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CLASSES START AUG. 25

School Trustees Okay Next Year's Calendar

By ALETHA DAVIS
Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees took action on six of eight items on the agenda of a regular meeting Thursday afternoon.

No action was taken on personnel matters discussed in an executive session preceding the meeting.

The board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed school calendar.

The board had emphasized a desire to start school at the latest possible date. However state statutes require 180 school days, divided into quarters, compulsory by legislative action.

To meet state requirements, Pampa Independent School District students will commence classes Aug. 25, 1975, and be dismissed May 28, 1976. These dates with an eight school days Christmas break and proposed three school days Easter break, will comply with the state rules.

Schools Out For Holiday

Pampa Independent School District students were scheduled for 2 p.m. dismissal today, beginning the Christmas break. Classes will resume on regular schedule Jan. 6 for students.

Teachers in the district will report Saturday morning for a paid in-service day, Jan. 2 and Jan. 3 have also been designated as paid in-service days in the district.

This schedule was set up and approved before I came," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Long, stated today. "We will comply with the law and we will report for the scheduled in-service days," he pointed out.

Teachers' contracts are set up on a 10-month basis requiring 190 working days, the superintendent explained.

One Saturday in-service day has been scheduled for 1976, May 29.

The calendar for next year calls for five in-service days in August, one in October, two in November, one in March of 1976 and one in May of 1976.

Easter break days are also marked for possible utilization as snow days, as are permitted by average daily attendance schedules. The ADA figure represents the guideline for support from state funds.

Paul Simmons, president of the board said, "The board feels the adoption of the calendar is a happy compromise."

Dr. Dan Long, superintendent, pointed out the first day of school date in August and emphasized children could be enrolled anytime after the first of August if the parents were in town. He added, however, persons out of town on vacation need not cut short planned activities in order to meet the proposed Aug. 20 enrollment date. It will be possible for students to be enrolled on Aug. 25.

Considerable discussion was heard concerning the resolution on the seven-man board approved by voters in April, 1974. Action

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Rockefeller Assumes Vice President Duties

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Nelson A. Rockefeller was late for work today in his first day as vice president but quickly took over the duties of his sole constitutional

job—presiding in the Senate.

Rockefeller, sworn in Thursday night as the nation's 41st vice president, arrived several minutes after the Senate opened its doors at 9 a.m. EST,

apparently a victim of the morning traffic jam in Washington.

Carrying a black leather copy of the Senate rules, the former New York governor was greeted by GOP leaders Hugh Scott and Robert

Griffin and Assistant Democratic leader Robert Byrd went through the formalities of opening the Senate.

Rockefeller then took over the presiding officer's chair from Sen. Thomas McIntyre, D.N.H., who was filling in.

He listened to Scott complain that Congress has been passing too many laws and should take time to review what it has done before embarking on more legislation. Byrd gave a synopsis of the accomplishments of the last session of 93rd Congress.

Scott, before the Senate began its last day of the session, told reporters that "the things he (Rockefeller) is called upon to do he will do exceedingly well."

Scott said that one of Rockefeller's key abilities is "attracting talented people" into government "and that's what we need."

"At last we're playing with a full deck," Scott said, referring to the four months during which the nation was without a vice president.

There were indications during the swearing-in ceremony Thursday night that Rockefeller would be the most active vice president in history. He pledged to help President Ford deal with the country's worsening economy.

The televised ceremony came two hours after the House voted 287-128 to confirm him as the 41st vice president.

For Rockefeller, 66, it was the end of a four-month political battle that has brought him the closest he has ever come to the presidency, which he tried three times to gain but failed.

For Ford, who has come under severe criticism for his handling of the economy, there was the hope that Rockefeller would be able to bring new talent and a fresh approach to the problems of inflation and recession.

Ford reportedly was considering appointing Rockefeller to head a new Domestic Policy Board designed to chart a new course for the administration on the economy.

He has said Rockefeller will be "a full working partner" in his administration.

A few believe Rockefeller will turn out to be an "acting president" under Ford.

"This is a period in which our country faces tremendous difficulties," the former New York governor told members of Congress who crowded in to watch the swearing-in, the first event ever televised in the Senate chamber.

"But there is nothing wrong with America that Americans cannot right," Rockefeller said.

City Hall Marked By Blood Trail

Pedestrians passing by the east entrance to City Hall this morning looked and wondered.

They saw blood splattered on the double glass doors and a trail of blood leading down the steps and along the N. Frost St. sidewalk, around the building to the north entrance.

The City Hall reporter for The News went inside to see if city officials were okay.

City Manager Mack Wofford was notified and took a look. He said he had no idea what had happened.

Frank Christian, City Hall caretaker, was summoned and got busy cleaning up what looked like could have been the scene of violence.

A further check with police cleared up the mystery.

It seems a guest at the Davis Hotel, jumped up from a chair where he had been watching a lobby television program, ran downstairs and crashed through the glass door out onto Foster St.

The man was severely cut on the hand and wrist and was bleeding profusely. He had headed for the police station, made a mistake and tried to get into City Hall entrance. He finally wound up at the police station north entrance and told officers on duty someone was "trying to get him."

An ambulance was summoned and the young man was taken to Highland General Hospital and then transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he was reported in good condition late this forenoon.



HAPPY FELLAS — President Ford beams as he introduces his vice presidential choice, Nelson Rockefeller, during a news conference Aug. 20. Four months later, Rockefeller was finally confirmed and sworn in during ceremonies telecast Thursday night in the U.S. Senate chamber. (UPI Photo)

BEFORE ADJOURNMENT

Congress To Consider Trade, Tax Measures

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The 93rd Congress adjourns today but first plans to give President Ford the long-delayed trade legislation he wants.

Stymied in their efforts to adjourn Thursday night, congressional leaders looked toward a mid-afternoon finish.

Three pieces of legislation were on the docket for action before adjournment:

—The trade bill which offers Russia favored nation trading status, conditioned on a Soviet policy permitting freer emigration of Jews and other minorities.

—A minor tax bill doubling the amount taxpayers may deduct for political contributions and increasing from 6 to 9 percent the penalty on delinquent taxpayers.

—A measure designed to induce states to prosecute fathers who refuse to support their children and to deny welfare to mothers who refuse to help locate or identify the fathers of their children.

In addition, the House has

tentatively scheduled action on a series of Senate-passed bills which provide for speedier trials in federal courts, extend anti-poverty programs until 1977, give subsidies to shipbuilders, and preserve wild and scenic rivers.

The 93rd Congress adjourns after two years without ever having come to grips with two of the nation's critical problems — the economy and energy.

Although it opened with three major goals — trade legislation, national health insurance, and tax reform — only the trade bill is gaining final approval.

Congress, during its session, did approve legislation designed to make the United States self-sufficient in energy but it did not pass measures giving President Ford stand-by authority for gasoline rationing, mandatory conservation, or taxes on oil industry windfall profits.

