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Halt of gas flow to homes forecast

By THOMAS O'TOOLE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — White House Energy Adviser James R. Schlesinger warned Friday that there will not be enough natural gas for homes in some areas if the bitter cold that has closed schools and factories in 17 states persists through the weekend.

Schlesinger did not specify where and when homes might begin to lose their natural gas heat, but Federal

Power Commission sources said that any prolonging of the cold wave east of the Rockies could stop the flow of gas supplies to homes in New York City, New Jersey, Philadelphia and South Carolina.

These four locations are terminating points for two major pipelines whose natural gas supplies are dwindling more rapidly than any of the other pipelines hit by the natural gas shortage. One is the Transco pipeline, whose branches end

at Philadelphia and New York. The other is Southern Natural Gas Co., which terminates in South Carolina.

Schlesinger, slapping his hand on the table to emphasize his concern, sounded his warning before the House subcommittee on Energy and Power. Besides Schlesinger, the committee also heard, the governors of Texas, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey and the heads of four major gas pipelines testify on President Carter's emergency natural gas bill.

"We have already used the gas we were going to use in February and March, which means that in a few weeks or even days we face gas cutoffs to homes," Schlesinger said. "We have no alternative but to get serious as a nation about energy conservation."

As Schlesinger was testifying, the Senate took up debate on Carter's natural gas bill without even sending the bill to committee. An atmosphere of crisis prevailed Thursday on the

Senate floor, where Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.) predicted a vote by Monday if "senators restrain themselves in offering amendments."

Carter's Emergency Natural Gas Act is written so that it would allow the President to force natural gas out of one interstate pipeline and into another. It would also authorize the sale of unregulated gas in states like Texas, Louisiana, Kansas and Oklahoma into the interstate pipeline

network, where prices are regulated and the shortage is most keenly felt.

Schlesinger told the packed hearing room that quick passage of the bill is critical if homes are not to lose their natural gas heat. He said that the bill deliberately avoids long term issues like deregulation of interstate natural gas because all that would do is pit foes and allies of deregulation against

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Economic advances reported

By R. GREGORY NOKES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 1.6 per cent increase in the government's index of leading economic indicators, the biggest advance in 17 months, proves the economy "is poised for strong gains" in the months ahead, a top government economist said Friday.

The December increase was the third monthly rise in a row and was the largest since a 2.3 per cent gain in July 1975 when the economy was starting to pull out of the deep recession. Government economists say it takes at least three months to establish a trend in any one direction.

"The performance of the indicators in late 1976 confirms the strength of economic activity since October," said John Kendrick, chief Commerce Department economist. He said it is "clear evidence that the economy is poised for strong gains in early 1977."

BUT KENDRICK cautioned that the severe weather conditions could throw a monkey wrench into the otherwise encouraging economic picture. He said the frigid winter already has had "an adverse impact on economic activity in January."

Secretary of Labor F. Ray Marshall said that a continuation of severe winter could make it difficult for President Carter to reach his goals for economic growth and an employment rate of 6.5 per cent by the end of 1977.

"It is a serious problem that it will make it harder to bring unemployment down," he said in an interview. He added that the administration will keep an open mind on possibly taking new steps to stimulate the economy if people are forced to use their tax rebates to pay higher heating costs, rather than spend them on consumer goods.

MARSHALL SAID 475,000 workers may be without jobs because of the weather, which could add as much as one-half of one per cent to the nation's unemployment rate unless offset by gains elsewhere. Others have estimated the number laid off from the weather at 400,000.

The jobless rate was 7.8 per cent in December.

But Kendrick said even with the problems from the weather, he still believes "prospects are bright for continued economic growth in 1977."

The Commerce Department also reported that the nation ended 1976 with the second highest trade deficit on record, with imports exceeding exports by \$5.9 billion.

THE TRADE deficit represented a total turn-around in U.S. trade activity of \$17 billion since 1975, when the nation had a record surplus of \$11 billion. The record deficit of \$6.4 billion was established in 1972.

The department said a major factor in the 1976 deficit was a record level of petroleum imports totaling 2.6 billion barrels.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that wage settlements during 1976 provided for an average first-year wage increase of 8.3 per cent, down from 10.2 per cent in 1975 but still nearly twice the rate of inflation, which was 4.8 per cent in 1976.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy today with a high in the mid-40s.
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Nursery aide Mrs. Inez Steward with "future president"

2-pound baby holds onto life

"This little girl is going to make it," Mrs. Thelma Conally said, with the conviction of one who knows what she is talking about.

"What's more, this may be the first black woman president of the United States," she said, noting that when a baby overcomes odds such as the ones Janet has, she's got to go places.

Mrs. Conally, head nurse in the newborn nursery at Midland Memorial Hospital, was talking about a little girl, born at home the middle of December. About six hours after birth, she was brought to the hospital wrapped in a man's shirt.

Upon arrival in the nursery, the baby's temperature was so low it could not be measured.

"We placed her in the Care-ette Isolette and began monitoring her vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure and respiration. We also started continuous oxygen therapy," Mr. Conally explained.

"When we got her, she weighed one pound 14 ounces. Almost six weeks later, her weight is up to three pounds five ounces and I expect in another three or four weeks, she will hit five pounds," the veteran head nurse explained. "That is a real success story for a six-week preemie," she added.

A premature baby that small could not suck a regular bottle nipple at first. So the nurses fed her through a tube into the baby's tiny stomach. Now she is taking up to two ounces every four hours from a bottle. The tube feeding was an hourly necessity.

"We are just thankful we were able to care for this baby," Mrs. Conally said. "Through the generosity of such organizations in Midland as the Junior League and the Junior Woman's Club, we have equipment such as an infant warmer and special isolette with continuous monitoring abilities readily available when a preemie or even a full-term baby runs into a problem."

Midland Memorial also has a new infant artificial respirator which is

believed to be the only unit of this type between Fort Worth and El Paso. The machine is used primarily on infants with respiratory distress problems but may be used on children up to two years of age.

If little Janet does not grow up to be president of the United States, it will not be because she did not receive the encouragement, love and general "TLC" during her first weeks of life.

When she reaches five pounds, she will return home to her mother.

"A little girl with this much fight in her and with this much will to live to be able to overcome any obstacles she encounters in life," Mrs. Conally concluded.

Tony Boyle wins appeal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — W. A. "Tony" Boyle, former head of the 200,000-member United Mine Workers Union, was granted a new trial Friday on charges he ordered the assassination of a union rival.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned the 1974 murder convictions, and set aside Boyle's three life sentences for the slayings of UMW insurgent Joseph "Jock" Yablonski, his wife and daughter.

Justice Michael Eagen said, in a 6-1 decision, Boyle was denied "his right to present relevant material and competent evidence from which the jury might have inferred he was not involved in the Yablonski slayings."

Attorney A. Charles Peruto, representing Boyle, said he would seek to get his client freed on bail immediately.

Eagen, author of the court's majority opinion, said Boyle could apply to the trial court to be released on bail.

Storm tightens grip on states

By The Associated Press

Heavy snow borne by 60-mile-an-hour winds ripped across the nation's midsection Friday, trapping thousands of persons in their homes or offices and stranding thousands of motorists from Michigan to West Virginia.

The blizzard forced factories, offices and schools to shut down, but highways were often too blocked by snow and ice to allow travel home.

Buffalo, N.Y., on the eastern shore of Lake Erie, reeled under yet another winter storm. The Weather Service said 4 inches of snow fell on Friday, bringing the total accumulation on the ground to a staggering 37 inches.

Buffalo streets were clogged by snow and by stranded cars, trucks and buses. The National Guard was called out to clear routes for firefighters trying to get to a house fire. Most of the firemen got through, but the blaze spread to six houses. No injuries were reported.

Thousands of people spent the night in office buildings in downtown Buffalo. Three men were found dead in their stalled cars, but authorities said the men did not freeze and apparently died of heart trouble.

As the storm bore down on West Virginia, Gov. Jay Rockefeller took to the emergency broadcasting system to ask all residents to seek immediate shelter.

"Don't travel anywhere. Establish a buddy system," he warned as visibility dropped to zero and temperatures to about the same level.

A fleet of 23 snowmobiles struck out from Rensselaer, Ind., to attempt to rescue some 400 persons stranded in subzero weather on Interstate 65 north of Lafayette.

