism of the immigration service is based on a two-year study by its legal and monetary affairs subcommittee. It does not include the views of the Republican minority, which will be issued separately.

"It appears that the service is falling short of accomplishing its goal," the report says. "As witnesses from all levels of INS appeared before the committee, a picture began to unfold of an agency faced with an enormous problem whose dimensions had increased dramatically within the past decade, but which was funded at a level that failed to provide the means of accomplishing its task."

Leads Ignored

Because of the manpower problem the service must ignore thousands of leads about the location of illegal aliens, the committee said.

The General Accounting Office, Congress' fiscal watchdog agency, has reported that in New York and Los Angeles there is a backlog of about 77,000 uninvestigated complaints or leads about illegal aliens in the country.

The report notes that the number of deportable aliens in the United States jumped in the last decade from 44,000 to 790,000.

Illegal alien activity overall jumped 1,000 per cent, the committee said, while the service's manpower increased less than 10 per cent.

"Information which could lead to the arrest of the thousands of illegal aliens goes unused and is destroyed each

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Commission Urges Pay Raise For State Employees

AUSTIN (AP) — State employees—some of whom are so needy they receive food stamps—desperately need a pay raise and a continuing method to keep them ahead of inflation, a special commission says.

The Public Employees Study Commission issued its report Thursday to Gov. Dolph Briscoe, who appointed the group at the request of the 1973 legislature.

Salaries and wages should be raised to offset inflation and match those paid by private

business and industry, the commission said.

It added that procedures should be established "to maintain comparable salary levels and make cost of living adjustments during the interim between legislative sessions."

"The overwhelming concern of the public sector employee continues to be inadequate pay. Testimony indicated that Texas ranks 38th among the states in average pay for state employees. Furthermore, because of relatively inflexible budgetary procedures at both the state and local levels, public sector employees suffer disproportionately from present runaway inflation," the report said.

It quoted a state university personnel director as saying that his office often helps em-

ployees complete applications for food stamps.

"The commission has compiled a detailed report that deserves, and I am sure will re-

ceive, most thorough study from all elected officials," said Briscoe, who received the first copy of the report.

The 18-member study com-

mission recommended that the legislature pass a public employer-employee relations act that would authorize employees "to organize and be recognized

and to elect representatives for the purposes of consulting in good faith over wages, hour of work or conditions of work."

Strikes by public employees would continue to be prohibited.

A proposed state personnel administration system would spell out personnel policies now contained in the general appropriations act or left to the complete discretion of individual agencies."

But, the report said, the system "should not interfere with the right of an agency to hire or not hire an employee, to define job-related duties and re-

sponsibilities of an employee or to discipline or terminate an employee for just cause."

State employees should receive their actual expenses, up to \$50 a day, plus mileage when traveling, the report said. They now get 12 cents a mile car allowance plus \$18 a day for expenses when traveling inside Texas and \$35 when they go outside the state.

Insurance Sought

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for all employees, with premiums paid entirely by the state, longer vacations and "substantially increased" retirement benefits.

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Communists Have Information On 87 MIAs, U.S. Team Says

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) — The United States says it knows "conclusively" that the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong have information on what happened to 87 missing Americans, although this does not mean they are alive.

The U.S. delegation to the Joint Military Team called on the two delegations today to supply information on the fate of the Americans "forthwith." Folders Handed Over

The America Embassy disclosed that it began giving personal folders about the soldiers — including articles and photos that appeared in North Vietnamese publications — to Vietnamese Communist officials in April 1973. It said the last folders were turned over two months ago.

The folders also contain photos, physical descriptions, maps and transcripts of radio transmissions from U.S. air crews in the case of downed pilots, an Embassy spokesman said.

The names of the 87 men were not made public. The spokesman said the information

from North Vietnamese publications about them does not necessarily mean they are alive, but it does show that the Communists have information on their status.

The U.S. note to the Communist delegations said because of their failure to account for the 87 men, they "stand convicted in the court of world opinion of blatant and shameful disregard for the basic principles of humanity."

The Viet Cong had no immediate comment.

The U.S. memorandum accused the Communist delegations of "cynical and callous

disregard" for their pledge in the Vietnam peace agreement of January 1973 to provide information on the missing and the dead.

The Joint Military Team is charged with accounting for the missing, but American and South Vietnamese participation in the search for missing Americans was suspended a year ago after a U.S. officer on a search team was killed by Viet Cong troops near Saigon.

Both the North Vietnamese government and the Viet Cong have said repeatedly that they hold no more American prisoners.

Contracts For Grain Exports Canceled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contracts to export about 6.2 million metric tons of grain have been canceled since the government took steps in October to curb large grain exports in the face of declining U.S. grain reserves.

Other government figures released Thursday show the world grain situation in mid-December is even tighter than it was when a similar inventory was published Nov. 1.

The tightening has been due mainly to further reductions in 1974 harvest estimates for the Soviet Union, the United States, Argentina and some other countries.

In its weekly export report, the Agriculture Department said the hastily adopted system of partial export curbs imposed Oct. 7 has resulted in exporters withdrawing requests for federal approval, or the government refusing that approval, covering proposed sales of more than 5.9 million tons of wheat and 294,000 tons of corn as of Dec. 17.

However, the Agriculture Department indicated that most applications for grain export sales have been approved despite the new rules.

Most export commitments for the current crop year were made before the rules took effect in October. Including ap-

provals since then, the Agriculture Department says wheat exports for all of 1974-75 will range between 28.6 million and 31.3 million tons. Corn exports are projected at between 22.2 million and 23.5 million tons.

The wheat figure approximates last season's exports while the corn export total would be sharply lower.

The tighter export rules were prompted by disclosure early in October that the Soviet Union was buying substantial amounts of U.S. wheat and corn.

Those orders were suspended by export companies at the insistence of President Ford to prevent complete depletion of U.S. grain reserves, the smallest since 1948.

It was later announced that the Soviets had agreed to limit their purchases to 12 million tons of U.S. wheat and one million tons of corn until new harvests are ready next year.

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'A Christmas Carol' Born Amid Money Woes

By CHARLES GOULD
Copley News Service

The story is called "A Christmas Carol," and it preaches against love of money. But it was conceived in a desire for cash, and born amid charges of financial trickery.

In the fall of 1843, the young novelist Charles Dickens was deep in money troubles.

His latest book was not selling well. His wife was expecting her sixth child. His taste for the rich living he couldn't afford had emptied his bank account. Aimed At Holiday Market

In October, Dickens decided to write a story aimed at the holiday market: a story full of "bright eyes and beaming faces" to show the world the power of true Christmas spirit.

If his book succeeded, he could get away some place where he could live cheaply, and put a little in the bank besides.

Finishing the story in a month, Dickens delivered his manuscript to his publisher. There he made an unusual suggestion: "I would like to design the book as well," he said.

Publishers Chapman and Hall, already counting up the profits, had no objection. However, the contract agreed upon was all in their favor.

They would get a percentage of the sales, and Dickens would pay all publication costs. Also, the book would sell for only five shillings—to guarantee good sales.

Great Expectations

Excitedly, Dickens set to work. First, the book would have hand-colored illustrations. There would be ornate endpapers. And, of course, gold-edged pages.

He never seemed to worry that if sales weren't great enough, the expense of producing such a lavish work would eat up most of his earnings. Which is exactly what hap-

pened. While the "Carol" made money, it did not become a best seller.

Dickens' profits came to very little.

Out of the first three editions—15,000 volumes—he made less than 700 pounds, far short of the expected 2,000.

The novelist was stunned, "utterly knocked over."

He blasted Chapman and Hall. He called them "preposterously ignorant of all the essentials of their business." He even charged they had "run the expenses up."

He broke his contract and said he'd never go back (though years later he did).

He borrowed 500 pounds from another publisher to handle his immediate needs.

He sailed for Italy, taking with him his "menagerie": his wife, his sister-in-law, his five children, a nurse, five servants and the family dog.

"Carol" Endures

In Europe, he didn't save a shilling.

He spent freely, rented gingerbread villas and hired a large coach to haul his clan across Italy and France.

When Dickens died in 1870, his little masterpiece still had not reached its peak of popularity.

The Christmas favorite up to that time was the writer's second holiday book, "The Christmas Chimes."

But the "Carol" endured.

After 143 years, after constant harpoonings by critics then and now, it remains his best-loved and best-remembered book.

William Makepeace Thackeray, Dickens' contemporary and a famous writer himself, summed up the book in 19 words: "It seems to me a national benefit," he said, "and to every man and woman who reads it a personal kindness."

'Remember Back When' One Of Few Things Now That Doesn't Take Money

By DJCK BINETSCH
Copley News Service

During these times of inflationary prices we, who are old enough to remember, often have a stop to reflect on the days when a person could go shopping with only \$2 in his pocket and still return home with change. Such recollections are disturbing, to be sure, but they are one of the few things we can do without costing us money.

When I was a youngster it was common practice for customers to charge their daily purchases at the grocery store and pay the bill at the end of the week. I can recall accompanying my dad to the corner grocery on Saturday nights when he settled his account. The bill for the entire week was seldom more than \$8.

Free Candy Cigars

After he was paid, the grocer, whom I considered a virtual Santa Claus, would give me a sack of candy and dad a cigar. This was good promotional work on his part for dad insisted on giving him his patronage and looked forward to his weekly free cigar as much as I anticipated the candy. But, alas, the corner grocery with its liberal proprietor has disappeared as has the free bag of candy, which today is worth \$1.68 including tax. The cigar, incidentally, has gone up to \$1.

The drugstore of the past also brings back memories of bargain prices. We could buy a large ice cream soda for 10 cents or a giant malt for 15 cents. We were allowed to use as many straws as we needed and they were within easy reach on the marble-top counter. Now the straws are kept under the counter and are doled out sparingly since they, like the sodas and malts, have skyrocketed in cost.

Five-Cent Magazines

There was always a magazine rack, near the soda fountain, filled with periodicals for sale and we could glance through the Saturday Evening Post, Liberty or Colliers while enjoying our refreshment. Even though they cost only five cents a copy we couldn't afford to buy one after purchasing the fountain delight. The proprietor didn't mind, however, since during those depression days he was only too happy we had bought something.

Way back then we could also attend a movie for 25 cents. Some theaters even promoted a so-called "golden hour," early in the afternoon, for a special

price of 15 cents. This included the feature picture, a two-reel comedy, a travelogue and world news. There was even a 15-minute organ interlude by a happy (at least he seemed to be) fellow who encouraged audience participation in singing popular songs.

The only added attraction to the concession area in the lobby. It would be much cheaper to carry a lunch.

New Cars For \$500

Our cogitations also bring to mind that the lower-priced automobiles were selling for \$500. There were few extras and one bought a car complete, not in installments. Whenever work on the motor was required the mechanic could make them with a few simple wrenches and a screwdriver. Now the mechanic's tool set costs as much as the complete car of the last period.

Can you imagine! The price of gasoline 18 cents a gallon and it lasted twice as long. One could have the tank filled and drive in town for several weeks without a refill. Now we can barely drive to the edge of town and back without the gas gauge, and the contents of our wallet, showing signs of severe depletion.

Many other commodities could be mentioned which were purchased at much lower prices in those days but such a recital would be redundant and require more space than the editor is willing to allot. It should be added, however, that wages then were commensurate with prices. The workingman's average weekly salary was about \$25.

It is obvious that such reminiscing isn't going to solve any of our present problems but it does supply us with plenty of food for thought. If only we could live on THAT!

Family Enrolls At State College

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A mother and two daughters, all recent arrivals from Taipei, Taiwan, have enrolled at Eastern Washington State College.

The mother is Mrs. Liu Yu Kuang, a former announcer and reporter, she is working toward her bachelor of arts degree in art.

Her older daughter, Chang Wei-Chung, 24, is also working for a degree in art and the younger daughter, Chang Wei-Ping, 18, is working toward a degree in radio and television.

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Friend Or Foe? Who Knows

Intruding Fans Growing Pains

By MIKE WALDNER
Copley News Service

LOS ANGELES — There is a theory distributed by some concerning John McKay, the University of Southern California coach. It is said that when you come right down to it, McKay is a shallow man.

As evidence we are offered the fact that McKay is one of the fastest men in any league with a quip.

It is true that McKay is a funny person. It also is unfair to use only this part of his personality in describing the man.

Evidence of another side of the McKay personality was never any clearer than his answers to questions on several important topics.

Example A—What about the conduct of Woody Hayes following Michigan State's controversial upset win over Ohio State when Hayes is said to have slapped an MSU student?

Saw Film Clip
"I'm not going to say he's right, but when you walk off that field as a coach, it is not the easiest thing," McKay said.

"I saw a film clip of the incident on television, and it looked to me as if he sort of jabbed back at someone behind him with his elbow.

"In a situation like that, you don't know who's friend or foe. I remember the first time we

played Notre Dame. I've never been hit as hard as I was after that game by some guy. It was a USC fan.

"Let me tell you, it can be a frightening experience.

"It is not understandable if he turned around and hit the guy. But it looked to me as if he sort of pushed back at someone in a green (Michigan State) hat.

"Remember, there is nothing in the rules that says a fan has a right to come down on the field and hit a coach. It was not a funny situation.

And McKay saw no reason to be funny in his answer.

Example B—Stanford now has a fence to keep fans from running on the field. What do you think of this idea?

"I do not like to see it anywhere," McKay said. "But I see it coming to that."

Example C—What is the USC-McKay view of women's intercollegiate athletics?

"We are doing it quietly here," McKay said. "We'll get it done because people here are willing to work. And we are

going to have a good program."

Example D—Another Hayes question: What causes a coach to lose his temper in such a manner?

"Woody's frustration is understandable," McKay said. "You don't win many national championships—Woody had won more than most of us—and he had one in the palm of his hand only to lose it when he lost that game."

It would be incorrect if the impression is left that this was a completely somber session. As serious as he can become, McKay refuses to avoid opportunities to get a laugh. In what was hardly an upset, his newly published book, "McKay: A Coach's Story," was mentioned.

"Let me tell you the story of this year," he said. "My publisher agreed to give me a certain amount of books. A box arrived at the house the other day. It included an invoice for the McKay book. But what we got were 15 Russian cookbooks."

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Surfer Laura Ching: She's Center(fold) Of Attention

Hawaiian Now One Of Favorites

HOUSTON (AP) — Theoretically, the Women's Superstar competition was to focus attention on women's athletics—but that was before Laura Ching arrived.

Forget that Debbie Meyer won three gold medals in the 1968 Olympics. Forget that Jante Blalock was the No. 2 women's golfer on the pro tour this year. Forget that Cathy Rigby is one of the top gymnasts in the world.

Laura Ching, one of the 24 contestants in the \$83,000 Superstar competition beginning today in the Astrodome, has been photographed in the nude for publication sometime next spring in an international magazine specializing in nudes.

So much for athletics. The biggest scoop of the two-day competition here goes to the writer who finally gets around to asking Laura about her abilities as a surfer, which are quite considerable.

Mrs. Ching's surfing exploits include the title of No. 1 women's surfer in Hawaii and the first woman to be invited to compete in the men's world surfing championships.

But the most interesting clearly focuses on the nude centerfold. "She's the most interviewed girl in the competition," laughed a publicist for the competition, similar to the Superstar competition for men. The top 12 girls here will advance to the finals at Rotunda, Fla. in January.

The writers, mostly male, eventually get around to asking about the centerfold.

"We just decided to do it," said Mrs. Ching, accompanied here with her husband, Bon, a former pro wrestler. "It all depends on where you're head is at on those things. I said yes right away and then I checked



☆ ☆
Laura Ching
To Compete
In Women's
Superstar
Competition
At Houston
This Weekend

with Bon but I knew he'd agree."

"I told her if she didn't want to do it, call the people back and double the price," Blears said. "She did, and they accepted."

Mrs. Ching said she didn't feel at all inhibited, especially since much of the photography was of her on her surfboard, a place she's been quite often since she was three years old.

"Surfing is getting to where you and the wave are one," she said. "It's more than balance. It's flowing with the wave. It's you against nature ... the wind, the wave, and you're strategy."

Mrs. Ching said she had trained hard for all the events in the competition—tennis, bowling, basketball shooting, 440-yard dash, 60-yard dash, rowing, swimming, softball throw, obstacle course and bicycling.

