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Negotiations go on; meanwhile, has Lamesa a fire department?

By KAY HORD

LAMESA — Does Lamesa have a fire department, or don't they? Members of the paid fire department were to consider a compromise raise proposed by the Lamesa City Council early this morning after a five hour meeting Tuesday night.

The raise would necessitate an increase in Lamesa's ad valorem taxes and an amendment to the budget. Taxes would be increased by two cents per \$100 valuation, raising Lamesa's ad valorem tax from 80 cents to 82 cents per \$100 valuation.

Mayor Lloyd Cline also explained during the meeting that an 11th member of the paid fire department who retired earlier would not be replaced. Funds allotted in the budget for the 11th member will be used toward the salary increase and reorganization within the fire department, should the men accept the council's proposal, Cline said.

The 10 members of the Lamesa paid Fire Department submitted resignations or papers for retirement

Tuesday morning to City Manager Carroll Taylor. About 60 days ago, the firemen began petitioning the council to increase their salaries to be equal to that of city policemen.

The lowest paid fireman was making \$760 a month, compared to \$881 made by equal-ranking police officers, Cline said.

Firemen met with councilmen Monday night in an attempt to resolve the issue, ending with the council's denial of the request. The council suggested the firemen reorganize and renegotiate their request through proper channels.

Training Chief Cecil Levacy said Tuesday Fire Marshal Lee Thompson met with the city manager Tuesday to negotiate a settlement.

"We were anticipating some type of middle ground we could discuss," Levacy said.

Instead, the city manager suggested that the police and fire departments be combined and that Thompson submit his retirement papers, Levacy added.

He said raises would be given only

to those men who could double as policemen and firefighters.

"I don't think we're qualified to act as police officers, and I don't think the police are qualified to be firefighters. Therefore, we felt we had no choice but to submit our resignations," Levacy said.

"The fire marshal tried to suggest a negotiable salary that we could agree on, and the city manager would not discuss it," he said.

City Manager Taylor said Tuesday that in accordance with the council's wishes, he had suggested reorganization of the fire department.

Mrs. Thompson Tuesday night verified the city manager had suggested her husband submit his retirement papers.

Following the Tuesday night meeting, Mayor Cline confirmed that, "As a personal friend, we suggested Thompson retire and get out of the hassle. But in my official capacity as mayor, I did not ask Lee to retire."

A special session of the city council



Dawson County Health Nurse Carol May pulls out her crocheting while waiting for the Lamesa City Council to end its four-hour executive sessions Tuesday night. (Staff Photo by Kay Hord)

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Lozano inquest Tuesday

ODESSA — Thirty-five witnesses are being subpoenaed for the inquest Tuesday into the death of Larry Lozano, a 27-year-old Pecos man who died in his cell in the Ector County Jail last January.

Peace Justice Virgil Lumpee will preside over the proceeding, to be heard by a six-member jury, beginning at 10 a.m. in a district courtroom on the third floor of the Ector County Courthouse.

The hearing tentatively has been set for the 16th State District Courtroom, a spokesman in Lumpee's office said this morning.

Lozano, arrested last January on charges of assaulting a peace officer, was found dead 12 days later, on Jan. 22, in his padded cell.

Sheriff Elton Faught at the time maintained Lozano went berserk, repeatedly beat his head against the

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City gets rain hint

Although the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Air Terminal recorded no rainfall within the past 24 hours, it seemed like Midland did catch a few raindrops last night, leaving the sidewalks and streets somewhat damp this morning.

In the forecast, the weatherman said skies should be partly cloudy through tonight and become fair on Thursday. Temperatures are expected to be a little cooler tonight with the low temperature falling to the middle 50s.

Though winds were predicted to be gusty today, they should diminish by tonight to 10 to 15 mph. Thursday's high temperature is expected to reach the middle 80s.

Tuesday's high temperature was 90 degrees, missing the record high temperature set in 1939 by three degrees. The overnight low temperature was 63 degrees, the weather service said.

The rain clouds appeared to miss most area towns, too, with all of them reporting little or no rainfall within the past 24 hours. It was cloudy with mildly cool temperatures in all area towns this morning.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy through tonight. Fair Thursday, with a high in the mid-80s. Complete details on Page 6A.

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Applying elbow grease to Midland windshields Tuesday is U.S. Senate candidate Joe Christie.

Talking to 'real people' his wish, Christie says

By JIM STEINBERG

Joe Christie, Democratic candidate for United States Senate, believes his time is spent better talking to "real people about real problems" than soliciting money from "some fat cat."

"My financial record shows I'm not very good at that," said Christie, who was in Midland Tuesday — the same day as was his rival for the May primary election, U.S. Rep. Bob Krueger.

Wearing faded blue jeans, a blue work shirt, lugged-sole boots, and with a whisk broom sticking out of his back pocket and a tire gauge popping over a shirt pocket, Christie pumped gas at Bert Schwartz's Exxon, 702 W. Wall St., for two hours Tuesday afternoon.

Denying his gas-pumping exercise was a "political stunt," Christie noted the "marked contrast" between his campaign style and that of Krueger's, who earlier Tuesday addressed a joint meeting of the Permian Basin

Chapters of the American Petroleum Institute and the International Association of the Drilling Contractors in Midland.

The 44-year-old ex-Marine pointed out that pumping gas was not out of step with his past occupations, which included stints as an oilfield roughneck and driller, before becoming an independent oilman in El Paso.

"One of the ironies of Texas politics is that the race for the governor's office commands so much more media attention than does the race for Senate, which is really a much more important job. I hope to change that," Christie said, before excusing himself to refuel a car that had pulled up next to the pump.

"Hi, I'm Joe Christie and I'm running for Senate," he said after taking a request for a fill-up.

Like many small businesses, Christie said, the full service gas station is "an endangered species." He said he learns more about con-

ditions across the state by "working at a gas station for 10 minutes than listening to a politician for 10 hours."

Christie said the major difference between himself and his two opponents (Krueger and incumbent Senator John Tower, who is running for re-election on the Republican ticket) is that they represent major oil companies while he is the only candidate of the people.

Christie said he is not running "an anti-oil campaign" but feels that it is not healthy for any one industry to control a state the way oil does in Texas.

He said he favors more than deregulation of oil and natural gas prices. Noting that independent operators historically have located between 70 and 80 percent of the oil and natural gas in this country, Christie, who claimed to have drilled a dry hole recently, said tax incentives must be created to draw

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Krueger says coal heart of Carter energy plan



Rep. Bob Krueger

By BROOKS KELLER

The cornerstone of the Carter energy plan is a massive conversion from other forms of energy to coal, according to U.S. Rep. Bob Krueger, now a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

But it will take 10 to 15 years to do this, and it will make a lot of people angry, Krueger told a joint meeting of the Permian Basin chapters of the American Petroleum Institute and the International Association of Drilling Contractors at a Tuesday luncheon.

The anger would come from people like those in the Sierra Club and other environmentalists, Krueger said.

Krueger told of a White House breakfast meeting at which President Carter argued against the deregulation of natural gas prices and for conversion to coal.

Krueger said he told the president that if coal was substituted as a fuel

for one-fifth the natural gas now used, it would put 10 pounds of sulphur in the air every year for every man, woman and child in the nation.

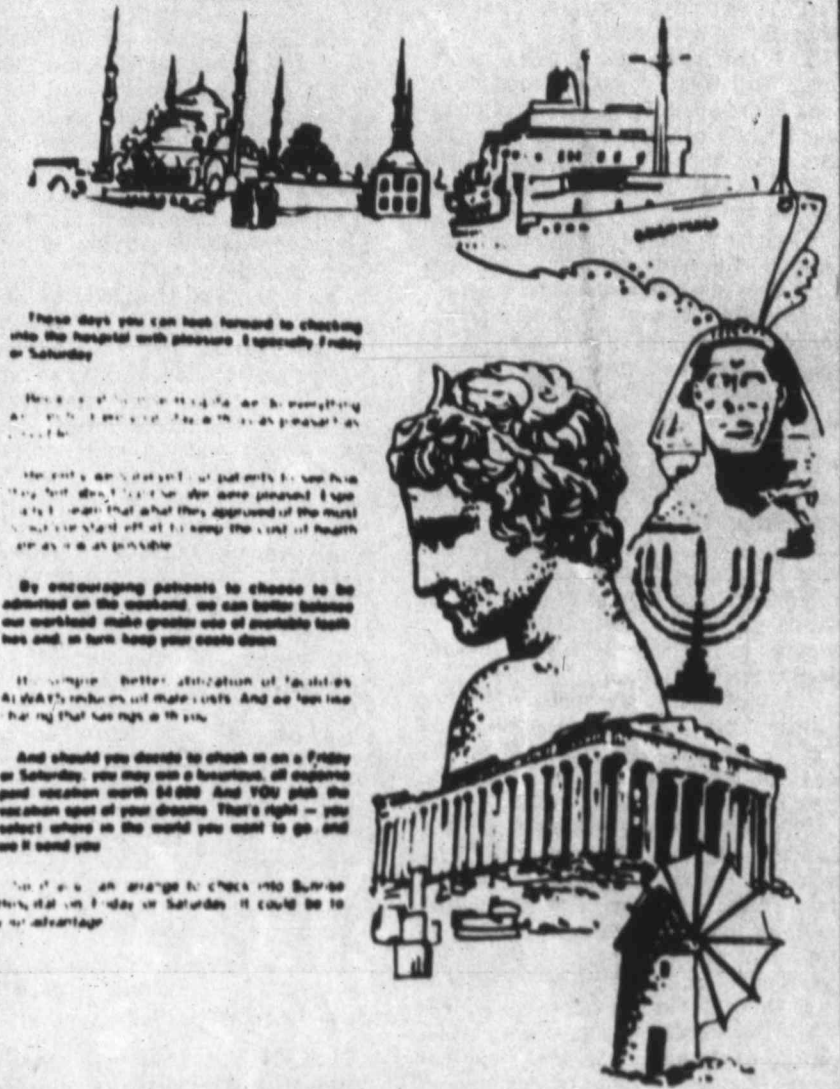
Deregulation of natural gas is a far better answer, Krueger said. Environmentalists like the Sierra Club members, recognizing the cleanliness of natural gas as a fuel, were among those pushing hardest for an increase in its usage back in the 1960s, when little thought was given to a possible shortage, Krueger said.