State police said up to 300 vehicles were stranded, including three buses carrying a total of 85 passengers. One of the buses, out of gasoline, could not even keep its engine running to provide heat, officials said.

The blizzard, which more than met National Weather Service definitions of winds at 35 miles per hour and drifting snow for at least three hours, meant more trouble for the already hard-hit East, Midwest and South.

Frigid temperatures for a second week have overtaxed fuel reserves in most areas east of the Rockies. The Federal Power Commission said Friday that interstate gas pipelines

report an estimated 8,900 industrial plants closed and 548,000 workers laid off because of natural gas shortages and cold weather. The blizzard also boosted record demand for energy to keep homes warm, and readings were expected to continue near and below zero through the weekend.

Four traffic deaths Friday in Minnesota were blamed on the storm. Wind-chill readings of minus-83 degrees prompted weathermen in the state to urge an end to travel and outdoor activity because of the potential of frostbite.

Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Ohio continued to operate under energy emergencies, which gave state officials authority to supervise allocation of scarce fuel supplies.

But state officials were forced to turn some of their attention to transportation problems.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesmen feared that added ice on the Ohio River would make it more

difficult for barges to get upstream with needed products, like heating oil, even if emergency measures succeed in freeing ice-clogged dams. The Mississippi River remained blocked by ice for nearly 200 miles north of Cairo, Ill.

Airports in Indianapolis, Cleveland and other cities were closed by the blowing snow, stranding businessmen and travelers.

Amtrak canceled 28 trains in the midwestern, northwestern and northern Plains areas because cold and snow paralyzed its switching yards and made sections of track impassable. The rail passenger corporation said heavy snow prevented operation of many trains that operate west of Buffalo, N.Y. Several trains radiating out of Chicago also were halted.

The greatest problem was for persons dependent on automobiles. Thousands could not make their ways from downtown office buildings to suburban homes, and emergency vehicles couldn't make progress.

Dilemma stalls disaster relief

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Just as millions of Americans are having trouble coping with the combination of bitter cold and low fuel supplies, the White House and Congress are finding it a difficult emergency to handle as well.

"It is a somewhat unique situation in that...the federal government, so far as I know, has not been in a position in the past of dealing with this particular type of problem," White House press secretary Jody Powell said Friday.

"The avenues of communication and coordination between various agencies and sections of agencies are having to be carved out of the wilderness for the first time..."

Powell said that President Carter Friday ordered his senior staff to find ways of speeding action on requests for disaster relief from states hard-hit

by the winter cold wave and the fuel shortages.

"But 'frankly we don't know at this point just what needs to be done,' he said.

Powell also said Carter has ordered a study to see whether federal disaster relief laws need to be changed to better meet crises that involve a lot of "human damage," but not much property damage.

"The federal disaster legislation contemplated hurricanes, tornadoes, floods...ice storms, but not an energy shortage," Powell said. "...It is oriented in a major way towards the cleanup, reconstruction, low interest loans and so forth. In many areas the relief under this legislation does not directly apply to the particular problems that occur during a time of energy shortage."

Powell said later the White House is

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Bodice a-glitter, she speaketh

ANDREWS — The gallant lady, speaking as if she were a high priest more than a prophet, stood righteously and knowingly before the rager throng.

She would impart wisdom and knowledge, hearsay and speculation, prophecies and predictions.

She was psychic, learned and opinionated, and compassionate.

And this woman, Jeane Dixon, whom some call a soothsayer, takes stock in the stars. She is a believer.

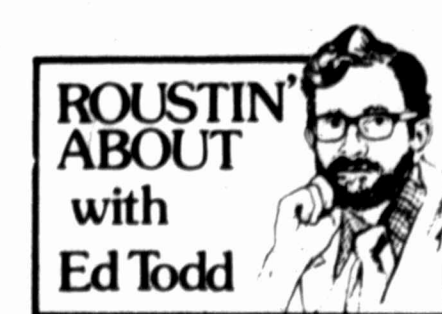
"They (the sun, moon and the stars) are subservient to the Lord, and we are subservient to the Lord, also," said the delicate lady. She was decked in a flowing white evening gown. The bodice was glittering with sequins.

"We understand the purpose of the sun, moon and the stars," this fair lady, past her prime, said. Dangling in front of the black backdrop behind the podium were silver cutouts of five-point stars. A gold-tinted quarter moon was affixed to the dark curtain.

There was no sun.

This impartor of wisdom, of course, is an astrologer. She is also part Calvinistic. Beware fate or blessed be it.

"We all are born for a mission, for a



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purpose, and we all have our exits," she said with certainty.

Fate. Life and death. "Talents are to be used for constructive purposes, not destructive purposes!...to benefit one another."

Humanitarian. "It is not the talent that God gives you but what you do with that talent that counts," she spoke.

She returned to the stars. "My life's work has been focused on the stars," she, quite predictably, said. "All things in nature are for our benefit."

The dreamer. "... People look up to the stars to fulfill their dreams."

A kindred spirit.

"... And maybe your oil wells held a little" in fulfilling those dreams.

A realist. Mundane. Dream on.

"Where there is no vision the people will perish."

Amen! Biblical.

The lady in white looked into the world. She dealt on her own learned visions — predictions. She made worldly talk of politics, economics, war and strife, prosperity, hunger, peace, life and death.

She said what would happen to whom and why. Destiny. She told the fate of nations and of men.

"It was not the Lord's plan..." she would say. "But I could be wrong."

On another man's fate, she uttered: "He is not programmed... (to be or do such and such). I could be wrong, of course."

She returned to the abstract, the ethereal.

"The Lord programs our lives when we are conceived," the soothsayer, Jeane Dixon, said.

Uncontrolled destiny. Or is there an option? This would-be high priest didn't say.

'Roots' creates stir throughout country

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Roots" is causing a phenomenal reaction across the country and, with two episodes to go, is already the most-watched television series of all time.

It's Super Bowl every night. People are bringing TV sets to work, watching in airports and bars, leaving meetings early and emptying movie theaters and restaurants to get home in time for the nightly episode. At least 250 colleges are offering credits for watching the series and reading the book by Alex Haley.

Based on Haley's fictionalized history of his family, from freedom in Africa to slavery in America to freedom again, "Roots" opened last Sunday with an audience of 75 million, according to ABC, and has gotten bigger every night.

The 12-hour, eight-part series is already the most-watched TV series and ABC hopes that its Sunday-night conclusion will become the highest-

rated single show. The Tuesday night Nielsen ratings — 44.8 and 68 per cent of the audience — is exceeded only by the two-part showing of the film classic "Gone with the Wind" as the highest-rated TV presentation of all time.

"Television will never be the same after this," said ABC's Brandon Stoddard.

The TV version of "Roots" has shown a realistic portrayal of slavery in which blacks are casually and deliberately dehumanized and brutalized by whites.

Although widely praised by civil rights leaders, the series has been controversial. Viewers in some cities complained and it was blamed for racial incidents at schools in Harrisburg, Pa., and Detroit. David Duke, head of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, called it "highly inaccurate."



FORMER OKLAHOMA Gov. David Hall, on furlough from a federal prison in Arizona, and his wife, Jo, were together outside the State Supreme Court Chambers in Oklahoma City Friday. Hall won a delay in disbarment action against him.

Measure passes

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — The Senate Thursday passed a measure by Sen. Pete Snelson of Midland which would allow the Texas Employment Commission office in Midland to swap land with The First National Bank of Midland.

The bill, SB324, would allow the TEC district office to exchange its parking lot across the street from the facility for a larger lot adjacent to the TEC office.

Snelson said the trade would allow the TEC to expand its office while still providing some parking space.

Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland has introduced a similar bill, HB 717, in the House.

OCAW claims walkout

PASADENA, Tex. (AP) — A union official said more than 500 workers represented by the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Union (OCAW) Local 4-227, walked off their jobs Friday at the Phillips Petroleum's Adams Terminal near here.

However, a statement released by the company said that 30 clerical employees were on strike due to a "dispute over company efforts to maintain its present clerical hiring rates."

The company said approximately 400

laboratory workers, a requirement for a 90-day familiarization period in addition to the two-year training period and an attempt to assign work performed by craftsmen and maintenance personnel to operational workers.

Union official R. J. Christie said, however, that in addition to the clerical workers, 490 operational workers had struck the company over local issues.