"I've trained hard, but I won't be too disappointed if I don't place," Mrs. Ching said. "I'm just happy to be here and to compete."

In the 1974 men's world surfing championships, Mrs. Ching won \$1,000 as the highest scoring woman in the competition.

"She is the first woman ever to win money as a surfer," her proud father said. "That makes her the leading women's surfer at on those things. I said yes right away and then I checked

stars to be photographed nude in (Playboy)."

Another athlete entered here, Billy Jean King, a leading proponent of the women's lib movement, probably never saw so many male chauvinist pigs at a women's event.

Burke Takes Giant Slalom Skiing Title

PERU, Vt. (AP) — Peter Dodge of Burke Mountain came in first Thursday in the annual giant slalom Eastern Holiday Classic Ski Race at Bromley Mountain.

Leith Lende was first among the women in the race, one of the first major eastern skiing events.

Trailing behind Dodge among the men were Neil McNealus of Dartmouth Outing Club and Eric Wilson of Burke Mountain.

Behind Lende, among the women were Abby Fisher, Debbie Tarrinell, Gail Blackburn and Lyndhall Heyer, all members of the U.S. national ski team.

Petronelli Faces Copeland Tonight

BOSTON (AP) — Tony Petronelli of East Bridgewater, Mass., the U.S. junior welterweight champ, meets Johnny Copeland of Joplin, Mo., in the feature 12-round boxing bout tonight at Boston Garden.

Petronelli has only one loss in 30 outings. Copeland has won 12 of his last 13 by knockouts.



Low-Profile Pete
Rozelle Keeps Firm
Grip On Prosperous
National Football
League Operations

More Than Initials

PR Stands For More Than Pete Rozelle

By MURRAY OLDERMAN
NEW YORK (NEA)—To one of his 26 owner-bosses, he has the second most glamorous job in the United States.

"Next to the President," said Al Davis, the general managing partner of the Oakland Raiders, "who else is there? That's why all he wants to be is commissioner."

True, Alvin (Pete) Rozelle, a tall, composed, somewhat secretive man has led the National Football League since he hid out in a toilet in a luxury Miami Beach hotel to keep the press from knowing he was a compromise choice as commissioner.

That was in 1960, and a lot of profitable things have happened to pro football since the Also to Pete Rozelle.

He makes more than \$250,000 a year in salary and when he signed a new multiyear contract he was given a special stock deal as a bonus with a reported quarter of a million dollars put up for investment.

Strong czar "One of the big things we've got in pro football," said Carroll Rosenbloom, the owner of the Los Angeles Rams, "is that our commissioner is strong. I don't want to see anything done to weaken the commissioner's office."

"He operates as a dictator," agreed Oakland's Davis. "It's got to be run that way in a business like this."

But the hired hands, the players of the NFL, don't agree.

"He has more power than the president of the United States in controlling lives and taking away rights," asserted John Mackey a former all-pro tight end for the Baltimore Colts. "It's damn monopoly. They can use a player any way they want and not give him compensation, like in their highlight films."

Look At Record Mackey was the president of the NFL Players Association for four years before retiring in 1973. Bill Curry, his successor and a center with the Rams, concurred: "It's not a matter of speculation. All you got to do is look at the documented records. There is only one man who is the judge, jury and the appellate court."

Pete Rozelle doesn't like to see beefs in pro football, by any party, aired publicly. "I think squabbling in public," he once said in a Playboy interview, "will eventually ruin football and there's no doubt that it's hurting us already."

The players' strike this summer, lasting almost into the regular season, cost the owners \$12 million in revenues. They claim it also has cut into their season attendance because of fan disillusionment.

A key issue was Rozelle's role as the arbiter on non-injury grievances brought by the players. Because he is hired by the owners, the players

don't see him in an impartial light. "Impartial arbitration is not a revolutionary concept," said Curry.

There is also the Rozelle Rule, which empowers him to set the price for a player not a revolutionary concept," who plays out his option and goes to another team — a

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LUCKY HUNTER - Layton Fincher, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bomar Fincher, 4617 Tattenham, shows off the four-point buck he brought down while hunting on the Bill Humble Ranch at Sterling City.

FINAL NFL STATS - Armstrong, Anderson Top Rushing, Passing

NEW YORK (AP) - Otis Armstrong of Denver, Ken Anderson of Cincinnati and Lydell Mitchell of Baltimore captured the major titles in the final individual statistics released today by the National Football League.

Armstrong, the second-year man from Purdue who rushed for just 90 yards as a rookie, piled up 1,407 on the ground in 1974 to succeed Buffalo's O.J. Simpson as the NFL's rushing king.

The 5-foot-10, 196-pound Armstrong got his chance when the Broncos' Floyd Little was slowed by preseason injuries. And he made the most of the opportunity, averaging 5.3 yards on 263 carries and bursting in for nine touchdowns.

Rookie Don Woods of the San Diego Chargers took the No. 2 spot with 1,162 yards, the most ever gained by a rookie, surpassing the 1,105 yards gained by Green Bay's John Brockington in 1971.

Simpson, nagged by minor injuries, finished third this year with 1,125 yards. Lawrence McCutcheon of the Los Angeles Rams was fourth overall and

first in the National Conference with 1,109 yards. Pittsburgh's Franco Harris was the only other runner to crack the 1,000-yard barrier, finishing with 1,006.

Anderson, who sat out the final game of the season due to a back injury, completed 213 of 328 pass attempts for a 64.9 percentage, good for 2,667 yards and 18 touchdowns with 10 interceptions.

Ken Stabler of the Oakland Raiders, who led the league with 26 touchdowns, finished second in the overall passing ratings, followed by Sonny Jurgensen of Washington, James Harris of Los Angeles and Charley Johnson of Denver.

Mitchell, whose 13 receptions against the New York Jets in last week's finale was the top individual effort of the season, captured the pass receiving title with 72 catches for 544 yards, a 7.6 average and two touchdowns.

He is the first running back to lead the NFL in receiving since John "Shipwreck" Kelly of the old Brooklyn Dodgers topped the league with 22 receptions in 1933.

NFL Statistical Leaders

American Conference				National Conference			
TEAM	TD	Yds	Pass	TEAM	TD	Yds	Pass
Buffalo	13	1,407	213	Akron	13	1,109	213
San Diego	12	1,162	213	Pittsburgh	12	1,006	213
San Francisco	11	1,000	180	Washington	11	950	180
Los Angeles	10	950	180	Los Angeles	10	950	180
Philadelphia	9	900	180	Denver	9	900	180
Green Bay	8	850	180	San Francisco	8	850	180
Minnesota	7	800	180	San Diego	7	800	180
Cleveland	6	750	180	Atlanta	6	750	180
Indianapolis	5	700	180	Cincinnati	5	700	180
Denver	4	650	180	San Francisco	4	650	180
Atlanta	3	600	180	Los Angeles	3	600	180
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Holy Grail Remains Christendom's Fascinating Enigma

By RAYMOND A. LAJOIE
Copley News Service

The legend of the Holy Grail appears in many different forms, but it's likely no amount of research will ever unravel the threads of fact and fancy surrounding it.

Yet, how could such a legend start and persist for 19 centuries if tradition of the chalice is not true?

Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote about it in "The Holy Grail." The opera "Parsifal" by Wagner is woven around the cup. The King Arthur legends are filled with references to the Last Supper. In Sir Thomas Malory's "Le Morte d'Arthur," it is mentioned that the reward for a

sinless knight was a sight of the precious cup.

One knight of the Round Table, Sir Galahad, is said to have obtained a momentary glimpse of it.

According to tradition, the Holy Grail is the cup which Jesus used in the Last Supper. Jesus gave the cup to Joseph of Arimathea. It was given to him with the express charge of chastity, saying that then it would remain among his lineal descendants.

Joseph, it is said, added to the cup's preciousness by catching the blood of the Savior in it as He was hanging on the Cross. And this cup of great sanctity, became the chief

treasure of Joseph's household.

Joseph of Arimathea was persecuted because he dared to give the body of Jesus a decent burial in his family plot. He was marked for assassination because he was a hated follower of this holy man.

A wealthy shipowner, he traded with Britain at that time, according to legend. To save his life, he was secreted from Palestine to England in one of his own ships, and he took with him the cup.

Here, the story becomes confused. One legend says that when Joseph arrived, he made a round table, to seat 13, in commemoration of the table used

at the Last Supper. The Round Table of King Arthur was a copy of this table.

At Joseph's death the cup was handed down from son to son until one descendant disgraced it. King Arthur and his knights then sought the Holy Grail.

Another version, however, states that for centuries the chalice was hidden in England. Then, as the Second Crusade began and the Christians fully expected to retake the Holy Land, the cup was taken to Palestine by Christian knights.

To prevent the capture of this religious treasure, the defeated Christians secretly buried it there.

The chalice was lost because all of the men were killed by the Moslem warriors.

The Grail was made even more beautiful as time went on by the addition of jewels designed as fruit. It was said to have miraculous powers: so much so that very few individuals were pure enough in heart to behold it.

There were those who sought the Grail because it brought health and all the good things and would bring great happiness, peace and prosperity to the country wherein it was kept. Others believed that the cup was also the source of mystical enlightenment.

One of the great discoveries in the history of Christianity was made in Antioch in 1910.

At one time a great center of Christendom in the Middle East, it was at Christ's time the capital of ancient Syria. It was here, according to Luke, that Christ's followers first called themselves Christians.

It was here, too, that hundreds of years later, a number of magnificent relics were turned up. One of the pieces was apparently a much-used silver cup. The Antioch chalice has since been the theme of vast literature partly owing to an early and now unacceptable thesis that the inner cup is none

other than the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

Art authorities have estimated its age as about the 4th to 5th Century A.D. It is considered one of the earliest known Christian relics. It looks today as if it did about 1,500 years ago and is safely kept in the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art display at The Cloisters.

On close examination one is entranced by the face of Christ, which seems divine. Authorities believe that the skilled silver work of figures and grapevines intertwined with birds and animals was rendered by a great silversmith of that early period.

The heads of the apostles are equally remarkable. For have one may read the character of the men who were Christ's disciples. Peter, for example, is shown with a full, round face. His hair is heavy and curly. He wears a close-clipped beard. Many traditions confirm these descriptions.

But the legend of the Holy Grail will persist.

One wonders whether archaeological expeditions of the future may one day make the final discovery which will dispel the clouds of mystery surrounding the disappearance of this object—Christendom's fascinating enigma.

Prayer Can Be Risky

By GEORGE CORNELL
NEW YORK (AP) — Prayer can be risky, says an American missionary expelled from South Korea. In fact, a prayer is what led to his ouster, he adds, and prayer meetings have spread across the land as channels of protest against government oppression.

"Those prayer meetings are the greatest thing that ever happened and they're being held all over Korea," says the Rev. George Ogle. "You've never heard such fervent, spe-

cific prayers. It's what irks the government about Christians." In its authoritarian view, he says, "the queer thing about the Christians is that they think there is something even higher than the government" and that's what puts the dynamite in the praying.

"The prayers are that in justice be removed, that the persecution cease, that political prisoners be released, that President (Chung Hee) Park be converted and lead a revitalization of democracy in the country," says the Rev. Mr. Ogle, from Pitsaun, Pa., and a United Methodist missionary in Korea for 20 years.

In his own case, he related on arrival here this week, the pressure against him, including lengthy interrogation and finally his abrupt deportation last Saturday, was touched off by prayers he led at a church meeting.

"I prayed that we would see Christ's suffering symbolized in those who were suffering now through persecution and imprisonment, in the seven men under the death penalty who probably had not done any crime," he said. "I prayed for their lives and for their souls."

That's what got him in trouble, he said. "That's what did it."

He said the seven men had been condemned as Communists and members of the "People's Revolutionary party," which he termed a fabricated, nonexistent party made up by Park's regime and "used to cover up its own dictatorial policies."

The service where he prayed for them was in a chapel of the Korean National Council of Churches, where such prayer

meetings have been held each Thursday at 10 a.m., ever since a wave of arrests by the government last spring.

Similar prayer meetings, at the same hour, have sprung up all over the country, both among Christians in prisons and in churches and private homes, he said.

He said constant government surveillance is kept at the public gatherings.



Rev. Bill Cathey

Cathey To Head Ministerial Group

The Rev. Bill V. Cathey, pastor of Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, is the new president of the Midland Ministerial Association. He will take office in January, succeeding the Rev. Robert Boynton Smith, senior minister of Midland's First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cathey's election came at the monthly meeting of the association earlier this week.

Serving with him during 1975 will be the Rev. Paul Cox, pastor of Gardens Assembly of God, vice president, and the Rev. Thomas Nelson, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, secretary-treasurer.

At the recent meeting, wives of members were special guests. Featured at the gathering was a program of music and devotion which included a presentation by the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cox of an original song, "Put Christ Back Into Christmas," a vocal solo, "The Birthdays of the King," by Mrs. Bill Cathey; vocal presentations by Mrs. Ray Bristol of "Christmas Song" and "Some Children Hear"; and David Campbell in a vocal solo, "Twelve Days After Christmas." A group from Crestview Baptist Church sang "Silent Night." The ensemble was composed of the Rev. Kenneth James, P. J. Tyler, Ty Morris and Thurman Pylant.

It was announced at the gathering that the speaker for the association's January meeting will be the Rev. DeVore Wallerman, a California specialist in family seminars.

Telecast Series On Southern Baptist Child Care Slated

DALLAS — The story of Southern Baptist child care ministries in Texas will be told in a series of special telecasts across the state during the Christmas season.

The telecast — "Where There Is Love" — can be viewed in Midland over KMOU-TV, beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"Where There Is Love" is a documentary, showing Texas Baptists ministering to 2,650 children through four child care facilities. They are the Texas Baptist Children's Home at Round Rock; Buckner Baptist Benevolences at Dallas; South Texas Children's Home at Beeville and the Mexican Baptist Children's Home at San Antonio. The four homes are operated by the 2-million member Baptist General Convention of Texas. Last year the BGCT allocated \$1,238,818 for operation of the homes.

The documentary telecast was made through a grant from the Anvil Foundation of Fort Worth, augmented by gifts from interested individuals.

Pastoral Education Course To Begin

BIG SPRING — A 20-week clinical pastoral education course will be held at the Big Spring State Hospital beginning Jan. 7.

The series, open to clergymen of all faiths, is designed for ministers who have fulltime pastoral obligations and are unable to take time for participation in a full summer quarter of training. The program is accredited through the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, an ecumenical interfaith organization, and will offer training in pastoral responsibilities in the hospital, the gaining of theological and psychological insights through group and individual counseling and participation in didactic seminars in which training in aspects of mental illness is offered.

Additional information on the series is available from the Department of Chaplaincy Services, Big Spring State Hospital, P. O. Box 231, Big Spring 79726. The departmental telephone number is 267-8216, Ext. 269.

Organ Recital Set On Sunday

A special organ recital will be offered at 10:40 a.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, prior to the start of the morning worship hour. The public will be welcome.

Church organist Robert Poer has programmed works by J. S. Bach, Marcel Dupre, Alec Wyton, Louis-Claude d'Aquin and Sigfrid Karg-Elert, as well as one of his own original preludes on Christmas songs.

Featured anthem for the worship hour beginning at 10:55 a.m. will be Gustav Holst's "Christmas Day."

Ex-Midlanders Graduate From Seminary Today

FORT WORTH — Former Midlanders Danny Lee Williams and William Michael Wilson were among students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary participating in winter commencement exercises this morning.

Seminary president Robert E. Naylor presented degrees and diplomas to 196 candidates for graduation from the seminary's three schools, theology, religious education and church music.

Milton U. Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Kansas City, was the commencement speaker. He is a former faculty member of Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Williams of 2208 Harvard St., Midland, received the master of religious education

Candlelight Service Scheduled Sunday

A special candlelight service is scheduled Sunday evening at First Baptist Church. The public is invited.

The service, featuring the Sanctuary Choir and instrumentalists, will tell the Christmas story through familiar and beloved Christmas songs. Also participating in the program will be "His Group," a young people's vocal ensemble at the church, and the High School Girls Choir. A candlelighting service will follow. The event is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Special Services Set This Weekend

Special Christmas services are planned this weekend at Midland's Gardens Assembly of God, 2901 W. Kansas St.