He said a policy under which Texas must sell its energy products to other states at less than world prices, and then buy back the products of those states at world prices, is "colonialism, pure and simple."

He said it was analogous to times before the Civil War when the South had to pay high prices for finished cotton goods coming out of tariff-

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Another beautiful reason for entering Sunrise Hospital on Friday or Saturday



One in a series of newspaper ads placed by Nevada's Sunrise Hospital in effort to sell elective surgery patients on weekend admissions. (AP Laserphoto)

So long, appendix; Hello, Waikiki

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — You give us your appendix, we'll give you a chance at a \$4,000 vacation. That could be the advertising pitch of a hospital which is trying to lure elective surgery patients in on normally idle weekends.

David Brandsness, the 42-year-old administrator of Sunrise Hospital, acknowledges that hard-sell advertising usually is not associated with health care but says he sees nothing wrong with it — and he adds that it has certainly helped cut costs.

Sunrise is a 484-bed facility that had been bothered by a problem common to hospitals. Expensive equipment at the \$40 million facility was overworked during the week but lay nearly unused on weekends.

So along with a local advertising agency, the hospital came up with a plan. Elective surgery patients are given a chance to win a trip, valued at up

to \$4,000, to wherever they want to go, in a lottery. And it worked.

The free trip promotion has been in effect a little more than a year, and "it's increased our weekend admissions by about 60 percent," Brandsness said Tuesday. "We've moved up from about 55 to 85 patients admitted on the weekends. That's particularly appropriate at this hospital, where at midweek we're running extremely full and at times have had to close off admissions at midweek."

The program benefits more than the weekly winner of the trip, Brandsness said, because "it allows us to keep our price structure generally below our competition."

He said rates at Sunrise, one of eight hospitals in southern Nevada, "are probably 3 to 7 percent below the majority of the hospitals" in the area.

The general honored at Midland luncheon

The general returned. He was given tribute and honor for commands he meritoriously executed more than three decades ago.

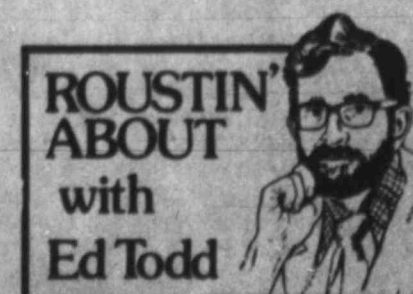
And the fellow lauding the general was but an aide for awhile under his friend, the general — Maj. Gen. Harry H. Johnson.

"It was my good fortune to be with him from start to finish (of World War II). There was an occasional hiatus," said the former aide, Walter H. Waine Jr. of Midland.

Johnson, now 82 and living in retirement in San Antonio, returned to Midland this week at the invitation of Waine, a retired independent oil operator and U.S. Army lieutenant colonel by the time the war had ended.

The general, a National Guardsman who held Stateside, and European and Pacific Theater commands, was an oil scout for Gulf Oil Corp. in Midland back in the 1930s.

Johnson ramrodded the National Army's 56th Cavalry Brigade, the all-black 2nd Cavalry Division, the 93rd Infantry Division and was commanding general of the Rome-Allied Area Command in Italy. His last battlefield command was on the



ROUSTIN ABOUT with Ed Todd

island of Moratal in the Southwest Pacific. His boss was Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Waine, in a luncheon Tuesday at the Racquet Club, recalled his five and a half years under Johnson's command and on the fringes of his command. Waine, who was twice fired as Johnson's aide, served in Army intelligence.

Waine served under Johnson as an enlisted man and later, after Johnson sent him off to Officer Candidate School to be a "90-day wonder" as an officer.

"He was profane but never blasphemous — truly inspirational," Waine said of the general.

Waine remembered one of Johnson's

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Moro appeals again for prisoner exchange

The Los Angeles Times

ROME — Former Prime Minister Aldo Moro made a new and more desperate appeal for an exchange of "prisoners" to win his freedom in a letter released Tuesday by his abductors.

His kidnappers, the Red Brigades, in an accompanying communique spoke for the first time of their interest in seeking the release of "all Communist prisoners" but they made no proposal for Moro's release and insisted that his trial before a "People's Court" will go on.

The letter and communique reached government leaders in Parliament where they had just heard Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti affirm that the government would "reject in the firmest way any acceptance of blackmail."

The communique was the fourth from the Red Brigades since Moro was kidnapped March 16 in an ambush that took the lives of his five guards. Moro is president of the Christian Democratic Party, the largest in Italy.

Each of the communiqués has affirmed the intention of the Red Brigades to place Moro on trial before a "People's Court" to face charges for alleged crimes in 30 years of what the Brigades call imperialist rule and collaboration with multinational interests.

The communique Tuesday gave the first indication that the Red Brigades may, once Moro's trial is over, seek to exchange Moro for others, almost certainly including members of the Red Brigades now on trial in Turin.

There was a note of desperation in Moro's letter but he insisted that he wrote it "without having been subjected to any coercion."

He criticized the decision of the political parties to reject negotiations for his release. He described an exchange of prisoners as "the only possible and positive solution."

"Time is passing quickly and there is not unfortunately enough," he wrote. "Every moment could be too late." He urged his own party, the ruling Christian Democrats, to act on the prisoner exchange if the other parties "do not have the courage."

If there is no response, he added, "The inevitable consequences will fall on the party and on people. Then will begin another cycle more terrible and without a way out."

He said he was thinking clearly, "at least with as much lucidity as one can have who for 15 days has been in an

exceptional situation in which there is no one to console him." He added that at times "I feel abandoned by you," a reference apparently to Benigno Zaccagnini, Christian Democrat party secretary, and other party leaders to whom the letter was addressed.

The letter ended with a prayer that "God will inspire you and that what is necessary will be done quickly."

Most of the communique from the Red Brigades was a reaffirmation of their Maoist philosophy and their determination to proceed with Moro's trial, which apparently has not yet begun.

But for the first time the organization commented on newspaper speculation that their objective is to trade Moro for imprisoned Brigade members.

"Certainly we will pursue by every route the liberation of Communists held hostage by the imperialist state, but we denounce as propaganda maneuvers and exploitation the efforts of the government to have one believe that we are seeking secret negotiations, the hiding of facts," the communique said.

"As to the trial of Aldo Moro, it will go ahead normally," the Red Brigades added.

There has been newspaper speculation that the government already has entered into secret negotiations and that officials of the Roman Catholic Church may have been serving as intermediaries.

Two letters from Moro have been made public by the Red Brigades, one just last Wednesday in which Moro, in often vague and ambiguous language, raised for the first time the desirability of an exchange of prisoners. The letter released Tuesday was more direct in its phrasing and more urgent in its expression.

There have been reports of two other letters addressed to Moro's family. One reportedly included reassurances for his family. The second, as yet unconfirmed, reportedly included a reference to conditions for his release.

From the beginning, most political leaders have rejected negotiations with the Red Brigades.

The firmness of the political statements has been accompanied, however, by declarations of the importance of saving Moro's life. Andreotti reaffirmed that in his speech to Parliament on Tuesday.

Trull receives innocent verdict

TYLER, Texas (AP) — It took weary jurors more than 18 hours and one stern admonishment from State District Judge Glenn Phillips to acquit businessman Don Trull of aggravated kidnapping charges stemming from an Aug. 9, 1977 incident.

The jurors returned the innocent verdict Tuesday night after two days of numbing deliberations.

Trull, who claimed he held a man hostage to recover \$1.5 million he lost in deals involving paroled swindler Billie Sol Estes, took the news dreyed and without emotion.

"I was just thinking about winning, that we were going to win," Trull said later.

Asked if he expected the verdict, he said, "Yes sir, I sure did."

"The jury heard all the evidence available and determined it did not convict beyond a reasonable doubt," said Smith County District Attorney A.D. Clark III. "By golly, I have no quarrel with the jury's verdict."

"You might say that we had great confidence in the jury," said defense attorney G. Brockett Irwin. "We felt, regardless of the verdict, that they had given the case full, fair and impartial consideration."

Jury foreman Hilmar Kuhlman declined to talk to newsmen about the verdict. "We don't have any comments. We're just tired and we want to go home," he said.

Phillips had sternly admonished the deadlocked jurors earlier in the evening to press for a verdict.

"Some jury, sometime, will have to try this case," Phillips told the jurors.

"You are that jury and it seems to me that you should make every effort to reach a unanimous verdict."

Trull, 40, was charged with dousing the Tyler office of millionaire Billy Pyron with gasoline, taking Bill May, a Pyron employee, hostage and threatening to ignite the office during a four-hour standoff with police.

Trull claimed during and after the standoff that Pyron and Estes hoodwinked him out of \$1.5 million in a series of complicated business transactions.

The jury has sent out more than a dozen notes, requesting evidence and testimony from the week-long trial that was highlighted by a courtroom

appearance by Estes and numerous allegations of perjury and shady business deals.

The panelists spent three hours in the courtroom Tuesday morning, listening to tapes of May's testimony about the incident. Irwin later said that was a pivotal point in the deliberations.

The jurors began deliberations about 1:30 p.m. Monday and continued until midnight, taking only a dinner break. Phillips ordered the jurors sequestered at midnight Monday. Deliberations began again at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Phillips did not allow the jury last week to hear testimony by Pyron and

Estes about alleged business transactions with Trull, ruling that it was not relevant to the kidnapping charge.