Christie said the issues include the company's refusal to recognize what he called inequities in classification for storekeepers and

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Flu cases on increase, Houston suffering most

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — State figures show that B-Hong Kong flu cases appear to be on the increase in Texas, but a check Friday showed that Houston was the only area suffering an outbreak severe enough to force school closings.

This type of flu first three weeks of the shows up most year. Comparable figures for a year ago were 4,893.

The State Department of Health Resources in communicable disease Austin said the total control section, said there number of flu and flulike have been no cases illnesses numbered 3,419 isolated of A-strain flu or across the state for the swine flu.

Dr. Robert MacLean of the Houston health department said five parochial schools were closed this week because of the mild flu strain.

"The public schools are all open and are showing only a slight increase in absenteeism," he said. "We knew it was here in December, but the school vacations and the holidays held back the

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AUSTIN — Midland Rep. Tom Craddick and Rep. Wayne Peveto, Orange, were named by House Speaker Bill Clayton to the Natural Resources Committee of National Conference of State Legislatures. Craddick is chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee and Peveto is vice chairman. The national conference's committee will study air, water and noise pollution control; solid waste management, disposal and recycling; mining and minerals; outdoor recreation and parks; coastal zone management; pesticides and toxic substances; and preservation of land and water resources. The first committee meeting will be March 4 and 5 in Washington, D.C.

MC signup ends soon

Late registration for spring semester classes at Midland College ends at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Persons who wish to enroll in one to three credit courses should visit the office of student services in the administration building Monday or Tuesday or the night administrative office in room 130, science-faculty building, between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Monday.

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Roy Mayfield rites Sunday

LAMESA — Services for Roy P. Mayfield, 83, who died Friday at his home, will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church of Lamesa.

The Hood County native lived the past 51 years in Dawson and Martin counties.

He was a retired farmer and charter member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church of Lamesa.

His wife, Dollie Mayfield, died Dec. 17, 1976.

Survivors include a son, Henry Mayfield of Lamesa; a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Sisk of Friona; a sister, Mrs. Veda Click of Fort Worth; a brother, Raymond Mayfield of Tucson, Ariz., and six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rites Monday For Skrabanek

DENVER, COLO. — Services for Jay W. Skrabanek, a longtime Midland resident who died Thursday in Denver, will be held Monday in the Methodist Church of Floydada.

Skrabanek was born in 1927, in Caldwell. He graduated in 1947 from The University of Texas and came to Midland as a geologist with University Lands. He later went into independent oil operations.

He was a charter member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland.

Survivors include his widow, Patsy Skrabanek; his mother, Mrs. Lillie Skrabanek of Austin, and two sons, Scott Skrabanek of Creed, Colo., and Patrick Skrabanek of Lubbock.



—AP Laserphoto

A RECOGNIZABLE figure, actor Burt Mustin, 94, died early Friday in a Los Angeles hospital following a lengthy illness. Mustin did not break into his acting career until he was 67 years old. He appeared in more than 350 television shows and in more than 50 movies.

Carter schedules 'chat'

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Carter will make his first direct report to the American people in a televised talk from the White House next Wednesday night, White House press secretary Jody Powell said Friday.

Also, Carter will hold his first press conference since his inauguration the following week, either Feb. 7 or 8, Powell said.

But the President does not plan to address Congress in the near future to give his own State of the Union address or other such message, he said.

Carter's talk from the White House, the first of the so-called "fireside chats" that he promised during the campaign, will be at 10 p.m. (EST). Although Powell said that the White House has not asked the television networks to broadcast the talk, the time set for it is clearly designed to put the talk in prime television time throughout the nation.

Coupled with the decision not to address Congress early in the administration, the talk also appeared to be an example of Carter's oft-stated determination to take his message directly to the American people.

Powell said the talk is expected to last about 20 minutes and will deal

with both foreign and domestic issues.

"We don't see these particular occasions as the time to make major announcements," the press secretary said.

Rather, he said, Carter views the first fireside chat he will deliver as an "occasion to present in a broad way his thoughts on the problems we face, what he believes are the best approaches to those problems and what results we might reasonably expect" in the first year of the administration. He said Carter also intends to discuss which of his campaign promises he will be in a position "to move on first."

One of Carter's campaign promises was to hold at least two press conferences a month. His last press conference, before the inauguration, was on Jan. 8.

Powell also announced that the White House will release early next week copies of the trust agreement the President has signed concerning his property in Georgia and his personal wealth. He said copies of the financial disclosure statements that Carter has required from his Cabinet secretaries will be made public no later than Feb. 20.

Earlier Friday, the President met with House Ways and Means Chair-

man Al Ullman (D-Ore.), OMB director Thomas B. (Bert) Lance, Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Charles L. Schultze and White House congressional relations chief Frank Moore to discuss the administration's economic stimulus package.

Responding to criticism of the package, Powell noted that many people consider the \$31.2 billion program to be too small and others consider it excessive. "That is an uncomfortable but often wise position to be in," he said.

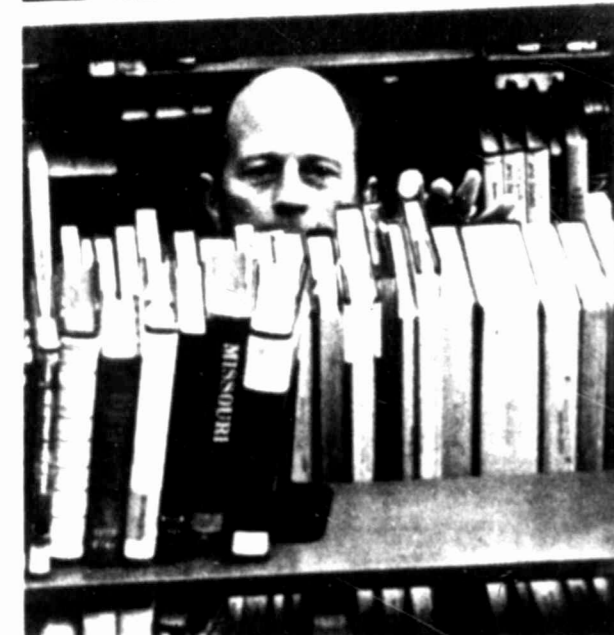
Carter also had what was described as a "general intelligence overview" meeting Friday with Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and acting CIA director E. Henry Knoche.

In response to a question about the naming of a new CIA director, Powell said that the President is "satisfied with the way the acting director is handling the intelligence operation." Therefore, he said, Carter does not feel he is under pressure to name a new nominee for the post since withdrawal under congressional pressure of his first choice as CIA director, former Kennedy Administration aide Theodore Sorensen.

Two counters up to their elbows

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two women were recently up to their elbows in dollars when they were assigned to count \$1 million in one dollar bills at Security Bank here.

After counting the bills, the women then weighed and bundled them. The assignment took nine days, reports a representative of Western Temporary Services Inc.



—Staff Photo by Bruce Prater

Librarian keeps checkbooks straight

By JUDY JOHNSTON

In addition to keeping the books on the shelves straight, librarians today also must work to keep the checkbooks straight.

Midland County Public Library now faces nearly 12 per cent rate of inflation, librarian Frances Williams said Friday.

In 1975, the library purchased 7,269 books with a book budget of \$39,171. In 1976, however, \$45,722 bought only 7,243 books.

The same mystery novels which cost \$3.50 two years ago now cost about \$6.50, Mrs. Williams said.

Possibly the biggest pinch at the library, she said, is in the reference section, where the quality of research and a limited market drive up the book price.

Many reference books have doubled in price in the last three years. In addition, the library must buy many of them yearly to keep current.

"Ayer Directory of Publications" now costs \$50, having doubled in the past five years. "Who's Who in American Women" cost \$47.50 in 1976, up from \$39 in 1971.

Fortunately, the

Worldmark Encyclopedia of Nations," which costs \$95, is not an annual purchase. Mrs. Williams said.

Another major expense at the library is the increasing amount of audio-visual material bought. The library receives about a 30 per cent discount from the standard retail price on phonograph records, but no discount on cassette tapes, the librarian said.

New 16-mm films with sound and color cost between \$330 for a 20- to 25-minute reel and \$576 for a full-length two-reel movie.

To aid the library and other departments in their inflation problems, the Midland County Commissioners allowed for a 10 per cent rate of inflation in the 1977 budget.

Possibly the greatest aid to the library, though, is the support of the Midland residents.