The church's weekly telecast over KMOU-TV beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday will feature children of the Gardens congregation in a presentation of the Christmas story.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, the children will present an annual program of songs as well as special recitations written for the occasion by Mrs. Paul Cox, wife of the pastor of Gardens Assembly.

A special service of word and song will be presented during the evening worship hour, scheduled for 7 p.m. It and the morning service will be open to the public, Pastor Cox announced.

'White Gifts' Service Slated

First Christian Church will hold its annual "White Gifts" service Sunday during the morning worship hour.

The traditional "white gifts" of clothing and other items will go to the Juliette Fowler Homes at Dallas, homes for children and the aged maintained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Sunday morning service will begin at 10:50 a.m.

McDaniel Joins BGCT Committee

DALLAS — Midlander Webb McDaniel is a new member of the administrative committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

McDaniel was named to the post by the BGCT's 192-member executive board during its December meeting, held in Dallas recently. He joins numerous other Midland and Permian Basin residents holding responsible positions in the BGCT.

Concluding Section

In music, a coda is a concluding section to a piece of music or part of it and is derived from the Italian word "tail."

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Religion

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Hindu God Popular In Thailand

By CINDY BARES
BANGKOK (AP) — A taciturn Hindu god on a busy Bangkok street corner is one of the most popular deities in this devoutly Buddhist country.

Good luck, an attractive spouse, success in business, and lucky lottery numbers — Brahma is known for coming through.

Thousands of commuters flock daily to the ornate miniature pavilion where a four-headed, eight-armed image of Brahma overlooks a small courtyard.

Laden with incense, chains of garlands, and elephant figurines, they take a moment to pray and unburden their problems. Here they can buy gold leaf and candles to adorn the shrine, and sparrows to free from cages to gain celestial favor.

Marble benches and colorful beach umbrellas surround the compound for weary workers to rest and contemplate their petitions. Incense overpowers the fragrance of jasmine, creating

a solemn atmosphere for this religious oasis amid the rush hour traffic.

Thousands of shrines and spirit houses adorn Bangkok, most of them Buddhist, but the tolerant Thai respect all gods impartially. This Brahma shrine was built in 1956 during the construction of the government-owned Erawan Hotel. After numerous accidents and delays in the building schedule, word spread that evil spirits were roaming the area. When a ship sailing from Italy with marbles for the hotel sank, laborers refused to work.

Hotel officials called on a holy man. Build a shrine to Brahma on the hotel grounds, he advised, and the problem will be solved. They did it and it was.

Since then stories have spread throughout Bangkok of wishes granted by Brahma. Mrs. Lulu Sukhabut, executive secretary of the Erawan Hotel, knows of one woman who won \$2,000 in the lottery after praying to the god.

Another common story is that a young girl promised Brahma that if she won the lottery she would dance naked before him. She won but failed to return.

She was then visited in a dream by Brahma who reminded her of her promise, and several nights later she stole to the temple in the dark, disrobed, and danced before the god.

Since many of the worshippers who come to the shrine give money, the Erawan has set up a foundation which dispenses the donations to different charities. "Over two million baht has been collected since the shrine opened," says Mrs. Sukhabut.

As for the hundreds of wooden, ceramic, and ivory elephants donated, the hotel collects them and gives them to a temple where they are sold. The proceeds go to charity.

Mrs. Sukhabut says that anyone who takes gifts donated to the god without asking his permission or offering — compensation risks being visited by elephants in his dreams and taking sick.

"One guard at our hotel took a chain from Brahma's hand while he was cleaning the shrine and wore it on his own arm," she says. "Several days later he became very ill and was hospitalized."

"Doctors examined him but could find nothing wrong. Finally a monk spoke to him and advised him to return the bracelet to the god. Once it was returned the guard recovered immediately."

Chancel Choir At St. Paul UMC Will Perform

A special Christmas service at 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4601 Thomason Drive, will feature the Chancel Choir. The public is invited to attend.

The vocal ensemble will present a folk cantata titled "Shepherds, Rejoice," by John E. Wilson. The presentation is under direction of Lewis Jordan, choir director at St. Paul UMC. Accompaniment will be provided by Luanne Orrell and Sandy Hulme.

At the service, a special offering will be received to help complete the church budget for the current year.

Mainland China Broadcasts Free

The Midland Free Methodist Church, 4712 Shadylane, is announcing a forthcoming series of radio broadcasts to mainland China which the Free Methodist denomination will initiate in early January.

According to the Rev. William E. Jenkins, pastor of the local church, Free Methodists across North America will join in a special Christmas offering to help defray costs of the broadcasts.

The new "Light and Life Hour" broadcasts will begin Jan. 5 to send the Christian message in Mandarin Chinese to the 800 million inhabitants of the People's Republic of China.

The Midland church will be taking a special offering for the new radio ministry at its Sunday services. The church has scheduled a special Christmas program for 6 p.m. Sunday, to which the public is invited.

Action Line-FISH To Shorten Hours

Action Line-FISH, Midland's community referral and aid agency, will maintain shorter hours during Christmas week and the week after.

The service will be in operation from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each weekday through January 3, excepting Christmas and New Year's days. It will resume regular 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekday hours on Jan. 6.

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Rev. Paul H. Cox, pastor

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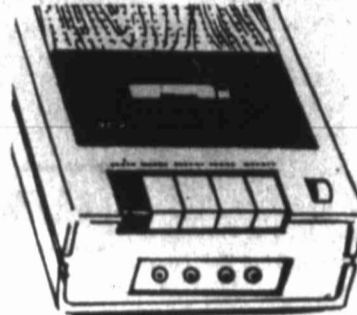
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Ford Rents House For Christmas Holidays From Holder Of Coal Lease

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — President Ford will be spending Christmas in a house rented from a Dallas investor whose federal coal lease would be affected by Ford's action on a pending strip mining bill.

Ford denied Thursday any knowledge that Richard D. Bass, the house owner, holds the coal lease on 20,700 acres in northeastern Wyoming.

Presidential news secretary Ron Nessen said Ford does not make decisions on environmental or strip mining bills "on the basis of whose house he rents at Christmas."

Companies and individuals, including Bass, would have to pay the federal government the cost of reclaiming stripped land if Ford signs the mining bill already passed by Congress.

Bass' land is not producing coal, according to federal officials. The tract in Wyoming's Campbell and Sheridan counties apparently is far less rich in coal than other areas of the Rocky Mountain region.

Environmentalists, who support the bill, generally did not accuse Ford of a conflict of interest. But they said the Ford-Bass arrangement suggests that the President's sympathies lie with his associates in the energy-development business

rather than with protecting the land.

"Under the circumstances, I hope President Ford will rise above his associations and sign the bill," said Vim Wright, a spokeswoman for the Colorado

Open Space Council, a conservation group based in Denver.

"Mr. Ford has never made a secret of his friendships in high industrial circles," Mrs. Wright said. "But I hope he disposes

of the charge that industry controls the hand that could sign the bill."

"It's an interesting coincidence that the bill comes up at the same time Ford trades houses with Dick Bass," said

Kathy Fletcher of the Environmental Defense Fund in Denver.

"I think the most important thing to conclude is that the President's friends and close associates are developers of

coal resources. It's worrisome that President Ford is such good friends with the people who will develop these leases."

The President and his family plan to rent Bass' five-bedroom house in Vail for two weeks

starting Sunday. Bass says Ford will pay him \$100 per day, in addition to giving Bass the use of a three-bedroom condominium which the President owns nearby.

The Bass house appears to be easier for the Secret Service to protect than the \$50,500 condominium, which overlooks a busy street.

The strip mining bill on Ford's desk in Washington would require developers of coal by strip mining to pay the federal government the cost of reclaiming stripped land. For Bass, the amount could be more than \$100 million if he decides to mine the coal and if Ford signs the bill.

But Ford has said the measure is unsatisfactory.

The lease was issued to Bass Dec. 1, 1967, at a cost of \$218,592. Bass bid \$10.56 per acre. Thomas C. Woodward of Casper, Wyo., was the only other bidder with a bid of 50 cents per acre, according to the Bureau of Land Management.

Bass said he knows Ford as a skiing acquaintance but declined to discuss the rental arrangement.

Bass is vice president of H. W. Bass & Sons Inc., a Dallas-based oil and natural gas development and production company. Bass, 44, is a long-time supporter of Republicans

in Texas. His wife Rita was named GOP national committee woman from Texas in 1973.

Ford traditionally spends Christmas at Vail with his family.



Richard Bass

Where's The Fire!

11 p.m. Thursday, alley in the 4200 block of Alameda Drive. Trash container fire was confined. Cause unknown.
 2:25 p.m. Thursday, 28 Lavera Drive. Grass fire was confined. Cause unknown.
 2:44 p.m. Thursday, Midland Farmer's Co-Op. South Fairground Road. Cotton trailer and approximately four bales of cotton on fire. Heavy damage to trailer and total loss of cotton. Cause unknown.
 1:10 p.m. Thursday, Midland Homes, Inc., 3261 W. Industrial St. Fire in welding shop caused heavy damage to building insulation, metal beams and contents. Fire caused when welding torch ignited solvent being used to clean shop floor.

If It Weren't For 25th Amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — If it weren't for the 25th Amendment, Carl Albert of Oklahoma would be president today and his successor as speaker of the House would be next in line.

It would be a Democratic administration, although probably a coalition Cabinet under the circumstances, and a complete reversal of the landslide Republican presidential victory of 1972.

The line of succession would have made Albert the new president when Richard M. Nixon resigned last Aug. 8, since there would have been no vice president after Spiro T. Agnew resigned on Oct. 10, 1973.

The succession is president, vice president, House speaker, Senate president pro tempore (now Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss.) and then Cabinet off-

icers, beginning with the secretary of state.

But the 25th Amendment, adopted in 1967, came just in time for a thorough workout, having produced two nonelected vice presidents in the past year.

Nelson A. Rockefeller became the nation's 41st vice president Thursday night under the new formula provided by the 25th Amendment, replacing Gerald R. Ford, who had become vice president the same way and went on to the White House.

The Constitution's second newest amendment got its workout because of the first presidential resignation and the second vice presidential resignation in history.

The drive to provide the mechanism that made all this possible came after President John F. Kennedy was assassi-

nated in 1963 and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson became president.

This left Johnson alone at the top with no vice president to back him up. This was not too unusual since the vice presidency had been vacant eight times before — about 20 per cent of the time since the office was created.

But Johnson's history of heart ailments and the security demands of the atomic age made it perilous not to have a vice president ready to step in and take over in an emergency.

Thus came the 25th Amendment, which became part of the constitution when Nevada became the 30th state to ratify on Feb. 10, 1967.

The 25th Amendment provides that when the vice presidency becomes vacant, the president can nominate a replacement who must be con-

firmed by Congress. This can be repeated as many times as the vacancy occurs.

Ford was made vice president after Agnew quit under the shadow of scandal. Ford became president when Nixon resigned under pressures of Watergate. Rockefeller now succeeds Agnew and Ford in the No. 2 job.

While this arrangement keeps the offices in the hands of the Republican party which won them in 1972, it means the nation's two highest positions now are held by men not elected to them.

Rep. John H. Dent, D-Pa., has proposed repeal of the 25th Amendment because it "leaves the electorate of this nation open to the possibility of being governed by persons who have never been publicly elected by or responsible to a body of voters."

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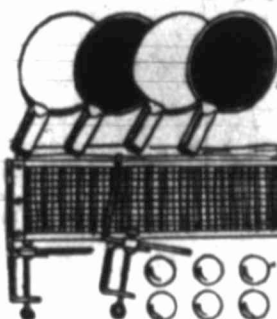
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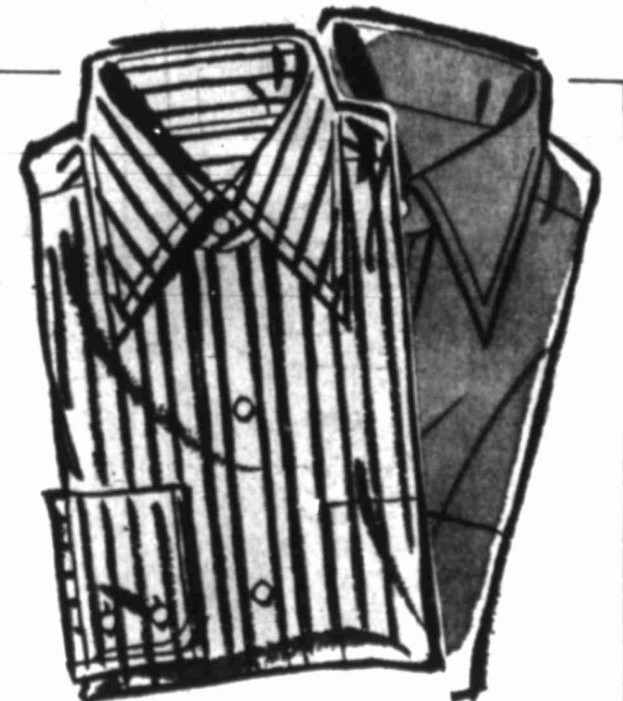
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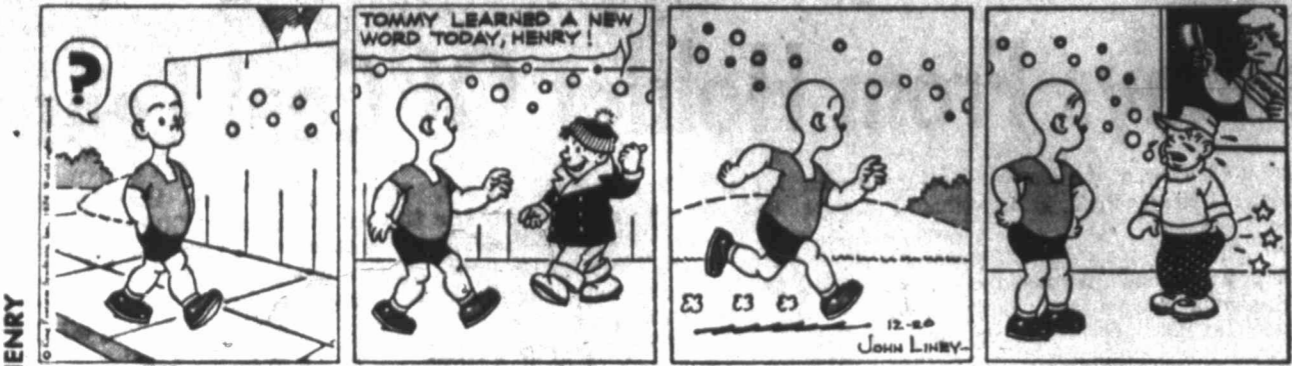
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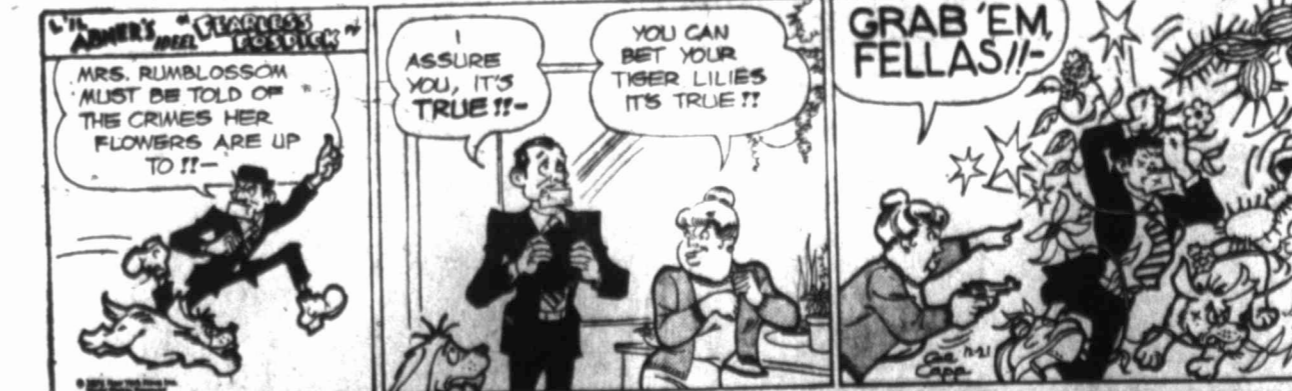
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Six Major Sugar Refiners Indicted

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Six major sugar refiners have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiring to raise and fix the price of sugar for at least three years prior to 1973 in 18 Western and Midwestern states.