Documents Trull took from the Abilene office he shared with Estes in 1976 have sparked state and federal investigations into Estes' alleged recent business activities in violation of his strict parole.

Estes was paroled in 1971 after serving six years of a 15-year federal prison sentence for his multi-million dollar swindle.

During Monday's closing arguments, Irwin delivered a revival-like plea to the jury, brandishing a Bible in one hand, his other on Trull's shoulder.

Irwin said Trull was just "running a bluff" at Pyron during the incident at the office in an attempt to recover his losses.



Don Trull



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Lead paint poisoning still unchecked in ghetto

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has spent seven years and nearly \$9 million on research, but still doesn't know how best to prevent children from poisoning themselves by eating lead-based paint.

In 1971 and 1973, Congress ordered the Department of Housing and Urban Development "to determine the nature and extent of the problem of lead-based paint poisoning in the United States, particularly in urban areas, and the methods by which lead-based paint can most effectively be removed from... surfaces to which children may be commonly exposed."

A lengthy report obtained by The Associated Press concedes that HUD still doesn't know the nature and extent of the problem or how best to solve it. It recommends further study.

In 1973, HUD concluded that most lead poisoning in the United States occurred among pre-school-age children who lived in run-down, inner-city tenements and apparently ate lead-based paint that was cracking or peeling off the walls.

There were estimates at the time that more than 200 children a year died from what came to be known as "ghetto malaria," and thousands more suffered severe brain damage, mental retardation or other serious injury.

Congress banned paints containing more than a trace of the toxic metal, and HUD directed its efforts "at improving the effectiveness and lowering the cost of abating lead-based paint hazards."

The agency's most recent report, still in draft form, shows it has doled out millions of dollars in research contracts to study the problem and come up with new means of detecting lead paint in

buildings and getting rid of it or covering it up.

A private firm has developed a portable, \$4,500 machine that can measure the amount of lead in multiple layers of paint on a wall without defacing the paint or requiring laboratory analysis.

But "the major emphasis of HUD's research program on lead-based paint poisoning prevention has been on hazard abatement" — removing the menace, the report said. And that effort was less successful.

HUD paid the National Bureau of Standards to come up with a classification scheme that suggested four categories of techniques for getting rid of the hazard.

After complicated, technical field testing and analysis the report concluded:

"It is impossible to present a precise evaluation of these methods and to make yes or no recommendations about their use."

The agency then asked private industry to help it find cheaper, easier and more effective ways of dealing with the problem. It received 170 responses identifying 83 "potentially promising" products.

In the meantime, the report said, "There has been no significant action to remove lead-based paint from housing."



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Midlander Denham elected president of Texas SAR

Richard Lane Denham of Midland was elected president of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, at its meeting held recently in Lubbock. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Louis J. Rumaggi of Dallas in the office.

The Texas Society is the third largest state unit of SAR.

The society is composed of descendants of men who fought to establish American independence 200 years ago.

Denham first moved to Midland in 1936 as a geologist with the then Humble Oil & Refg. Co. Following assignments in New Orleans and Houston, he returned to Midland in 1965 and in 1973 retired from Exxon Co. USA, as senior staff adviser.

He is a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He has served as chairman of the Earth Science Committee of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and is active in other geological and civic organizations in Texas.

The Texas Tech Chapter was host to the TSSAR meeting at Lubbock, assisted by the Panhandle Plains Chapter.

Major addresses were delivered by Gen. Albert R. Brownfield of Lubbock and Judge Wilson K. Barnes of Maryland, president general of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.



Richard Lane Denham

Mrs. Georgia B. Edman of Houston, regent of the Texas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was among the distinguished guests in attendance.

Other Midlanders attending, in addition to Denham, included Mrs. Denham, James F. Ormond, president of the Permian Chapter, SAR; Robert E. Morgan, secretary of the Permian Chapter, and Mrs. Morgan.

Unsinkable Bette Davis has 70th birthday

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Bette Davis doesn't hide her age, but she doesn't dwell on it either. "It's just another birthday," she says of her 70th today. "A big one, I'll admit, but I don't believe in birthdays."

An expectable response from an actress who, unlike some others, has never been reluctant to reveal her age: She was born April 5, 1908, in Lowell, Mass.

At 70, Bette Davis exhibits no slackening of her enormous energies. She declined a recent birthday interview — "I'm much too busy with the Academy Awards and all that." She has spent 47 years in films and during the past year appeared in three movies: Disney's "Return from Witch Mountain," the television film "Harvest Home" and the all-star Agatha Christie mystery "Death on the Nile," her 85th movie.

"That's the best thing for me, having my work," she said at the Egyptian location in October. "I would never get married again; that just wouldn't succeed. When your children grow up and leave you, it can be very lonely. Luckily for me, I've got my work to fill the gap."

When she is not working-in films,

she goes on the road with her one-woman show, screening highlights from her film career and commenting on her life and work.

Miss Davis has always been free and open in her comments, and these are some of her remarks in recent times:

"I've always known the value of the press. They're just as valuable as the performances you give; you can't exist without them. That is something that is lacking today. Young people don't realize the value of publicity. They're fools."

"It took me along time to learn to fight. In the beginning I wasn't that way at all. It wasn't in my nature, but I realized that you have to force yourself to fight for what you want or they simply won't respect you. I never would have had the same career if I hadn't fought."

"The only thing I worry about is dying without a cigarette in my mouth. People have suggested that I give up smoking, to which I answer, 'Whatever for?'"

"Of Human Bondage" was my first step up the ladder, the first time I was considered possibly a really good actress."

T. Park denies reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tongson Park denies in heated testimony that he reported his payments to U.S. congressman back to South Korean officials, and says he has no idea how four such purported reports got in his house.

One of the reports claimed that House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. asked Park in 1974 to make contributions to other congressmen but Park told the House ethics committee Tuesday that was not true.

He suggested perhaps "someone is trying to zing me" and planted the reports, complete with recommendations on influence-buying operations, in his Georgetown home.

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Alton Ledbetter

STANTON — Services for Alton Lee Ledbetter, 66, of Stanton will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church here with the Rev. Davis Edens, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland directed by Gilbreath Funeral Home here.

Ledbetter died Monday in a Big Spring hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was a native of Cisco. He married Imogene Hale in January 1942 in Stanton. He was a farmer who worked for the Soil Conservation Service. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Ronald L. Ledbetter of Saudi Arabia; a daughter, Eulene Robinett of Lubbock; two sisters, Mrs. Pat Everett of Pampa and Mrs. Alvin Boren of Ackerly; three brothers, Tommy Ledbetter and Lloyd Ledbetter, both of Midland, and Clifton Ledbetter of Ballinger, and two grandchildren.

Dale Hitchcock

BRECKENRIDGE — Dale Hitchcock, 66, of Breckenridge, brother of Otis H. Hitchcock of Midland, died Monday in a Breckenridge hospital of an apparent heart attack.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church here with the Rev. Don Osada, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Breckenridge Cemetery directed by Melton Funeral Home.

Hitchcock was born Aug. 10, 1911, in Bridgeport, Ill. He moved to Breckenridge in 1920 from Sweetwater. He married Pauline Pyeatt June 14, 1936, in Breckenridge.

He owned Hitchcock Enterprises. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Hitchcock was a past master of the Masonic Lodge here.

Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son and four grandchildren.

Frank Robinson

LAMESA — Services for Frank K. Robinson, 79, of Lamesa will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Cecil Foster, Baptist minister here, officiating and the Rev. Dan Rice, minister of education, assisting.

Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park directed by Branon Funeral Home.

Robinson died Tuesday in a Lamesa hospital following a long illness.

A Coryell County native, he moved to Dawson County from Howard County in 1905. He was a real estate agent. He was a member of the Lions Club. He belonged to the First Baptist Church here. Robinson married Allene Barrett March 8, 1921, in Lamesa.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Frank K. Robinson II of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. N. E. Bartlett of Lamesa; a brother, W. O. Robinson of Lamesa, and three grandchildren.

H. Alexander

H. B. Alexander, 72, of 3304 Cunningham Drive died Monday at his residence.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Skaggs, assistant pastor of Kelvew Heights Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Alexander was born Dec. 27, 1905, in Como. He moved to Midland 25 years ago. He retired as a welder in 1970, and since that time has served as parking lot attendant for Midland County Library. He was a member of Kelvew Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Anne Alexander; two daughters, Mrs. Tommy Joe Stewart of Freemont, Calif., and Dorothy Wade of Lewisville; three stepdaughters, Margarette Munger of Pleasant Hill, Calif., Marilyn Helgren of Englewood, Colo., and Patricia Powell of Madison, Wis.; a brother, T. W. Alexander of Seminole; three sisters, Dora White of Brownfield, Ella Madison of San Angelo and Ora Henley of Tucson, Ariz., and 13 grandchildren.

OSHA expected to okay penalty

HOUSTON (AP) — An administrative law judge for the Occupational Safety Commission is expected to approve this week a settlement agreed to by Veliscol Chemical Corp. in which the company will pay \$28,495 in federal penalties.

In the settlement filed Tuesday, Veliscol agreed to pay the penalties on charges of worker health and safety violations at its Bayport pesticide plant.

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration had proposed fines totaling \$39,395 in January 1977 after it accused the firm of 44 health or safety hazards.

OSHA conducted an inspection of the chemical plant after federal authorities said some plant workers had suffered nerve damage.

The federal agency after its inspection accused the Chicago-based company of knowingly exposing its Bayport plant workers to nerve-attacking Phosvel and EPN pesticides.

The proposed settlement was filed in Dallas with Harold O. Bullis, an administrative law judge for the Occupational Safety Commission.