The only significant economic legislation passed created a program of public service jobs for the unemployed.

Congress Thursday rushed through and sent to the White House measures including:

—A \$4.8 emergency supplemental appropriations bill, most of which will go to create public service jobs and give unemployment benefits to about 12 million persons not now covered. The bill also carried \$812 million in educational benefits for disabled veterans.

—A resolution providing funding through Feb. 28 for

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BABY JESUS — Belinda Dalton, 3, daughter of Helen Dalton, inspects one of the Nativity Scenes set up in Central Park. The traditional scenes, painted by local artists, were lighted during ceremonies held last night under the direction of Truteens Service League.

(Photo by Jim Williams)



A SHORT TIME AWAY — With his first Christmas only five days away, 9-month-old Jason Wheat gazes at one of the ornaments gracing the Christmas tree in his home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheat, 1406 S. Barnes.

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Young Teacher Tells Tire-Slashing Story

By MAX RAFFERTY
 Q — "I am 23 years old, and I was a teacher for only five months during the 1973-74 school year. The reason I taught only five months was that in January two of my tires were cut. I'd like for you to tell me who was at fault the students or me."
 "The students in my biology class were mostly five to six years behind or needed to be in a special mentally retarded class. I gave them a test in which the letters were blurred by a faulty duplicating machine. Therefore I told the class that I would read aloud all the questions so that I wouldn't need to decipher them for individual students during the whole hour. However, a few students called out the answers as I read the questions. After warning them, I collected all the exam papers. After returning from a basketball game at 1:30 that night, I saw that two of my tires had been cut."
 "I'm just asking: Who was at fault?" — J.S. Athens, Ga.

A — The tire-slashing thing was inexcusable, but unfortunately it's par for the course these days. It's a good idea for all teachers to park under extra bright street lights.

As for the test, my advice would be next time to postpone it for a day rather than give it orally. For pupils such as you describe, any break in established routine is a threat to their security.

Most importantly, don't get the idea that you're the only teacher who has disciplinary problems. In schools where — as you inferred — the principal and superintendent don't back the teachers in disciplinary situations, everybody has discipline problems.

Q — "No judge has ever found a word in the Constitution giving the federal government authority over our educational institutions or the right to exercise control over pupils or teachers. Nor in the Declaration of Independence in their indictment of the king of England did the American colonists ever dream that a time would come when the government would assume responsibility for their children. From the beginning, this had always been — and should continue to be — the peculiar jurisdiction of parents."
 "Before the courts go completely nuts on education, wouldn't it be a good idea to turn the schools over to the judges for a spell and let the teachers take a crack at the courts? Under English common law, a kangaroo court is defined as one in which justice goes by leaps and bounds — and we've got it!" — F.M.K. Jr., Monroe, La.

A — If one can be certain of any historical fact, it's that the founding fathers deliberately intended to force the new federal government to keep its hands off education. They conspicuously avoided any and all mention of education in the Constitution and then provided that all powers not specifically given to the federal government should be reserved to the several states. In so doing, they were certain that they had safeguarded local schools for all time to come from Big Brother in Washington.

Until Earl Warren's court came along, they were right. Since then the federal government through its judges has been — to all intents and purposes — running the nation's schools.

Textbook choices require care

The violent nature of the textbook controversy in Charleston, W. Va., this fall was widely deplored, as it deserved to be, but that clash between parents and educators over literary selections in schoolbooks may have had some beneficial results. It surely prompted many parents in other parts of the country to take a closer look at the books their own children carry home from school, and it should have reminded school officials everywhere that study materials should be chosen with an eye on the moral, social and religious values in their communities.

Terrell H. Bell, the U.S. Commissioner of Education, took a cautious step into this sensitive area the other day when he appealed to textbook publishers to pick materials that "do not insult the values of most parents." His remarks might better have been addressed to educators. Publishers print texts which they anticipate will be adopted, bought and used through state and local selection procedures in which professional educators play a dominant role.

The Charleston fracas appears to have begun when educators took too sophisticated a point of view in selecting reading materials from the contemporary scene for high school pupils. A group of parents objected, but also demanded more than they had a right to expect in limiting school material. Charleston had a difficult time reconciling these two extremes. They must be reconciled however, if there is to be reasonable harmony between the influences of the classroom and the home on the education of a child.

A lot of literature produced in the last decade has gained eminence primarily for its shock value, both in its language and in reflecting unconventional morality. It is not "book burning" to argue that children must have a degree of maturity before they can be expected to put such literary efforts into perspective. Some of the material in the original Charleston reading lists simply did not belong there. Mr. Bell was right when he told publishers there is enough "good literature that will appeal to children without relying too much on blood and guts and street language for their own sake."

A child's horizons widen early in this age of mass communications and urbanized society. Education is not adequate if it is not attuned to the real world outside the classroom windows. Yet educators must realize when they try to bring that world into the classroom that they are partners with parents in nourishing the moral sensibility of every child.

Springing lawmakers

There's a move in Congress to put the lawmakers on a three-week legislative schedule, which would give them the fourth week of every month to tend to business at home.

The plan is hailed by its proponents as a constructive alternative to the "Tuesday-Thursday club," which is a sly acknowledgment of frequent Monday and Friday absences of congressional members from distant districts.

But the goal of a more effective Congress, it seems, would be achieved more certainly by exploring methods of keeping our representatives on the job instead of seeking to legitimize their escapes from Washington.

People want action

The American people, to paraphrase words attributed to Voltaire, may agree with the thrust of criticism between the White House and Congress, but seriously question the right of each to express it.

The efforts by the two branches of government to duck responsibility for getting the nation out of its economic mess are unconvincing to the suffering public. Consumers, squeezed by the multiple pressures of inflation, energy shortages and a limping economy, are unsympathetic with the bickering over the travel habits of the President and the lawmakers.

This country, in brief, demands action from its leaders, not the petty sniping that intensifies divisions in a period that calls for a united assault on problems that have reached crisis proportions.

INSIDE LABOR Polishing Up An Old Racket

By VICTOR RIESEL
 NEW YORK — So now they're selling black and Puerto Rican labor peace, packaged anti-discrimination demonstrations and old-fashioned protection.

It was inevitable. Always each new era begets evil — men who make a buck, lots of heartaches of the poor, the unskilled seeking "bread," equality, dignity and any chance to work for an honest living.

So I checked some 40-year-old clips. Things rarely change. Then around 1934, the same threats — labor stoppages, smashed windows, bombings, arson, beatings and smashing of valuable machinery and shops — if no pay up.

Then the Mr. Bigs had names like Lepke, Gurrah (who started by shaking down pushcart peddlers at a dollar a throw, and I mean a throw), Lucky, Mike, Owey, Tony and some who still live down Florida and Arizona way.

Now comes a fabulous coalition of federals, the U.S. Attorney's Southern District office here, two of the New York Police Department's Arson and Explosion Squad's best men, experienced though "unknown" agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (T-Men), and the IRS.