The Justice Department also filed two companion civil suits on Thursday seeking to prohibit the companies from exchanging price information.

The action culminates a year-long Justice Department investigation of pricing practices in the \$2.5 billion U.S. sugar market.

The probe gained urgency with recent sharp increases in retail sugar prices, but Thursday's indictments and companion lawsuits do not involve the recent rise, a government spokesman said.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Thomas E. Kauper, head of the Justice Department's antitrust division, said, however, that recent pricing practices in the industry are under investigation.

Three of the six companies were indicted for conspiring to fix sugar prices in California, Arizona, and in Las Vegas and Reno, Nev. Five of the six firms were charged with a separate price-fixing conspiracy in other Western and Midwestern states.

In a third civil suit, two companies — including one indicted firm and a seventh sugar company — were accused of conspiring to restrain competition in five Western states. The gov-

ernment said they had agreed not to market sugar under grocery chain house brands which usually are sold at cheaper prices.

The six companies named as defendants in the indictments returned in U.S. District Court here were Great Western Sugar Co., Denver; American Crystal Sugar Co., formerly of Denver; Holly Sugar Corp., Colorado Springs, Colo.; California and Hawaiian Sugar Co., San Francisco; Amalgamated Sugar Co., Ogden, Utah; and Consolidated

Foods Corp. of Chicago. American Crystal was dissolved in 1973 and was succeeded by a cooperative association based in Fargo, N.D., which goes by the same name.

J.C. Tanner, president of American Crystal, said that the cooperative and its predecessor "have conducted their affairs in full compliance with the antitrust laws." He refused further comment until officials of American Crystal studied the indictment.

Spokesmen for Amalgamated

Sugar, California and Hawaiian, Holly Sugar and Great Western said they would withhold comment until they had seen the indictment.

The markets involved include Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New

Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, part of Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The six companies under indictment each faces a maximum penalty, if found guilty, of a fine of \$50,000.

President Pardons Jimmy The Greek

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Jimmy the Greek" Snyder has been granted a full and unconditional pardon by President Ford for a conviction 11 years ago on gambling violations.

The pardon took effect Wednesday and was made public by the Justice Department Thursday.

The Las Vegas odds-maker received one of 47 pardons Ford issued Wednesday, continuing the presidential custom of Christmas season pardons.

Snyder, whose real name is James G. Synodinos, was sentenced to five years probation and fined \$10,000 after being convicted for interstate transportation of bets and wagering information, conspiracy and violating the Federal Communications Act.

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Nixon Tape Bill Signed Into Law

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford has signed into law a measure that gives the government custody of former President Richard M. Nixon's official tapes and papers and scuttles an agreement under which Nixon would have been final custodian of the documents.

In a statement issued after he signed the law Thursday, Ford said the head of the General Services Administration, the government's housekeeping agency, "will move promptly to obtain complete possession and control of the tapes and materials."

Meanwhile, Nixon attorney Herbert J. Miller Jr., submitted papers to federal court expressing concern that some of the former president's tapes might be used in comedy acts, played at cocktail parties or otherwise exploited once they have been reproduced and sold commercially.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell has ruled tentatively that once the Watergate cover-up trial is over, tapes used as evidence in that proceeding may be copied for some commercial purposes and broadcast on television and radio.

Miller suggested that in weighing requests for public release of tapes not played at the trial the court give consideration to whether the recordings will be used in an exploitative manner by "the imaginative, enterprising or the antagonistic recipients of copies."

The measure signed by Ford is designed to prohibit destruction of the tapes and papers and to assure they remain available to the courts and the public in the interest of learning the full story of Watergate.

Under a Ford-Nixon agreement announced when the former president was pardoned in September, Nixon could have ordered any of the documents destroyed if he determined they could be used to harass anyone.

The agreement, now nullified by the new law, also called for destruction of the tapes in 1984 or upon Nixon's death, whichever occurred earlier.

Physician Labels Lighters, Matches Cancer Suspects

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Not only cigarettes but the manner in which they are lighted may be a source of cancer, a University of Missouri-Columbia physician says.

Dr. Carl J. Marlenfeld, director of the university's environmental health surveillance center, said he has identified several suspected cancer-causing agents which emanate from book-type, wax-impregnated matches and wick-type lighters when ignited.

He said respiratory cancer "may be due, in part at least, to the lighting of the cigarette rather than to only the tobacco it contains."

He made his observations in the December issue of Perspectives in Biology and Medicine, a publication of the University of Chicago.

He said soot is given off "in considerable amounts" by wax-impregnated matches and by burning petroleum products in lighters. He said in the soot are available to the courts and the public in the interest of learning the full story of Watergate.

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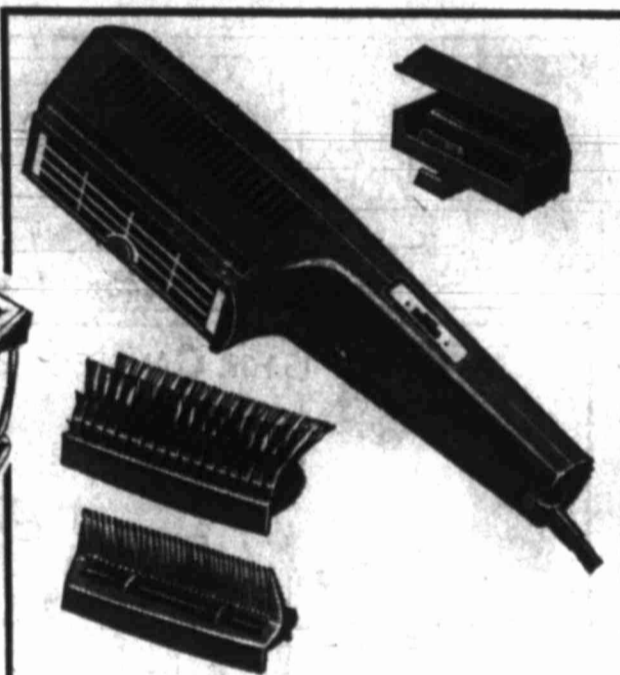


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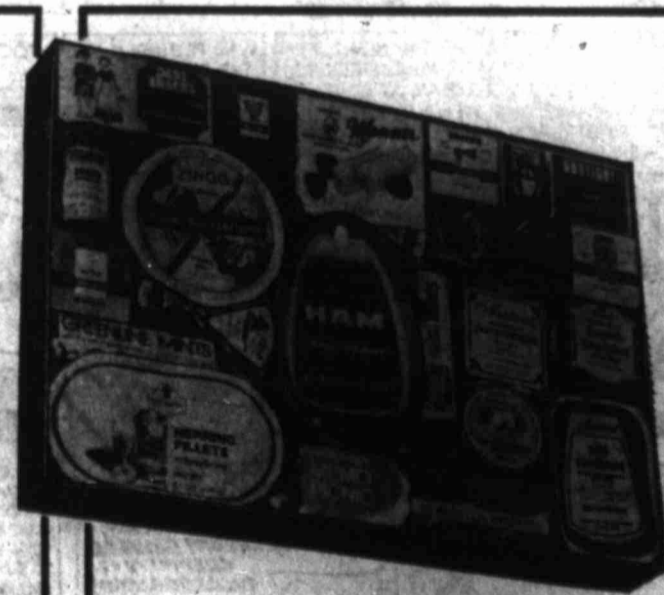


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Water Worries Plague High Plains' Cotton Growers

(Editor's Note: Texas' High Plains is perfectly suited to growing food and fiber, but the nagging thought that a water shortage could turn the land into another Dust Bowl tempers the excitement over the land's productivity.)

By JACK KEEVER
Associated Press Writer

A young lawyer, once heir apparent to his father's prosperous West Texas law firm, stood shoe-ace-deep in the lush grass of an Austin, Tex., churchyard and nodded toward his attractive wife across the lawn.

Everything Dries Up

"One reason I moved to Austin," he said, "was that she wanted to come. The other was the damn water problem. We are running out of water out there. And out there, without water. EVERYTHING—including the law business—dries up."

"Out there" is Lubbock, Plainview, Lamesa, Amarillo—the Texas High Plains—population one million, 35,000 square miles, may be the nation's richest bin of food and fiber.

Sucking water from a vast underground lake known as the Ogallala aquifer, High Plains farmers claim they can grow anything that has a growing season except citrus.

Cotton Production Center

"This is the center of the United States production of cotton," says Texas Agriculture Commissioner John White. "It is the most significant grain sorghum region in the world, and it's the southern tip of the prime wheat region in the United States; so you're talking about probably the prime agricultural region in the nation."

In 1973, cotton, wheat, corn and grain sorghum brought Texas farmers \$1.64 billion. A single acre of cotton made \$450 or more.

Splendid Homes, Cars

"Drive through there and look at the homes of the irrigators. They are splendid," says Executive Director Harry Burleigh of the Texas Water Development Board. "Cadillacs are dime a dozen."

The area seems perfect for farming: hot days and cool nights, severe enough winters to kill insects, fertile ground

and flat terrain that allows the use of large machines.

"We do have one limiting factor there," says White. "That's water."

The High Plains is semiarid, and in one section a sand dune nine miles wide sweeps across two counties. Since 1961, the Ogallala has declined on the average of 2.8 feet a year.

"So Why Worry?"

Dale Allen of the state soil conservation headquarters at Temple laments the refusal of some farmers to take better care of the soil: "Some of those people have the idea that that country's always blown and always will blow, so why worry about it."

"It's like batting your head against the wall trying to talk some of those guys into doing some things and actually you're fighting dollars." Conservation costs money.

A single rain is worth millions of dollars.

Young men remember the drought of the 1950s which the Geological Survey ranks as the eighth worst in 600 years. Their fathers remember the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, which was

much worse.

"The true black dusters turned day into night," says Burleigh, who lived in Amarillo.

Enormous Black Cloud

An enormous black cloud in 1935 was so threatening that people thought the end of the world had come and clustered in churches and houses to pray. It was then that folk singer Woody Guthrie, living in Panama, Tex., began composing. "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You."

Dust stopped watches and cars, seeped through taped windows and forced surgeons to postpone operations because they could not sterilize their instruments. Planes flew 12,500 feet to find clear air.

Jack Rabbits Choke

One dust storm mingled with snowflakes and choked thousands of jackrabbits to death. When the famous photographer Margaret Bourke-White asked Burleigh to show her the most terrible Dust Bowl scenes, he took her to Dalhart, Tex. Modern-day farmers measure their declining groundwater and worry that dusty days are

returning. "Visit with 50 farmers and 49 will tell you they're worried about it," says state Rep. Pete Laney, a Plainview farmer.

"We had a dry year in '74 and didn't get much vegetative cover," says state hydrologist Herman McGill. "If we should get a lot of wind next spring, those would be ideal conditions for dust storms."

Finances Concerned

Wayne Wyatt of the state groundwater division says, "There's concern among the financial advisers in New York and Chicago—the bond experts—and the insurance companies that loan money for land."

Small wonder.

Only three inches of rain fell in Dawson County, Texas, leading cotton-producing county, in 14 months. Fifty-nine counties have applied for federal drought aid, and 32 more have requested surveys for possible federal help.

White estimates the 1974 drought cost farmers and ranchers more than \$2 billion. Wheat, for example, yielded only 16 bushels an acre, the

lowest since 1957, a drought year. White says he hasn't seen such bad cotton since the Depression-Dust Bowl year of 1936—"a stalk eight inches high with a single bloom on top."

Clean-Field Crop

"Cotton is a clean-field crop," says Allen, "and when the cotton is off in the fall, all you've got is a stub sticking up, and that's not enough cover to protect that land. It's kind of frustrating to be out there in March or April and the wind's blowing 35 miles an hour and there they are, plowing their cotton land."

Another Dust Bowl?

"Not in the foreseeable future," says Wyatt. "Maybe 2080."

Another 60 Years

Adds Burleigh, "People talking about the High Plains say Doomsday is right around the corner, and that is not a fact. As professionals, we think that the High Plains, irrigated under certain circumstances, is good for another 60 years."

But agricultural economist James Osborn at Texas Tech says his computers tell him the High Plains economy will start

declining in the 1980s because of a groundwater shortage.

What's the difference in irrigated farming and dryland farming, where farmers depend entirely on rainfall?

"In a year like 1974 it's 100 per cent," says state Rep. Bill Clayton of Springlake, another High Plains farmer. "It's the difference in making nothing and making something. The dryland boys did not harvest anything this year—it was just an absolute failure."

Water Table Drops

In the early 1960s, farmers could tap the Ogallala's water by digging a four-foot hole. Even in the 1930s, a farmer might not dig more than six to 12 feet to get water.

The Ogallala was nearly 600 feet deep in places, a huge basin of water which had seeped from the surface for millions of years and rested on top of almost impenetrable clay known as the "red beds."

Many wells now are drilled to those beds, or 300 feet or water.

As late as the 1950s, the High Plains' water supply was thought by some to be in-

exhaustible because of a myth that the water came from a gigantic underground reservoir that originated in the west, possibly from an Alaskan glacier, and flowed under High Plains on its way to Gulf of Mexico.

Myth Wiped Away

Rapidly declining underground water levels away that myth as more 65,000 irrigation wells drain the Ogallala in the 1970s.

"Land is a bad investment (in the High Plains)," says ney. "You can make more of CD's (certificates of deposit)."

"If our water plans are as sighted and action is short-circuited," says White, "it is probable that much of this must revert to its natural state—a sea of land grasses—with isolated pockets of subsistence agriculture and substandard living."

The High Plains' only hope for more water may be a 1-mile canal carrying water from the Mississippi River. Dolph Briscoe has a reviewing plans to import water is a "top priority" project.

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Man Apparently Kills Self After Wounding Pair

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man apparently shot himself to death Friday night after emptying his pistol at his estranged wife and another man in the parking lot of an apartment in the plush Turtle Creek district, police said.

The dead man was identified as Louis G. Richardson, 65.

Hospitalized were his wife, Evelyn Richardson, 44, and Charles G. Young, in his mid-50s. Mrs. Richardson was reported in critical condition, and Young in serious condition.

Officers said Young was a longtime friend of the Richardson family. They identified him as the president of Texas Bank and Trust Co. of Dallas.

Police said the shooting occurred this way:

Young went to Mrs. Richardson's apartment about 7:30 p.m. to deliver, pick up or exchange Christmas gifts. When Young returned to his car, he found two of the tires low on air, returned to Mrs. Richardson's apartment and called for service. The two then returned to Young's car to wait for help.

In the parking lot, they were confronted by Richardson who apparently emptied his .38-caliber pistol at his wife and Young. He then put the gun to his mouth, but it did not fire.

Officers said Richardson returned to his own apartment nearby and locked himself up. When police got inside, they found Richardson dead of apparently self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

Police said several suicide notes were turned over to the Dallas County medical examiner's office. A ruling on the death was expected later.

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One-Car Fatality
GAINESVILLE, Tex. (AP) — Joe Cox, 21, of Lindsay, Tex., was killed Thursday night when his car ran off U.S. 83 and overturned. The accident happened 4 1/2 miles west of Lindsay, which is 3 miles west of here.

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DUNLAPS

OASIS ON THE MALL — A handler guides a dromedary camel past the Washington Monument Thursday. The camel is one of three being used in a week-long portrayal of the Nativity sponsored by the Christian Service Corps on the Washington Mall. (AP Wirephoto.)

UAW Will Vote On Economic And Legislative Resolutions

HOUSTON (AP) — United Automobile Workers were expected to vote today on economic and legislative resolutions.

Some 1,800 delegates to the union's international conference on technology discussed Thursday the resolutions blaming Republican administrations for the nation's economic problems and expressing hope the new 94th Congress can find effective solutions.

Although there was no opposition to the resolutions, some delegates said more specific recommendations were needed on how the rapidly rising unemployment rate can be reversed.

Both resolutions suggested establishment of a National Economic Planning Board "which could plan for prosperity, stability and full employment."

The legislative resolution says President Ford "has failed to use his administrative program to combat inflation or recession, nor has he advocated meaningful legislative program toward these goals."