Florida's literacy exam brings tears, protests

The Washington Post

MIAMI — "When I found out that I failed, I cried," Jennifer Kee recalled last week as she sat in a remedial math class at Miami Northwestern High School. "I cried for almost five days every time I thought about it. Then my mama got me out of it. She told me it wasn't the end of the world, just prepare myself for the next test. This next time I'm going to pass."

For Jennifer Kee and thousands of other high school juniors in Florida the test that causes so much anguish is the state's new functional literacy exam.

Unlike the hundreds of other exams that students take, the literacy test has a special bite. Unless students pass it — and they get at least three chances — they can't receive high school diplomas, no matter how high their grades were during 12 years of primary and secondary school.

Instead, under a state law, students who pass their courses but fail the 117-question test, will receive "certificates of attendance."

According to the state Department of Education, 36 percent of Florida's juniors failed the math part of the exam when it was first given in October, and 8 percent failed the communications part — reading and writing.

Two weeks ago the state reported that the failure rate for blacks like Jennifer Kee was 77 percent in math and 26 percent in communications. Among white students 24 percent failed math and 3 percent failed communications. Among Hispanics, a sizable group in Florida, 39 percent failed math and 7 percent failed communications, which was in English.

Students have to pass both parts of the test with at least a 70 percent grade to avoid getting attendance certificates.

"Anyone with that kind of certificate will be branded as a dummy who can't read or write or figure on even an eight-grade level," said James Burke, president of the Miami chapter of the NAACP. "How are they ever going to get a job? You know, a kid who is black and comes from a lower socio-economic class has some heavy strikes against him without adding this."

But to Ralph Turlington, Florida's education commissioner, giving students a high school diploma if they haven't mastered the basic skills covered by the test means they will be getting "a Wizard of Oz diploma that's not going to help them."

"The Wizard of Oz presented things to people too," Turlington said. "But then he told them it was all humbug. If a student gets a diploma without having those skills, he can't get much of a job or he can't hold on to it. It's not having those skills that really hurts people, not whether they have the diploma."

"Right now it's more blacks who are having this problem," Turlington said. "They need help, not something from the Wizard of Oz."

Florida's new literacy test is part of a nationwide trend to try to raise academic standards by ensuring that students have mastered certain basic skills before they can graduate from high school.

So far 31 states have adopted some sort of minimum competency requirement for high school graduates in addition to the usual required courses.

But according to the Education Commission of the States, Florida is the only state that has begun giving a statewide test to enforce its standard. In all the others, standards are set by local districts or statewide tests have not yet been developed.

The first round of Florida's literacy test, which covers reading, writing, and arithmetic at approximately the eighth-grade level, was given in October to 110,000 high school juniors. For the 63 percent who passed both parts, that was it.

For the 37 percent who didn't — about 40,700 youngsters — there began a regiment of remedial classes to prepare for retests next fall and spring. If students still don't pass by then, they won't get the diplomas when they finish their senior year in the spring of 1979.

The communications part of the exam, which 8 percent of the students failed, includes questions on such skills as finding the main idea in a paragraph, writing a check, filling out an application and distinguishing fact from opinion.

The math part, which 36 percent failed, is composed of word problems that deal with practical situations such as figuring discounts and sales taxes, calculating the time between two events, making change and figuring weights and the area of rectangles.

Students may take as much time as they want to finish the multiple choice test. Most are done in about two hours.

"We had committees of educators and parents throughout the state to help pick the skills that people really need to get by in life," said Kenneth Loewe, director of test development for the Florida education department. "It's really a rather minimal kind of test."

But to Jennifer Kee the math part was hard even though she has all A's in her courses this year (including algebra) at Northwestern High, an all-black school in a low-income part of the city.

"A lot of students on the honor roll here failed the test," Kee said. "It's kind of a shock having our diplomas at stake like this."

After the state reported the high

failure rate for blacks, some groups, including the NAACP and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, charged that parts of the test were culturally biased.

Burke said the groups also asked that the requirement for students to pass the exam before they can get a diploma be delayed until 1981, when the current crop of high school freshmen is scheduled to graduate.

If the Florida legislature doesn't vote to delay the test requirement, Burke said the NAACP will sue to stop it.

But Turlington strongly opposes any delay, saying it would produce a loss of momentum and a "loss of credibility" with students now in remedial programs.

How high standards should be on high school graduation exams and whether states will stick to standards if large numbers of students fail are at the heart of the debate on the competency test.

In February the New York State Board of Regents withheld approval of a proposed minimum competency exam for high school graduation because its questions were too easy. They included asking students to tell the time on a clock reading 1:35 and to state how many pennies there are in \$4.

Last month a prestigious panel of researchers established by the National Academy of Education recommended against having a statewide or national test requirement because so many students would fail a respectable test that it would be "politically impossible" to maintain it.

If the standard were low enough to prevent widespread failure, the panel said it would be "meaningless" and might only encourage a further decline in academic achievement.

"Florida set its standards on the basis of what people need to function in society," Turlington said, "not on what percentage would pass."

Both Turlington and Burke suggested that the main reason blacks scored relatively low was their generally low socio-economic level.

Burke added that white teachers in integrated schools, which are widespread in Florida, generally have low expectations for their black students.

"A lot of liberal teachers want to make up for past discrimination," Burke remarked. "I know he's a good

kid, so I'll pass him," they say, 'even if he isn't doing much in class.' For a long time that's been one of those open secrets. Now we just can't go along with it any longer."

Joseph M. Carroll, school superintendent of Palm Beach County, said black parents also may expect too little and may not give enough stress to academic work.

"That's what Jesse Jackson is saying," Carroll said. "He can do it better than I can, but it must be said. It has to be our target to equalize black and white achievement in our schools."

Throughout Florida remedial classes were set up at the start of the spring term in January to help students who failed the state literacy test. Their teachers and aides are being paid for by a special \$10 million appropriation from the legislature, which has promised \$26.5 million for the classes next year.

Principals at several schools in Dade and Palm Beach counties said the classes were well attended. Yet the remedial work, for teaching that normally begins as early as second grade, often moves slowly.

'Son of Sam' to plead guilty without trial

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP) — David Berkowitz, suspected of being the 44-caliber killer known as "Son of Sam," has decided to plead guilty to the killings without a trial, two newspapers said today.

The Long Island newspaper Newsday said discussions were under way about the former postal clerk's incarceration in a state prison for the criminally insane.

Berkowitz had already said he would plead guilty to all charges against him if he was found mentally competent to stand trial.

Judge Joseph Corso indicated last week that if that happened, he would have little choice but to accept Berkowitz' guilty plea.

The New York Post also reported today that Berkowitz would plead guilty. The Post said Berkowitz wanted to plead guilty "for a rational reason."

Investigation to begin again on oil pollution

Federal investigators are planning to begin again investigating charges that oil wastes dumped into Permian Basin plays lakes cause pollution which is a death trap for migrant birds.

The investigation comes on the heels of an article to be published in Defenders Magazine, a bi-monthly publication of Defenders of Wildlife. The article criticizes the Texas Railroad Commission for allowing oil wastes to be dumped into lakes such as Whalen Lake in Andrews County.

A federal grand jury heard testimony last year about alleged pollution in Whalen Lake.

After three weeks of testimony, in February 1977, the grand jury turned the case over to the Railroad Commission, which held a hearing and decided not to alter permits allowing

Phillips Petroleum Co. and Whalen Corp., a subsidiary of Triton Oil and Gas Co., to dump the wastes.

Other lakes mentioned in the magazine article, titled "Death Traps in Texas," are Soda Lake in Crane County, Mound Lake in Terry County and Cedar Lake in Gaines County.

Jerry Stegman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service deputy director, said the renewed probe probably will begin next week.

Whalen Corp. President Arnold Darrow said he would not comment on the allegations until he has read the story. But, he added, the company will "take immediate steps" to correct any problems.

The magazine article alleged that birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act were found dead in the lake.

Center aids fire helpers traumatized by memories

CINCINNATI (AP) — They tried to help. Now they need aid because of what they saw after last May's fire that killed 165 people at the Beverly Hills Supper Club.

"Many of these people were traumatized by reaching into a pile of bodies and coming away with only a hand," said Jack Lindy, co-director of the Fire Aftermath Center. "Many of the people who worked as volunteers have complained of having nightmares."

"The bodies and the scene of the morgue are common elements in most of these dreams."

Lindy said Tuesday that of the 50 people the center has seen since opening in January, one-third were people who tried to help after the fire at the Southgate, Ky., supper club.

The center, located at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine is trying to learn more about the effects of disasters such as Beverly Hills in addition to helping people who were affected by the May 28 fire.

Lindy, participating on a panel at an Ohio Hospital Association convention, said some of those he has seen have suffered severe depressions as the result of their efforts to help.

"They shared not only the trauma and shock of the situation, but the guilt that they had survived," the psychiatrist said.

Some people have come together to share their common experience.

"They have sought each other out," Lindy said. "They are dealing with deaths of a unique and sudden quality. Few people can share with them the experience that 'yes, we were there when the lights went out, or yes, we went through those rows of bodies at the morgue.'"

Many volunteer firemen who battled the blaze have gathered to talk about their common experience, Lindy said. A benefit performance for the children of the survivors grew out of a desire by supper club employees to get together again.

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Wayne's recovery 'routine'

BOSTON (AP) — John Wayne's recovery from openheart surgery is routine — except for a presidential phone call and televised get-well wishes from Bob Hope.

Martin Bander, spokesman for Massachusetts General Hospital, said Tuesday that President Carter had telephoned Michael Wayne, the 70-year-old actor's son, to say he was praying for him.

Bander also quoted the president as saying:

"John Wayne is a great national asset. If there's anything I can do for him, please let me know. He surprises all of us with his ability to recover. Tell him he is in my thoughts and prayers."