For some two years they've worked on a precedent — making case of construction sites, arson, pipebombs, explosions, violence all over New York City and a New Jersey suburb. And some nine black and Puerto Rican men have been charged with a series of counts which read like a diary in the day of Thomas E. Dewey (who broke up Murder Inc. lest we forget).

The federals charge the nine men with using, as fronts, construction site demonstrations in the name of encouraging additional hirings of black and Puerto Rican minority workers.

These demonstrations were run sometimes spontaneously, sometimes in the name of the Black and Puerto Rican Coalition of Construction Workers — which itself is clean. Some of its directors and spokesmen have been accused by the federals, as a result of grand jury action, of violations of the Hobbs Act, the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970, the federal explosives control act. Threats of beatings of contractors and their people — who, incidentally, did have goodly contingents of minority employes on the job.

It's the old bit with new twists. You know — don't worry about the demonstrations or black and Puerto Rican labor trouble, just skip the combine three bills, \$300 a week. And hire us as "community coordinators" and take on our special guard service. That's the old protection racket updated.

Difference now is that the Mr. Bigs haven't been exposed. Reports are they're known. That's the impression I got from one of U.S. Attorney Paul Curran's crusading aides — Kenneth Feinberg, the Asst. U.S. Attorney in charge of the case for the Southern District of New York.

"This is an ongoing investigation," said Feinberg. "We are not through with this case. It is continuing. We have just touched the tip of the iceberg."

"There are many more higher-ups, we believe."

Where? He wouldn't say. But it did sound much like the protectors of the accused protection sellers, the partons of the black and Puerto Rican labor peace dealers, are highly placed politicians.

The federal government plunged into this case some two years ago because federally funded construction and housing projects are involved — to the tune of scores of millions of dollars.

Feinberg accuses the nine blacks and Puerto Ricans who were taken into custody the other day, of having shaken "hundreds of thousands of dollars loose" from the contractors. The head of an antipoverty organization is involved. So are those (one being "Brother Black") who allegedly exploited the efforts of honest construction project integration organizations.

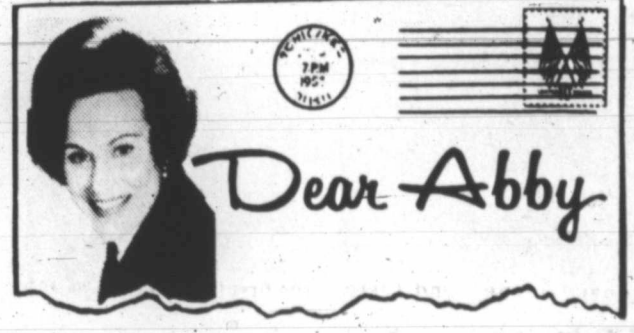
Some of the federals noted that those selling protection had been in the packaged demonstration and picketing lines. Gradually the pieces — and I mean pieces — were put together.

Trouble is, says one spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which has jurisdiction under the Explosives Control Act of 1970, that the contractors across the U.S. and others, too, just don't report "incidents." The bureau seeks any bit of knowledge so it can link them into a solution.

Actually what is called "labor-related" bombings intensified into the hundreds during 1972-73.

Of course, the nine men accused of selling protection against instant demonstrations are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. But if so found guilty, they've hurt their fellow man. They've set back racial peace and universal fraternity. They've betrayed grimly impoverished men and women who, even in the Dostoevskian barrios still have a dream.

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Dear Abby

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

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

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

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

NAMELESS IN N.M.

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

DEAR ABBY: Your recent exchange on how to say no to sex reminds me of an old story that might bear repeating: "What's the difference between a lady and a diplomat? When a diplomat says 'yes' he means maybe. When a diplomat says 'Maybe' he means no. When a diplomat says 'no' he's no diplomat. When a lady says 'no' she means maybe. When a lady says 'maybe' she means yes. When a lady says 'yes' she's no lady."

WALTER E. BLAKELY; BELOIT, WISC.

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

DEAR ABBY: A friend and I lunch together about once a week and we've been taking turns picking up the check. I notice that when it's my turn to treat, this friend orders three martinis and a full course meal. But when it's HER turn to treat, she orders only one martini, and then says she's not very hungry and all she wants is a sandwich, so naturally I'm not about to order a more expensive lunch than she orders.

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

DEAR FED: Go Dutch.

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

After my husband and I were divorced, I used to take my children over to my in-law's house a couple of times a month. They seem happy to see me and the kids, but sometimes I felt like I was imposing. After about six months, I decided not to drop in, but to wait for an invitation.

I'm still waiting, and it's been two years. We live in the same part of town and I have a phone. I think if they really wanted to see their grandchildren, they would call once in a while and ask about them, or ask me to bring them over, or maybe come to visit us.

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

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

SAN BERNARDINO

DEAR SAN: Amen!

DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE



"WE MUST NEVER FORGET THE VALUE OF THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM. KEEP ENOUGH OF THEM AROUND TO BLAME EVERYTHING ON."

Potomac Fever

By Jack Posner
 With so many women in Congress, there should be no difficulty in keeping a filibuster going.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

Ma Bell Denies Corrupt Actions

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) — Employees of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company contribute money for political purposes without knowing what the money will be used for, but Southwestern Bell President Zane E. Barnes says there is nothing illegal about this nor is there anything corrupt about other Bell activities.

"Ma Bell has not turned into 'Ma Barker,'" Barnes said Thursday. "A company that has been a good citizen for a half-century will not become a blot on the community overnight."

Barnes spoke to a Kiwanis Club luncheon on "truth is our defense" answering charges of wiretapping, political slush funds and double bookkeeping in Texas contained in a \$29 million damage suit filed against the company.

"We do not maintain two sets of books," he said. "We do not engage in or condone illegal wiretapping. We do not authorize or condone illegal political contributions."

The damage suit charges top Bell executives were required to donate \$50 a month to a slush fund that helped give the company "political clout" in Texas.

Asked whether he could conceive of Bell employees making donations to public relations officials of the company for channeling into campaigns and races about which the donor knew nothing, Barnes replied: "Yes, indeed, I could. There are a lot of people who want to make personal contributions to the political process and there are a lot of people who are not informed on the candidates, what these candidates stand for, and they want to find out from informed people."

"You might call it a political slush fund, but I call it a personal political contribution," Barnes said.

"I see nothing wrong about an individual in our company accepting contributions to political candidates from some of his colleagues and friends and turning them over to that person. But I underscore and emphasize that this is personal money and not company money and there

is no coercion associated with it."

He said the company was under strict scrutiny on its rate-making procedures, wiretapping and bookkeeping and its profits in Texas, which has no state utilities commission, ranked 16th among states in the Bell system.

As a result of the suit filed against Bell, several legislators have indicated they will introduce bills next month to create a state utilities commission. Barnes said Bell would not oppose such a commission if it were run fairly.