Both resolutions also express hope the new Congress will or-

ganize itself efficiently and "gain the reins of leadership."

The resolution also calls for immediate enactment of federal standards which modernize eligibility rules for unemployment compensation, immediate easing of monetary restraint, immediate tax reforms to close loopholes, and an excess profits tax "to curb those sellers of goods and services who are exploiting customers."

Astronaut Dr. Joseph Kerwin told the delegates that the space age "has passed through the Lindbergh stage" and will grow into new sophistication in the decades ahead.

Kerwin, a Navy captain who flew on the first Skylab mission, said the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has the potential, for example, to launch worldwide satellite networks for communications, navigation, monitoring and search and rescue missions for boats at sea, stranded mountaineers and those caught in disasters.

Efforts Being Made To Save Agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are continuing to try to salvage legislation extending a federal advisory agency for the nation's second largest racial minority, the Latinos.

Rep. Chet Holifield, chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, said if the agency dies it's the Senate's fault.

He said Thursday night he wouldn't give it much chance of being continued.

The Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for Spanish Speaking Citizens will go out of business Dec. 31 unless Congress extends it. Congress is expected to end its session today.

Holifield, who is retiring from Congress, noted that the House passed legislation 18 months ago to extend it and to mandate the agency to establish field offices where there are heavy concentrations of Spanish sur-named persons.

The Senate did not act on the bill until earlier this week, mostly because in the intervening year the agency was being investigated for its part in the Nixon administration's Responsibility Plan, whereby federal grants and jobs were steered to Nixon partisans.

When Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., and Charles Percy, R-Ill., moved to extend the agency's life until mid-1975, they promised extensive hearings next spring on what it was doing and should be doing if the problems of the Latinos were to be addressed.

Before passage the Senate approved their amendments taking out the regional office requirement, which frustrated Holifield.

He said unless that provision was reinstated, he'd block the bill and consider the agency better off dead.

With Holifield's adamant, Sen. Joseph Montoya, D-N.M., attempted Thursday night to salvage the agency by persuading

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A television set valued at \$400 has been reported taken in a burglary at the Nancy Dickinson residence at 1220 Burchill St.

Dennis Ferguson, 306 Andrews Highway, told police a stereo and speaker unit was taken from his auto while the vehicle was parked in the 2900 block of West Wall Street.

Ferguson valued the unit at \$90.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

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Limited funds are available to assist in defraying cost of college education, and of vocational training. Eligible persons applying for aid for the school year beginning in the fall of 1975 must apply between Jan. 1, 1975 and March 1, 1975.

Direct inquiries to the Richardson Memorial Fund, 2307 W. North National Bank Building, First North, Suite 702A, and include information establishing basis for eligibility.

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We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him.—Romans 15:1, 2.

How About It, Scoop?

U.S. Sen. Dewey F. Bartlett of Oklahoma, in a letter written earlier this month, takes Sen. Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson to task concerning Senate Resolution No. 425 as proposed by Jackson.

Jackson, in his resolution, proposed a National Energy Policy with the objectives of "increasing domestic energy production... and undertaking stringent efforts to eliminate waste."

"I certainly agree with those worthwhile objectives," Bartlett wrote. "However, I question how you can accomplish these objectives and at the same time reduce the price of crude oil and continue to control the prices of crude oil and natural gas."

"In a normal free market relationship of supply and demand, an item in short supply will increase in price. This will in turn stimulate production and consequently reduce or eliminate the shortage as well as develop alternate sources. From my own experience, drilling activity increases with a higher price and decreases with a lower price of crude oil."

Bartlett presented the simple facts. But he didn't quit there. He quoted John Winger of the Chase Manhattan Bank as saying, "If we are to resolve our energy problems we should make the climate for investment at least as good as anywhere else—and preferably better."

"In light of this, how are you going to increase supplies of domestic crude oil by decreasing its price?" Bartlett asked. "If it cannot logically be shown that a price decrease will lead to a production increase, then Senate Resolution No. 425 misleads the American people..."

"If price rollbacks encourage the production of oil and gas which are the commodities in shortest supply in the United States and upon which our economy, our security, and all other products depend, why do you not favor rolling back the prices of lumber and other products?" The lumber industry was more profitable in 1973 than the oil industry.

"Your resolution," Bartlett continued, "emphasizes our country's dependence on foreign sources of energy and the need to reduce this dependence. It is apparent that any increase in our domestic supply will directly offset high cost imported oil, barrel for barrel, with cheaper domestic oil."

"Why then do you favor a policy that would necessitate greater imports of high cost and unreliable foreign crude?"

Bartlett told Jackson that he appreciated his interest in finding solutions to the energy problems and that he looked forward to receiving his answers.

It would be interesting to see how Jackson fields the Oklahoma senator's well put questions.

'Remember When We Worried About The Atom Bomb?'



The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By JACK ANDERSON WASHINGTON—We are searching for a slogan to express the sentiments of Americans toward their country on its 200th birthday.

The author of the best slogan will be given a grand tour of America, winding up at the White House. He can drive his family around the country for a full month, going wherever they wish.

American Motors will give them a station wagon, which they can keep after the trip. They will be guests each night of the nearest Holiday Inn. And to take care of additional travel expenses, the Copernicus Society of America will put up a \$5,000 first prize.

Several other prizes, including five \$1,000 cash prizes from the Copernicus Society, have been offered for other outstanding slogans.

The contest began with a simple suggestion. We argued that the people rather than the government should produce our bicentennial slogan. No prizes were offered at first, just an appeal to Americans to express their faith in their country.

The slogans began pouring in. We have now received hundreds of thousands of slogans, poems and songs from Americans of all ages and persuasions. Several organizations volunteered their support. The Copernicus Society's Edward J. Pizsek, a Polish-American who deeply loves this country, asked to join us in sponsoring the slogan search.

The American Legion and the Jaycees offered to help us process the slogans. The National Federation of Women's Clubs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are helping.

American Motors, Holiday Inns, Phillips Petroleum and others are putting up prizes. Between plays on Monday Night Football, ABC-TV's irrepressible Howard Cosell encouraged people to send in slogans.

This spontaneous outpouring has compelled us to go formal. We have now formed a nonprofit corporation, Slogans USA, to handle the slogan search. All entries should be mailed to Slogans USA, Box 1976, Washington, D.C. The contests will close on July 4, 1975. All entries will become the property of Slogans USA. In case more than one person sends in the same slogan, the prizes will go to those with the earliest postmarks.

This experience has taught us that most Americans, despite social upheavals, Watergate horrors and economic gloom, remain confident and upbeat about the basic worth of this country.

There is concern in the land over the economy. Yet real income, discounting inflation, went up an astonishing 43 percent in the United States during the 1960-73 period.

College enrollments expanded from 3.6 million to 8.4 million. For a decade, we built a new junior college every 10 days.

The Communists have sung the blue collar blues, mourning the brutalization on the assembly line and the alienation of the American worker. Yet as Ben Wattenberg has pointed out, "never before have greater percentages of Americans worked at better, more interesting, less backbreaking and less

Economy Loses In Money-Growth Race

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Trying to stop inflation by controlling prices or lecturing consumers on their buying habits is like trying to cure a fever by breaking your thermometer. It gets the whole discussion of cause and effect exactly backward.

So argues M. Stanton Evans in an article in the conservative Washington publication "Human Events."

High prices are caused by inflation, not the other way around. One can no more prevent inflation by controlling prices than he can cure a case of measles by painting over the spots, Evans says in another medical allusion.

So what causes inflation? Inflation is an increase of the money supply above and beyond the increase in the volume of production. Since prices are a ratio between the number of dollars in circulation and the available supply of goods and services, continual expansion of the money supply will force the general level of prices upward, and "no amount of political mumbo jumbo or civic piety can halt this sequence once it has been started."

Suppose, just for the sake of argument, suggests Evans, that the stock of money is fixed, and then consider what would happen in the case of heavy wage demands by the UAW or a sudden hike in prices by General Motors.

In that event, a dollar more to pay the wages of an auto worker, or to buy a Chevrolet, becomes a dollar that cannot be spent for something else. Any added dollars which consumers or entrepreneurs decide to spend in one place must be subtracted from some other place.

Total demand therefore remains the same, and while individual prices will fluctuate, the general price level will continue as before.

Expand the money supply, however, and all these considerations change. Now it is possible to spend more money both for the Chevrolet and for something else and for all prices to rise simultaneously.

That, indeed, is one reason for monetary expansion — the fact that, for a time at least, the generally rising price level permitted by it gives the illusion of augmented prosperity for everyone.

Precisely such a monetary expansion has been occurring for the past several years. From 1967 through 1974, the money supply of the United States (currency plus demand deposits) literally has exploded — from \$180 billion to \$280 billion. But the index of industrial production has risen much more slowly — from 100 in 1967 to 128.7 as of last June.

The money supply thus has increased by almost 60 percent while the index of industrial production has risen by less than 30 percent. Money growth has been approximately double the growth of productivity.

It hardly should be surprising then that consumer prices have been going through the roof, says Evans.

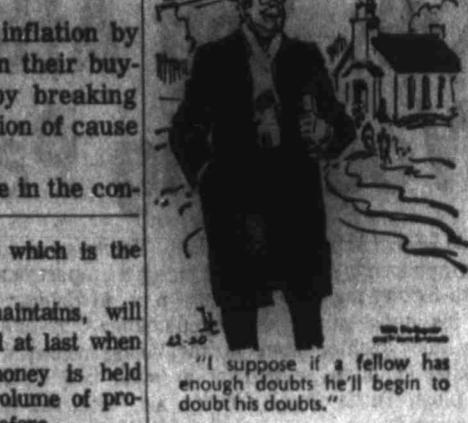
From the standpoint of the individual, the cause of the troublingly high prices seems to be the other fellow's prices. But it is monetary expansion, not wage and price demands, that is the source of the difficulty.

The Federal Reserve Board, which controls the growth of the nation's money supply, has shown some awareness of this fact and beginning in June began pursuing a zero-growth-rate policy. The viselike tightening of credit, however, only set off demands for a return to easy money.

Zero growth was an over-reaction, says Evans, and if past performance is any guide, it will probably be followed by another spurt of explosive

The Country Parson

By Frank A. Clark



THE CONSUMER ALERT—

Gift-Returning Season Will Follow Gift-Buying

By JOHN L. HILL, Texas Attorney General

AUSTIN — The Christmas gift-buying season inevitably is followed by the post-Christmas gift-returning season.

There are many reasons for returning gifts... maybe Cousin Agatha had put on so many pounds since you last saw her that the gold belt you bought her looked more like a necklace.

Or Uncle Wellington's home winemaking kit... he loved it, but had received one just like it for his birthday in October.

Or maybe it's you with a gift that's unusable or impractical... like that white terrycloth bow tie for formal tennis games that your brother-in-law gave you.

Most consumers expect to be able to return or exchange gifts in such cases with little or no trouble beyond perhaps having to stand in a waiting line.

The fact is, though, that stores are not legally required to refund money, exchange merchandise, or accept returned goods for store credit unless the item is defective or is not as represented.

Most merchants, however, are very agreeable about adjustments since this is a form of customer service which encourages repeat business.

Sometimes certain stores may be unable to cooperate fully with the post-Christmas gift returner, since they may operate under more restrictive adjustment policies than other establishments.

There are certain instances in which a store is legally required to make adjustments. For example, if a store advertised car coats with sheepskin linings, but you discover the lining is actually acrylic pile, you have the right to return the coat for an adjustment.

Or perhaps you ordered a size 12 dress but the store sent a size 14. Or you specified a green table lamp, but got a blue floor lamp. The store must correct its error or make some satisfactory adjustment in such cases.

It's important to remember that if a store has advertised goods for a special sale, there may be a "no return" policy on that particular merchandise. Other items such as swim suits, undergarments, and other intimate apparel always may be sold on an "all sales final" basis for the customer's protection.

Just as most stores try to cooperate in making adjustments when possible, most consumers are careful to ask for an adjustment only if it is needed. But a few individuals

may attempt to return merchandise that is worn or used, that they damaged themselves, or that they purchased months earlier. In such cases, merchants rightfully may refuse to make an adjustment.

If you find you must return merchandise for an adjustment, the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division recommends the following: —Take all manufacturer's hang tags, price labels, and all sales or charge receipts with you, since the store will need proof of purchase and proof that the goods actually came from their store.

—Return goods in their containers, boxes or sacks, if possible.

—Return the goods to the department where they were purchased, or to the adjustment desk if there is one.

—Explain the reasons for the return.

—If you have a problem with an adjustment you think is deserved, try to settle it with the manager of the store. If that doesn't work, consult the Attorney General's Protection Division or your local Better Business Bureau.

Alien Corn

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. Clues include: 1. leave, 7. treat, 12. Feast, 13. Inmate quality, 14. Cat or dog, 15. Vitreous material, 16. Difficult question (leag), 17. Judge, 18. Fellow (leag), 19. Watery secretions (leag), 21. Burdened (leag), 23. Deep respect, 26. Rose above, 28. Long piece of wood, 30. West, 31. Mythological, 35. Giant's wife, 36. Ennet, 37. Monthly, 38. Persons.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

By OSWALD AND JAMES JACOBY, Newspaper Enterprise Association. "I really have tough luck," groaned South.

"Not really," roared North. Then he led his jack clubs. East won and led a spade to West's queen and dummy's king. The clubs failed to break. South wound up down two.

South should have done his thinking before playing from dummy at trick one. Then he would have gone up with dummy's king of diamonds and led the king of clubs. After that start there would be no way for the defense to keep South from scoring three clubs, three diamonds, two spades and a heart.

Actually South had been lucky. A spade opening would have beaten him irrespective of what he did.

"That fluttering sound at trick one was made by your contract as it flew out the window."

South had let the first diamond run to his hand. Then he had led the three of clubs to dummy's king. East had taken his ace and led the nine of hearts. South's queen had lost to West's king and hearts were continued. South won the third

WORLD ALMANAC FACTS

World Almanac Facts section with a grid for North-South vulnerable. Grid shows: NORTH: AK862, 542, K54, K9. WEST: Q10, KJ103, J10973, 52. SOUTH (D): 74, AQ6, AQ8, J10763. EAST: J953, 987, 82, AQ84.

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The bidding has been: West North East South 2♠ 1♠ 1NT. Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT. Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT. Opening lead—J♦

You, South, hold: ♠43 ♣AQ1086 ♣KJ4 ♠AQ3. What do you do now? A—Bid, three hearts. Your partner just might be able to raise you to game.

TODAY'S QUESTION: You bid three hearts and your partner bids four clubs. What do you do now? Answer Tomorrow

BERRY'S WORLD

Berry's World section featuring a cartoon of a man in a suit and hat, possibly a parson, standing in a field with a church in the background. Text: "I haven't been very good. Would you consider a little pie bargaining?"

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, a federal agency created in 1973, offers a toll-free number, 800-638-3666, where you can learn if a particular product has been declared unsafe or complain about one you believe is hazardous.

The World Almanac notes, if enough complaints are received, the commission will investigate and may order the product banned.

Gold—How Good An Investment?

THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM, FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 1974-7C

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Now that Americans can own gold, they are getting conflicting advice. Here, in the second of a series, is a look at gold as an investment.)

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

To buy or not to buy? That is the question facing potential gold buyers now that Americans are about to be able to own gold.

The soaring price of the metal over the past six years led many consumers to believe wrongly — that they couldn't lose money by buying gold.

Price Skyrockets
Since 1968, when gold was first allowed to fluctuate from its \$35-an-ounce level, the price has more than quadrupled. It hit \$100 an ounce in April 1973. Earlier this year, the price went up to about \$170 an ounce, down to about \$140 and back up to \$190. It has slipped a bit, but is still selling for about \$170 to \$180 an ounce.

In a time of inflation and shrinking dollars, what better way to save? Financial analysts, government officials and some economists are warning Americans,

however, that there are serious risks. The price can go down again just as it went up; unscrupulous dealers are waiting to prey on unknowing consumers — the Justice Department already is investigating reports of schemes to sell lead bars disguised as gold; and gold does not pay any interest or dividends.

The people who will be selling gold are reluctant to predict what will happen to the price. They don't want to be accused of misleading people and influencing the market by their statements.