"Midland is a library town... the people are library-minded," Mrs. Williams said.

In a city of about 70,000 persons, more than 40,000 persons hold library cards, she said.

These library users paid nearly \$29,000 in

receipts to the library in 1976, including about \$7,200 in memorials and special gifts. The total receipts amounted to more than 10 per cent of the 1976 budget of \$273,530.

The library's technical section, with an extensive oil reference section, is supported entirely by gifts from persons and

companies in the oil industry. Many of the section's publications cost from \$30 to \$50.

The genealogy section also is supported mainly by contributions. Interest in this field is so great that the section has built up rapidly, Mrs. Williams said.

In 1977, the library has budgeted \$38,700 for books, including \$3,000

for the technical section. The \$5,500 allotted for audio-visual material received a big boost this week when the Bicentennial Commission donated \$6,000 to that division of the library.

The entire library budget for 1977 is estimated to be \$299,162, as compared to \$273,530 in 1976 and \$248,886 in 1975.

Mondale hails France as U.S.'s oldest ally

PARIS (AP) — Vice President Walter F. Mondale hailed France as America's "oldest ally and friend" as he arrived Friday for talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing on the Mideast, arms sales, trade and nuclear testing.

However, the Saturday meeting with Giscard d'Estaing may point up sharp differences between the two governments in those areas.

Mondale spent an hour Friday with Emile van Lennep, secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development — OECD — telling him about President Carter's \$30 billion tax and public works program. Mondale said it should stimulate the U.S. economy and have a spillover effect on the world economy.

Van Lennep, a Dut-

chman, told reporters after the meeting with Mondale that he was "extremely encouraged by the approach of the new administration in the United States via a visit International co-operation."

Van Lennep also said he sees several problems in the world economic picture this year but is optimistic about 1978. He did not cite the specific reasons for optimism about the economy next

year but said energy is a leading reason for concern this year.

Just hours before Mondale's arrival, the OECD issued a report warning America and other non-Communist industrial nations to check excessive use of energy or face possible oil shortages and still higher oil prices. The OECD is a consultative body of the 24 major non-Communist industrialized nations.

Freddie Prinze has operation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Television star Freddie Prinze, successful in his professional life but beset with personal problems, shot himself in the head Friday just after a telephone conversation with his estranged wife.

The 22-year-old star of the "Chico and the Man" series was rushed to UCLA Medical Center where he underwent surgery for two hours.

Richard Greene, administrator of the hospital, said Prinze "tolerated the operative treatment well."

But he added that "because brain tissue was severely damaged, it would be premature for us to offer a prediction as to the chances of survival or disability."

Greene said it might be several days before doctors might make a prognosis.

Police Lt. Dan Cooke said the actor's business manager, Marvin Snyder, was in Prinze's suite at the Beverly Comstock Hotel in West Los Angeles, trying to cheer him up, when the shooting occurred about 3:30 a.m.

"Freddy was talking to his wife (on the telephone)," Cooke said Snyder told him. "He hung up, reached down into the sofa, grabbed the gun and put it to his temple and fired."

IF YOU LOOK hard, you may be able to spot Bill McCoy, 1605 Midkiff, who was looking for fishing books on Honduras during a visit to the Midland County Public Library. Whether he knows it or not, McCoy joins other Midland library users who have made this "a library town."

Advertisement for ODESSA BRAND NEW OPRY, featuring a Showcase of Country Western Talent on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 P.M. at the Globe of the Great Southwest.

Advertisement for HA! HA! HA! MIDLAND INSULATION CO., offering quality dependable work guaranteed with a free estimate.

Large advertisement for BONANZA restaurant, featuring a special choice sirloin strip dinner for \$2.59, quality USDA Choice Sirloin Steak with baked potato & Texas toast, and other menu items.

Advertisement for Freddie Prinze's operation, mentioning his successful professional life and personal struggles.

Advertisement for 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH, featuring a prophet and a performance of 'LA RECOGIDA' and 'LOS HIJOS DE SATANAS'.

Advertisement for WESTWOOD cinema, showing 'SILVER STREAK' with Gene Wilder, Jill Clayburgh, and Richard Pryor.

Advertisement for HOWARD LODGE THEATRE, showing 'THE GNOME MOBILE' by Walt Disney.

Advertisement for CINEMA 1, showing 'King Kong' with a PG rating.

Advertisement for CHIEF Drive-In Theater, showing 'THE GREAT SCOUT AND CATHOUSE THURSDAY'.

Advertisement for TEXAN Drive-In Theater, showing 'SHERLOCK HOLMES SMARTER BROTHER'.

Advertisement for FIESTA Drive-In Theater, showing 'LA RECOGIDA' and 'LOS HIJOS DE SATANAS'.

SCRAM-LETS

That Intriguing Word Game with a Chuckle

Edited by CLAY R. POLIAN

1. Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words.

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HECSO

BASROB



When your real estate agent mentions the word "STUCCO", make sure he's not talking about you.

2. Complete the chuckle quoted by filling in the missing word you develop from step No. 1 below.

STUCCO

3. PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES.

4. UNSCRAMBLE ABOVE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER.

5. SCRAMBLE ABOVE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER.

THE BETTER HALF



"Maybe it'll be like in the TV commercials and he'll just compliment us on the distinct styling, and ask about the terrific gas savings."

ANDY CAPP



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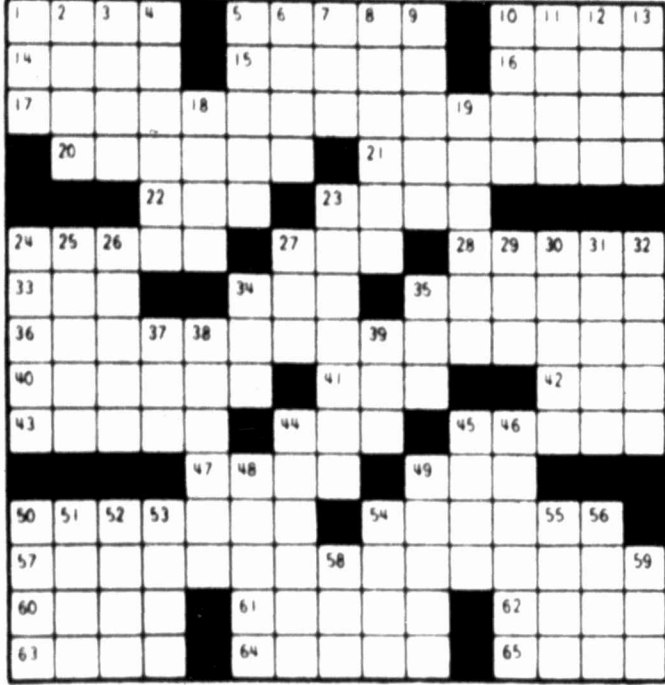


DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Margaret Farrar

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tiger's habitat
 - 5 Cotton twill
 - 10 Uncluttered
 - 14 Certain relatives
 - Abbr.
 - 15 Made hastily
 - 16 Helper
 - 17 Mardi Gras revelries
 - 20 Made up
 - 21 Gratings
 - 22 Kind
 - 23 Fervor
 - 24 Spruce
 - 27 Soldiers' Color
 - 28 Sailing maneuvers
 - 33 Bedouin garment
 - 34 Actor Max Sydnor
 - 35 Reputations
 - 36 Australia's national anthem
 - 40 Flowering
 - 41 One of the Carters
 - 42 Author Deighton
 - 43 Gulf Coast phenomenon
 - 44 Anger
 - 45 Search
 - 47 Florence's river
 - 49 Bakery item
- DOWN**
- 1 Naval VIP
 - 2 Desecrate
 - 3 The world - full of a number of things
 - 4 Excipitate
 - 5 Oklahoma Indian
 - 6 Severe
 - 7 - tizzy
 - 8 Jogs
 - 9 Works Lat
 - 10 S. African Dutch
 - 11 Brooklet
 - 12 Unused
 - 13 Hodgepodge
 - 18 Disagreeable
 - 19 Military lodging
 - 23 Gypsy of Italy
 - 24 Moslem prince
 - 25 Rhyme scheme
 - 26 Correspond
 - 27 Geometry suffix
- ACROSS**
- 50 Parts of a coat
 - 54 Jingles and jangles
 - 57 Court favor
 - 60 time
 - 61 Come to know
 - 62 Polo team
 - 63 Much interested
 - 64 Floral item
 - 65 See
- DOWN**
- 29 Personal attitude
 - 34 Energy
 - 35 Sufficient unit
 - 37 Overly
 - 38 French infantryman
 - 39 Feminine title for short
 - 44 Conforming to a rhythm
 - 45 - pro-quo
 - 46 Risky
 - 48 Former Spanish coins
 - 49 Beautiful
 - 50 Minn neighbor
 - 51 Far advanced
 - 52 Nine Prefix
 - 53 Soc Sci course
 - 54 River into the Tiber
 - 55 Biblical patriarch
 - 56 Porgy
 - 58 Coal product
 - 59 Suffix with fern or green