"I think a commission that tends to have just one thing in mind, and that is to keep rates low, really is not doing the consumer any good," he said.

"But let me say... that we certainly are not opposed to regulation. We have lived under regulation all of our telephone lives. We're regulated at the federal level. We're regulated at the state level in most jurisdictions. We're regulated here in Texas at the city level."

Barnes said when the matter comes up in the legislature, Bell intends to "lobby about" how such a commission should be constituted, though it had no intentions of lobbying against its creation.

"Ultimately the decision as to how we and other utilities are to be regulated in any given location is a function of the people, and if the people through their duly elected representatives in the legislature feel that in Texas there ought to be some other form of regulation, such as a state commission, then we certainly feel that we could work and live with any fair regulatory body."

"I'm not advocating a state-utilities-commission, but on the other hand, if that is the will of the people, we certainly will work with it as best we can," he said.

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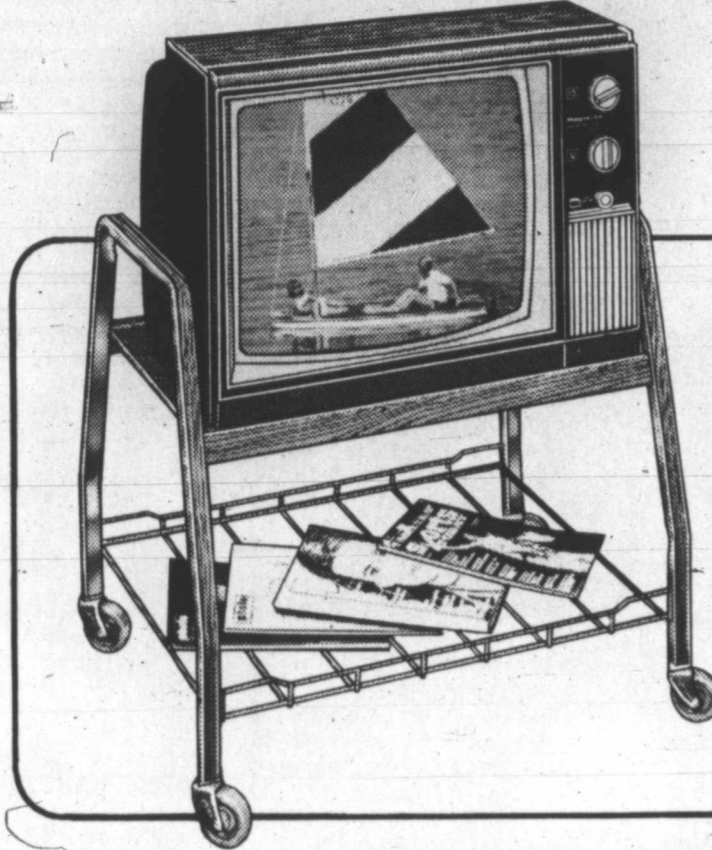
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Keelin-Schmidt



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Koester, Lone Wolf, Okla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Rae Keelin, to Donald Clarence Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schmidt, Lone Wolf. The bride-elect, a senior at Lone Wolf High School, is active in musical groups, basketball, FHA, Pep Club, 4-H Club, and assistant editor of the school newspaper. The prospective bridegroom a 1974 graduate of L.W.H.S. is attending Southwestern State University where he plans to major in marketing and management. Miss Keelin is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Keelin, both of Pampa. Wedding date plans are being made.

Homemade Christmas Decorations

NEW YORK (UPI) — Save money, have fun, keep kids busy with homemade Yule fixins.

Lynne Miller, former teacher and a craft expert with Scholastic Book Services, gave some directions.

Macaroni Wreath — You'll need a piece of thick cardboard 8" square, scissors, cotton balls, Elmer's or Sobo glue, macaroni and egg noodles of assorted shapes and sizes, bright gold enamel spray paint or gold tempera paint, ribbon.

Cut a 7" circle from the cardboard. Cut a 3" circle from the center. Cover the circle with a light coat of glue. Pull apart the fibers from several cotton balls and press onto the wet glue. Cover the cotton with another coat of glue. Press on the macaroni. Let dry. Paint entire wreath gold. Add a bow of red velvet.

Christmas bauble — Cut six strips, each about four inches long, from the flat part of a styrofoam egg carton. Staple ends of each strip together to form a ball-like shape, leaving equal space between each strip. Staple ends together.

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Karpin On Bridge

By FRED KARPIN

There was nothing especially brilliant in East's play to the first two tricks in today's deal. Nevertheless, his plays did necessitate looking ahead in order to create a happy future for the defenders. The hand arose in a rubber-bridge game. Both sides vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ 9853
♥ QJ9
♠ A1092
♣ 93

WEST
♦ 4
♥ 1073
♠ K8765
♣ KQJ4

EAST
♦ A72
♥ 86542
♠ 4
♣ A865

SOUTH
♦ KQJ106
♥ AK
♠ QJ3
♣ 1072

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣.

The bidding was normal, with North's ultimate raise to four spades being made with perhaps a figurative shrug of the shoulders.

West's opening lead of the club king was overtaken by East's ace, after which East returned the four of diamonds. When declarer put up his queen, West covered with the king, and the board's ace captured the trick.

Dummy's three of trumps was led next, and East climbed right up with his ace. He then returned a low club, the trick being won by West's jack. West came back a diamond, which East ruffed, for the setting trick.

How simple (and mechanical) it would have been for East to have given a "come on" signal with his eight of clubs on the opening lead of the club king. West dutifully would have led another club — and the defenders would have been ruined, for East would now never have gotten around to trumping a diamond.

From West's position, the defense was a simple matter. When East overtook the club king at trick one, and then returned a diamond into the jaws of dummy's holding in that suit, there could be no doubt that East's diamond lead was a singleton. Hence, West's automatic return of a diamond at trick five.

Actually, there are two important points in this deal, from the defenders' point of view. First, it is that the defenders usually can't afford to sit back and wait for tricks to come their way. They have to create them in a hurry.

And secondly, "the come on, high-low" signal given by a defender is probably the most powerful weapon possessed by the defensive side. But situations frequently arise — as in this deal — in which the mechanical automatic employment of this signal can result in an unhappy ending for the user.

THE POOR GET SICKER

People with small incomes are more likely to get sick, according to insurance company statistics. Persons from families with an annual income of less than \$3,000 averaged five weeks a year of illness-related restricted activity, compared to less than two weeks for persons from families with an income of \$10,000 to \$14,999.

The Woman's Page

The Pampa Daily News

Pampa, Texas 68th Year Friday, Dec. 20, 1974



YULE EVENT — From left, Marie Bohlander, president and co-hostesses Francis Hall, Olive Hills and Mona Cox, all members of the Pampa Art Club, who attended the annual holiday party held recently at 1911 N. Russell, the Hills residence.

(Photo by Jim Williams)

Books

Supership, by Noel Mostert.