Engelhard Minerals & Chemicals Corp., which is refining and processing gold for sale through banks and other outlets, advises potential investors: "Although the outlook for gold in the near future is promising, caution should still be exercised... Gold prices will continue to fluctuate..."

Economists at New York's First National City Bank, the nation's second largest bank, says:

"Despite the current upsurge in the demand for gold, the precious metal is losing some of its glitter and is headed for a fall," the bank said earlier this year.

Banks, stock brokerages and other agencies that will sell gold are still working out the final details of their fee scales.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., the stock brokerage firm, announced recently that its markup would range from about 3 to 6 percent. The company plans to charge \$2 per ounce, plus 5 percent of the first \$5,000 in value and 2 per cent on any amount over \$5,000.

Five-Ounce Purchase
Here's how it would work on a five-ounce purchase — the minimum Merrill Lynch has set for retail sales:

Suppose the price of gold is \$180 an ounce. You would pay \$900 for the gold plus \$10 in per-ounce charges and \$45 as 5 per cent of the total value of the metal. That's a total expenditure of \$955, including a markup of just over 6 per cent.

This will not count fees for shipping, insurance and applicable sales taxes if the customer wants to take delivery. Merrill Lynch said it will store customers' gold free of charge during 1975 and will repurchase the gold without charging an additional assay or inspection fee.

Anyone who wants to make a profit on gold must remember that the basic price of the metal must go up enough for him to recover the fees he paid in buying it. Then he has to find a buyer. He also has to take into account the fact that if he has taken possession of the gold, the new buyer probably will want an assay to prove the metal has not been tampered with. That can cost from \$30 to \$100, depending on the amount and form of gold involved.

If the price rises sharply, the gold investor will make a profit. If you bought 100 ounces of gold last December when the price was about \$110 an ounce and you paid fees comparable to those Merrill Lynch is charging, plus insurance and other charges totaling 20 per cent, you would have laid out \$13,200. Today, with gold selling at between \$170 and \$180 an ounce, the metal is worth between \$17,000 and \$18,000.

But a sharp increase depends on several factors, particularly:

—A lack of faith in other investments, including the stock market and savings accounts.

—A belief that other people will continue to want gold and

therefore will keep demand, and price, high.

—Industrial demand for gold to use in things like manufacturing and electronics.

Remember, too, that until 1968, the price of gold was frozen by world agreement. From 1934 until 1968, it was set at \$35 an ounce. This limited the demand for gold as a speculative investment. When the lid was removed and the price was allowed to float, there was an immediate boost. There is no guarantee the rise will continue.

Government Action
The government already has acted to prevent an immediate and sharp surge in gold prices by announcing that it will auction two million ounces of gold on Jan. 6. The government hopes that by making additional gold available, it can ease the demand and keep the price from skyrocketing.

Alan C. Poole, an analyst at the Wall Street firm of Laidlaw-Coggeshall Inc. and an expert on gold and gold stocks, says investing in gold is like buying real estate with an eye toward later development.

"I feel very strongly it's a long-term investment," Poole says.

Superport Legislation Called Gulf Coast Boon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Bob Casey, D-Tex., says final approval of legislation allowing construction of offshore oil superports assures the future of the Gulf Coast "as a major center for the growing petrochemical and refining industry."

Casey said Thursday the legislation was one of the most important accomplishments of the 93rd Congress.

"The legislation finally approved may not be exactly in the form many of us would have preferred, but it is still a sound bill that will allow us to move ahead and place the United States in a competitive position by using the very large oil tankers that are already in wide use by most other major

petroleum importing nations," Casey said.

"The fact that one of the ports will be located off Freeport, Tex., assures the future of the Gulf Coast as a major center for the growing petrochemical and refining industry."

Seadock, Inc., a consortium of 11 oil and chemical firms, is prepared to submit an application as soon as possible for the Freeport terminal, Casey said.

The group hopes to have the terminal completed by 1979 at a cost estimated at \$550 million, he said.

The superport legislation won final congressional approval Tuesday. The ports authorized under its provisions will be capable of handling vessels too large for conventional ports.

Drug Raids Net 22 In Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Twenty-two arrests had been made Thursday by narcotics officers following raids that began Tuesday. C.B. Lyons, supervising officer for the State Narcotics Service, said about 25 officers have participated in the raids.

The persons arrested are named in sealed indictments for allegedly selling heroin, marijuana and prescription pills.

Houston Bus Talks Make No Progress

HOUSTON (AP) — Negotiations were to continue today in attempts to settle Houston's city bus strike.

Representatives of both sides declined to comment on progress Thursday night when negotiations for the third straight day recessed.

Bus workers have been on strike since Nov. 5.

Avocados Could Become Money Crop For Valley

WESLACO, Tex. (AP) — There may be gold in guacamole.

Or at least gold in the creamy, nutty flavored avocado from which guacamole is made, according to Dr. Calvin Lyons, a Texas A&M horticulturist who predicts avocado growing may become a \$1 million industry in the Lower Rio Grande Valley by 1980.

Dr. Lyons said the Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimates avocado growers could earn a net profit of \$1,400 per acre, higher than almost any other crop grown in the valley.

Avocados, grown domestically only in southern California and Florida, are in short supply, Dr. Lyons said. Some growers are selling avocados for 25 cents each on the tree,

One producer gets 90 cents each for his avocados by eliminating the middleman and using a clever merchandising system, Dr. Lyons said.

He sells the avocados to a restaurant for 75 cents each and then gets the seeds back to sell to a nurseryman for 15 cents each.

Although there is only limited production of avocados in the valley now, Lyons anticipates production may reach 100 tons in 1975, 300 tons in 1976 and much more by 1980.

Dr. Lyons estimates that in the valley, growers can expect to produce 10,000 pounds of avocados per acre once the now growing avocado trees mature. He estimates that an avocado tree will continue to produce for about 50 years.



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Lack Of Quorum Blocks Meeting At Prairie View

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex. (AP) — State Rep. Joe A. Hubenak says a lack of quorum by a Texas House Committee named to investigate alleged irregularities in policy at Prairie View A&M University has cost \$12,000.

A meeting scheduled Thursday failed to gain a quorum and after a 55-minute wait the four committee members present voted to adjourn.

Several previous scheduled subcommittee and full committee meetings have failed to

gain a quorum, Hubenak said. Committeemen said State Rep. Craig Washington, who was absent, would have to set another meeting date. Washington is chairman of the 12-member committee.

Toward a National Energy Policy

7. The need for balance

Today Americans are more aware of the importance of clean air and water than at any time in our history. Also, we have made a good deal of measurable progress in this direction in the past decade. Much of the credit for achieving these positive results must go to those people called environmentalists. Without their urgings, we would not be as far along as we are. They can be justly proud of many of their successes.

But let us review some of the less fortunate results of environmental activities: —Delaying the start of construction of the Alaskan pipeline for nearly five years means the U.S. will in the meantime have to import well over a billion barrels of oil that would otherwise have come from the North Slope. At today's high cost of foreign oil, this will create a drain of some \$15 billion on the U.S. balance of payments. That's an extra \$15 billion of the American people's money handed over to oil-exporting countries. Not to mention the increase of billions of dollars in the cost of the pipeline.

—The use of coal, our country's most abundant energy source, is being restricted severely in many areas by unnecessarily tight and inflexible limitations on sulfur content. This has forced large users to switch to low-sulfur heavy fuel, nearly all of which has to be imported—at very high costs.

—Construction and operation of nuclear power plants, which could have taken up some of the slack caused by insufficient domestic supplies of low-sulfur fuel oil and of natural gas, have been delayed.

—Legislation spurred by environmentalist lobbying has greatly increased U.S. gasoline consumption—by 6 billion gallons in 1974 alone—through emission-control systems installed on automobiles. Over the next three to four years the efficiency of automobile engines will drop still further, to meet that legislation's needlessly strict future standards within an arbitrarily short period of time.

—Every one of these actions placed an additional burden on oil supplies. At the same time, environmental pressures have delayed much of the increased offshore drilling that might provide some of the additional natural gas and oil the U.S. needs as a direct result of environmentalists' actions. This has made the U.S. just that much more dependent on other countries for high-cost, politically sensitive oil. Another environmental achievement is the

requirement that federal agencies prepare comprehensive documents known as environmental impact statements before they can proceed with offshore lease sales or grant permits for construction projects of any real size. Among other things, these statements have to discuss alternatives to the proposed action. Environmental impact statements do provide needed safeguards but have too often been used as an obstructionist tool for delaying energy projects.

Perhaps what the United States needs now is social and economic impact statements that would detail the social and economic consequences of not going ahead with any given project—for instance, the number and types of jobs that will not be created... the number of young people who will be unable to attend college if their parents are denied such jobs... the impact on the environment of insufficient supplies of energy to continue cleaning up our air and water... the increased dependence on foreign countries for oil... and the effects of this on the U.S. dollar, the international monetary system, and our country's economic and political security.

An adequate and secure supply of energy is not a discretionary item for our country. We have to strike a rational and workable balance between environmental risks and economic risks.

It seems to us that our country's failure to attain this balance reflects a normal human tendency of people to go too far (and too fast) in any given direction. We believe that, important as a cleaner environment is to all of us, it requires common-sense trade-offs. We believe timetables often can and must be made flexible even while one holds firmly to objectives. And we are convinced of the need to assess very carefully the economic and social costs to our fellow citizens of any proposed course of action.

It is all this to say that those of us in business have consistently been on the side of the angels, while the environmentalists have been on the other side? Of course not. People in business can be as wrong-headed as anyone. Certainly too many of us in business were slow to become fully aware of what had to be done to ensure cleaner air and water.

The problem is that over the past decade the pendulum has swung too far in one direction. Now, to mix a metaphor, we think it's time to balance the scales.

Toward a National Energy Policy

8. Coal: the ugly duckling

The United States faces an immediate conflict between the issues of energy security and environmental concern.

Increased use of coal now could help minimize the dangerously heavy U.S. dependence on politically sensitive, high-cost foreign oil, with the pressure that this puts on our balance of payments. Not to mention the problems another oil embargo could create for us.

The U.S. has recoverable reserves of coal estimated at more than 500 times present annual production. Coal accounts for more than 90% of U.S. fossil-fuel resources but provides less than a fifth of our current energy supply. The problem is that severe limitations on sulfur content, at all levels of government, have made much of the country's coal unusable.

We can make much more U.S. coal usable, and still meet primary air-quality standards designed to protect public health, by relaxing various of the sulfur limitations now in effect. And we could take another step forward by allowing utilities and other large users in certain locations to burn coal under still less-severe sulfur limitations on days when atmospheric conditions and prevailing winds make it safe to do so.

Controls of this sort could be more rational than the stringent and inflexible controls we have now, and still protect public health. We need common-sense trade-offs to arrive at some happy medium midway between extremists on either side of this issue, because it is essential that coal begin to furnish a larger share of our energy.

Over the years coal has lost many of its traditional markets to oil and natural gas—both of them cleaner, more convenient, and (especially in the case of artificially underpriced gas) less expensive. In some places, nuclear power has displaced coal.

Now, with domestic oil production insufficient, with imported oil quadrupled in price, with a shortage of domestic natural gas, and with delays in nuclear power plant construction, the stage would seem to be set for a comeback by coal.

The comeback, however, is running into roadblocks. Existing limitations on sulfur content will become still more severe in 1975, when more stringent regulations take effect. These provisions can create a serious energy crunch. We should face up to this now.

Rapidly rising costs in coal-mining are an additional roadblock.

Mining substantially greater quantities of

coal will require not only appropriate actions by the federal government, but also large capital investments in coal-mining. The machinery and equipment industries also will have to expand. New railroad lines to new coal-mining areas will have to be built, as will thousands of additional locomotives and railroad cars, plus barges and pipelines (to move coal in the form of slurry). Like most things in the energy business, all this will take not only money, but time as well.

Another important reason to begin expanding coal-production facilities now is that in the 1980s coal is expected to become a prime source of synthetic natural gas and synthetic oil (syngas and syncrude) on an increasing scale. By the year 2000, we will probably have little or no choice, since the Free World supply of conventional oil and natural gas is expected to fall far short of demand by then.

Syngas is relatively advanced technologically. A few plants to produce it are under construction now, and others are on the drawing boards. Syncrude production, however, requires substantial additional technological development before commercial plants will be feasible.

Large-scale production of these synthetic fuels will require the creation of a new industry, probably accompanied by new towns. Plants close to commercial size will have to be built and operated for extended periods to prove out the technology and to provide more precise information on costs. This will take years and a great deal of money. A plant capable of producing 100,000 barrels a day of synthetic oil—less than 1% of U.S. consumption today—is projected to cost \$1 billion.

Involving as it will long-term commitments of so much money, this new industry will among other things require the prospect of an adequate return on investment and assurances by our government that oil-exporting countries will not be permitted to destroy new U.S. energy industries through manipulation of crude oil prices.

One central fact should be clear about coal, as about our other energy sources, actual or potential: We as a nation cannot rationally begin to assure intelligent utilization of our domestic energy resources in the absence of a comprehensive national energy policy.

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Your friend, Kelly Munn

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Love ya, Susie
P. S. I hope you can read my writing.

Dear Santa Claus I want you to write me a letter and tell me about yourself. o.k. Send this back to your Aunt Tammy so Grandma mother tell me what color of hair you have and Love Always.
Tammy

Dear Santa, I hope other children get toys to. This is what I want: A baby alive, barbie beach bus and a potteryraft.
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Yours truly, Ginger
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Dear Santa Claus, me and my brother want a toy house. I want a Cathy Quick curl and a barbie house. My Brother wants Little cars and a race track. I Love you because you are nice because you are not a mean man.
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Charles May Get Throne In Matter Of Two Years

By NICK COLE
Copley News Service
LONDON — It's almost three centuries since the golden days of the last King Charles in England; now students of royal form are suggesting it may only be a matter of two years before another Charles takes up the reins of monarchy. That Charles is Prince Charles, the 26-year-old prince of Wales, the eldest son and heir of Queen Elizabeth II.

The predictions come in response to rumors current in the United States about the future of what is popularly called here "The Royal Road Show"—a half-joking, half-serious reference to the pageantry of royalty and the estimated \$6 million a year it costs British taxpayers.

Buckingham Palace, showing its customary reticence on matters as sensitive as succession, is saying nothing. But Charles, the Prince Charming of blue-blooded European bachelors, has been a bit more forthcoming.

true to the tradition of his forthright father, the duke of Edinburgh.

Asked by a tv interviewer if the queen should retire, he replied: "No. I certainly don't think monarchs should retire and be pensioned off at 60, as some professions and businesses stipulate. The nature of being a monarch is different."

The queen has certainly given no direct sign she's ready to give up just yet. She likes her work and genuinely enjoys meeting her subjects. So why should she make way for Charles?

The pundits have several theories.

First, they say, her majesty has no wish to follow the example of Queen Victoria, who occupied the throne for over six decades and denied her son the opportunity of becoming king until he was 60. King Edward VII died in 1910, after only nine years as king.

Second, the crystal gazers say that Charles is Queen Elizabeth's favorite son, and she would give him the throne for that reason.

Then there is the question of Sandringham, royalty's traditional Christmas retreat; the queen is currently spending \$1.5 million on modernizing the vast Victorian house—with the aim, it is said, of living there in her retirement.

The suggested date of her abdication, rumor has it, is Feb. 7, 1977, when she will have been monarch for 25 years; she would then be 50, and Charles, 28.

While there are precedents for voluntary abdication, it has usually come about for some compelling reason—as in the case of the queen's late uncle, King Edward VIII, who quit the throne to marry Mrs. Wallis Simpson, an American.

Still Echoing

The reverberations from that event, and the constitutional crisis it caused, still echo around the corridors of power 38 years later; and it seems unlikely that the queen's advisers would recommend her to step down at a time of social upheaval, uncertainty and political violence, when the need for an influential figurehead, a bulwark against anarchy and disorder, is felt more strongly than ever.

The changeover, when it comes, is likely to be at a time of relative peace and stability, when the queen feels the public is ready to greet "a new face."

Throughout his whole life—including school, university and naval career—Charles has been groomed for the role of king.

Only a few years ago, he was a lively undergraduate, taking part in student plays and pranks. He still enjoys a good joke. But the more serious prince has been emerging gradually. His diary is increasingly full of official engagements where he represents the queen; and as befits his growing independence, he now has his own bachelor pad, a 118-room country mansion, Chevening House, near London.

