



WINNING TREE - Nurses Do. Roemisch and Freda Murray are shown with the obstetrics department's Christmas tree that won grand honors in a Christmas tree judging held Monday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Seventeen entries were in the contest. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Up One More Percent...

# Another Jump In Consumer Prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices climbed yet another 1 percent last month — a 12.7 percent annual rate — as the cost of food, housing and gasoline all rose substantially, the government

said today. November's increase in the Consumer Price Index matched the jumps for both September and October and brought inflation for the first 11 months of 1980 to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 12.5 percent, the Labor Department said.

## Obstetrics Department Wins Contest

The Christmas tree put up by the obstetrics department of Cogdell Memorial Hospital won top honors in a Christmas tree judging held Monday afternoon. The contest was limited to the hospital and the trees entered by its respective departments.

The department whose tree was judged Most Like Christmas was Medical II, and respiratory therapy's tree was Most Original. The Most Applicable to Department was housekeeping, and the Most Unusual Christmas tree was one put up by the cardiac care unit, east wing.

Boxes of fruits and nuts were presented to the winners. Seventeen entries were in the contest.

Despite the persistent inflation, a worker's real spendable income inched up 0.2 percent in November, the department reported. Over the average weekly earnings — which deduct federal taxes and social security payment — are down 5.1 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis.

The Labor Department report for November said? — Food and beverage prices rose 1.1 percent, compared with a 0.7 percent increase the month before. Beef prices climbed 0.8 percent after

declining 0.6 percent in October. Prices for pork, fish, seafood and eggs all registered substantial boosts as did fresh fruits and vegetables. Sugar shot up 7.9 percent.

—Eating out, meanwhile, cost 1 percent more than in October. While the price of alcoholic beverages went up 1.3 percent.

—Housing costs rose 1 percent, led by a 2.7 percent surge in mortgage rates and a 0.7 percent increase in the price of a home. Household

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FAREWELL PARTY - Charlie Yoast, left, outgoing county commissioner, was honored eight years as commissioner of Precinct 3, at a combined Christmas party and farewell party held Monday at the courthouse. He leaves at the end of this month, after serving eight years as commissioner of Precinct 3. Also in the photo are Hassie Sneed and Rita Staton. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Tuesday update

### Clements Collects Bean Bet

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico Gov. Bruce King says he has mailed Texas Gov. Bill Clements a 100-pound sack of beans, paying off a bet he lost on the presidential election. King, a Democrat, said Clements, a Republican, called him about two weeks before the Nov. 4 general election to compare political notes. King said at the time New Mexico would back Democrat Jimmy Carter for re-election as president, and doubted Clements could deliver Texas for Republican Ronald Reagan. Clements rose to the bait, offering to "make a small wager" — a bale of Texas cotton put up against a sack of New Mexico beans, King said. Reagan easily won both states en route to his election victory. King said last Thursday that he carried a bit in meeting his end of the bet, but Clements would not let him forget. "He called up recently to say he wanted to collect," King said.

### Factory Workers Strike

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Workers at 50 factories in Chelm, just 15 miles from the Soviet border, held a one-hour strike today to protest the amount of Christmas meat rations they received from the government, the independent trade union Solidarity said. The strike, which began at 7:15 a.m. local time, ended without opposition from local authorities, factory managers or police, Solidarity said, adding without elaboration that supplies of meat had improved in the area. Meanwhile, Solidarity said it would push for release of seven jailed dissidents, a move that could further irritate Poland's Soviet bloc neighbors, and top government officials warned that Poland's chronic meat shortages will get worse before they get better.

### Emergency Landing Made

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Eastern Airlines jumbo jet headed for Los Angeles made an emergency landing at Dulles International Airport early today because of an anonymous bomb threat, officials said. No bomb was found. Nine of the 293 passengers who were evacuated down inflatable rubber slides suffered minor injuries including bruises, scrapes and sprains, Eastern spokeswoman June Farrell said. Flight 225 was cruising at 33,000 feet en route from New York's Kennedy International Airport to Los Angeles International Airport when the pilot of the Lockheed L-1011 was told of the bomb threat, said David Hess, public affairs officer for the Federal Aviation Administration agency that runs Dulles. The plane landed at Dulles 13 minutes later, at 12:05 a.m. EST, he said.

## CRMWD Figures Close To Budget

Both revenues and expenses for the Colorado River Municipal Water District were running slightly ahead of estimates through November, but they were almost in perfect balance. Total revenues were \$7,273,321, or \$190,023 more than estimates for the first 11 months. Operating expenses amounted to \$3,879,623, or \$190,612 more than budget estimates. One interesting figure was the \$2,185,064 for electric power, which was only \$19,754 over the budget for the period despite having delivered 2.66

## Hostages To Celebrate With Priest, Minister

By The Associated Press  
Iran's hard-line Moslem government may allow a Protestant minister and a Roman Catholic priest celebrate Christmas with the American hostages, virtually assured now, of spending their second Christmas in captivity. Swiss diplomats representing U.S. interests in Tehran had said Monday they still awaited definite word from the Iranians on whether the clergymen, who both live in Iran, would be allowed to conduct services with the hostages on Christmas Day, which will be their 418th day

as captives. A reporter in Tehran said today that the Iranians have yet to release the names of the clergymen who would hold the services.

In Rome, Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capovilla said he is prepared to go to Tehran to celebrate a Christmas Mass for the hostages but is awaiting approval from the Iranians. Most of the 52 captives are Christians.

The Syrian-born prelate has made numerous trips to Iran in the past year and helped negotiate the return of the bodies of eight U.S. servicemen killed in April's failed military rescue attempt.

It will be the second captive Christmas for the American hostages since they were seized Nov. 4, 1979. The report that they might have Christmas services came

against a backdrop of renewed threats of spy trials or another debate on their fate by the Iranian Parliament, or Majlis.

Iran's Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai warned Monday that the hostage issue will be returned to the Parliament for new decisions if the United States does not meet Iran's \$24 billion demand for their release.

Rajai, in a report carried by the Syrian news agency, was quoted as saying, "The whole issue will be returned to the Parliament in order to make new decisions."



2 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

## Rate 20.5% At Chase Manhattan

NEW YORK (AP) — Chase Manhattan Bank today cut its prime lending rate by one percentage point to 20.5 percent, matching the cut announced a day earlier by Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco and fueling hopes that interest rates have peaked.

whether the declines would continue.

The reductions mark the first decline in the rate charged to top-ranked corporations since the prime fell to the year's low of 10.75 percent at some banks July 24.