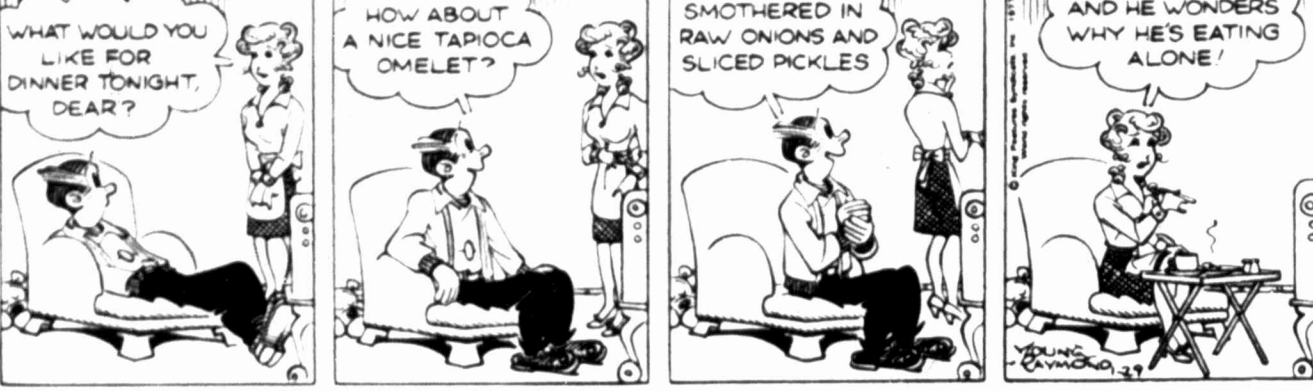


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MARY WORTH



JUDGE PARKER



STEVE ROPER



NUBBIN



STEVE CANYON



DENNIS THE MENACE



MARMADUKE



"What would you like for dessert tonight?"

HEATHCLIFF



"I SEE... AND WHERE ELSE DOES IT HURT?"

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WINDOW ON WEST TEXAS

The Midland Chamber of Commerce provides some of the information in these listings. Deadline for items to be considered for Window on West Texas is noon Wednesday.



MARIAN BLAKEMORE Planetarium presents "The Stars - Legions of the Heavens" at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Located in Midland's Haley Park, corner of West Indiana and South K streets.

"AEROBICS FOR WOMEN" will be the program topic of Mrs. Kenneth H. Cooper, who co-authored with her husband a book by the same name, when she speaks Thursday at the Midland Women's Club. The luncheon program is open to the public as space allows with reservations. Interested persons may make reservations by telephoning 683-5098 or 682-7298. Lunch will be at 11 a.m. and the program will be at 12:15 p.m.

NACOGDOCHES LAWYER-HUMORIST Bob Murphy will speak at the Martin County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet at 7 p.m. today in Stanton's Community Center.

"INSIDE GERMANY" is the travel and adventure series topic to be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday in the student lounge at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.



WITTE MEMORIAL MUSEUM in San Antonio currently is featuring 10 paintings loaned by the Dougherty Carr Arts Foundation. Exhibit will conclude Sunday.

PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM (Odessa) - Special exhibits include the administration of John F. Kennedy and "Social Life in the White House." Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 622 N. Lee St.

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST (Midland) - Now featuring four exhibits in its Turner Memorial Gallery. Included are "Sources of Leadership," "Canyon Graphics and Graffiti," a display of fine Indian pottery from the museum's permanent collection, and a special exhibit titled "Birds of Prey." Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

MENDOZA TRAIL MUSEUM and **Adrian House (McCamey)** - Contains mementos of the late frontier, ranching and oil industry as well as a fossil collection and tape recordings of.

HERITAGE MUSEUM of Big Spring - Featuring "Potpourri." Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 510 Scurry St.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM - Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Midland County Courthouse, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

TAYLOR BROWN-SARAH DORSEY HOUSE (Midland) - Midland's oldest home is open 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday afternoons and by appointment. Located at 213 Weatherford St.

NITA STEWART NALEY Memorial Library (Midland) - Now featuring highlights of the Erwin E. Smith collection of range photography and the original Alamo bell. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday afternoons. Located at 1805 W. Indiana St.

RANKIN MUSEUM - Featuring memorabilia from the community's and Upton County's past. Open 3 to 5 p.m. weekdays. Located at Fifth and Main streets near the old Santa Fe Railway depot.

FORT WORTH ART MUSEUM continues a major exhibition, "The American Expressionist Collection of the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation," through Feb. 20. The show contains important paintings by such modern masters as Pollock, De Kooning, Motherwell, Frankenthaler, Still and Hofmann.

PATE MUSEUM of Transportation (Fort Worth) - Featuring "A Salute to the U.S. Air Force" through March. Special exhibits include historic photographs and motion pictures showing the history of the U.S. Air Force and the Strategic Air Command.



SKELETAL REMNANTS of the old hospital steward's quarters at the Fort Davis National Historic Site form a bleak outline against the Davis

Mountains. Fort Davis, near the junction of Texas 17 and Texas 118, is about 100 south of Pecos.



MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE initiates its 1977 season with the Irving Berlin musical "Annie Get Your Gun" at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Theatre Centre. Performances will continue through February.

HAYLOFT DINNER THEATRE (Lubbock) currently is offering a new production of Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park." Performances at 8:30 p.m. daily, preceded by buffet dinners.

PERMIAN PLAY HOUSE (Odessa) presents the second performance of its current attraction, "Night Watch," at 8:30 p.m. today in the theater, 310 W. 42nd St. Additional performances scheduled Thursday and Friday and Feb. 5, 6, 11 and 12.

THE MANSION Dinner Theater (Odessa) is currently presenting the Leslie Stevens comedy, "The Marriage Go Round," starring Dana Andrews and Mary Todd at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. each Sunday through Feb. 20.



MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY'S chamber orchestra will present a special concert at 1 p.m. Monday in Midland High School auditorium for the city's fourth, fifth and sixth grade students.

BIG SPRING Community Concerts Association will present the Four Freshmen in a musical program at 8:15 p.m. Monday in Municipal Auditorium. Open to association members and their guests.

SAN ANTONIO OPERA will present a second performance of Richard Wagner's "Rienzi" at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at HemisFair Plaza.

DUO-PIANISTS Stecher and Horowitz will be heard in a program at 8:15 p.m. Thursday in Midland High School auditorium as part of Midland Community Concerts Association's current season. Admission by MCCA season membership card only.

CLASSICAL GUITARIST David Grimes will play a recital at 8:15 p.m. Thursday in the Texas Tech University Theater to conclude a special three-day residency at the university. Tickets will be on sale at the box office in advance of performance time.

ODESSA BRAND NEW OPRY will be presented at 7:30 p.m. today in Odessa's Globe Theater. Tickets will be available at the box office in advance of show time.



DISCOVERY LOUNGE (Midland) - "Chelsea" performs for the last time tonight, with "Sky Train" opening Monday. Performance time is 9 p.m. Located in the Midland Hilton.

FAT ERNIE'S (Odessa) - David Price makes a final appearance tonight, with "Country Express" opening Monday. Located at 2031 E. 8th St.

KAPTAIN'S KORNER (Midland) - Matt Penny will perform at 9 p.m. Located in the Ramada Inn.

LUSTY LADY (Midland) - Savannah and Schu will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. nightly except Sunday. Located at the Holiday Inn.

THE PUB (Midland) - Scott Hoppy Hopkins continuing performances at 8:30 p.m. Located in the Sheraton Inn.

PONY EXPRESS CLUB (Midland) - Lyn Childress will perform from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily except Sunday. Located at 103 S. A St.



PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM Museum, Library and Hall of Fame (Midland) - Currently featuring "Petroleum and the American Indian" through Sunday, and an exhibit on the Alyska Pipeline held over on an indefinite booking. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 I-20 West.



MIDLAND COLLEGE - Registration for three or fewer classes remains open through Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. in the administration building.



MIDLAND COLLEGE BRIDGE I, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays for eight weeks, room 104, OT building.

SPEEDWRITING, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays for eight weeks, room 106, OT building.

SPEAKING EFFECTIVELY LEARNED BY DOING, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays for six weeks, room 106, OT building.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING, 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday for one week, room 100, OT building.

KARATE I, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for eight weeks, gym.

SECRETARIAL IMPROVEMENT, 7 to 10 p.m. Mondays for 15 weeks, room 175, science-faculty building.

MACRAME I, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays for six weeks, Monday and Wednesday in room 100, OT building, and Tuesday in room 106, OT building.

POODLE GROOMING, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays for six weeks, room 104, OT building.

MICROWAVE COOKING, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday or 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday (a one-day course), student center.

HOUSE PLANTS, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays for four weeks, room 114, gym.

ESTATE AND WILL PLANNING, 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays for seven weeks, room 175, science-faculty building.

BATIK, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays for five weeks, room 147 science-faculty building.

DRAPERY MAKING, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks, room 100, OT building.

CAMERA - AN EYE ON TOMORROW, 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks, room 100, OT building.

READING FOR SPEED AND COMPREHENSION, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays for eight weeks, room 238, learning resource center.

CENTRAL YMCA SKI FITNESS for the Family, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL - Midland College at Odessa College, 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

PREP BASKETBALL - Big Spring at Midland High, 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Midland Lee at San Angelo, 8 p.m., Tuesday.

Midland High at Abilene High, 8 p.m., Friday.

Abilene Cooper at Midland Lee, 8 p.m., Friday.

WRESTLING - Ricky Romero vs. Alex Perez, 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ector County Coliseum.

SWIMMING - Midland College Invitational, noon, Saturday.



ODESSA
Howard County Commissioners Court, 9 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY
Midland Board of Appeals, 1:30 p.m., conference room, city hall.



SCOTT - "The Wilderness Family," (G), Cinema I; "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," (R), Cinema II; "The Enforcer," (R), Cinema III.

WINWOOD - "A Star is Born," (R), Cinema I; "King Kong," (PG), Cinema II.

ECTOR - "The Town that Drowned Sundown," (R).

GRANDVIEW - "Silver Streak," (PG).

MIDLAND
HODGE - "The Gnome-Mobile," (G).

WESTWOOD - "Silver Streak," (PG).

CINEMA I - "King Kong," (PG).



TODAY
Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m., St. Paul United Methodist Church.
SUNDAY
Midland Arts Association, 2 p.m., Midland Woman's Club.
Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge Unit No. 209, 1:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall.
MONDAY
Midland Mothers of Twins Club, 7:30 p.m., 1 Marine Court.
Midland Senior Center, 10 a.m., drop in, 1 p.m., art, table games, First Christian Church.
Rebekah Lodge No. 91, 8 p.m., 610 E. Florida St.
Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul United Methodist Church.
Midland (Downtown) Kiwanis Club, noon, Midland Hilton.
East Side Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., El Rancho Grande.
TUESDAY
Petroleum Engineers' Wives Association, 10 a.m., RHCC.
Midland B&PW Club, 7:30 p.m., Community Room, Midland National Bank.
Norman Reed Chapter No. 1010, OES, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.
Articulates Toastmistress Club, 7:30 p.m., Hospitality Room, The First National Bank.
Texaso Wives Bridge and Canasta Club, 7:30 p.m., RHCC.
Tuesday Duplicate Bridge Club, 10 a.m., Knights of Columbus Hall.

Midland Palette Club, 9:30 a.m., 604 N. Colorado St.
RHCC Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m., club.
Texas T.O.P.S. Morning Chapter, 9 a.m., Christ Presbyterian Church.
Desert Winds Chapter, Sweet Adelines, Inc., 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church.
Texas T.O.P.S. Evening Chapter No. 848, 6 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church.
Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Westside Lions Den.
Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Green's Restaurant.
Pop-Up Toastmasters, 6:30 a.m., Sambo's Restaurant.
55-Plus Dance Club, 8 p.m., Tall City VFW Post No. 7208.
Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Rodeway Inn.
Midland Chapter, American Business Club, noon, Holiday Inn.
WEDNESDAY
Ladies Auxiliary to Tall City VFW Post No. 7208, 8 p.m., VFW Hall.
Play Readers Club, 1 p.m., 1911 W. Missouri St.
Woman's Wednesday Club, 2:30 p.m., Midland Woman's Club.
Modern Study Club, 1:30 p.m., Midland Woman's Club.
MCC Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m., club.
Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon, Midland Hilton.
Terminal Lions Club, 6:15 p.m., High Sky Restaurant.
Sash-a-Way Square Dance Club, 8 p.m., M-Squarens.
Tall City Optimists, 6:30 a.m., Sambo's Restaurant.
Breakfast Optimist Club, 6:30 a.m., Sambo's Restaurant.
Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Christ Presbyterian Church.

Committee for Meals on Wheels, 9 a.m., Midland Senior Center, First Christian Church.
Tall City Lions Club, 7 p.m., 305 S. Stonewall St.
Women of the Moose, 8 p.m., Moose Lodge.
Old Timers Luncheon Bridge Club, 10 a.m., Elks Club.
Social Order of Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.
Texas Chapter No. 122, T.O.P.S., 7 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church.
Recovery, Inc., 7:30 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.
Overeaters Anonymous, 1:30 p.m., St. Paul United Methodist Church.
Kiwanis Club of Midland Village, noon, Sheraton Inn.
Westside Lions Club, noon, Westside Lions Den.
Rotary Club of Midland, 11:55 a.m., Midland Hilton.
Tall Town Toastmasters, 6:15 a.m., Sambo's Restaurant.
Sun Country Gentlemen Barbershoppers, 7:30 p.m., Ramada Inn.
Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul United Methodist Church.
Wall Street Toastmasters, 7 p.m., First Savings & Loan Association.
Permian Toastmasters, noon, First Savings & Loan Association.
Midland Garden Club, 9:30 a.m., 1605 Country Club Drive.
Yucca Garden Club, 10 a.m., Lancaster Garden Center.
League of Women Voters, 9:30 a.m., MCC.
FRIDAY
MCC Ladies' Association, 12:45 p.m., clubhouse.
Southside Lions Club, noon, Southside Lions Club Building.
Midland Jaycees, noon, Rodeway Inn.



DAPHNE PEMBERTON WALKER portrays one of the most colorful characters of the Old West, sharpshooter Annie Oakley, in Midland Community Theatre's "Annie Get Your Gun." The Irving Berlin musical opens an extended run at Theatre Centre at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

McKinney featured speaker at churches



Mrs. W. L. McKinney

Public programs in two Midland churches Sunday will have Mrs. W. L. McKinney as featured speaker. Mrs. McKinney is a member of the Greater Ideal Baptist Church here.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, Mrs. McKinney will speak on "The Keys to Solvency of Present Day Problems" at the Hollowell United Methodist Church, 400 S. Marshall St. The program, open to the public, is sponsored by the Missionary Society of the church. Special music will be presented at the gathering by Mrs. Grover Sims and the Sims Singers from Antioch Baptist Church of Midland.

Mrs. McKinney's topic for a program at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 2400 E. New York St., beginning at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, will be "The Need For Dreams." The program is sponsored by the Senior Mission organization of the congregation. The public is invited.

Vatican says women may not become priests

By EDWARD MAGRI

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church will not ordain women as priests no matter what other churches do, the Vatican said, because Jesus Christ was a man and his representatives on earth must bear a "natural resemblance."

A 6,000-word declaration issued by

RELIGION

the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the orders of Pope Paul VI said the church based its decision on the attitude of Christ, who chose only males for his apostles, and that of the disciples, who chose only men as priests.

Informed sources said earlier this week that the document could open the way for women to become deacons as they were in the early days of Christianity. But an official commentary released with the declaration said the Congregation had postponed a decision on women

deacons.