(Knopf, \$8.95) The author's thesis is that supertankers with their immense cargoes of oil are spoiling the oceans. He believes further that their potential for pollution on a monstrous scale is far too much for nature to handle.

Everything about them is outsized. Longer than a football field, the biggest carries 372,000 tons of oil. And the supertankers keep on being built larger. A million-top ship now is being contemplated.

Chockful of facts, perhaps too many facts for the reader to digest, the book envisions a frightening new world of the sea where computers operate the ship and the captain is called a "manager."

"As ships get bigger and more technical and difficult to handle, and as they simultaneously set afloat upon waters quantities without precedent of dangerous and damaging substance," Mostert says, they increasingly are more poorly run with profit the overriding consideration.

The probability of frequent oil spills is outrageous, as he describes it, and man with all his technology stands helpless in the face of a major oil spill. He singles out what happens to birds in an oil spill, the efforts of humane persons to try to clean off the birds and the advice of some experts to kill such birds outright because they stand little chance of survival anyway.

But, Mostert writes of the perhaps useless effort to save the birds — "it nonetheless represents one of the very few acts of resistance in high ordinary powerless people can indulge to avoid total despair over the havoc they see at their feet — and the feeling that theirs is a complete surrender to the whole range of maritime folly that causes it all."

In an angry and eloquent call for action, the author writes, "What is left of the seas, by the time they (the tankers) have done with

them might not be worth the having."

Joan Hauger (UPI)

The Philippines, Shattered Showcase of Democracy in Asia, by Beth Day. (M. Evans, \$7.95) Beth Day visited the Philippines for six months to research this study of the present-day Philippines and what brought about the declaration of martial law by President Ferdinand E. Marcos on Sept. 21, 1972. She is a sympathetic observer of what Marcos has called his "New Society." Philippine Foreign Secretary Carlos P. Romulo writes in his introduction that Ms. Day has a "lucid and objective view" and dismisses journalists who think differently about the Philippines as "fly-by-night reporters."

She justifies the Marcos coup as a defense against communism — "communism has always been more than a mere threat in the Philippines." Marcos comes across as the hero. She turns her wrath on former Sen. Benigno Aquino, who would have had a good chance to beat Marcos in presidential elections this year but instead now languishes in prison. Aquino is assailed for hoarding arms and getting American sergeants to lie about the presence of nuclear weapons at American bases in the Philippines.

Cheesebox, by Paul S. Meskil with Gerald Callahan. (Prentice Hall, \$7.95) "Cheesebox" is the nickname for a mini telephone switchboard used by bookies to prevent police from tracing their calls. It was one of the many inventions of a near-genius crook named "Cheesebox" Callahan. His talent for tapping phones or rigging any mechanical or electronic device became legendary in criminal, and some legitimate, circles. But his brilliance brought him more problems than success as he plied his trade with gangsters, businessmen and

politicians. A breezily written tale told with a spry sense of humor and pace.

The Pulitzer Prizes, by John Hohenberg. (Columbia University Press, \$14.95) John Hohenberg, administrator of the Pulitzer awards at Columbia University for more than two decades, is one of the most important writers on journalism in the United States today, and his history of the Pulitzer since the prizes were established by Joseph Pulitzer in 1902 is an exceptional account. It is a basic book for the professional journalist, student and buff.

ELEGANT STREET

LONDON (UPI) — Stores in Regent Street, London's most elegant shopping area will display goods and fashions of the Regency era during 1975. Street lamps in the 19th century style will add to the atmosphere, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the street's construction in 1825.

Credit Laws Ban Sex Discrimination

COLLEGE STATION — Credit granted to either a husband or wife is the sole responsibility of that person, as of August, 1973, in Texas, Mrs. Doris Myers reported.

New legislation passed recently by the U.S. Congress also bans "discrimination against any applicant on the basis of sex or marital status — with respect to any aspect of a credit transaction," the family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, said.

The new law passed in Congress also includes a section on Fair Credit Billing. The credit card holder has the right to stop making payment for items that prove defective without being subject to suit for the entire amount owed.

"But the amount must be more than \$50 and the purchase must be made in the same state or within 100 miles of the buyer's home. Also, the buyer must first try to resolve the problem at the store," Mrs. Myers said.

She pointed out that this section of the law also requires a business firm to reply within 30 days when a consumer complains about a billing error. The firm then has 60 days to correct the error or explain in writing why the bill needs correction.

"On the same subject, a business firm may not issue an unfavorable credit report because a customer fails to pay a disputed bill until the company has complied with the law on replies, and the customer has at least 10 days to pay the disputed bill," she continued.

And if the customer replies within the 10 day period that the amount is still in dispute, the company must include that information in any unfavorable credit report.

Under this new law, customers are allowed 14 days to make payment on the disputed bill without additional finance charges being assessed."

Turning to other sections of the new law, Mrs. Myers said that a store must either refund upon request or credit a customer's account for any excess payment made.

"Also, a buyer of real estate must be given a complete statement of all closing costs at the time a mortgage commitment is made," she said.

The sections of the law passed by the U.S. Congress will become effective in October, 1975.

Cotillion Has Holiday Party

A Christmas party was held by Twentieth Century Cotillion Club in the home of Mrs. Jack White, 2364 Aspen, recently.

An assortment of festive cakes, cheese, Christmas candy, punch and coffee were served to the members, who exchanged token gifts, many of which were homemade.

Mrs. Jerry Kotara presided over the meeting, which included a discussion of the club's Christmas project.

Guests were entertained by Mrs. Jack White, who presented the Christmas program, recalling to all the true meaning of Christmas with a reference to the poem, "The Tarnished Angel." Members present were Mes. Ed Brainard, J.W. Campbell, Dean Copeland, Harbord Cox, R.T. Dunigan, Jim Hughes, Charles Lair, Jerry Kotara, Don Morrison, Russell Neef, Dan Puckett, Fred Simmons, Al Smith, Jack White, C.E. Kirby, and John Osborne.

The first meeting of the New Year will be Jan. 7, in the home of Mrs. Glen Fleming.

Two million are deaf in the U.S.

More Americans are afflicted by deafness and hearing impairment than by any other single chronic disability, a recent study shows.

The study, a joint project by New York University's Deafness Research and Training Institute and the National Association of the Deaf for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, reports that more than 13.4 million Americans have significant hearing loss and of these 1.8 million are classified as deaf. — CNS



FRIDAY

8:00 p.m. — Upsilon Christmas Party. Mr and Mrs. Dwight Chase, south of city.

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SUNDAY

2:00 p.m. — Duplicate Bridge. Knights of Columbus Hall, Buckler and Ward.



FASHIONETTES

United Press International

The pin stripe, familiar pattern of men's suitings, goes neatly into spring for women's apparel. Designer Bill Blass likes a navy and white striped blazer with gray flannel skirt.

Designers of women's wear never stop lifting ideas from men's wear. Witness Geoffrey Beene's collection for spring, which might well be called the shirttail. His hemlines, from those on blouses worn on the outside of skirts on down to evening formals, often are finished off with the curved shape of men's shirts.