Wells Fargo, the nation's 11th-largest commercial bank, cut its prime from 21 percent to 20.5 percent, effective today. A number of smaller banks cut their rates even further Monday, to 20 percent, but other major banks held to the 21.5 percent rate that swept the banking industry on Friday.

Chase, the nation's third-largest bank, said its rate reduction reflected declines in its cost of acquiring funds but added it was uncertain

## Area Begins Winding Down For Holiday

Snyder Public Schools dismissed for the Christmas-New Year holidays this afternoon, and most business firms and offices planned to join in for at least one day's respite from the daily routine on Thursday, Christmas Day. County offices were to shut down this afternoon for the remainder of the week, and the courthouse will be closed until Monday, Dec. 29.

City hall is scheduled to close around 1 p. m. Wednesday for Christmas and other local, state and federal offices will be closed for Christmas.

Snyder Schools had planned to take off two full weeks, but came back yesterday and today to make up for days lost because of snowfalls in November.

The Snyder Daily News will publish its big Christmas Eve edition tomorrow and as soon as it is off the press, the newspaper office will be closed until Friday. There will be no paper on Thursday, Christmas day.

## Ask Us

Q.—What is the city's fee for re-connecting a water meter after it has been cut off because of a delinquent bill?

A.—It costs \$10 every time they go out. Also, they caution that an unauthorized person who tampers with a water meter is subject to a \$200 fine.



SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Monday, 60 degrees; low, 27 degrees; reading at 7 a. m. today, 39 degrees; precipitation, none; total precipitation for 1980 to date, 25.70.

WEST TEXAS — Fair today, warmer south. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, turning colder north tonight. Colder most sections Wednesday. Highs 61 Panhandle to 73 Big Bend. Lows near 20 Panhandle to 37 south. Highs Wednesday 39 Panhandle to 70s Big Bend.

## Winners Of Certificates Announced

Winners of downtown merchants great gift certificate giveaway in the last drawing are: C. R. Anthony's, Sandy Fletcher, 2806 32nd Street, Snyder; Mensil-Bea Owens, Sylvia Torres, 312 25th Street, Snyder; J. C. Penney's, Janie Soliz, 610 33rd Street, Snyder; Fenton's, Don Sealy, Rt. 1, Snyder; Four Seasons, Eddie Bailey, 2808 Ave. Q, Snyder; Western Auto; Johnnie McCright, 3011 Ave. V, Snyder; Dryden's Shoes, Laddie McMillan, 3797 Ave. V, Snyder.

This concludes a four week promotion by these downtown merchants. A total of \$700.00 in gift certificates was given away.

## Decorating Prize Winners Are Told

Winners in the Snyder Jaycees' 1980 Outdoor Christmas Decorating contest were announced at noon today by Tommy Johnson, project chairman.

First prize of \$25 went to Charles Anderson, 2903 32nd St.; second prize of \$15 went to Frank Miller, 2410, Towle Park Road, and third prize of

\$10 went to Kelly Fancher, 3611 Ave. A.

"The hundreds of Snyder homes with outdoor Christmas decorations really add to the enjoyment of the Christmas season," said Johnson. "We wish to thank each person who entered the contest."

The Snyder Jaycees have sponsored the outdoor decorating contest here each Christmas season for several years.

## Traffic Deaths

### Record Is Near

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — With the Christmas holiday period still to come, San Antonio is nearing its all-time record for traffic deaths.

The city's 146th and 147th traffic fatalities were recorded on Thursday. The record of 150 was set in 1977.

## The SDN Column

We watched some of the great experiment on football telecasting Saturday, and no matter how irritating Howard is, we thought it went over only so-so.

We refer, of course, to NBC's presentation of the Miami Dolphins and New York Jets game without announcers. The viewer got no more information from the audio system of his television set than the fans in the stands. The problem was, he or she could not see as much as the fans in stands.

The portion we watched left something to be desired. For one thing, although the network displayed more information via graphics than usual, a viewer had to keep his eyes glued to the screen with much more intensity than is the case when there are announcers describing the action.

We do feel that often the announcers over-do their assignments, but we doubt that many of the mill fans are ready to apply the concentration it requires to keep abreast of the action without any audio report.

Radio people likely would endorse it. We suspect that, if announcers disappeared altogether from the television presentations, many viewers would watch the activity on the tube and keep a radio going at their side for a play-by-play report from an announcer.

Granted, also, this first experiment might have had a better reception if it had been tried on Monday night, but then we would have missed The Giff and Dandy Don.



While watching a segment of the almost-silent Dolphin-Jet game, we pondered the question of which announcers we would have preferred if we had the privilege of selecting them. In our estimation, the best "team" going is composed of Pat Summerall and Tom Brookshier, with Frank Gifford and Dandy Don running a close second. Where does that leave Howard? At the boxing matches where he is ex-coach to Langush in obscurity.

We also picked our top and bottom ex-coach commentators, and if someone had told us four or five months ago that our top man in this category would be John Madden, we would have laughed. But that's the way it is.

Who is the worst? George ("we always did it this way") Allen, of course.

Madden has surprised us, especially with his objectivity and his ability to project his knowledge of the game in a highly professional manner.



Now that the old year is slipping closer to oblivion, if you would like to look ahead, five University of Missouri ag engineers have made this prediction for the year 2025:

More small, self-sufficient farms ringing cities in greenbelts, electronically controlled solar-powered devices for farmers, more food processing at the farm level to reduce energy needs.



The cactus patch philosopher says if you chase happiness too much, you're going to find misery running along beside you.—WACIL McNAIR



## HERMLEIGH NEWS

By ADALA DRENNAN

The Order of the Eastern Star of Hermleigh had their annual Christmas dinner party at the community center Dec. 13.

Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings were served to approximately 75 members and their guests.

After enjoying the delicious meal, Harley Bynum, the Worthy Patron of the Hermleigh chapter introduced Charlotte Patterson of Know City who sang two Christmas songs, after which the entire group sang carols.

Others introduced were Greg Crawford, Worshipful Master of Dun Lodge 74941; Bill N. Melott, Worshipful Master of Hermleigh Lodge 74987; Rite Worshipful Roy A. "Baldy" Cox, District Deputy Grand Master of 79th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Texas; J.C. Williamson, Scurry Lodge 74706, Past District Deputy of the 79th.