During the Academy Awards Monday night, Wayne was paid tribute by master of ceremonies Bob Hope.

"We want you to know, Duke, we miss you tonight," Hope said. "We expect to see you amble out here in person next year 'cause no one else can walk in John Wayne's boots."

Wayne was operated on Monday for a faulty heart valve, and Bander said the hospital switchboard was swamped with calls from well-wishers from around the world.

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Labor secretary endorses cap on federal pay increase

By WILLIAM J. EATON
The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Labor, Ray Marshall, endorsed a ceiling as low as 5.5 percent on this year's federal pay increase as a key part of President Carter's promised new anti-inflation program.

Marshall, the president's chief adviser on labor matters, said in an interview that a cap on pay increases would be acceptable if federal workers were not the only ones called upon to sacrifice to bring prices down.

His backing for the controversial recommendation, already denounced as unfair by labor union leaders, appeared to enhance prospects that Carter would adopt a pay ceiling for

government employees as a symbol of his determination to deal with inflation even though it would embroil him in a tough political fight.

The Economic Policy Group, the president's senior economic policy advisers, were expected to discuss anti-inflation policy at a meeting Tuesday. Carter's decision, however, may not be announced until next week.

Beset by rising consumer prices, Carter is under increasing pressure to take tougher action to control inflation than he had planned only two months ago.

But any move to put a lid on the federal pay raise would bring a bruising battle with the well-organized U.S. employee unions, the AFL-CIO and

their friends in Congress — and in an election year.

The president's budget for the coming fiscal year provides for a 6 percent pay raise for 3.5 million military and civilian employees starting Oct. 1 under a program to keep their salaries comparable to those in private industry.

But Barry Bosworth, director of the White House Council on Wage and Price Stability, recommended that Carter make a dramatic point by limiting the October increase to 5.5 percent or even less.

White House sources said the pay cap was likely to be the centerpiece of a new anti-inflation program that Carter promised to announce shortly

after his trip to Latin America and Africa.

Marshall said he favored the concept of a federal pay ceiling.

"I think 5.5 to 6 percent — if it's part of an overall inflation policy — those are not bad numbers," he said. "I think the thing that would be bad is if that was the only sacrificial part of an inflation policy."

Marshall rejected arguments by leaders of federal employee unions that it would be unfair to hold down government salaries by decree while seeking only the voluntary cooperation of other workers.

"We're going to appeal to people who have power to control wages and prices to do it themselves," he said. "We have the power to control wages

and prices in the federal sector."

Marshall said the proposed pay cap was receiving prime consideration and a lot of support. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal and Charles L. Schultze, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, were reported to be the leading advocates of such a plan.

"If we don't make an anti-inflationary policy work that is palatable, and we do get runaway inflation, then we'll have to go to something that is unpalatable and probably unworkable," he said.

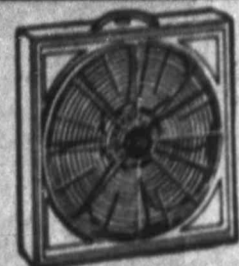
"If the government is going to have a credible approach with the private sector, the government is going to have to do some things itself," Mar-

shall added.

A reduction in the planned pay increase also would cut federal spending by \$500 million a year for each 1 percent cut in wages. The total payroll for civilian employees and military personnel is now close to \$50 billion.

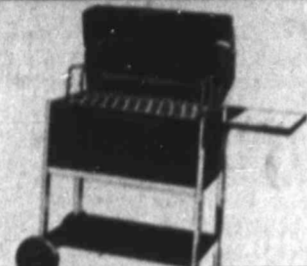
Federal workers got a 7.05 percent pay raise last October after a 4.8 percent raise in 1976.

Congress could override a presidential decision to cut a pay increase below the level found by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to be needed to preserve comparability with federal workers' counterparts in private industry.



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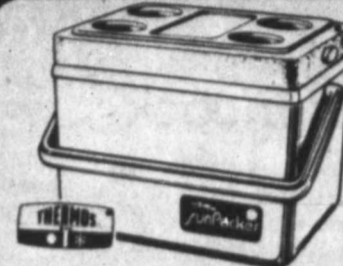
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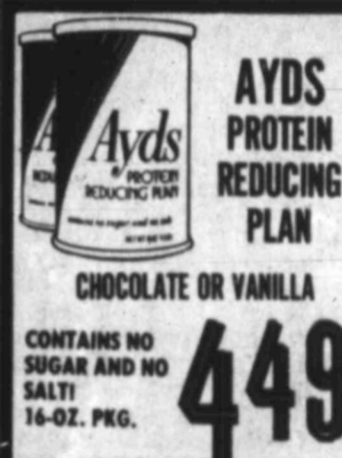
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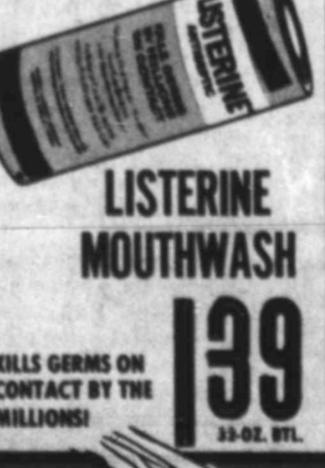


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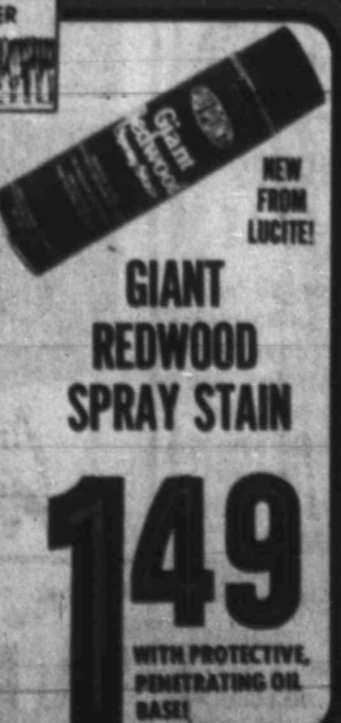
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CPSC votes to allow industry to develop own safety standards

The Washington Post
 WASHINGTON — The Consumer Product Safety Commission has voted to allow chain saw manufacturers to avoid federally mandated safety standards by developing their own voluntary industry standards for the hand-held saws.

The action, which may have widespread impact on other industries, was seen as an experiment in government cooperation with industry to make products safer. At least one CPSC commissioner, however, has expressed fears that industry cannot be counted on to police itself, especially when the safety risks are as serious as those related to chain saws.

According to CPSC data, chain saws were involved in 76,800 injuries in 1976 alone, including some 29,000 mishaps that required hospital emergency room treatment for the victims.

Most of the injuries were

lacerations to the hand, lower leg, lower arm and the head area caused by the saw "kicking back" at the user. Most of the victims (94 percent) were men.

At least 30 deaths were attributed to chain saw accidents in a recent four-year period.

A chain saw industry trade association proposed last November that it be allowed to set safety standards, with cooperation from the commission, after two CPSC commissioners said they were inclined to have the commission develop a mandatory standard.

Commission staffers said a voluntary program would cost the government about \$330,000 and take two years to produce the standards. Mandatory standards would cost about \$1.175 million and take four years to develop, the commission said.

But the industry standards would not be binding. There is a provision to

have an outside testing firm like Underwriters Laboratories approve the guidelines and help the consumer identify which models conform to them.

According to William Kitzes, CPSC program manager for the project, the commission could also intervene in the development process and decide instead to work toward government-mandated standards, which would be binding on all manufacturers.

Most chain saw manufacturers belong to the Chain Saw Manufacturers Association, which has agreed to do the necessary engineering research under the supervision of commission staffers. And, the CSMA has told the commission, non-member manufacturers have indicated a willingness to cooperate in the venture.

"The industry has to meet our expectations," said Kitzes. "or we can intervene at any time."

"But," he added, "I think this is an

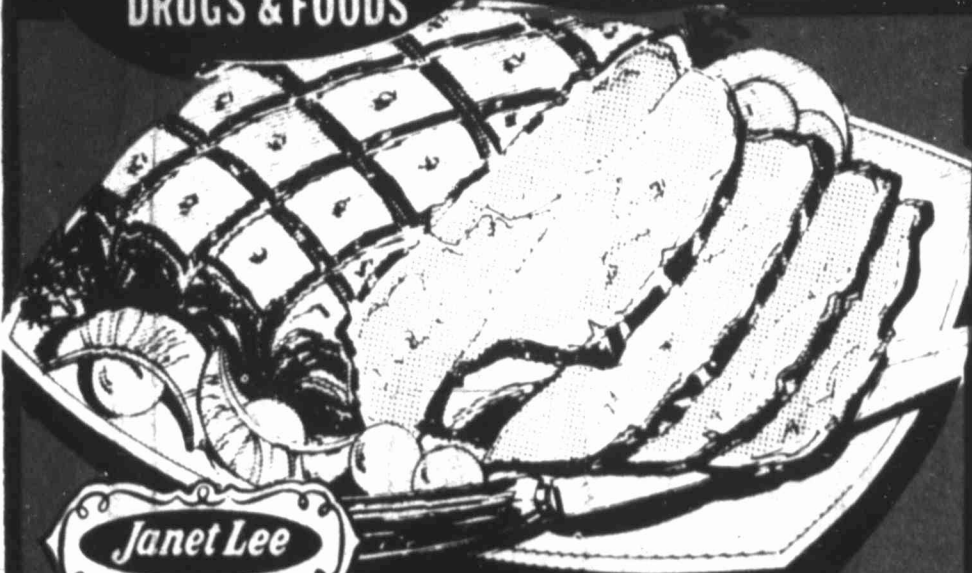
example of how a voluntary standard can solve a serious problem in the shortest amount of time, and my interest is in getting the best standard in the most reasonable time frame."