What kind of king would Charles make?

His creed is straightforward: "I don't want to be a figurehead. I want to get things done."

He sees himself as a young man with "influence, but not power." He belongs to a new kind of modern, educated royalty, no longer aspiring obsessively to regal power and might, but identifying more closely with the people; a streamlined, fun-loving man of action; a man of dignity who still has the common touch.

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Survey Shows Many In Oregon Prefer Small Penalties For Marijuana Users

By ANN BLACKMAN
WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of Oregonians approve of their state law that reduces the penalty for possessing small amounts of marijuana to that of a parking ticket, a Drug Abuse Council survey shows.

The survey, commissioned by the independent, Washington-based council, was taken a year after Oregon became the first state to reduce penalties for possession of up to one ounce of marijuana from a criminal to a civil offense. Convictions under that law carry a maximum fine of \$100 but no criminal record or jail term.

The survey also indicated there was no significant increase in marijuana use after the criminal penalties were dropped.

The survey showed that although 52 per cent of the persons interviewed showed no change in how much they smoke, 40 per cent of those currently using marijuana reported a decrease in usage.

Of those who stopped using marijuana or never used it, 23 per cent cited a possible health danger as a reason while 4 per cent mentioned the possibility of legal prosecution.

Two years ago, the federal government's National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse estimated that 26 million Americans have tried marijuana and that 8 million used it regularly. Oregon became the only state to adopt the commission's recommendation to reduce criminal penalties for possession of an ounce or less.

Robert Carr, a program officer for the Drug Abuse Council, said the possibility of reducing penalties for marijuana possession is being studied by other states, including Minnesota, Vermont, Massachusetts and the state of Washington.

"The importance of the survey is that many people on all levels have predicted that reducing the penalties will increase the usage of marijuana," Carr said. "But legal deterrents everywhere have been ineffective in reducing the amount people smoke."

The council said the survey consisted of 802 personal interviews with adults 18 years or older, "representing a balanced sample of the state's population."

Of those surveyed, 32 per cent favored the existing law, 15 per cent said possession of small amounts of marijuana should be legal while 11 per cent said the sale and possession of small amounts should be legal.

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Soap To Go Twice As Long

By JAY SHARBUTT
NEW YORK (AP) — On Jan. 6, an NBC soap opera called "Another World" will enter one. It is expanding from the half-hour format of all soap operas to one lasting an hour each day.

One would think the man in charge of the show, executive producer Paul Rauch, would be growing at the prospect of the increased daily workload. Wrong. He's quite serene about it. In fact, he says he started seriously thinking about making the show television's first hour-long soap opera 18 months ago when the show's head writer, Harding Lemay, was mildly grouching about the limits a half-hour format imposed on him.

He said Lemay complained that with only 21 minutes of drama time — the rest of the half-hour goes for commercials — he couldn't fully develop the story lines and characters the way he'd like to.

"I concurred with that because he's a guy who can write long scenes and develop them better in the longer form," Rauch said.

Talks with NBC and the sponsors began. Then the idea was given a one-day test last May 2. The show got high ratings. Rauch says he got the green light for a daily 60-minute "Another World" in September.

The expanded show goes into production Dec. 30 at NBC's Brooklyn studios. Rauch says the new model, like the old one, will be taped four days before it actually is broadcast.

Public and commercial TV always battle for audiences. But CBS is lending a unique helping hand to its noncommercial opposition. It's giving \$1 million over a three-year period

to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which it helped start in 1968 with an equal donation.

CBS says \$250,000 of the new contribution will go directly to CPB for national audience research and fund-raising efforts.

The \$750,000 balance will be distributed by CPB to help fund-raising programs of five public tv stations in cities in which CBS owns tv stations. The cities are New York, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles.



Roger Fleckenstein

Dallas Civic Opera Picks New Director

DALLAS (AP) — Nicola Rescigno, artistic director and conductor of the Dallas Civic Opera since its founding in 1967, has been named general director of the company by its board of directors.

DCO President Morris Jaffe said Rescigno will be given a two-year contract effective immediately.

Rescigno fills a void created in September by the death of General Manager Lawrence Kelly, Rescigno's closest artistic associate.

Grand Squares Christmas Dance Set

The Grand Squares square dance club will hold its annual Christmas dance at 8 p.m. Saturday at the M-Square on Warren Road.

Calling the dance will be Roger Fleckenstein of Stanton. He has been calling dances for most of the club's three-year existence. New club officers, who will be installed Jan. 1, include Mr. and Mrs. Bub Hull, president; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Adams, vice president; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brigs, secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Cochran, treasurer, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ivy, reporter.

Queen Mother, 74, Plans Iran Visit

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth, Britain's queen mother, has accepted an invitation from the Shah of Iran to visit his country from April 14 to April 19, royal aides announced.

The queen, 74, is the mother of Queen Elizabeth II. It will be her first visit to Iran.

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Met To Broadcast Janacek's 'Jenufa'

NEW YORK — Leo Janacek's dramatic opera "Jenufa", last produced by the Metropolitan Opera 50 years ago, will have its first met broadcast performance Saturday, afternoon. It will be heard in the Midland area over Station KCRS beginning at 1 p.m.

Singing principal roles will be soprano Teresa Kublak as "Jenufa" (pronounced Yay-noo-lah), soprano Astrid Varnay as Kostelnicka, mezzo-soprano Jean Kraft as Buryja, tenor Jon Vickers in the role of Laca, tenor William Lewis as Steva, and baritone John Reardon as Starek. John Nelson will conduct.

German Wins Chess Match

HOUSTON (AP) — Robert Huebner, West German chess grandmaster, won first place Thursday night in the Houston International Chess Tournament.

Since Janacek's "Jenufa" has never before been broadcast by the Metropolitan Opera, the first intermission's "Opera News on the Air" will be devoted to musical and dramatic analysis of the opera. On hand to tell listeners what Janacek's masterpiece is all about will be noted musicologist Boris Goldovsky.

Huebner finished with 8 out of a possible 11 points to take the championship and \$1,000 first place money.

Because this third Texaco-Metropolitan Opera broadcast of the 1974-75 season comes just before Christmas, the radio audience will be entertained during the second intermission with another appearance of the Metropolitan Opera Madrigal singers. Singing in the ensemble will be Shirley Love, Christine Weidinger, Richard Best, Gene Boucher, Nico Castel and Robert Schorr. As in past performances on these Met broadcasts, Paul Hume, music critic of "The Washington Post", will introduce the Singers' program.

Aleksandar Matanovic, Yugoslavian grandmaster, won second place with 7½ points. Points and positions of other contestants were pending on the outcome of later matches.

Two young American national masters achieved their master international titles during the tournament. They are John Grefe of Berkeley, Calif., and Dr. William Martz of Hartland, Wis.

Chopin Music Club Elects New Officers

Election of officers for 1975 highlighted a recent meeting of the Chopin Music Club, affiliated with the Texas Federation of Music Club's junior high-senior high division.

Named to head the organization was Kathy Davis, president; Susan Peek, vice president; Susan Sneed, secretary; Teresa Brown, treasurer; Susan Beck, reporter and Jagan Houston, historian.

At the meeting, piano selections were played by Misses Brown, David, Sneed, Beck and Houston.

Congress Approves Warranty Measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any consumer product costing more than \$5 would have to carry full, conspicuous and simply written conditions on its warranty, under legislation that has completed congressional action. House passage of the measure by voice vote Thursday followed the Senate's approval a day earlier.



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TRAVELING BILLBOARDS — Advertising, which once had its walking "sandwich signs," now has moving billboards called Beetleboards — a gimmick originated by adman Charles E. Bird of Los Angeles. He's pictured here protruding through the sun roof of one of his creations. (AP Wirephoto.)

Beetleboards Now New Advertising Fads

By JACK LEFLER
LOS ANGELES (AP) — They're Beetleboards — the latest gimmick in outdoor advertising. Don't be surprised if you see Volkswagen's masquerading as bugs are racing around with

brightly colored advertising a decal plant where the car is painted and the ad applied. And their drivers are getting paid for it.

The Beetleboard is the brainchild of Charles E. Bird, a Los Angeles advertising consultant who specializes in the youth market. He has formed Beetleboards of America to handle the program.

Bird got the idea in 1971 while walking through a campus parking lot on the way to address a college class. He noticed VWs dominated the number of student cars parked around him.

He said a lack of interest in established media makes the youth market a difficult one for advertisers to reach, and that he was attracted to the fact that VWs are so widely driven and accepted by people in their teens and 20s.

He envisioned the messages of national advertisers adorning the bugs and being carried around cities wherever students traveled.

Here is how the Beetleboard plan works:

VW drivers are solicited through advertisements in college newspapers. They are given a nine-month contract and if they accept, they are sent to

Louisiana To Oppose Dumping Operation

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A spectacular ocean dumping operation that sounds like a small war is up for reconsideration and a state official said today Louisiana will oppose it.

"We've got to stop all dumping out in the Gulf of Mexico," said Clint Pray, chairman of the Governor's Council on Environmental Quality.

This violent dumping is done by Ethyl Corp. of Baton Rouge on a permit which allows the company to dispose of 3.2 million pounds of sodium calcium sludge in the Gulf annually.

An Environmental Protection Agency public hearing on Ethyl's application for renewal of its ocean dumping permit comes up here Jan. 16.

The chemical mixture involved in this dumping explodes the instant it touches water.

Periodic dumping takes place at a point 50 miles south of the Mississippi River's Southwest Pass in an open sea area cleared of traffic.

War Prisoner Bill Sent To President

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate sent to President Ford Thursday night a bill to give tax benefits to war prisoners in Vietnam and members of their families.

The measure would exclude from taxes pay received by military personnel hospitalized by combat wounds after the fighting ended, forgive taxes on income of a member of the armed forces missing in action, and give wives of servicemen an extension of time in filing returns, paying taxes, or seeking refunds.

The bill also would exclude from taxes compensation of crew members of the U.S.S. Pueblo received when they were detained by North Korea.

Advertisement Or Be Forgotten

Auto Industry Executives Expect No Big Upturn In New Car Sales

DETROIT (AP) — Reduced production schedules will force layoffs for as many as 300,000 auto workers in January, a good indication that auto industry executives expect no dramatic upturn in car sales.

Heavy layoffs in 1975 were expected, but one United Auto Workers union insider expressed near-shock that they will "come so quickly and will dig so deep" at General Motors and Ford Motor Co.

"There will be real hardship, and it could be worse than our worst fears," one union official said Thursday.

The UAW's chief economist, Timothy Nulty, was quoted only recently as saying, "We expect industry layoffs to hit 250,000 for any given week by February."

More Cuts Expected

But cutbacks announced at GM and Ford in the past two days already push the figures higher than that for January and more cutbacks are expected as component parts plants adjust to assembly cutbacks.

Ford said Thursday it will cut first-quarter 1975 production

28 per cent compared with the 1974 period to give dealers a chance to unload a three-month supply of unsold new cars.

The cutbacks will increase the firm's temporary January unemployment rolls by 64,000 workers, most of them at 17 of Ford's 20 assembly plants closing for one to seven weeks between Jan. 6 and the end of March.

27,000 Out Of Work

Ford said it is adding 8,700 workers to open-ended layoff rolls, bringing the firm's total to 27,000.

Industrywide, some 289,000 auto workers will suffer layoff time sometime in January — about 40 per cent of the total blue-collar employment of 690,000 at the four U.S. makers. Indefinite layoffs will total 149,000 by the end of January.

The 1974 production year ends Saturday, and an industry trade paper said Thursday that December production will be a 23-year low, while production for the year will be the lowest since strike-plagued 1970.

The decrease from 1973, estimated at 24.5 per cent, will be

the sharpest drop since the 1968 recession.

And production schedules for the first quarter of 1975 offer no hope of a quick reversal, as Ford and GM have already shown.

General Motors, which makes almost half the cars built in the United States, said Wednesday its first-quarter production will be the same as in early 1974 when production was extremely low because of slack sales caused by gasoline shortages.

Chrysler Corp. has not yet released its production plans, but sources have reported that half the firm's six assembly plants will likely be closed throughout most of January.

Industry sources predicted January car production would be among the lowest in the past 20 years.

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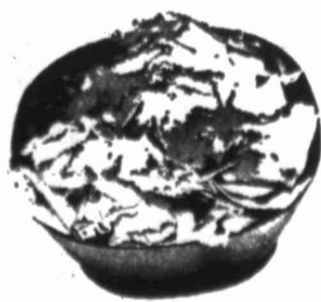
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PERSONAL: LOST AND FOUND: LOST: A black and white male dog, 12-14 weeks old, found near the intersection of 10th and 11th streets.



"LAST YEAR... RIGHT ON THIS CORNER... YOU PROMISED ME A ROYALTY... WHAT HAPPENED?"

SERVICES: FAST WAY TO A BETTER SALARY: We can teach you IBM Key Punch, ABC Spelling, etc.

HELP WANTED: A-1 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE: For car route on East side of city. Approximately 200 papers. Weekdays and Sunday mornings.

HELP WANTED: COMMERCIAL COLLEGE: "Certified by Texas Education Agency" 3306 Andrews Highway

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Western Ammonia Corporation: Division of Goodpastor, Inc. Needed Experienced Plant Operators

SERVICES OFFERED: PAINTING FOR THE HOLIDAYS: "MARION'S PAINTING" Call 682-4707

PROOFREADER WANTED: Must be able to read fast and accurately and have good knowledge of English language.

HOSTESS WANTED: APPLY IN PERSON SPLIT SHIFT BLUE STAR INN 2501 WEST WALL

CHRISTMAS PARTIES!! For your Christmas parties, call on us. We can help you with experienced bartenders and waitresses.

ROUTE SALESPERSON WANTED: Excellent benefits, good pay, five day week. Apply at Borders Inc.

WE MAY NEED YOU MORE THAN YOUR BOSS DOES: We are greatly expanding our sales force.

FURNITURE RE-UPHOLSTERING: There's still time to have your living room furniture re-upholstered.

GROWING INDEPENDENT OIL COMPANY: needs lease pumpers for Martin and Midland Counties.

BUS HELP: See Mr. Hochman at Luigs, 1111 North Big Spring between 9 A.M. and 11 A.M. or after 6 P.M.

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL HIGH SKY: Painting - Decorating - Paper Hanging

TELEPHONE SALES ASSISTANT: Purchase office supplies and printed forms.

CLASSIFIED DISPLAY: Classified display for various services.

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WHO'S WHO FOR SERVICE: AIR COND. SERVICE, HOME REPAIRS, REMODELING, PAINTING, PAINTINGS FOR THE HOLIDAYS, ROOFING, WATER WELL SERVICE, etc.

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PLEASANT BUSINESS
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TRANSPORTATION
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SALE
Texas Motor Company
 418 E. Florida Street
 1972 Cadillac Coupe DeVille. Gold w/white vinyl top. Gold interior, less than 20,000 miles. Call 694-7229.
 1973 Chevrolet Bel Air 4 door. Green w/vinyl top and power air. Radiolux tires. Good class car. \$2999.
 1973 Chevrolet truck w/ 1/2 ton. Radiolux tires. V-8 automatic w/radio and heater. Two one seat.
 1972 Oldsmobile. Metallic green w/white vinyl top and white leather interior. Power and air. AM/FM radio. \$3195.
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 Several Cheaper Cars on Lot.