Roy Cox introduced Bynum of Scurry Lodge No. 706. Past District Deputy of the 79th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Witta, Bobby and Darlene Hamrick, Eddie and Nora Galvan, Allen and Angeletta Barrera, Paula Munoz, Edith Wilkerson and Amy Horton of Loraine and Cecil and Sharon Nixon were guests at the Christmas dinner party hosted by the O.W. Richburgs in their home last Saturday evening. After the dinner hour, Ms. Nixon held the group spellbound as she presented lovely Christmas stories.

Visiting the Richburgs Sunday were Ruth Blair, Elva Smith and Vanda Martin of Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wall visited on Sunday night.

Word has been received that Vertna Lee, a former resident of Hermleigh, has fallen and broken two bones in a foot. She is in the hospital in Sonora which is in connection with the Lillian Hudspeth Home, P.O. Box 455.

The Needlecraft Club met last Tuesday with seven members attending, including Roxie Soules, Elree Baremore, Oleta Jackson, Rachel Lassiter, Dorothy Martin, Rella Young and Adala Drennan.

Guests were Drew Swentisky of Lubbock, Mary Neal Mayo, and Marlene Richburg. During the day, members discuss childhood memories of past Christmases as far back as they could recall.

All hung up their stockings on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Martin mentioned the fact

that her mother had told her if she wasn't good, Santa may just leave her a switch. Sure enough, Christmas morning, among her other gifts was a handful of switches.

Adala Drennan said they joined all the neighbors and their children at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dressler on Christmas Eve. Incidentally, Mr. Dressler was the first baker in San Angelo and also had the first bakery in Sweetwater.

The night before Christmas Eve all the adults gathered in the Dressler living room to decorate a huge cedar tree which reached the ceiling. All the little ones were kept in the back of the house and entertained by a few older boys and girls.

They were not allowed to see the Christmas tree until they were told Santa was on his way.

The lights were turned out and all the kids were herded down a long hall into the living room where the beautiful trimmed tree was aglow with burning candles.

Sometimes I think the sight of the brilliantly lighted tree with all its glitter and charm was more thrilling than even Santa himself.

Although three years older than brother Paul Dressler Lassiter, I vividly recall Paul shaming me for being afraid of Santa Claus. Somehow, I was proud of the gifts yet kept

my distance from the old fellow.

Rachel Lassiter said her daddy, the late Bud Shoemaker, discovered a cob in his sock; which tickled all the other brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Bill Boyce, formerly of Hermleigh and now of Aspermont, visited Mrs. Eva Mae Brackeen last Tuesday.

Wednesday evening, members of the Central Baptist Church met in the educational building for their Christmas dinner and fellowship.

The building was beautifully decorated with lovely poinsettia and holly. Eula Farr was a guest. Little Chris Roemisch, grandson of the Julius Roemisch's, sang a solo after which Christmas songs were sung by the entire group. Rev. Smith brought an inspirational message of the true meaning of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Barfoot and Eva May Brackeen shopped in Odessa Wednesday and visited the Kenneth Brackeen's in Midland on their way home.

Fleet Anderson, who is in Cogdell Hospital, is showing gradual improvement.

Just a thought, when has the word Xmas been seen in print? The word Christmas, bearing our Saviour's name should never have been shortened and I am pleased the word is not being abbreviated.

Merry Christmas!

The original dome of the Capitol in Washington D.C. was made of wood covered with copper, and was replaced by the present cast iron dome in 1865.



**THE BRIGHTEST STAR**—Susan Scott's sixth grade combined with Martha's Floyd's first grade and the sixth grade choir to present "The Brightest Star," a Christmas play to parents and teachers Dec. 15. The cast included (kneeling left) Kristen Walton as Mary; Karl Menniges as Joseph; Michael Risenhoover, Chris McGee and Ronnie Lickey as Wise Men,

and Brian Warren and Anne Eavers as shepherds. Others were (second row left) narrator's Benjie Fishman, Donny Langford, Leslie Light, Ginger Bryan, Sherrie Hataway and fishermen Deanne Hood and Christy Bruns. Supporting angels were (top left) Camille Reed, Kristi Mars, Angela Franklyn, Janice Gpdair, Lucy Diaz and Vicie Fletcher. (SDN Staff Photo)



**HEAVENLY HOSTS**—The West Elementary Sixth Grade Choir served as the "heavenly hosts" for the play, "The Brightest Star," presented to parents and friends by the choir, Susan Scott's sixth grade and Martha Floyd's first grade. Mary Lou

Scott accompanied the group on the piano. The play was presented during the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting Dec. 15. (SDN Staff Photo)

At the turn of the century, fans drove up the price of the demand for ostrich bird's feathers to \$300 a pound.



The Congregation of First United Methodist Church 27th and College invites you to a Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service of Worship 6 p.m., December 24

## BRIDGE

### Lady luck saves declarer

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By Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag

The late Kenneth Konstam was one of England's greatest bridge players who was particularly effective in rubber bridge play.

His three-notrump call was optimistic as was his spade cue bid and he found himself

in a grand slam contract. The first three tricks went to king of hearts, king and queen of diamonds. West showed out and it was an easy matter to finesse against East's jack and run the rest of the suit. Then Konstam cashed the ace of spades just to see if West would follow. Needless to say, he didn't and now the complete count of everyone's distribution was available. West had been dealt eight hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

Konstam led a club toward dummy and went up with the ace to pick up West's singleton king and bring the grand slam home.

East was bitter and accused Konstam of having peeked in his hand.

The accusation had no merit. Konstam had learned that the clubs were going to split 4-1. Hence, there was no way to make his contract unless East's singleton club was the king. A slim chance is better than no chance at all, so Konstam had availed himself of the slim chance.