Kitzes said this project represented the most cooperation the CPSC has ever had in the voluntary standards process.

He said he hoped the cooperative venture would become a model for other industries to follow when the commission thinks voluntary standards are a viable solution to a safety hazard problem.

But Commissioner R. David Pittle, who was the only one of five commissioners to vote against the cooperative effort (one abstained), said he was "skeptical" about the ability of the industry to write standards in the time they say they can. Pittle called the chain saw hazards "far too serious... one of the most serious standards we have ever developed."

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'Sage of Shandon' going strong at 80

By CHARLES HILLINGER
 Angeles Times

SHANDON, Calif. — He's a farmer, cowboy, newspaper columnist, museum curator, fortune teller — and at the age of 80 as irrepressible as ever.

And, he's known far and wide in San Luis Obispo County as the "Sage of Shandon."

Don McMillan runs cattle and grows wheat on his 800 acres and shares what's most on his mind in his column that has been appearing in the Paso Robles Daily Press regularly each week for 41 years.

He writes humorous and historical pieces, stories about people and happenings throughout San Luis Obispo County and his personal observations on everything under the sun.

The tall, spindly old man has lived all his life in Shandon, population 400, in a canyon named after his grandparents, who homesteaded the area a century ago.

The old homestead, 25 miles east of Paso Robles, is a museum piece. Busloads of people from Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties head for the "Sage of Shandon's" ranch week in and week out throughout the year.

They come to see the thousands of Indian artifacts and pioneer mementos that McMillan and his wife, Alta, have accumulated over the years. There are two century-old adobes filled with branding irons and barbed wire, a blacksmith shop and covered wagons.

And the visitors come to hear the "Sage of Shandon" tell his stories. "I take care of the cows and the farm in the morning and entertain the guests in the afternoon," McMillan said.

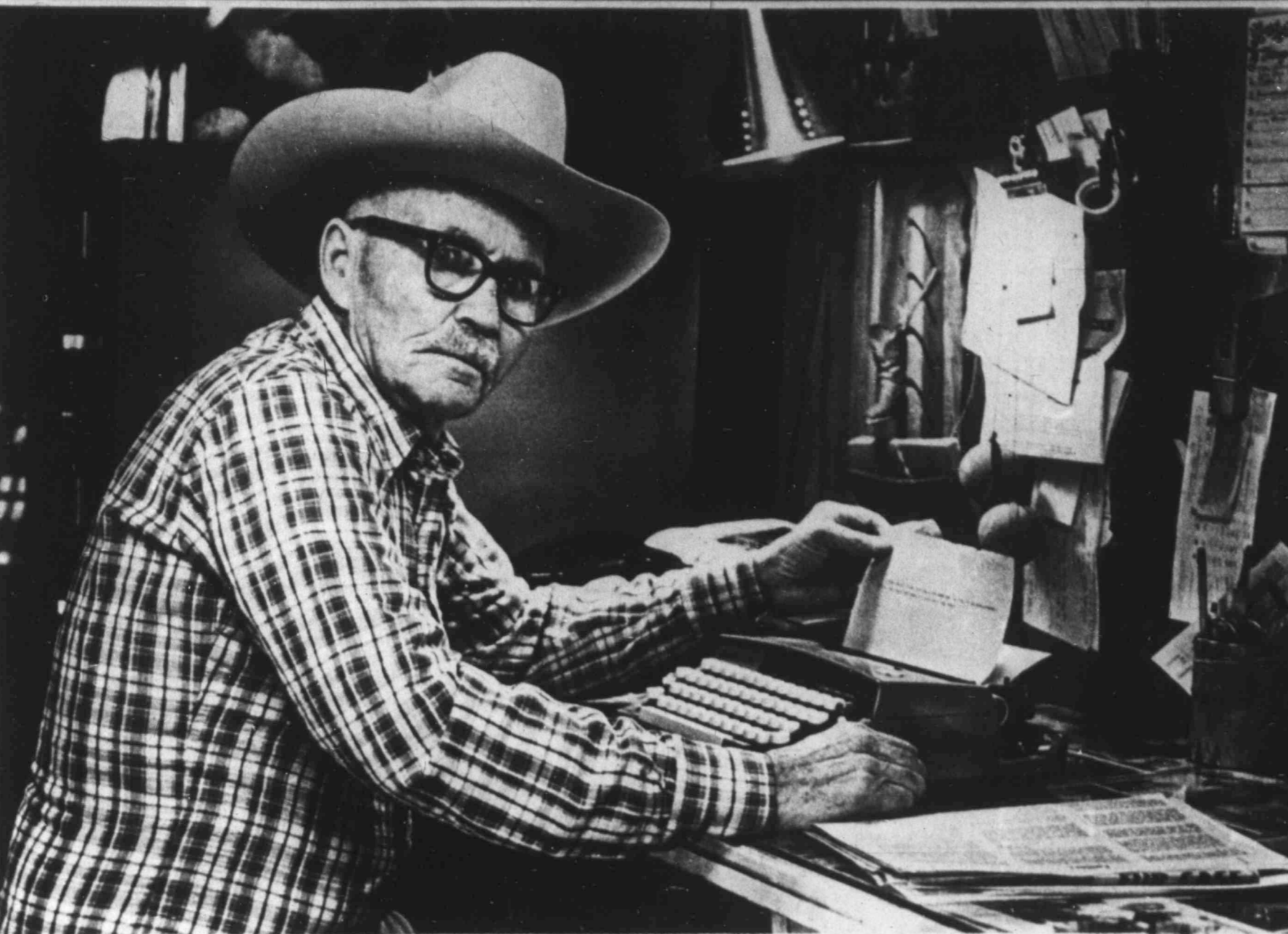
Many of his events are spent at socials and dances in the rural county where the "Sage of Shandon" tells fortunes.

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Cowboy-farmer Don McMillan sits at typewriter in his ranch home in Shandon, Calif., as he prepares another of his daily

columns for the Paso Robles (Calif.) Daily Press. McMillan has been sharing his personal observations with his readers for 41 years.

Spanish-surnamed students increase; 'Anglos' decline

By LEE JONES

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Spanish-surnamed students have increased their share of Texas school enrollment in the past decade, while "Anglos" have dropped, a blue ribbon legislative committee has heard.

Raymond Bynum, director of the Legislative Commission on School Finance, reported Monday that the proportion of Spanish-surnamed children in school has grown from 20 percent to 25.3 percent.

Meanwhile, he said, the Anglo share has dropped from 64.6 percent in 1968-69 to 58.8 percent in 1977-78.

Blacks have maintained a proportion that has hovered consistently for a decade around the 15 percent mark and currently is 15.3 percent.

Overall, he said, enrollment in grades 1-12, has dropped since 1970, he said.

Bynum told the commission, which has a \$200,000 budget to seek new ways of paying for public schools,

"If it weren't for immigration, we'd be declining in school enrollment."

He said he expected the number of school children to remain stable through 1983-84, with rising percentages of both blacks and Spanish-surnamed youngsters.

Despite the lack of growth in enrollment, expenditures on the state-subsidized Foundation School Program almost have doubled, Bynum reported.

He said he was concerned about the continuing dropout problem — today's 155,534 high school seniors represent a decline of almost 54,000 since the same group of students entered ninth grade.

"We don't hear much about drop-outs any more. They call them 'school leavers,'" Bynum said.

Walt Parker, director of the Texas School Tax Assessment Practices Board, said his agency has found at least one source for determining the value of intangible property such as stocks and bonds within a school district.

The board has a legislative mandate to report the data on Sept. 1.

He said Internal Revenue Service summaries of interest and dividends declared as income by residents of cities and counties can be obtained.

"It's the only way we feel we could do it in the short period of time we have to do it in," Parker said.

The Legislature would not be bound — short of a court order or passage of a new law — to use the data on intangibles in determining a school district's wealth and, therefore, its entitlement to state aid.

Parker said he was invoking Monday the legal penalty against districts that fail to submit data on taxable property — calling on the Texas Education Agency to cut off their state money until they comply.

Two new bridge classes slated

Two bridge playing classes, Bridge I for beginners, and Bridge II for intermediates, will begin next week at Midland College.

Persons who wish to do so can register the night of the first class. For Bridge I registration the site will be Room 106 Occupational-Technical Building.

Persons can register for Bridge II classes at 2604 Bedford, site for the first class.

Beginning bridge is for persons who have never played bridge or who have played very little.

Bridge II deals with playing and bidding situations and some bridge playing experience is required for enrolling in this class.

'Hitching' taught

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Hitchhiking has its rules of thumb and Henry Hildebrandt has them down to a science.

For two semesters at United States, and in Mississippi State Canada, Europe and University here, the 29-year-old South American, said that year-old assistant he used his own travel log professor of architecture, as a resource for the has taught a five-week course.

Carter forced to lower sights on foreign policy

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a world leader, President Carter is still finding his way, no longer the freshman and yet uncertain about how to attain U.S. foreign policy goals.

He is neither bold nor passive. He maintains that the United States should lead by example, most specifically on human rights.

But he has toned down his public criticism of the Soviet Union and other chronic violators of human rights, and he is gradually giving ground on arms control, another early visionary goal.

His trip to Latin America and Africa may have enhanced American standing in the Third World and might pay off eventually in promoting peaceful transition to black rule in Rhodesia.

Yet there is no indication of a break in the pattern of strife in the breakaway British colony.

Carter is the first president in recent times to have passed a year in office without U.S. troops firing a shot in anger.

But at the same time, the Russians have burrowed deeper into Africa, maintained a foothold in the Middle East and could be free to break out new nuclear weapons if the SALT talks fail.

The Panama Canal treaties — one approved, one pending in the Senate — are at this point the major foreign policy accomplishment of Carter's first 15 months in office.