Spring's silhouette is a full look in general, but there is the contrast of the slim-fitting bolero jacket above belted waistslines and gently flared skirts. Donald Brooks does the bolero, cut to end a couple of inches above the natural waistline, in a variety of spring costumes. Some pair solid color jackets with polka dotted skirts and dot print blouses.

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Miss America Meets Philadelphia Kid

DENTON, Tex. (UPI) — The lady finally met the tramp.

Miss America came face to face with the King of the Hoboes in the newsroom of the Denton Record-Chronicle and the meeting was merry.

Santa Comes Early

LUBBOCK, Tex. (UPI) — Christmas came early today and Santa got a little help from his friends in high school.

Students from three of the city's high schools took gifts, candy and fruit to more than 2,000 elementary school children.

Our older students like sharing Christmas with the younger kids, and we know the younger ones look forward to it," said Richard Umstot, director of student activities at Lubbock High School. "This will be the 10th year that we have participated in the special Christmas program for the younger students. We feel the program has been very successful."

The largest and oldest participation comes from Lubbock's Monterey High School, where C.W. Edwards is director of student activities. He said more than 1,000 elementary children were treated this year by his high school students alone.

"We involve all our home rooms in an effort to reach as many elementary children as we can," Edwards said. "By drawing class names from a hat, we pair the high school home rooms with elementary home rooms which have been recommended by their principals."

"A class then adopts an elementary class, and they have students buy individual personal gifts as well as candy and fruit to be taken to the elementary students," he said.

At Lubbock Coronado, a third high school participating in the program, student activities director Quentin Hancock said work is coordinated between the high school student councils and elementary principals and teachers to make sure each student gets a gift — and that gifts are not duplicated.

"We get lots of thank you letters and notes from the younger students every year," Hancock said. "It shows the older students that their work is appreciated, and that the elementary students really appreciate what is being done for them."

School officials say that elementary students begin looking forward to the annual Christmas party almost as soon as school opens in September.

"By the time December rolls around, the younger kids can hardly wait for the party — they want the high school students to come," said a principal.

Officials say there is a spillover now from the other high schools and several junior highs. They say most of the elementary children now have "big brothers" for the Christmas party, and all students look forward to it — both the high school as well as the elementary.

Members of the student council dress up in Santa's helper costumes and make guest appearances at the schools," Umstot said. "We also send four high school students to each elementary classroom to help entertain and plan the parties, so the elementary teachers don't have to worry about a thing."

The high schools usually sack up a few extra gifts to make sure they have enough, and then pass anything left over on to the Salvation Army. They want to make sure they enough to go around.

"It makes for a real Christmas spirit among both the young and the old in our public schools," Edwards said.

"Hi, I'm Shirley Cothran," she said, shaking hands with the grizzled tramp, known to his friends as the Philadelphia Kid.

The Kid nodded, sitting back as a smile spread across his scraggly bearded face.

"I have a question for you," said Miss America, pointing to the Kid's wildly festooned slouch hat, splashed with the grime of the road and filled with artificial flowers and buttons of every size and description.

"You have a button that says if you have any questions, just ask. So I'm going to: Do you eat out of tin cans while sitting under the railroad tracks?"

That brought a smile to the Kid's wrinkled, weather-beaten face. It was a sad sort of smile.

"No, that's in the past," he said, shaking his head. "Those days are long gone."

But the question put the Kid in a philosophical mood.

The old tramp, shoulders stooped from the weight of almost 50 years on the road, proceeded to lecture an

attentive Miss America on the meaning of life as seen through a hobo's eyes.

Quoting snatches of Benjamin Franklin, Mark Twain and the Bible, he warned her of self-importance and advised her "to slow down and take it easy."

Pulling at his ragged brown beard, streaked with gray, he told her the only way to learn about life is by meeting people and learning from them.

Near the end of their conversation, the lady told the tramp: "You and I are fellow travelers — we must be friends."

The Kid nodded again with another smile as he fingered the buttons which covered the front of his dirty pair of overalls. Then it was time for Miss America to go.

They shook hands and as Miss America left, with her entourage of chaperones and photographers, the Kid had a final bit of advice.

"You watch your step now," he called after her.

"Well, she's awfully young," said the 68-year-

old hobo whose real name is Richard Wilson. "I don't know if what I said did any good."

Wilson has met a lot of people since he struck out for the life of a hobo back in 1927. Some were important, but most of them were just ordinary folks.

And in his almost half a century as a man of the road he has learned something about his fellow man.

"If you look at life," he said, "there ain't too many of us who are really bad. People are all about the same."

He said he tries to see some good in everybody he meets, and most of the time, he's succeeded.

"You can always agree with somebody if you just take the time and trouble to see them as they really are," Wilson said, his hand moving once again to his chin whiskers.

Wilson was a handyman and jack-of-all-trades before he decided to shuck all that and strike out for the traveling life.

He said he's never regretted his decision

except every now and then when he wishes he had a more permanent lifestyle.

"I wish I had a place now," he said. "Somewhere, where I could stay and learn to write a book about all I've seen and done."

As he gets older, the road pack that contains all he owns gets a little heavier. The good old days of the hoboes are over, the Kid said sadly.

The hobo jungles, those happy meeting places of the tramps, are all gone, either destroyed or taken over by bums and wins. The tramp said he has to rely on "kind people" to provide him a place to stay and clean up.

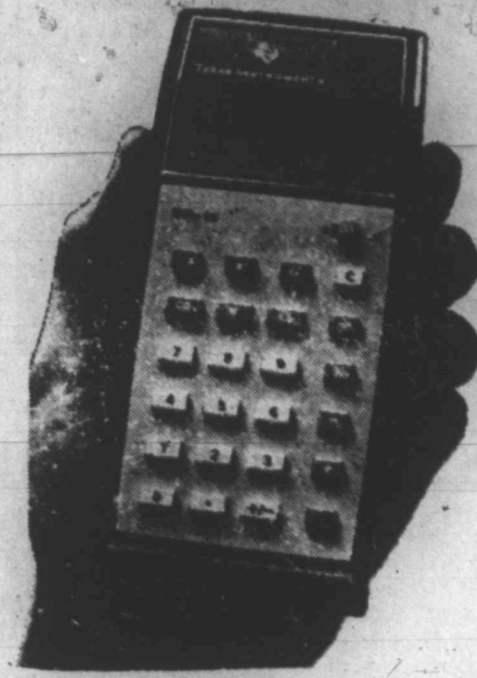
And with the passing of the hobo jungles, life on the road is more dangerous, too.

He was beaten up by two men last spring. It's something he has had to face more and more in the last five or six years.

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AT LEAST TEMPORARILY Legislature May Reduce Taxes

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — The 1975 Texas Legislature may be in position to reduce state taxes for the first time in at least a quarter of a century, but House and Senate leaders are reluctant to endorse a permanent cut in revenue.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe, in campaign speeches earlier in the year, recommended trimming at least \$80 million from the tax bill paid by Texans next year by abolishing the 4-per cent sales tax on utility bills.