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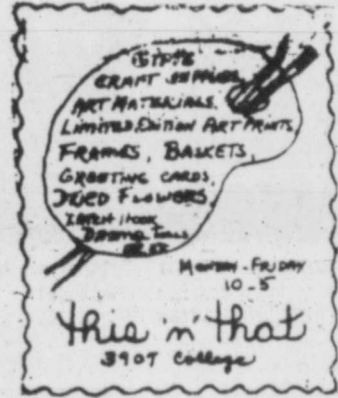
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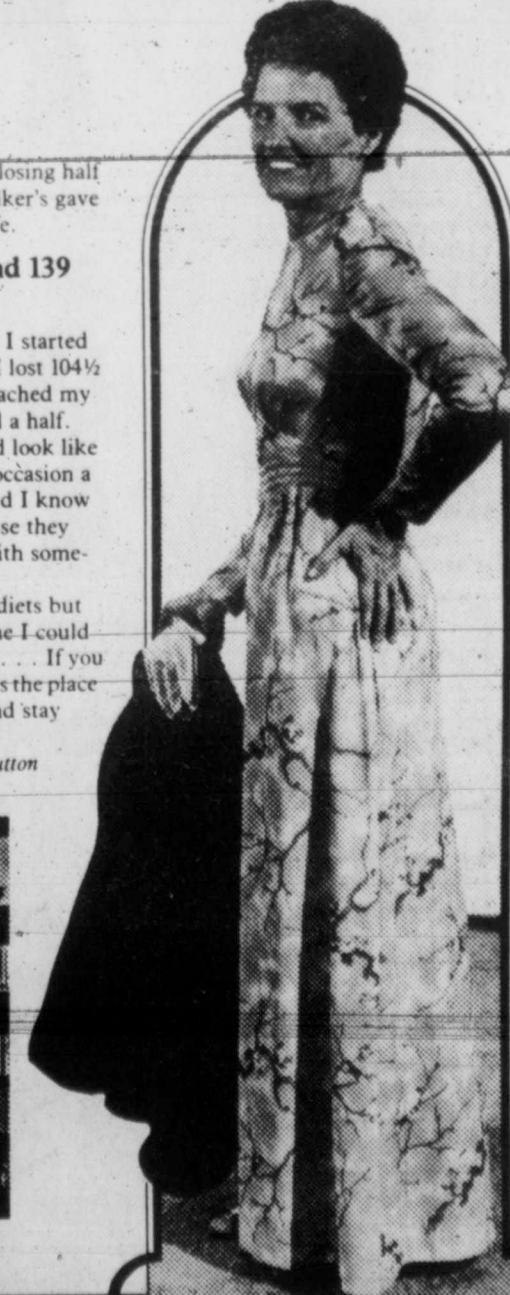
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### Sweet Tooth Pushing Up Corn Price

WASHINGTON (AP) — Corn prices are the highest in six years and one reason is the nation's sweet tooth.

To be sure, this year's skimpy harvest, caused by drought and hot weather last summer, is the big reason for the high prices. And overseas demands are pointing to another record year for exports.

But corn starch also is a source of sweeteners that are much in demand among U.S. food processors, including those that make soft drinks.

In all, says the Agriculture Department, about 465 million bushels of corn will be used by the "wet milling" industry this year, an increase of about 5 percent from 1979.

Looking ahead, the department's latest "Sugar and Sweetener Report" said more than 500 million bushels of corn will be used in 1981 by the wet-milling industry, a further gain of about 8 percent from this year.

Around 70 percent of the starch recovered by the wet-milling process goes into corn sweeteners, with the remainder sold as corn starch and dextrin.

"This does not include the corn dry-milled for corn chips, tacos and similar products, or the corn used to produce industrial alcohol," the report said.

One reason for the popularity of corn sweeteners is that sugar prices have been high as a result of a declining world supply. That is particularly the case for one kind of sweetener known as high fructose corn syrup, called HFCS in the trade.

"Per capita consumption of corn sweeteners for food use is expected to total about 41 pounds (dry basis) in 1980, up about four pounds from 1979," the report said.

"Most of the increase will be in HFCS, from 15.4 pounds to nearly 19 pounds."

For the first time, it said, the per capita consumption of HFCS will exceed that of glucose corn syrup, traditionally the most popular sweetener made from corn.

By comparison, per capita consumption of sugar this year is expected to average 87.2 pounds, down from 91.1 in 1979.

"Corn sweetener prices in 1981 will likely average above 1980 levels, and could increase significantly as corn and other energy prices rise appreciably," the report said.

"HFCS prices will continue to be largely determined by the price of sugar, a close alternative sweetener in many industrial uses."

The report added that this year's corn crop of 6.46 billion bushels, down 17 percent from the 1979 record harvest of 7.76 billion bushels, probably "means that corn prices will likely continue high" for some time.

"Prices of valuable corn refiner products can also be expected to increase, benefiting corn wet-millers financially," it said.



Dear Abby

### Staggered Voting Hours Won't Pit East Vs. West

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I know I speak for thousands of voters in California, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii who were outraged when President Carter conceded the election before the voting was over, causing candidates on both sides to lose votes. I think the networks should be forbidden by law to make any prediction based on early returns.

DISGUSTED IN OREGON

DEAR DISGUSTED: Congressman Mario Biaggi, a Democrat from New York, has a better idea: "Make Sunday Election Day, a day of duty to God and country." (It's done in Europe, where voting turnouts of 90 percent are common.) "On Sunday, a non-working day for most, voting hours could be staggered so the results in the East would not be available earlier than in the West.

"The Eastern states would vote from 11 a.m. till 8 p.m. The Western states would vote from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. And in Hawaii, the polls would open at 6 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. This system would prevent the results from the East from affecting the voters in the West. And Sunday voting would increase voter participation."

Hooray for Biaggi. Another sensible suggestion, from Los Angeles, is: Vote as usual, but don't start counting the votes until all voting is concluded.

DEAR ABBY: What is wrong with me? I love to move! We've been married for 20 years, and I'm ashamed to tell you how many times we've moved. All in the same town, too. I'm never satisfied. Once we're moved and settled I start looking for another house. My husband is very good about it and goes along with it just to please me.

We just moved into a nice house, and I'm already looking around. All this moving is very expensive. We have three teen-aged children who were against all the moves, but we moved anyway.

My husband helps, but I do most of the packing and unpacking. I just love hard work. Sometimes I wonder if I'm not a little crazy. Everyone I know hates to move, but I love it.

Have you ever had a letter like this? And do you think I should have my head examined?

LOVES TO MOVE

DEAR LOVES: No, I've never had a letter like yours, and it wouldn't hurt to have your head examined. It may not put an end to your moving, but at least you'll know why you love it.

DEAR ABBY: KEEPING THE PEACE wrote to say that she and her husband's family had vast disagreements when it came to politics and related social issues, so in order to keep every family gathering from erupting into a noisy battle, she kept her mouth shut. She said, "Afterward I felt guilty because my children are old enough to understand the talk, and I don't want some of the erroneous and bigoted statements made by my husband's family to go unchallenged."

You replied, "A noisy battle involving politics is much healthier for children than the choked-off silence you're maintaining in the interest of peace and quiet. Silence implies agreement."

Abby, I grew up in a politically active family and I consider the experience valuable. I highly recommend that KEEPING THE PEACE should challenge any views she considers bigoted or wrong. She owes it not only to herself, but to her children.

Coincidentally, the day I read that provocative item in your column, I saw the following quote displayed in the office of Judge C.V. Sanders, Shepherdsville, Ky.:

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it." (Joseph Joubert).