DEALER COST
 on all remaining new 1974 Seals, full service and parts available. Save hundreds of dollars — so hurry, only a few left.
A-1 IMPORT AUTO
 2701 W. Wall Open 'til 7
 1971 MERCURY MARQUIS 4 dr. A local, low mileage car, nearly new radials, all equipment. A great buy. \$2150
 EDDIE SMITH MOTOR CO. 694-6988

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS
 1969 CADILLAC, 4 dr, was 1995, NOW \$1695
 1970 OLDS DELTA 88, 4 dr, was 1495, NOW \$1295
 1972 TOYOTA, 4 dr, whole-sale price 1450, NOW \$795
 1972 VW SUPER BEETLE, was 1995, NOW \$1695
STOVAL RENAUT
 1900 W. Front 682-1676

HOROSCOPE
 by Carol Rhymer
 (Dec. 21) — For relations.
LIBRA (Dec. 21 to Oct. 30) You have many duties to take care of today, and you must do them, even if they are boring and they are soon out of the way.
SCORPIO (Oct. 31 to Nov. 21) You have to have the previous year's Libras to have the previous year's Scorpios. You are sure to have a vibrant year. Have your doubts in good order and keep in line.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Morning is not good for being with friends, but late in the day they can be most helpful to you. Afternoon gives success with aims.
GERMINI (May 21 to June 21) Handle any public duties you may have in a calm, enjoy good friends. Take care of credit matters or you get involved more than you wish.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get some things to help you. Don't ever connect with anyone unless you are sure of what you are doing.
LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) They have your hands in matters that are most important right now. They look into how interests that could prove profitable.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sep. 20) Guard your words with an associate who is important in your life, or you could get into unnecessary trouble. Contact best into unnecessary trouble. Contact best into unnecessary trouble.
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1973 TORONADO CUSTOM
 Fully equipped, 29,000 miles, by original owner. Will take trade. 694-7475
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 Power and air. A. I. Loaded. \$2250
EDDIE SMITH MOTOR CO.
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1973 PONTIAC TORONADO
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 1973 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup. 20,000 miles. \$2499.
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CLASSIFIED DISPLAY
 1974 Buick Wildcat. Loaded. Excellent interior and exterior. High mileage but still kept. \$1850. 897-2152.
 IF you've had credit problems and want to buy an automobile, call 682-3936.
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 1970 Oldsmobile. Air conditioned. 100,000 miles. 4 cylinder. \$899. 682-3936.

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 ONLY \$6488

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 Has AM-FM radio, cruise control, power seats, tilt wheel, two-tone color, wheel covers and more.
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 This beautiful automobile is a two tone, fully equipped luxury car that will deliver the goods. Many, many extras and right now at a special low Christmas sale price.
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 New, marvelous creation that we promise you'll love. This 2-door hardtop has V8, automatic, tinted glass, air, vinyl side moulding, radio, white wall steel belted radial tires, power steering/brakes and much more.
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 It's beautiful. Equipped with V8, electronic ignition, bumper guards, vinyl buckets, rally wheels, front disc brakes, center seat cushion, folding arm rest, tinted glass, air, radio, power steering, automatic, and much more.
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 A terrific car and a leader in the line. V8, vinyl buckets, electronic ignition, slat carpeting, radial VW tires, power front disc brakes, power steering, bumper guards, split back bench seat, automatic, tinted glass, air, radio and much more.
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\$79 DOWN \$79 MONTH	\$82 DOWN \$82 MONTH
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28 CYCLES, MOTORCYCLES
290 KAWASAKI 300 good condition...

30 SPORTING GOODS
FOR A HUNTER WHO WOULD LIKE TO SAVE SOME MONEY...

RECREATIONS
30 SPORTING GOODS
FOR A HUNTER WHO WOULD LIKE TO SAVE SOME MONEY...

31 BOATS & MOTORS
OUR SPECIAL
For your boating pleasure we offer a complete line of boating accessories...

32 CAMPER TRAILERS & COVERS
SAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS ON THESE TRAVEL TRAILERS

CLASSIFIED DISPLAY
T.G.I.F. SPECIALS
1973 Ford - 4 door custom...

CLASSIFIED DISPLAY
A-1
1973 FIAT 128 SPORT COUPE up to 20 mpg...

COROLLA 1200
Few cars will equal its 30 MPG
4-speed stick
Reclining bucket seats

PERMIAN TOYOTA
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626 W. Wall 682-7722

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Special offers for 1974 Grand Prix, 1974 Bonneville, 1973 LeMans, 1973 Chevrolet Leguna, and 1973 Ford LTD.

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Berg Motor Co.
We have 3 of these Motor Homes in stock on GMC chassis...

Berg Motor Co.
3205 W. Wall 694-7741

THE BETTER HALF By Bob Barnes
Illustration of a family and text: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, but he's even fatter than that, and a whole lot jollier."

33 HUNTING LEASES
DEER processing, Callaway Pools, 600 E. Florida...

34 GARAGE SALES
BOYS and girls clothes, furniture, toys, camera, film and lots of misc...

35 GARAGE SALES
PORTABLE dishwasher, gas heater, silverware, record albums, shoes, purses, clothes...

36 MISC. FOR SALE
CHRISTMAS SALE
Indian turquoise necklaces, bracelets, rings, watch bands, square binoculars...

37 HOUSEHOLD GOODS
FOR sale: Westinghouse electric clothes dryer, 22 lbs. capacity...

38 ANTIQUES & ART
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WILFORD C. PHILLIPS ANTIQUES

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PHILCO stereo am-fm 8 track only \$129.95...

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Generous Gifts Replace Man's Stolen Wheelchair

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three weeks ago anonymous stole Paul Phillips' motor-driven wheelchair while the double amputee was singing with the Great Hope Baptist Church choir.

Since then the spirit of Christmas has affected Southern Californians who learned of Phillips' sad tale from the news media.

A group of fifth and sixth graders sent him \$12, and an anonymous Santa Claus sent a major donation. Meanwhile, a wheelchair manufacturer rushed work on a new customized chair.

Phillips received his new chrome-finished chair Thursday. A 9-year-old unwrapping a model train set complete with switches and trestles couldn't have been happier.

"The beautiful way people responded," Phillips said, "all it did was strengthen my faith in my fellow man. If I let me know that in this ugly world there are some beautiful people."

Phillips, 46, a self-employed locksmith, lost his legs as a result of a horseback riding accident as a teen-ager. After news reports told of the theft, Phillips received more than 40 letters from people expressing sympathy.

Many included cash or checks — for a total of almost \$1,000.

Some donors gave no return address, but to those who did he has been sending thanks. "They're all wonderful and I want to express my gratitude to them all," he said.

Corporate Incomes Rise 13.5 Per Cent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's corporations boosted their after-tax profits by 13.5 per cent in the third quarter of 1974, but the inflated value of their inventories accounted for almost all of the increase, the Commerce Department says.

In its announcement Thursday, the department also said over-all, before-tax corporate profits totaled \$157 billion at an annual rate in the July-September period.

This was \$1.4 billion less than had been estimated in a preliminary report last month but was still \$18 billion more at an annual rate than the second quarter of the year.

An annual rate is that which would result if the quarterly rate were sustained throughout the entire year.

After-tax corporate profits in the third quarter increased at an annual rate of \$94.3 billion, some \$600 million below the earlier estimate but \$11.2 billion, or 13.5 per cent, above the previous three-month period.

But when adjustments were made for the increased value of business inventories, which rise in value because of the rate of inflation, profits were at an annual rate of \$92.9 billion, up only slightly from the second quarter total of \$92.6 billion.

Corporate tax liability rose to \$62.7 billion on an annual rate during the third quarter from the \$55.9 billion rate in the previous three months.

IRA Revisionists Announce 11-Day Yule Cease-Fire

DUBLIN (AP) — The Irish Republican Army's Provisional wing today declared an 11-day cease-fire in Northern Ireland and England following secret negotiations with Protestant and Roman Catholic church leaders.

The truce is the first major cease-fire by the predominantly Roman Catholic IR since the summer of 1972 in its bloody guerrilla campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

A statement issued by the Provisional's high command here said the guerrillas will observe "a suspension of operations" from midnight Dec. 22 until midnight Jan. 2.

The statement stressed that the truce would give "the British government an opportunity to consider proposals for a permanent cease-fire."

Korea Executes Man Who Killed President's Wife

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The Korean government today hanged Moon Se-kwang, the man who tried to assassinate President Chung Hee Park and killed the president's wife instead.

Moon, a 22-year-old Korean born and reared in Japan, was executed at a Seoul prison.

Park's 48-year-old wife was killed Aug. 15 while sitting before the president as he delivered a speech at Independence Day ceremonies. Moon, who had been sitting at the back of the National Theater, ran toward the stage, firing a revolver.

Park ducked behind the lectern unhurt, but a bullet hit Mrs. Park in the head. She died in a hospital a short while later.

TIA Announces Employe Pay Cuts

HOUSTON (AP) — Strike-bound Texas International Airlines today said it will cut the pay of 450 nonstriking employes by 31 per cent for the highest paid to 7.5 per cent for the lowest.

TIA President Francisco A. Lorenzo said it was either cut pay or lay off workers.

Lorenzo also said the company is restoring group medical, dental, accident and life insurance for striking employes back to the day they walked off the job on Dec. 1.

The ground workers walked off the job Dec. 1 and limited operations continued until Dec. 5 when pilots began to honor picket lines.

Jobless Claims Up In Houston District

HOUSTON (AP) — Requests for unemployment compensation are running more than 50 per cent higher this month than during the same month in 1973, the Texas Employment Commission announced today.

The TEC Houston district office, which services a 13-county area, received an average of 8,934 applications per week during the first two weeks of December, up 52 per cent over the 5,994 received last year.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOUR — The Midland Jaycees and the Midland Jaycee-ettes sponsored their annual Christmas tour for Midland elementary school children Thursday. At left, Mrs. Wayne Murrell helps one of the children make up her mind about purchase of a toy. Above, Mrs. Joe Campbell, Jerry Cox and Bob Holmes pass out gifts at party in the Boys Club of Midland following the tour.

Man Pleads Guilty To Aiding Invalid Wife Commit Suicide

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Robert C. Waters faces the possibility of 15 years in prison for what the Oakland County prosecutor calls "a crime of love."

Waters admits he helped his 65-year-old wife commit suicide. He pleaded no contest to manslaughter charges, and Circuit Court Judge William J. Beers accepted the plea as a guilty plea Thursday.

Waters, former village president of Clarkston and a former high school principal, entered his plea just after the Nov. 13 death of his wife, Kathleen. He will be sentenced Jan. 10.

In a statement to police, Waters, also 65, related how at his wife's request he started the engine of his car in the family garage, escorted her to the auto and left her inside the closed garage. She died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"I said, 'Kathleen, are you sure this is what you want to do,' and she said, 'Yes,' and 'You leave me.' And I kissed her. She said, 'I love you, Bob.' I said, 'I love you, dear...'"

Waters said his wife of 40 years had contemplated suicide for a long time. He said she had a history of mental illness and had been treated for two slight strokes, high blood pressure, severe depression and arthritis.

He said she became despondent after being bedridden in 1973.

Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson said he isn't interested in having Waters punished; he said he brought the charges because the law says Waters had the responsibility to keep his wife from killing herself.

"The reason I didn't stop her was if she did not die here she was going into another medical hospital — mental hospital, psychiatric hospital — for care which she neither wanted nor would approve," Waters said.

Patterson said Waters' action "was not a crime of hate. It was a crime of love."

Midkiff Infant Dies; Services Set Saturday

Tami Dee Thorn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Thorn of Midkiff, was dead on arrival at an Odessa hospital Thursday where she was transported by ambulance from Iraan.

She was born Wednesday in Iraan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Blackwell Cemetery with the Rev. Gordon Burkes of the First Baptist Church of Midkiff officiating. The Newmie W. Ellis Chapel of Midland is handling arrangements.

The infant is also survived by a brother, Ronald C. Thorn of Midkiff; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Zoller of Iraan and J. C. Thorn of Sonora; great-grandparents, Mrs. Artie Walls of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Amos T. Harris of Waco.

Windham Infant Dies; Rites Set

Jason Dan Windham, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Monterey Windham Jr., died Thursday in a Midland hospital. He was born here Nov. 30.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with Bert Mercer, minister of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Newmie W. Ellis Chapel.

Other survivors include the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Monterey Windham Sr. of Abilene; maternal grandparents, Mrs. and Mrs. Dan Russell of Hobbs, N.M., and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Lita Russell of Carlsbad, N.M.

Actress Named

Tallulah Bankhead revealed at her New York stage debut, in 1918, that she was named for her grandmother who, in turn, was named after Tallulah Falls, Ga.



\$400,000 Suit Names Firm Here

A former employe of the Martin Neill Co. Inc. has filed a \$400,000 damage suit in Midland's Western Division Federal Court charging that the company withheld undue amounts for taxes from his wages and violated his civil rights.

The plaintiff, C. Dean Hubbard, acting as his own attorney, alleged that the Neill company violated his "right to work" when he was dismissed "without due cause" on Dec. 5.

Hubbard said he filed a W-4 income tax form in October with the Neill company and listed 20 dependants. He claimed the firm refused to honor the form he submitted.

Coal Production Starts To Return Near Normal

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Coal mine production was expected to return to near normal today as mine construction workers prepared to vote on a new contract this weekend.

Meetings were scheduled in most United Mine Workers districts Saturday for an explanation of the new pact, to be followed by a vote on the proposed agreement.

UMW officials in Washington said they hoped to know the results from the voting by late Sunday.

The new contract was approved by the UMW and Association of Bituminous Contractors negotiators late Wednesday night. It was then submitted to the UMW's 38-member bargaining council, which also endorsed it.

Terms were not disclosed by the union.

Federal mediators had entered the talks in Washington this week after the construction workers set up picket lines honored by miners who had just returned to work following a month-long strike.

At one point early this week, the construction pickets idled about half of the nation's 120,000 soft coal miners.

Golden Agers Club Holds Yule Party

The Golden Agers Club of Midland held its annual Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church Thursday night.

"We had a full house for the event and the turkey dinner furnished by the Lions Clubs of Midland was delicious," Lee May, master of ceremonies, said.

Gifts, provided by George Abell, were presented to each of the Golden Agers.

Entertainment was provided by the Bell Ringers of the church under the direction of Mrs. Charles Reeder.

Two Students Die In Car-Truck Crash

GALVESTON (AP) — Two students at the Texas Maritime Academy were killed today when their car collided with the rear of a tanker truck and burst into flames, police said.

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Voiceprint Technology Nearing Total Accuracy

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of two articles on voiceprinting, a rapidly developing technique for identifying criminal suspects from their individual voice characteristics, in which some current research is explored.)

By ROBERT BOYCE
Copley News Service

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The anonymous phone call to the fire station sounded compelling: "Rings and High Street. Better get up there right away."

Investigators found two women badly beaten. They rounded up suspects and wanted the taped phone voice identified for evidence.

Dr. John W. Black, regents professor of communication at Ohio State University, attempted to match the voice with similar taped samples taken from the suspects by comparing voiceprints. The results were inconclusive.

"That was five years ago," says Black.

"Today we could have done it, because those samples included a key transition from the 'h' sound to the 't' sound,

Association of Voice Identification... modifies the standard voiceprint procedure by separating all frequencies of a taped speech sample into separate frequency bands by means of filters.

The frequencies in each band are transcribed as voiceprints on separate tapes, showing graphically the distribution of frequencies and their relative amplitude, or energy, in each band.

"Since frequency, or pitch, and amplitude, or energy, and time are functions of the resonating qualities of the voice mechanism, they are relatively unchanging in the production of a 'learned' sound and reflect an individual's physiology much as do fingerprints," says Black.

"The size, shape and mobility of the larynx, palate, tongue and mouth are unique in each person, and function together in habitual patterns to produce a unique resonance."

He says Tosi has so far achieved 95 per cent accuracy in matching random samples of the same voice — with consistent results from one time to another and in different languages.

Voiceprints, or spectrograms, are produced with an instrument called a sound spectrograph.

A tape recording of a speech segment is transcribed onto the instrument. Then it is repeated continuously by the instrument at high speed as its stylus traces the electrical impulses on a sheet of paper around a drum. As the drum turns, the stylus builds up the pattern of the sound with each revolution.

The final readout from the spectrograph portrays graphically the three main characteristics of speech: time, frequency bands and the acoustic energy distribution within each frequency band. This distribution at each instant of time is called the amplitude spectrum.

Additionally, a sound may be measured by over-all duration, which characterizes an individual as a fast or slow talker.

Speech spectrograms portray all of these characteristics. It is in the area of shape of the sound spectra that two speakers with the same pitch and amplitude vary and where their most distinctive differences can be found.



QUICK WORK — Two unidentified firefighters help douse a fire at the welding shop of Midland Homes Inc., 5201 W. Industrial St., shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday. The blaze caused heavy damages to the metal building and its contents, and was ignited when a welding torch touched off a solvent being used to clean the shop floor.

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