Briscoe offered the tax cut after budget writers announced the state would come up with a budget surplus in the next biennium that could reach as high as \$1.5 billion if the current economic trend continues.

Spending recommended by the Legislative Budget Board in its preliminary budget proposal would absorb all but \$598 million of that surplus, however.

Rather than launch massive new spending programs of marginal benefit to the people of Texas, I believe the wisest course is to reduce taxes whenever it is possible to do so without reducing essential services," Briscoe said.

Rep. Bill Clayton, D-Springlake, who has the votes to be elected speaker as soon as the legislature convenes, says handling of the budget surplus will be one of the toughest problems the legislature will face in 1975. But Clayton

at this point is not openly advocating a tax reduction. "I wouldn't rule out a tax cut if it had an automatic reinstatement date after one or two years," Clayton said. "It would have a lot more appeal that way than it would as just a permanent tax reduction."

Clayton said lawmakers might find it difficult or impossible to reinstate the present tax rate later on if a reduction is passed without an automatic expiration date.

Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby says he thinks it's pretty unlikely the legislature will be able to reduce taxes at all in 1975 because he predicts the treasury surplus will be one-third the \$1.5 billion now predicted.

But even if taxes can be reduced, he isn't in favor of Briscoe's plan to abolish the sales tax on utility bills.

"I really think that's the wrong way to go," he said. "I think at a time when we're concerned principally about conservation, as we're going to have to be

from now on, I think that's the wrong area in which to reduce taxes."

Both Hobby and Clayton suggest putting aside a sizable portion of the budget surplus — perhaps as much as \$500 million — for future use.

"Everybody wants to start another new spending program, but if we spend the total \$1.5 billion on new ongoing programs we'd be looking at an astronomical tax bill two years from now," Clayton said.

Clayton proposed putting \$500 million of the surplus in

a special investment fund to be used to back bond programs for state construction projects.

"It might be that we could provide a building fund for a number of years without costing the people of Texas any more money," he said.

Last session was the first time since 1957 the legislature has met in regular session without enacting a major tax bill. Briscoe has promised another year of new taxes, and appears almost certain to be able to fulfill that pledge.

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HOLY SEASON OBSERVANCE — Students of Horace Mann Elementary Choir presented a program of Christmas music this week to mark the Holy Season. Schools were scheduled to close at 2 p.m. today. Local churches have announced several observances of the season. (Photo by Jim Williams)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Bobby L. Stalcup, First Presbyterian Church Pastor will use "What I Want for Christmas" as the title of his Sermon this Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Advent. Scripture readings from the Old Testament will be Isaiah 7:10-14 and Matthew 1:18, 2:11 from the New Testament. Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Carol Mackey and Organist Doris Goad.

Elder Roy Sparkman will assist Dr. Stalcup in the pulpit. During the Worship Service the Sacrament of Infant Baptism will be administered. Presenting their children for Baptism will be Mr. and Mrs. Steve Thayer and Mr. and Mrs. John Welborn. Next Tuesday night, Dec. 24, the First Presbyterian Church will have its annual Candlelight Service at 11:30 p.m. Dr. Stalcup will give

the Sermonette along with the Scripture Readings and special music by the Choir and Church Organist. This is a service of carols and candles on the eve of Christ's birth. The congregation will share in a candle service symbolizing the outreach of the gospel. The public is cordially invited to attend. Church Services begin at 10:45 a.m. — Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Fasting Replaces Feasting

By DAVID E. ANDERSON UPI Religion Writer Traditionally, the four week Advent period before Christmas, has been marked by the churches as a time of somber joy, with fasting and penitence joined to the anticipation surrounding the Christmas event. More recently, however, feasting has replaced fasting and penitence has been relegated to the Lenten period, the 40 days before the observance of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

The Gospel From "The Galilean Disturber"

By DAVID E. ANDERSON UPI Religion Writer Need something to turn young adults on to the story of Jesus? Jim Comstock, editor of the West Virginia "Hillbilly," may have one answer—"Good News, the Life of Jesus Reported in Newspaper Style" (EPM Publications, Inc.). "Good News" is an oversize book, almost the size of a tabloid newspaper and its 48 pages are laid out as a newspaper would be. Reporters from such non-existent newspapers as "The Bethlehem Banner," the "Jerusalem News Letter," the "Daily Roman Empire Journal," the "Egyptian Daily News" and the "Galilean Disturber" report the life and times of Jesus in contemporary newspaper style.

From the "Bethlehem Banner," for example: "Shepherds Say Strange Star-Led to Stable Where Child Was Born" and "Pity the Poor Innkeeper—Has Reddest Face in Town." The "Egyptian Daily News" reports that "Famed Parents Reach Egypt: Save Kid from King Herod." Those stories are completed by a filler that informs the reader "Camels furnish best desert transportation" and the announcement that work has begun on the aqueduct within the Temple at Jerusalem.

Dr. Philip Potter, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, in his Christmas message for 1974 recalls some of the earlier tradition and attempts to put this year's celebration of the Nativity into a new perspective. "During 1974 we have been forced to recognize the threats to the survival of the human race," Potter said. Pointing specifically to the world food crisis, Potter said that half the world was undernourished and some 460 million people are threatened with starvation and death.

Along the way, there are sidebar stories, advertisements and photographs of the principal characters and acts in Jesus' life. Headlines tell much of the story.

In the "Pheonician Daily World," which announces in bold black headlines that Herod is dead, there are also ads for Jericho dates and coriander seeds. Jesus' appearance in the Temple as a young boy is reported in "The Daily Roman Empire Journal" as a "report from the colonies" with a picture of Jesus talking to temple "attaches" and a headline that reports "Temple Brass Doubts Baby is Messiah."

In addition he pointed to economic recession, harassment in some countries of foreign workers, political and social unrest, increasing totalitarian rule in many parts of the world, violence and oppression—all these have marked our daily life during the year. "This heightened awareness of the plight of our fellow human being should force us to revise our false understanding of Christmas," Potter said in his message. To the 250 member churches in 90 countries that make up the World Council.

"Our Lord did not come in the affluence of divine power and prestige," Potter reminded. "He was born in a stable... He was a refugee baby. Herod—that archetype of tyranny which born of the insecurity of unjust, grasping power—having decided to murder all potential liberators."

In his message, Potter recalls the Apostle Paul's description of the incarnation of Christ in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians: "For you know how generous our Lord Jesus Christ has been: he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich." (2 Cor. 8:9).

Potter believes that in 1974, Christians must once again find the place for penitence in the Christmas celebration.

Church is ripe for good sermons

By CLAIRE COX Copley News Service NEW YORK — The first "act" of the Christian church after the crucifixion was a sermon, and pastors have been evangelizing through preaching ever since.