JULIA B. BARRY, LOUISVILLE, KY.

DEAR JULIA AND JUDGE SANDERS: Thank you for a valuable contribution to this column.

Do you have questions about sex, love, drugs and the pain of growing up? Get Abby's new booklet: "What Every Teen-ager Ought to Know." Send \$2 and a long, stamped (28 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Abby, Teen Booklet, 132 Lasky Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

# Texas Avoids Speed Limit Fine

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas motorists, thanks to a change in the way federal officials manipulate speed limit data, now meet the minimum compliance rate required to avoid a \$7 million penalty.

The state came into compliance Monday when officials plugged the numbers into the new formula sent down from Washington. Under the old formula the Texas compliance rate was 34 percent, below the required 40 percent.

However, those same numbers add up to a 43 percent compliance rate in the new formula, which takes into account possible speedometer error of 5 mph.

The revised formula was passed down to the state by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration.

"This gives us another year's grace," said Gene Sparks, assistant chief engineer of safety and maintenance operations for the state highway department.

### Tests Being Performed On Dead Geese

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A state game warden says that 500 geese found dead at a playa lake in the northern Panhandle may have been poisoned.

Tests were being conducted at the Texas A&M veterinary diagnostic center in Amarillo to determine what killed the birds while they were at a lake near Etter, about 50 miles north of here.

"Botulism wipes out numbers of ducks now and then, but this is the first goose kill in Moore County," said Brooks, who added that he found several hunters stacking and counting the dead geese when he went out to the lake Thursday.

The hunters told Brooks that they had been at the lake the day before and the goose population had appeared healthy.

Brooks said the tests ruled out cholera as the cause of death and further results are not expected before next week.

About 40,000 to 50,000 Canadian geese migrate to Moore County every winter, Brooks added.

France left the League of Nations in 1941.

Non-compliance with the required minimum could bring a penalty of 5 percent of federal funds. That would mean about \$7 million for Texas, Sparks said.

"It looks like we'll make it this year," Sparks said. "We'll barely make it."

Texas barely made the 1979 required 30 percent compliance rate.

In 1981, at least 50 percent of Texas motorists must observe the national speed limit to avoid the penalty.

Driving 55 mph has been a constant battle for Texans faced with long, often dull stretches of highway between big cities.

Two months ago, when the penalty seemed a certainty Department of Public Safety Director Jim Adams said the

state's "education and enforcement effort" had not sparked the response needed to meet the compliance rate.

Adams said Monday he was pleased the penalty no longer looms over Texas. He said Texas should not be penalized because a major effort is underway to bring down speeds.

"My feeling is anything that helps us avoid sanctions is good because we are vigorously enforcing the speed limit. We have shown great success in bringing top speeds down," he said.

The 65 mph barrier is being cracked by only 10 percent of Texas motorists now, Adams said.

The DPS director said the 50 percent compliance required in 1981 would be a difficult goal for Texas. "It'll be a battle," he said.

"I think we should be given some special consideration. If we were ignoring the speed limit that would be something else, but we're not," Adams said.

# Death Subject Of PBS Series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anyone who's seen any of Jonathan Miller's 13-part PBS series on the human body, "The Body in Question," won't be surprised that in tonight's final episode, Miller considers death in a most forthright manner, without euphemisms.

But even the steadiest Miller fans, accustomed to his off-hand style while probing livers and spleens, might flinch a bit.

Tonight, Miller and a colleague open a corpse. They squeeze the liquid-filled lungs of the departed fellow, carve up his liver, slice into his heart. This "is neither frightening or repulsive," Miller assures, "it's simply a necessary part of our medical knowledge."

Miller makes a post-mortem seem like a grand mystery, repeatedly emphasizing that only in death can "the causes of pain, decay and disability in life be observed in minute detail... so, in the history of medicine, it was only possible to understand the ordeals of the living after we'd made the decision to open the dead."

Idly chatting as they remove and inspect the corpse's organs, Miller and his pathologist pal indulge in a little pathologist's humor. Miller notes that the deceased's liver was enlarged, but it wasn't quite the classic "nutmeg liver."

"For some reason," he notes, "pathologists seem to have this... tendency to name things after food," his friend adds.

"Yes," says Miller, "a whole meal can be had."

By this time, you've either agreed that there's nothing frightening or repulsive about this business, or you're wiped out by the sight of two guys digging around in the innards of a stiff.

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Burglaries At Rig Sites Probed

The Scurry County Sheriff's Office reported it is investigating the burglary of four rig doghouses.

Stolen was winter clothing, said deputies.

The rigs were located one mile east of the country club, 1.5 miles north of Union, four miles north of Halliburton, and 10 miles north of Snyder on the Clairmont Highway.

The breakins occurred Sunday night.

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# Bag Lady Heir To Fortune

NEW YORK (AP) — Bearrice Bauer, 66, spent nearly 20 years living in a succession of rooming houses, sidewalks and a garage before she was found in Grand Central Station, dehydrated and suffering from malnutrition.

But she was heir to a fortune, and now a court official is charging that her \$3.7 million estate is being mishandled.

Special Guardian William Goodstein says he is fighting to give the woman "a chance to live a more fulfilling life."

The woman is the daughter of the late Arthur Bauer, a pharmacist who liquidated his drug stores and invested in the Defiance Button Machine Co. of Queens.

His wife inherited his estate when he died in 1945, and she passed it on in 1951 to her daughter, who has no brothers

or sisters and never married. Miss Bauer spent her life in the family apartment near Columbia University until she was evicted in the early 1960s because of a Health Department complaint. She had many cats and dogs in the apartment, some of them dead.

She apparently bounced from rooming house to rooming house, and her last known residence was a Manhattan garage.

Despite her eccentric lifestyle, she attended a board meeting of the Defiance company as late as 1977.

Found in the train station two years ago, she told doctors she had been sleeping in the subway for three days.

She was declared incompetent, and two conservators were appointed to handle her affairs.



## HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

### No OK for prescription

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am an air traffic controller, male, age 53. I've had duodenal ulcers for 25 years (spring and fall type). Neither Proganthine with Maalox, nor a strict bland diet seemed to help. I experienced severe pain and nausea, plus loss of sleep due to pain in the middle of the night. Surgery was suggested and I refused.