He does not claim to have solutions to the most intractable of Arab-Israeli differences. Even the cheeriest optimists within the bureaucracy do not expect an early weapons limitation agreement with Moscow.

Meantime, administration sights have been lowered on that issue. Carter now aims for a reduction of about 10 percent from the strategic weapons totals tentatively agreed upon by Gerald Ford and Leonid Brezhnev in November 1974.

This is a substantial retreat from the massive cutbacks Carter's negotiators tried to get a year ago.

It's also the sort of marginal reduction Henry Kissinger thought was sewed up during his January 1976 Kremlin talks — only to be sidetracked because of concern within the Ford administration that an arms agreement with the Soviet Union was politically unwise in a presidential election year.

In the Middle East, Carter is trying to fan the flickering hopes of an Egyptian-Israeli accord. Differences over the Palestinians, eventual Israeli withdrawal from captured Arab territories and the fate of Jewish settlements on those lands are so sharp that an agreement soon remains unlikely.

Thus the two priority objectives, a weapons agreement with Moscow and a diplomatic breakthrough in the Middle East, are still out of reach.

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Fragrance sales up

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Americans are more fragrance-conscious than ever before. Retail sales of women's fragrances rose 54 percent to \$1.1 billion in 1976 from \$715 million in 1972, Aromatics International reports.

Fragrances for men showed similar increases as retail sales rose 49 percent to \$591 million from \$397 million for the same four-year period, the company said.

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Ellenburger test set; Penn strike completes

National Co-op Refinery Association No. 1-B Myron A. Smith is to be drilled as an Ellenburger project in the Apco-Warner, West multipay field of Pecos County 12 miles southwest of Imperial.

Operator staked location 1,980 feet from southeast and 3,300 feet from southwest lines of section 59, block 10, H&GN survey.

The Railroad Commission proration report shows there are no Ellenburger wells in the field at this time.

MARTIN TRY BTA Oil Producers of Midland No. 7-C 7422 JV-S Mustang is to be re-entered and tested above 12,220 feet.

The project is in the Lacaff (Wolfcamp oil) area of Martin County, 20 miles northwest of Lenorah.

Location is 2,173 feet from south and 900 feet from east lines of section 2, block 7, University Lands survey.

The project was a producer in the Block 7 (Ellenburger) field.

The project, originally completed as the Devonian discovery for the field, was plugged back to 16,501 feet for the Pennsylvania completion.

The well finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 10.47 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 14,933 to 15,024 feet after 400 gallons of acid.

Location is 1,980 feet from north-west and southwest lines of section 128, block 34, H&TC survey and six miles east of Barstow.

Bodies found

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The bodies of three men missing since a helicopter crashed into the Gulf of Mexico about 60 miles southeast of Galveston, Texas were recovered early today, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The names of the victims, who were found inside the overturned helicopter, were not immediately available, a spokesman at New Orleans said.

The pilot, co-pilot and one of the four passengers escaped from the downed craft and were rescued not long after the helicopter hit the water and flipped over while attempting to land on a drilling vessel.

Preliminary reports indicated some of those picked up might have been injured.

The helicopter, owned by Air Logistics of Sabine, Texas, was reported still aloft although upside down more than three hours after the accident about 60 miles southeast of Galveston, Texas.

Coast Guard Chief Bob Baeten said the 'copter was approaching the drilling vessel Java C for a landing when it hit the water shortly after midnight.

"It apparently just missed the ship," Baeten said.

The first diver to reach the craft reported its windows were missing, apparently knocked out by the impact.

He said he could neither see nor feel anyone in the craft.

Housewife questions red tape in settlement

By JACK KEEVER AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Housewife Peggy Buchorn held up a 1,200-page proposed settlement of LoVaca Gathering Co.'s natural gas troubles and asked, "Why was all this done — to look good?"

Accountant Palmer Moe replied, in an apparent attempt to justify the length of the document, "You need legal counsel just to sell your home. It's just the red tape that it takes to operate in the business world today."

Mrs. Buchorn, who claims she works free as executive director of Citizens for Equitable Utilities, Inc., cross-examined Moe on Tuesday as examiner Tom Hill of the railroad commission and veteran corporate lawyers looked on.

The commission must approve before the settlement of \$1.6 billion in lawsuits against LoVaca can take effect.

Moe sat in on private negotiations leading up to the settlement.

Most LoVaca customers joined in the settlement, which establishes a new, customer-controlled company called Valero, to replace LoVaca as their supplier.

The settlement also calls for LoVaca's parent, Coastal States Gas Corp., to spend at least \$100 million in a search for gas that would be sold to the customers below market price.

Major LoVaca customers include the electric generating plants operated by Austin, the Lower Colorado River Authority, San Antonio and Central Power & Light, which serves Corpus Christi.

In response to Mrs. Buchorn's questions about what the settlement would mean to individual ratepayers, Moe said \$9,775,000, plus the interest from an \$8 million note, might be available at the end of the first year to be spread among customers.

"But the only way we get anything back is if we put it in there in the first place," said Mrs. Buchorn.

"That's right," replied Moe. "The consumer is paying anyway. The high cost of gas is here with us."

Dan Crowley, executive vice president of Southern Union Gas Co., said his firm would not sign the settlement because it does not allow Southern Union to pass through to consumers \$2.3 million it paid LoVaca in excess of contract prices.

Lone Star Gas Co. said it supports the settlement, which allows it to recover off the top \$41.8 million in alleged damages for rising gas costs before passing any benefits through to consumers.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS — Rial No. 1-18 State; drilling 2,075 feet in redbeds.

Rial No. 1-18-B University; id 8,865 feet, set 4 1/2-inch casing at 10,200 feet, now waiting on completion unit.

Continental No. 32 W T Ford; id 6,200 feet, acidized perforations 3,984 to 5,538 feet with 3,000 gallons, swabbed 1 hour, recovered 30 barrels of water, 100 lbs. fluid in 24 hours, preparing to run pumping equipment.

BREWSTER — Union Texas No. 1 Jane Shady; drilling 14,431 feet in shale.

CONCHO — Bennett, Hillis & NRM No. 1 Public; drilling 356 feet in lime and shale.

COTTLE — Samedan Corp. No. 1 Gregory; drilling 3,643 feet in lime and shale.

Samedan No. 1 Neiman-Estate; drilling 2,233 feet in lime and shale.

CONCHO — Exxon No. 69-B Jax M. Cowden; drilling 277 feet.

Exxon No. 67-B Jax M. Cowden; id 2,700 feet, acidized, barrels fluid in 24 hours, no oil or gas through perforations 2,368 to 2,400 feet, preparing to re-perforate.

James L. Lamb No. 3-28 University; drilling 1,140 feet in anhydrite and shale.

Texas Pacific No. 1-28 State; drilling 9,920 feet in shale and silt.

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD — Atlantic Richfield No. 1 CovingtonState; took a drillstem test from 11,310 to 11,470 feet, opened unreported length of time, recovered 630 feet of drilling fluid, now preparing to resume drilling.

DAWSON — Alkman No. 1 Kidd; drilling 4,884 feet in lime and shale.

AMERIDA — Amerida Hess No. 1 Dyer; drilling 11,301 feet in limestone, gas in 280 hours, no oil or gas through perforations 10,000 to 10,100 feet.

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DRILLING REPORT

HYTEX No. 1-108 Ricker B; drilling 1,825 feet in lime and shale.

KIMBLE — Conlino American No. 1-B Reick; drilling 3,900 feet.

LEA — Cleary Petroleum No. 2-A New Mexico-Federal; drilling 4,220 feet in lime.

Cleary Petroleum No. 1 Falmont-Federal; id 8,389 feet, lime and shale, reaming at 6,135 feet.

Walter L. Shaw Bar Ranch; drilling 11,227 feet.

North American Royalties No. 1 Long; drilling 4,800 feet in lime and shale.

Energy Reserve Group No. 1 Gulf State; id 4,155 feet, waiting on orders.

Cotton Petroleum No. 1 Love Land; id 10,070 feet in shale, going in hole with new bit.

Mesa Petroleum No. 1 North-Schabaz; drilling 4,975 feet in lime and dolomite.

Mesa Petroleum No. 1 Mattie Burns; drilling 10,348 feet in lime, shale and chert.

W.A. Monier No. 1-Y Phillips; id 12,615 feet, fishing for drillogs and drill collars.

Marathon Oil Co. 29 McNeal; drilling 3,575 feet.

GETY No. 1-48 Getty; drilling 240 feet.

GETY No. 1-RL Lea; id 15,900 feet, still shut in.

Adobe No. 1-18 State; id 13,770 feet in lime and shale, circulating.

BTA Oil Producers No. 1706 JV-S Lea; id 3,368 feet, plugged back depth test, acidize with 3,000 gallons, calculate absolute open flow of 10,500 thousand cubic feet of gas per day.

Choke, gravity 35.5, gas-oil ratio too small to report.

UNION TEXAS No. 32-A State; rigging up reverse unit.

CONCHO — Concho No. 1 Arno Gas Unit; drilling 11,381 feet in shale.

Exxon No. 1 Keith Camp; drilling 14,860 feet.

Exxon No. 2 Lago Gas Unit; drilling 14,127 feet.

HNG No. 1-18 Amoco State; id 14,500 feet, perforations 12,456 to 12,475 feet, acidize with 3,000 gallons, calculate absolute open flow of 10,500 thousand cubic feet of gas per day.

LUBBOCK — Hillard Oil & Gas No. 1 Merrill; id 15,380 feet in lime.

MARTIN — Rial No. 1-A Stokes; drilling 3,515 feet in lime.

Henry Petroleum Co. No. 1 Graham; drilling 10,500 feet in lime and shale.