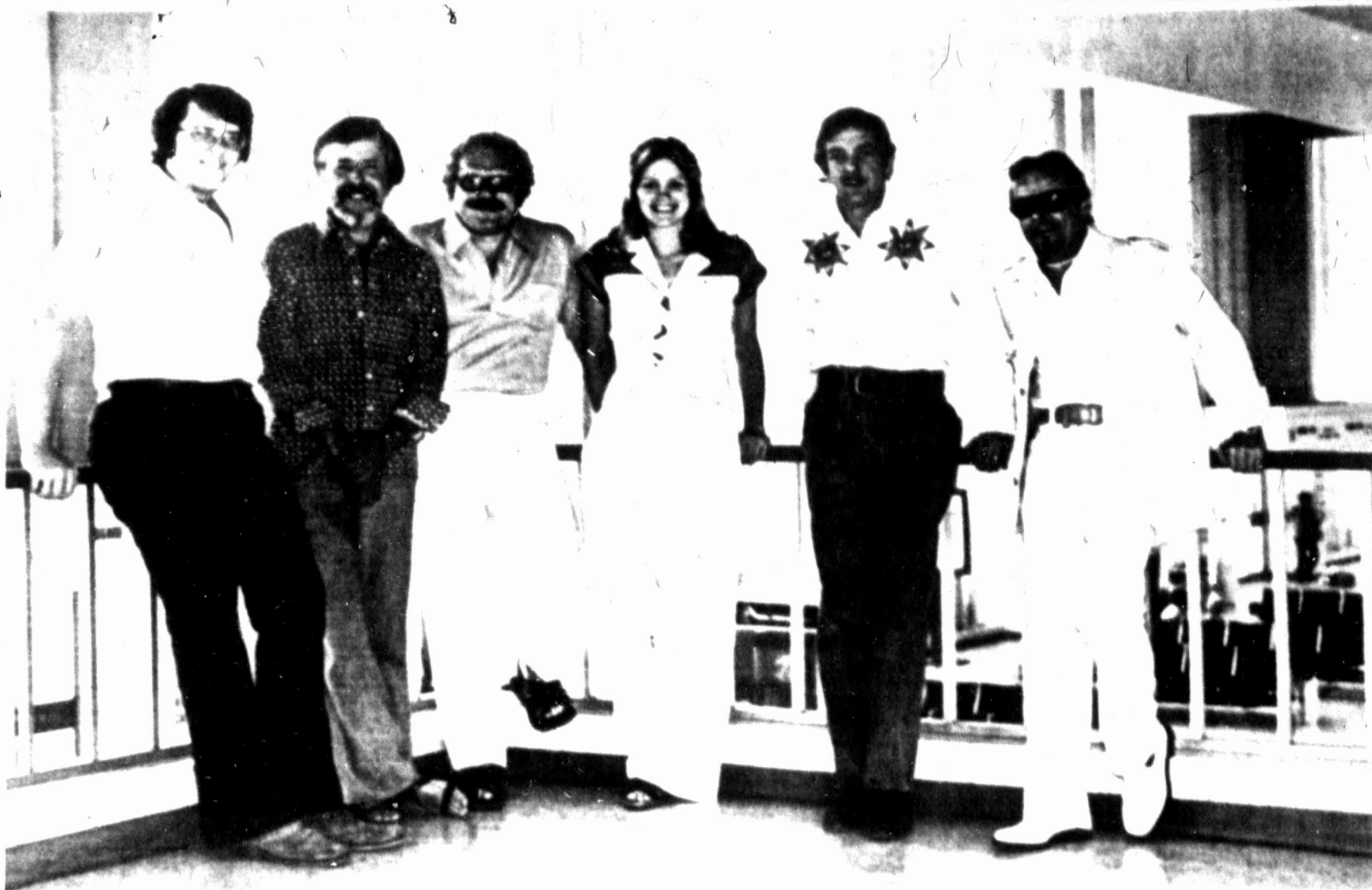
It is "a question that must be approached in a thorough way without preconceived ideas but with direct study of texts," the commentary said.

Deacons can preach, give communion and assist a priest in saying Mass but are barred from saying Mass and hearing confession, the two main rites in a Roman Catholic's religious life.

The declaration said priests and bishops represent Christ in a sacramental sense that goes beyond symbolism. A "natural resemblance" is thus required, it said quoting St. Thomas Aquinas.

Priesthood should not be discussed as a matter of social advancement or equality between sexes, the document said, adding: "It should not be forgotten that priesthood is not part of the rights of a person but depends on the...mystery of Christ and the Church."

The Vatican said the declaration was issued to dispel doubts at a time when other Christian churches, including the Episcopal Church in the United States, were opening the door for women to become ministers, pastors and priests.



Members of the Celebration Road Show are, from left to right, Terry Grosskopf, bass; Charles Hooks, clarinet-flute; director

and trumpeter Gary Miller; Laurie Seamen, piano-vocalist; Jim Beebe, trombone; and Ron Barron, drummer.

Musical ministry comes to end

By GALE TOLLIN

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Celebration Road Show is at the end of the road after covering 800,000 miles in five years of travel and musical ministry in churches, schools and night clubs.

"I'm tired of traveling," said the Rev. Gary Miller, trumpeter and director of the Dixieland band that gave thousands of performances throughout the United States.

Night club appearances "paid the freight" for the unique ministry, said Miller. He tried to accept invitations from all churches, no matter how small, and sometimes performed "for as little as a free lunch."

The band avoided "blue" material even in night clubs, and while in church combined the music with a little preaching. Miller, ordained by

the United Church of Christ, is a former parish minister at Saginaw, Mich.

He said it's his feeling he never left the clergy but found a way to extend his ministry through music. Playing in nightclubs, he said, was not incongruous.

"We never extended altar call invitations, but we always made it clear through the music we played how we feel about human rights and human relations — where we're going as a nation — the things that build more lasting and important human relationships," Miller said.

"When we have night club audiences holding hands and singing 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee' at 1:30 a.m., we know we are helping people."

A recent performance in suburban

Minneapolis was the last of 580 concerts in churches of many denominations. Another 500 performances were given in schools and colleges.

Miller, a former pro football player with the Michigan Apollos of the old Continental League and once a member of the Saginaw City Council, began his musical experiment at

worship services in 1971. The following year he organized the road show under the sponsorship — without financial support — of the UCC Board for Homeland Ministries.

At the church's General Synod meeting in St. Louis in 1973, the band had the delegates dancing in the aisles.

CHURCH NEWS ROUNDUP

Coach Hicks to speak at First Baptist Church

Bill Hicks, assistant football coach at Baylor University, will address men of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH at a noon meeting Monday.

Hicks, who is married to the former Iris Neill of Midland, has been on the Baylor coaching staff the last four years. He is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and serves as a deacon at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco. He previously was a coach at Texas A & T University and West Virginia University. Hicks played center on the Baylor University team in the early 1960s.

Kenan, pastor of Faith Temple Church.

Installation of officers

A service of renewal and dedication for the congregation of FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, scheduled during the Sunday morning worship hour, will be highlighted with an annual service of installation for church officers, including elders, deacons, deaconesses, trustees, executive committee members and departmental chairmen.

Free lecture

Midland's FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, is making plans for another of its free public lectures, an ongoing series of events.

The upcoming program, to be presented by a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, is scheduled for 12 noon on Feb. 24 in the ballroom of the Midland Hilton.

New recording

The Youth Deliverance Choir of FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH has brought out a new LP recording and members of the choir will be selling copies of the album throughout the city in forthcoming days.

The title of the new recording is "Jesus Will," said the Rev. W. C.

Evangelist to conduct services at Sheraton

Evangelist Randy Stewart and wife Brenda, of Louisville, Ky., will be Midland visitors this weekend when they hold special services Sunday morning and evening in the Sheraton Inn downtown.

The services are scheduled for 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and will be open to all interested persons.

Mr. Stewart will be preaching on "The False Prophet vs. the True Prophet in the Last Days" at the pair

of services. He also is scheduled to preach a series of services in Midland Feb. 3 through 5 at a location to be announced later.

The young evangelist will be opening a new interdenominational church in Midland, to be known as the Church of the Open Door, in the near future.

Sunday's services will be in the Golden Room of the Sheraton Inn.

Minister, elder going to India

Two representatives of Midland's North A and Tennessee Streets Church of Christ will depart Monday on an annual trip to India.