Along came Tagamet. One tablet four times a day for 30 days and I became a new person. No pain, no nausea, solid sleep and naturally, a great change in personality. A few months after I stopped Tagamet, the symptoms returned. My doctor put me back on Tagamet and I was normal again. When I quit Tagamet the symptoms returned. I asked for an open prescription for Tagamet and my doctor was reluctant but finally gave me one for a year. I took one pill before going to bed and one before work and I felt great. Now my prescription has expired and again he is reluctant to give me an open prescription. He'd like to help but he is wary.

In view of my history, would you cooperate with a patient like me and allow an open prescription?

DEAR READER — No. Your doctor is concerned because at this date the studies of using Tagamet on a long-term basis for more than eight weeks have not been reported. We don't yet know what the long-term effects are. However, your doctor

might be more willing to put you on a low dosage maintenance level if you agree to regular check-ups to be sure you don't develop significant complications, such as a low white blood cell count. He might also agree to a longer term treatment if you agree to gastroscopic studies to see if your ulcer is healed or not.

Tagamet has proved to be a very useful medicine in the short-term treatment of ulcers and continued low dosage has been used to prevent recurrences. There is much more to treating an ulcer, though, that could be important in your case. These measures are discussed in The Health Letter number 15-10, Understanding Ulcers and Acidity, which I am sending you. Others who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

Careful attention to lifestyle and diet plus the judicious use of antacids and other medicines may mean you won't need to stay on Tagamet to avoid ulcer symptoms.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am a 20-year-old male and have varicose veins in the sack of my left testicle. I've had this ever since the age of 15. I would like to know if this is unusual or if you have ever heard about anything like this. I have seen two doctors about it but they said it was nothing to worry about. Can this affect my sex life? What do you suggest I do?

DEAR READER — It is quite common. Some are mild or small and others are quite large. Sometimes they can cause aching discomfort upon standing a long time. The veins to the testicle are important in controlling the local temperature. When the temperature gets too high the involved testicle may not produce viable sperm. With one normal testicle that is not likely to be a problem. Otherwise a varicocele, as these are called, will not interfere with your sex life. If a man is sterile because of a varicocele, it (the varicocele) can be removed.

## Says Federal Report...

# Southwest Should Plan To Diversify Economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diversification of the energy-dominated economy of the Southwest could prevent trouble in the future when resources run out, says a federal report.

"Although the Southwest region currently is fiscally and economically healthy, troublesome trends strongly indicate that long-range planning is needed," the General Accounting Office study said.

The report suggested that little attention is being paid to the need to plan for diversification because rising energy prices are stimulating the regional economy and bringing additional revenues to state treasuries.

"With rising energy prices, the region's potential overdependence on this industry is masked by current economic prosperity," the report said.

The study examined the state budgets and economies of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma and the federal planning agencies that have made funds available to local and state governments.

"Our basic message is that the several, existing federal planning assistance programs should include a focus on potential fiscal and economic base dislocations in the Southwest stemming from declining petroleum production and reserves levels," the report said.

As an example, it pointed to the economic troubles that New England ran into after the textile industry relocated to the South.

"To a large extent, a region's long-term fiscal and economic vitality and resiliency depend upon diversification," the study said. "Appropriate means exist for encouraging diversification through planning, decisions and policies."

The study added that federal planning agencies could urge the state and the

region to emphasize planning, even though most of the decisions take place below the federal level.

The study said Congress should be interested in the issue because massive federal aid eventually could be needed to help the Southwest — just as New York City needed help in the last decade — if the potential problems are not avoided.

"By encouraging long-term planning, the federal government can help to avert problems in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana resulting from diminishing, non-renewable oil and gas resources," the report said.

It noted that Texas Gov. Bill Clements recently started a comprehensive planning project to pinpoint the state's

requirements for the year 2000.

"Two issues already identified as needing attention are the long-range consequences of shifts in the composition of Texas' economy and the impacts of declining oil and gas reserves on state revenues," the report said.

Of the three states examined, Louisiana was the most dependent on oil and gas revenue, with almost \$33 collected per person for each \$1,000 of state personal income. The figure was \$15 for Texas and \$14 for Oklahoma.

Petroleum and related industries represented 7 percent of Texas employment in 1977 and 11 percent of its payroll.

## Courses Help Fill Management Jobs

There is a continuing need for men and women trained for supervisory and management positions, and the mid-management program at Western Texas College helps provide this personnel.

Mid-management students receive classroom instruction and put this material into practice by working a minimum of 20 hours per week in an approved job. Persons already employed are invited to talk with mid-management instructors about receiving credit while they continue their present part-time or full-time jobs.

Mid-management courses scheduled during day time hours at WTC this spring are Retailing (MGT 133), a management seminar (MGT 239), and four internship courses. Evening classes also are available.

Retailing is a new course

just added to the mid-management curriculum and will be taught by Bob Hays from 9:15-10:15 a. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This course is designed to introduce the beginning management student to the function of purchasing, pricing, the utility of goods and services, and the channels of distribution.

Frank Cannon will teach management seminar in classes meeting from 12 noon to 1 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The seminar involves the solving of management problems. The role of administration strategy and planning, organizing, decision making, leadership, communication and control are topics included.

Registration for the spring semester is scheduled Jan. 19-20, with classes beginning Jan. 21.

## Impact Statement Said Unbalanced

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Air Force impact statement on the proposed MX missile program is unbalanced and makes Texas-New Mexico appear more suitable than Utah-Nevada as a site for the nuclear weapons

system, says a Panhandle environmental group.

"The whole (statement) was based on issues related to Nevada and Utah," said Carrol Wilson, spokesman for the Panhandle Environmental Awareness Committee.

"The result is that the Texas-New Mexico area comes off as a far better environmental location for the MX system," he said Monday during a press conference at the group's Amarillo headquarters.

Wilson says the study, released last week, tries to fit a "square missile system into a round high plains hole."

He added that the study does not provide a fair assessment of the two possible sites for the multi-billion dollar military installation.

The Utah-Nevada portion of the environmental impact statement took two years to complete and contained information gathered during 12 public hearings, Wilson said.

By contrast, the independent firm conducting the study spent only six months studying the Panhandle and the Northeast New Mexico area, he added.

Wilson said the statement had insufficient information for Texas and New Mexico about the MX system's impact on land values and did not detail housing requirements.

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# Despite Season, Gloom Hangs Over Quake Area

By ROBERT MCCARTNEY, Associated Press Writer

ROME (AP) — Shepherds play their bagpipes as usual this holiday season in the mountain villages of southern Italy. But the traditional music of Christmas does little to dispel the gloom for the tens of thousands of Italians still shivering in unheated tents one month after their homes were shattered in the sudden fury of an earthquake.