MCF No. 1-A Simmons; id 8,150 feet, waiting on cement after setting 4 1/2-inch casing at total depth.

RR No. 1 Juliette; drilling 9,904 feet in lime.

RR No. 1 Smith-Taylor; drilling 3,041 feet in lime.

Hilliard stakes site for deep exploration

Hilliard Oil & Gas, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Andover-State is to be drilled as a 22,000-foot wildcat in Reeves County, 23 miles southeast of Pecos.

The rank wildcat is 1,865 feet from north and 2,620 feet from east lines of section 24, block 50, T-8, T&P survey.

It is the fourth well in the pool and extends production 1/4 mile east.

The well finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 1.28 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 3,223 to 3,671 feet after 5,600 gallons of acid.

Total depth is 4,120 feet and 5 1/2-inch pipe is set on bottom. Plugged back depth is 3,710 feet.

Wellsite is 1,000 feet from north and 1,250 feet from east lines of section 14, block 2, H&TC survey.

The test is surrounded by Clear Fork production and is 1/2 mile east of Spraberry production.

UPTON TEST R. O. Burns Corp. of Dallas No. 1-21 Powell will be drilled as a 9,500-foot wildcat in Upton County, 16 miles northwest of Upland.

The drillsite is 1,992 feet from north and 656 feet from west lines of section 21, block 40, T-5-S, T&P survey. Ground elevation is 2,725 feet.

The test is surrounded by Clear Fork production and is 1/2 mile east of Spraberry production.

CONCHO PROJECT Universal Mineral Corp. of Amarillo spotted location for a 4,200-foot wildcat in Concho County, 7.5 miles west of Eden.

It is No. 1 Russell Green, 930 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 45, block 9, H&TC survey. Ground elevation is 2,135.4 feet.

The drillsite is 1/4 mile northeast of the Moele Nutt (Strawn gas) field. No. 1 Green will test for oil production.

HOWARD TEST Duncan Drilling Co. of Big Spring will dig its No. 1 Coal 1 1/2 miles southwest of the Cornet (Spraberry) field of Howard County.

The 4,800-foot test is 1.5 miles southeast of Vincent and 3,630 feet from south and 2,310 feet from east lines of section 13, block 26, H&TC survey.

STERLING WELL HNG Oil Co. of Midland No. 1-170 McDonald has been completed and assigned to the Credo, East (upper Cisco) field of Sterling County, 15 miles northwest of Sterling City.

Operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 890,000 cubic feet of gas per day, with a gas-liquid ratio of 210,000-1. Gravity of the condensate is 55 degrees.

The production is from perforations at 7,951-8,092 feet after 1,500 gallons of acid and 56,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 170, block 29, W&NW survey. It is 1/2 mile southwest of other Cisco production.

Total depth is 9,425 feet and plugged back depth is 8,324 feet. Four and one-half-inch casing is set at 8,365 feet.

CROCKETT WELL C. F. Lawrence & Associates, Inc., of Midland No. 3-65-W Half has been finished in the Onlaw (Queen) field of Crockett County, 1/2 mile north of Iran.

One-half mile east of other production, it completed for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 660,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 1,255 to 1,359 feet.

The pay was fractured with 14,000 gallons.

Total depth is 1,485 feet and 4 1/2-inch casing is set at 1,450 feet, the plugged back depth.

Location is 990 feet from north and 4,400 feet from east lines of section 65, block 1, T&GN survey.

FOUR C WELL

Four C Oil & Gas Corp. No. 2 Sibley Unit has been finished in the Four C (middle Clear Fork) field of Pecos County.

It is the fourth well in the pool and extends production 1/4 mile east.

The well finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 1.28 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 3,223 to 3,671 feet after 5,600 gallons of acid.

Total depth is 4,120 feet and 5 1/2-inch pipe is set on bottom. Plugged back depth is 3,710 feet.

Wellsite is 1,000 feet from north and 1,250 feet from east lines of section 14, block 2, H&TC survey.

The test is surrounded by Clear Fork production and is 1/2 mile east of Spraberry production.

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD Co., operating from Midland, announced locations for a pair of 6,400-foot Spraberry Trend Area tests in Irion County, 12 miles north of Barnhart.

No. 1-58 J. R. Scott is 690 feet from north and 990 feet from west lines of section 58, block 14, H&TC survey.

No. 2-58 J. R. Scott is 1,550 feet from south and 990 feet from west lines of section 58, block 14, H&TC survey.

MIDLAND TESTS BTA Oil Producers of Midland spotted location for a new test in the Pegasus (San Andres) area of Midland County, and Mobil Oil Corp. announced plans to re-enter a well in the Pegasus multipay area of Midland County for completion attempt in the Spraberry.

BTA No. 5 Superior will be drilled 2,196 feet from south and 330 feet from west lines of section 16, block 40, T-4-S, T&P survey and 20 miles southwest of Midland.

It is contracted for a 5,650-foot bottom.

MOBIL TEST Mobil will re-enter No. 602 Pegasus Spraberry Unit 18 miles southeast of Odessa.

It is 1,976 feet from south and 661 feet from east lines of section 25, block 41, T-4-S, T&P survey. The Spraberry will be tested above 8,180 feet. The project has been serving as an injection well.

RE-ENTRY SET Earl R. Bruno of Midland will re-enter the No. 1 Cynthia Malone in Reagan County and deepen from the Spraberry for completion attempt in the Dean.

Proposed total depth is 8,400 feet. The former Spraberry oiler is 660 feet from south and east lines of the northwest quarter of section 10, block A, H&W survey and 18 miles southwest of Garden City.

SPRABERRY TRY Exxon Corp., operating from Midland, will re-enter its No. 2-B K. B. Cox Jr., Devonian and Fusselman discovery of the XBC gas field, and test for completion in the Spraberry.

The project will be operated as No. 1062 Pembrook Unit and is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 9, block A, CCSD&RNG survey and 19 miles northeast of Rankin.

Tests will be made above 7,400 feet. Total depth is 12,418 feet.

DISCOVERY POTENTIALS HNG Oil Co. No. 1-18 Amoco-State, a Wolfcamp discovery in Loving County, eight miles east of Oria, has been potentialized.

The strike completed for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 10,500,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 1,656 to 12,675 feet after a 3,000-gallon acid treatment.

The location is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 18, block 35, T-2, T&P survey.

Total depth is 18,500 feet. The strike is in the west side of the Tunstill, East (Delaware) field.

Yates well potentials

BTA Oil Producers No. 4 7406 JV-S Lea is a new well in the Scarborough, West (Yates) field of Lea County, five miles southwest of Bennett.

The well finished for a daily flow of 35 barrels of 35.5-gravity oil, no water, through a 10 1/4-inch choke and perforations from 3,145 to 3,168 feet.

The pay was acidized with 250 gallons.

Location is 1,650 feet from south and 2,310 feet from west lines of section 28-26S-36E.

Total depth is 3,268 feet and plugged back depth is 3,219 feet. Five and one-half-inch casing was landed on bottom.

The project was originally scheduled in the Langlie Mattix (Capitan) field.

Oil stepout completes

Estoril Producing Corp. of Midland No. 1 Medlin, a re-entry project, has been completed from the San Andres in Gaines County, seven miles southeast of Loop.

The well, one-half mile east of Estoril No. 1 Neil, recently completed San Andres discovery, was completed for a 24-hour pumping potential of 15 barrels of 36-gravity oil, plus five barrels of water, through perforations from 4,932 to 4,967 feet.

Gas-oil ratio was too small to measure.

The project originally was drilled by Zapata Petroleum Corp. and plugged and abandoned in 1959 at 10,600 feet.

It was re-entered and deepened to 13,150 feet and plugged back to 5,000 feet. Eight and five-eighths-inch casing is set at 5,030 feet.

Location is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 44, block H, D&W survey.

Enserch test finals

Enserch Exploration, Inc., of Dallas No. 4-14 Anadarko-State has been completed in the north side of the Reeves, North field of Reeves County.

Operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 924,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 3,104 to 3,128 feet after a 500-gallon acid treatment and a 2,500-gallon fracture job.

Total depth is 3,280 feet and 4 1/2-inch pipe is set at 3,209 feet.

Wellsite is 1,980 feet from north and 3,300 feet from east lines of section 14, block 57, T-3, T&P survey and 10 miles southwest of Oria.

Dean oiler completes

Henry Petroleum Corp. No. 4-4 Holt is a new well in the LeCaff (Dean) field of Martin County, 10 miles west of Tarzan.

Operator reported a daily pumping potential of 39 barrels of 38.7-gravity oil and 10 barrels of water, through perforations from 9,098 to 9,700 feet.

The pay was acidized with 3,500 gallons and fractured with 117,000 gallons.

Hole is bottomed at 9,800 feet and 4 1/2-inch casing is set at that point. The plugged back depth is 9,741 feet.

Location is 1,876 feet from north and 3,721 feet from west lines of labor 4, league 319, Garza County School Land survey.

Explorers scheduled

Dyco Petroleum Corp. announced location for a San Andres wildcat in Gaines County, and Boone & Moore Oil Co. of Lubbock staked a Cross County wildcat in Crosby County.

The Dyco test is No. 1-24 Golden, 467 feet from north and 1,320 feet from east lines of section 124, block G, WTRR survey and four miles northeast of Seminole.

It is to drill to 5,500 feet.

Boone & Moore No. 1 Amoco-Collier Estate will be drilled 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 10, block 2, D&E survey and 14 miles south of Ralls.

It is 1 1/4 miles east of the Ridge, South (Clear Fork) field. Ground elevation is 2,855.8 feet.

Wolfcamp well finals

Texas Crude, Inc., and Florida Gas Exploration Corp. No. 7-9 Norman is a new well in the Tex-Flo (Wolfcamp) field in Gaines County, 20 miles southeast of Seminole.

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