They are Bill Walker, minister of the congregation, and Ross Dawkins, an elder of the church.

Mr. Walker will be making his fifth visit to India and Dawkins will be visiting there for the fourth time.

The Midlanders will fly to New York and join a group of nine other church representatives for the flight on to India. After arrival in Bombay, they will travel to Hyderabad, capital of the state of Andhra Pradesh. The group will spend most of its time in that state visiting churches, children's homes and hospitals. The group will arrive back in the U.S. March 11.

Mark Vaughan, youth and education minister for the North A and Tennessee Streets congregation, will be fulfilling pulpit responsibilities during the absence of the minister, Mr. Walker.

New building dedication set

Midland Bible Church will dedicate its new building during Sunday morning services.

The new structure is at 2800 North A St.

Guest speaker for the service will be the Rev. Jerry Bryan, pastor of Berachab Bible Church at Amarillo. A special guest at the event will be the Rev. Robert L. Shell, regional representative of the Sudan Interior Mission.

Sunday's dedicatory event, scheduled for 10:50 a.m., will be open to the public, said Mike Halsey, pastor of Midland Bible Church.

Mass media effort unveiled

FORT WORTH — A million-dollar mass media campaign to support the evangelistic ministries of 4,400 Southern Baptist churches throughout Texas was unveiled at the denomination's annual evangelism conference here earlier this month.

More than 8,000 church leaders from all over the state were shown "Living Proof," TV and radio spot announcements that Southern Baptists predict will be seen 40 times by the average Texan this spring. The media campaign will be conducted Feb. 20-March 20 in North Texas, March 6-April 3 in South Texas and March 27 through April 24 in West Texas.



MIDLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES officers installed earlier this week to serve during 1977 are, from left, the Rev. Billy Wilkinson, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, president; Ann Johnson, member of St. Paul United Methodist

Church, second vice president; Teddy Stickney, of St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, secretary, and Paul Laverty Sr., of Trinity Presbyterian Church, treasurer. Not shown is Kathryn Tyra of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, first vice president.

COCU names two new officers

CINCINNATI, Ohio — A Methodist bishop from Georgia and a United Church of Christ regional executive from Southern California have been elected vice presidents of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), a unity movement of churches encompassing some 22 million persons.

The COCU executive committee, meeting here earlier this month, named Bishop Arthur Marshall Jr., of

Atlanta and Dr. Fred P. Register of Pasadena, Calif., to key positions in the union effort.

Current president of COCU is Dr. Rachel Henderlite of Austin, Tex., a member of the Presbyterian Church U.S. (PCUS) and longtime faculty member of Austin Presbyterian Seminary. She was named to head COCU last November.

Bishop Marshall presides over five

conferences, or geographical divisions, of the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Dr. Register is the Southern California conference minister for the United Church of Christ.

At the recent meeting, COCU's executive committee elected Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker, minister of the University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fort Worth, Texas, as executive committee secretary.

The executive committee also accepted the resignation, for personal reasons, of Dr. John H. Satterwhite, COCU's associate general secretary. A search committee has begun looking for a successor to Dr. Satterwhite.

The 10 member bodies of the Consultation on Church Union include the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church U.S., the Episcopal Church, the National Council of Community Churches, the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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Miniskirts may make restricted comeback

NEW YORK (AP) — Well, after seven years of banishment by the fashion arbiters, the miniskirt is making a comeback. Not too fast, that excuse for a dress that glorified ankle, calf, knee, thigh — and frequently a bit more.

It was the stuff of which bad jokes were made. It made an industry of pantyhose and an historical marker of the office drinking fountain.

But a comeback. Of course, here and there — what with holdouts like Mary Hartman around — the mini, like the beehive

hairdo, never went out of style.

Some Paris designers, like Pierre Cardin and Kenzo, are showing minis strictly for playwear, at the beach, on the cruizeship or at the resort. And there are some shorter cocktail dresses.

It remains to be seen whether women will approve. There surely won't be a mini revolution and, fashion experts say, few women would shuck their wardrobe of longer, comfortable skirts for frivolous frocks.

After all, some suspect the mini had a greater and more zealous following among men than among women who found it a chilly concession to vanity.

"The miniskirt or mid-thigh tunic looks sensational for playwear. It's great for the young and those with great legs," says Helen Saltzman, fashion director at Saks Fifth Avenue. "I don't believe women will be dictated to any longer, and I don't think there ever again will be one length or one style."

"Variety makes sense."

Ann Jones, fashion coordinator for Macy's of New York, says: "I don't think we'll see them except in the contemporary department, maybe in juniors, and then just a few for spring and summer."

"I don't think minis are very saleable. They're just not comfortable. The fashion customer wants longer skirts, and we have a hard time selling them if they're not long enough."

When confronted by the mini issue, men are predictably enthusiastic, often reminiscing about the magnetic minis they trailed on busy streets, up the escalator and to the filling cabinet.

But in fashion departments around the country, the sentiments are the same: Yes, minis will be about. But not in abundance. And there won't be a stampede.

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By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

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By PETER O'LOUGHLIN

NIUE (AP) — "Ladies and gentlemen," announces the pilot. On leaving Niue we will be climbing to 13,000 feet and crossing the dateline.

"Please turn your clocks back to yesterday."

For the few visitors who ever get here, the announcement says much about this tiny, remote, mid-Pacific mini-state which boasts that, being so close to the international dateline, it is permanently 23 hours behind the rest of the world.

Located 1,000 miles northeast of New Zealand and 1,500 miles southwest of Hawaii, Niue is nonetheless hoping to join the Atomic Age.

Since 1945 scientists have known that radiation readings on the island have been unusually high. For the past year an Australian company has been exploring the island looking for uranium.

Recently the company announced they had received permission from the government of Premier Robert Rex to begin drilling cores to sample the substructure of the arid island, which stands an average 90 feet above sea level.

A uranium discovery would definitely help the impoverished island, which gets six times as much aid as it earns in exports from New Zealand, which handles

its foreign affairs and defense.

In all other matters, Niue is independent, governed under a constitution by a 20-man assembly in one of the most informal administrations in the world.

The assembly never opens and never shuts. When Premier Rex wants a meeting he sends a local bus to the villages to collect his assemblymen.

The 4,000 inhabitants of Niue live mainly on the proceeds of New Zealand aid, and exports of Niueans, passion fruits and limes, roughly in that order.

There are estimated to be twice as many Niueans in New Zealand as there are in Niue and they send home money in the mail at the rate of about \$30,000 a month.

But the tiny country has big country ambitions.

"Welcome to Niue International Airport," says a sign at the brand-new, New Zealand built airport. It neglects to say that all flights — two a week — to Niue are international flights.

None of this bothers the Niueans, who are strict Methodists and serious-minded.

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ambulance. Anyone who wants to see the doctor hangs a red flag outside his house.

The island also boasts a new 20-room hotel which has dug a hole for a swimming pool, but found there was a shortage of money and water, and could not complete it.

It has no port, trading vessels unload onto lighters, which take the goods to the shore, where trucks have to travel up the steep cliff in reverse to keep the loads from sliding off.

Niue boasts a nine-hole golf course, great fishing, a radio station, a bi-weekly paper and its own much-sought-after stamps, all symbols of independence.

Third-quarter sales brisk in area cities

Gross sales from 1,550 Midland businesses amounted to \$160,455,000 during the third quarter of 1976, it was announced by Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock.

The data, collected on sales from July to September, also said Odessa had \$345,877,000 in sales from 2,495 businesses.

In other sales data from Midland-area counties: Andrews reported \$24,707,430 from 248

outlets, Crane had from 757 outlets, Martin \$9,744,916 from 106 had \$6,994,965 from 78 outlets, Dawson had outlets, Reagan had \$28,980,846 from 336 \$5,744,994 from 105 outlets, Glasscock had outlets, and Upton \$232,105 from 11 outlets, \$7,779,545 from 140 Howard had \$137,183,112 outlets.

Wetlands project under way

WASHINGTON (AP) — All coastal wetlands of the United States, as well as parts of the Dakota prairie pothole and the Mississippi delta regions, are to be mapped by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in a project now under way.

Wetlands are vital nursery areas for many forms of fish, fowl and other forms of wildlife and yet the nation's marshes and swamps are being drained and filled at an amazing rate. The last wetlands survey, covering only the lower 48 states, was made in 1954.

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