"How can we enjoy ourselves when there are still bodies under the rubble?" asked Giovanni Pionati, mayor of the quake-ravaged town of Avellino.

The holidays will be grim for most survivors of the Nov. 23 quake, despite some progress in government efforts to bring in campers or arrange temporary lodging in buildings for the more than 200,000 left homeless.

Family and friends will miss the nearly 3,000 who died in the tremor — the deadliest in Europe in 65 years. Soldiers and firemen are still digging for at least 71 bodies known to lie beneath shattered buildings.

Hundreds of survivors are suffering from bronchitis, pneumonia or other respiratory ailments brought on by freezing temperatures and winter rains, health officials report. Two children, aged two months and two years, died this week from illnesses blamed on the cold penetrating the tent cities that fill almost every soccer field, public park or other open space east of Naples.

Giuseppe Zamberletti, the government's chief of relief operations, narrowly escaped being fired last week after local mayors complained that he wasn't answering their phone calls or paying attention to their needs.

Despite the problems, relief officials report some progress in moving the homeless out of tents. They don't yet have specific figures, but estimate that in the past two weeks at least 50,000 people have moved into trailers, schools or other public buildings, or homes of relatives or friends. Some officials cautiously predict no one will be living in tents by the end of January.

So far, however, the government's two biggest housing plans for the area have flopped. Initially Zamberletti wanted to evacuate the homeless to

hotels on the coast, with the government paying full room and board. Officials say only 4,000 people have taken advantage of the offer, partly because they fear they won't be able to return to their towns or earn a living in new surroundings.

The government then proposed moving people to empty vacation homes, but only 88 homeowners agreed to hand over their keys.

An estimated 50,000 people

have left the area on their own to live with relatives elsewhere in Italy, or in Switzerland or West Germany.

The state is now focusing on efforts to build prefabricated houses in people's own towns, but Zamberletti admitted that even this idea isn't popular.

"They want us to rebuild the homes they had before, but we can't be asked to do the impossible," he told reporters.

## Gifts Stolen From Tree

Burglaries and minor traffic accidents topped police reports.

Becky Taylor, 901 30th St., who yesterday reported her house had been burglarized, called police back to inform that, in addition to a citizen's band radio she originally reported to be stolen, a man's western suit and \$30 in cash had also been taken.

Wayne Kennedy at Stanfield Elementary reported eight Christmas gifts had been stolen from under a Christmas tree there. No dollar estimate of that loss was available.

The first traffic accident was at 8:10 a.m. in the 2300 block of Ave. C. Involved in it were a 1977 AMC driven by Beatriz Puente and a 1976 Dodge pickup owned by the city and driven by Lloyd Merritt. Working it was Sgt. Jerry Parker.

Buddy Kinney worked a wreck occurring at 8:11 a.m. in the 800 block of North College. There, a 1978 Toyota driven by Alice Caffey and a 1978 GMC driven by Floyd Collins collided.

Kinney worked a wreck occurring shortly after 10 a.m. in the 1700 block of College Ave. Reports show a 1978 Datsun driven by Elizabeth Lyons and a 1977 Ford driven

## Lutherans Plan Christmas Service

Grace Lutheran Church, 5500 College Ave., will have a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Herbert Zimmerman of Roscoe, who serves as pastor of the congregation.

The community is invited to share in this service celebrating the birth of Jesus.



## Midday Stocks

By The Associated Press

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Am Airline	9 1/4	9	9
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Borden	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Brit Pet	40 1/2	40	40 1/2
Burling Ind	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
CaterpTr	58 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2
Celanese	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Chrysler	5	4 1/2	4 1/2
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CocaCola	33 1/2	33	33
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SunComp s	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Texaco Inc	50 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
TexCom Bn	67 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2
Texas Inst	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Tex Util	19 1/2	19	19
Texagulf	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
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UAL Inc	17 1/2	16 1/2	17
UNC Res	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Un Carbide	51 1/2	51	51 1/2
UnPacCp s	79 1/2	78 1/2	79
Uniroval	5	5	5
US Steel	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Westing El	29 1/2	28 1/2	29
Xerox Cp	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2

## Cotton

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures No. 2 were lower at midday dealings today. The average price for strict low middling 1 & 1-16 inch spot cotton advanced 162 points to 88.24 cents a pound Monday for the nine leading markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were \$1.25 to \$4 a bale lower than the previous close. Mar 94.30, May 94.95, Jul 94.50, Oct. 88.60, Dec 85.00

## Grain

CHICAGO (AP) — Wheat No. 2 hard red winter 4.23 1/2 Tuesday; No. 2 soft red winter 4.53. Corn No. 2 yellow 3.63 1/2 (hopper) 3.51 1/2 (box). Oats No. 2 heavy 2.24 1/2 n. Soybeans No. 1 yellow 7.75 1/2 n. No. 2 yellow corn Monday was quoted at 3.61 1/2 n (hopper) 3.49 1/2 n (box).

## Henry Fonda Feels 'Better'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Henry Fonda, hospitalized for two weeks for tests of a new medication used in conjunction with a heart pacemaker, will probably be leaving Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in a few days, says hospital spokeswoman Virginia Bohannon. She said the 75-year-old actor was "feeling better" Monday, and that "he probably won't be here much longer." "His doctor said a few days," she added. Fonda had a pacemaker implanted in 1974. The hospital has said that the actor was not ill.

## Prices Jump Another Percent

(Continued From Page 1) fuels, however, fell 1.1 percent on top of October's 0.5 percent decline. —Financing an automobile cost 3 percent more in November because of ever rising interest rates. Meanwhile, new car prices rose slightly following a 1.5 percent decline in October. —Gasoline prices jumped another 0.9 percent after rising 0.3 percent in October. Before then, they had fallen

for five consecutive months. —Medical care costs increased 0.6 percent, the smallest rise since June. —The cost of apparel and its upkeep increased 0.3 percent, following a 0.5 percent October boost.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported Monday that people's incomes stayed barely above the inflation rate. The department reported Monday that personal spending rose 1.2 percent in November.

The Labor Department's Consumer Price Index last month stood at 256.2 before seasonal adjustment. That means that what cost \$100 in 1967 sold for \$256.20 in November.

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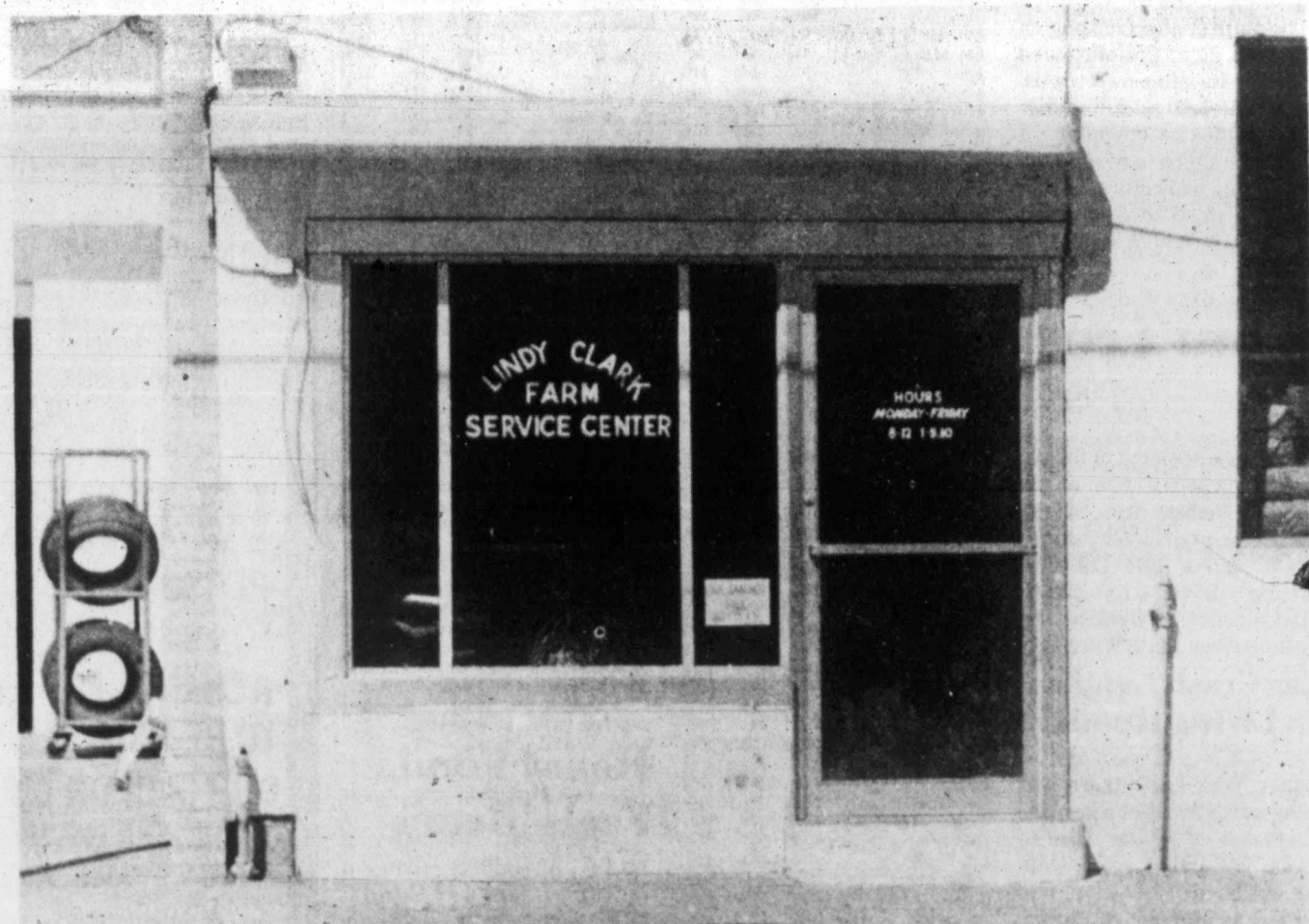
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**PROPANE SPECIALISTS** The folks at Lindy Clark Farm Service Center, 1609 25th St., are specialists when it comes to metered delivery of propane gas. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Lindy Clark Farm Service Can Meet Winter's Bigger Demands

During the winter time, folks use a great deal more propane, and the staff at Lindy Clark Farm Service Center is prepared to keep up with the demand.

Whether your propane use is for the home or the farm, Lindy Clark is a specialist when it comes to metered

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they offer same day and after hour delivery in emergency situations. The Center also sells tanks for your convenience. Hook-up is offered on tanks purchased from Lindy Clark.

Secretary Joy Keller will take your phone orders and delivery is handled by Marvin Collier.

Lindy Clark Farm Service Center is located at 1609 25th St. and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5:30 p.m. Call them at 573-3516.

The staff at the Center wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**BUD ENGLAND** is shown with the Success line of calendar and Office Supply in Snyder Shopping Center. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Pick Year End And New Year Items At Bud's Office Supply

The calendar is running out on 1980, and Bud's Office Supply has the 1981 Success calendars for you now!

A good supply of desk calendars, appointment books, diaries and other items for 1981 may be found at the firm.

The end of the year means you may be needing new ledger sheets, columnar sheets, binders, file folders or storage and transfer files. Anything you may need for your year-end bookkeeping may be found at Bud's.

Also now is a good time to buy your Christmas cards for next year. They now are 25 per-cent off at Bud's. If your adding machine is printing like it needs a new

ribbon, you better stock up before it is time to make your 1980 income tax return. Adding machine and typewriter ribbons are in plentiful supply.

Bud's also has scrapbooks and photo albums for all those Christmas pictures.

If your business makes use of a copy machine they, carry copy machine supplies, including toner and paper. Do you need to display messages for others to see? The firm carries a line of bulletin, marker and chalk boards. We could go on and on with

the full line of office home and school products available at Bud's, but the easiest way for you to see them is to drop by for a visit.

Stop by and see Bud or Iro D. England and let them show you some of the newest developments in the office supply field.

**Presbyterians Plan Service Christmas Eve**  
The First Presbyterian Church will have its annual Christmas Eve service at 11 p. m. Wednesday. The theme of the worship service this year will be "The Christmas Story in Song." Music will be presented by the Presbyterian Choir. The scripture reading and meditation will be based on the Christmas Story found in Luke. The musical selections will feature arrangements of traditional carols as well as classical pieces by famous composers. The public is invited to attend the Christmas Eve

service, said the Rev. Gary West, pastor.

The beaver's shocking orange teeth are its most important tool. Their strength and razor sharpness enables the beaver to fell a five-inch willow in six minutes.

Mistletoe is sometimes called a thieving plant because it steals the water and minerals from the host tree on which it grows. The seeds are implanted in the bark of the tree by birds who feed on the mistletoe berries. They eat the juicy part of the berry, then clean the seeds from their bill on the bark of the tree and in time a new plant sprouts.

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