Through the centuries the sermon has been respected and revered at some times and ridiculed and relegated to theological limbo at others. Today, the church is ripe for a comeback of the sermon in modern terms, addressing itself to busy people in their vernacular and through the media they know best—radio and television.

Those are some of the thoughts of one of the nation's best-known and most-listened-to preachers, the Rev. Dr. David H. C. Read, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York and preacher on the NBC "National Radio Pulpit."

Read discussed sermonizing good and bad, then and now, in "Sent from God," issued by Abingdon Press, the publishing house of The United Methodist Church.

If the proof of the preaching is in the financial solvency of the pulpit from which it emanates, Read's theories are as good as gold, for his church recently announced that it had gone nearly \$250,000 over a \$1.2 million fund raising goal.

He speaks also as the former pastor of congregations in Scotland and as a preacher to students at the University of Edinburgh, his last post before coming to Madison Avenue in 1956.

His congregation listed Read's preaching ability among the principal reasons for the success of the drive. A recent sermon provided an example of the kind of language he uses on Sunday mornings to fill the pews. In it he said: "Everywhere it is the off-beat, the bizarre, the esoteric, what sober churchmen used to call 'the lunatic fringe of religion' that is on the upswing, while the adherents of traditional biblical faith seem to be losing ground."

"Why? You can't say it is because biblical religion, Jewish or Christian, has ceased to be believable in this scientific age, and people are looking for a religion that puts less strain on their credulity. "On the contrary, some of the fastest-growing sects propose doctrines and practices of such irrationality and absurdity that the biblical revelation looks like plain common sense in comparison."

"The answer, I believe, lies in the impression we so often give of being dull and somewhat stale."

Read, a 64-year-old native of Scotland, preaches from his experience as a chaplain in the British army who had as his congregation for five years fellow prisoners of war in Germany.

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THE CHRIST CHILD manger, Mary and Joseph One still night, almost and a Babe. 2,000 years ago, there Little did the world know appeared a star and a on that night that this Babe heavenly host of angels. was destined to greatness. There was a stable, a Not because of a position He

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In the Gospel of Matthew, the angel describes this purpose: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30; then for three years He became an itinerant Preacher.

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No case was too hard for Him to solve. Though He never traveled far, He did more good than all the Caesars or world governments that have ever flourished. He fed the hungry with a few biscuits and two or three pieces of fish. He healed the lame, unstopped deaf ears, opened blind eyes, cured all manner of diseases, and brought life into dead bodies.

More books and parchments have been written about Him than about any man in the whole world. Men of almost every language mention His name. Anyway one would turn, he cannot escape His influence.

No wonder Isaiah said: "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." He was all of this. He has bound up the brokenhearted with the salve of love. He has given strength when it would seem that strength was gone. He understands when others cease to understand.

When the earth ceases to spin on its axis and the stars fall from their sockets, the Babe of Bethlehem and His works will live on.

It seems rather strange that it all started on a silent night so many years ago. But the results of this night will ever live in our hearts and our memory as the greatest day the world has ever known.

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Tape Recorder Reveals Drunk

HOUSTON (UPI) — If Dr. Harb Hayre has his way, tipsy drivers will find themselves talking into a tape recorder instead of blowing up a Department of Public Safety balloon.

Hayre, a University of Houston electrical engineering professor, said experiments he conducted indicate voice patterns provide a more precise picture of a person's state of intoxication than current tests.

When a law enforcement officer picks up a drunk and administers a breathalyzer tests, it has a lot of legal problems, he said. "Blood tests simply tell them. By golly, he's had too much."

But we determined that if you look at voices, there are unique characteristics which can be tied down to such things as physical stress, psychic stress and drug induced stress.

"Half of the brain is used primarily for speech. It's tied up so delicately that every single effect of stress is depicted in speech. With voice patterns you can tell about the effect on a person's ability to perform."

If he can obtain a sufficient grant, Hayre hopes to construct a portable device which would code normal voice patterns for comparison to the subject being tested.

"You can set norms for when a person is relatively rested or not drugged or otherwise inhibited and use that norm to compare to what they do later," he said.

"The technique is very novel in that it does not require going into the body. It is very simple to monitor and it could be done anywhere without requiring a lab."

Besides finding out drunks and drug addicts, the device — which would measure variables such as clarity and pitch — would be helpful in testing for fatigue in critical positions such as pilots and surgeons.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa
I am 8 and my brother is almost 7. I want a baby alive a pair of skates a radio and a sled. My brother wants a truck and boots. Paula and Steve Murphy.

Dear Santa
I am nine years old and I want a Raggedy Ann and Andy alarm clock, a doll, a bicycle, a baritone ring and a guitar case.

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Leslie Lynn McBride

I'm a girl the color of my birthstone is light purple.

Dear Santa
I am 7 years old and my name is Rodney Alderson. I have tried to be a good boy and do what my mother and daddy tells me. For Christmas, would you please bring me a Dallas cowboy helmet and football and tee and a crane and a little pumper truck and hook and ladder truck. This I want very much. I hope you can bring it.

Thank you
Rodney Alderson
Lefors

Dear Santa
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are fine this year. I will leave cookies and milk on the table for you this Christmas. I have been a very good girl this year. If you can please bring me a Jenny doll, a jack in the box and a bike. I will be at my Nanny's so please come there. She lives at 1800 Williston.

Thank you Santa. I love you
Leslie Dyan Brown
Age 1 year

Dear Santa
I am a little boy three years old and have a little sister who is one year old. Please bring me a pedal tractor and trailer and bring Lisa Jo a baby doll. Don't forget my little friends and cousins.

Thank you
Wade Maui

Dear Santa
Thank you so much for the presents you left last year. This year I want a Baby Alive and a table and chair set and a Winnie the Pooh. My brother and sister have been good so don't forget them. I love you Janet Carolyn Hall 6 1300 E. Foster

Dear Santa
Thank you for all the toys you brought Amy and I last Christmas. Please bring my sister a new doll, a musical television and a musical train. I would like a Evel Knievel stunt cycle and Scramble Van and some building blocks. We will leave some cookies and candy for you.

Love Host and Amy Hammer

Dear Santa
My name is Louis Atkinson. I have a little sister whose name is Anita. Please bring me a play drill and a play saw and a machine gun. Please bring my sister a doll or something. We try to be good. We love you.

Louis and Anita Atkinson

Dear Santa
My name is Melanie and I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Baby Yaemie, some Lego Bricks, a Nerf Mole, Hub, a Dub Baby, a cowboy hat, lots of clothes. We will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love you
Melanie Ann Craig
5 Nelson Pampa

Dear Santa
My name is Krista and I am 5 years old. Please bring me Baby Alive, a blackboard and some games. My sister's name is Kathy and she is 3 years old. Please bring her a pedal fire truck, Pedal Pretties and a Talking Dinosaur. Please remember our cousins Michael, Andy and Rodney, who live in Pampa and our cousins Sarah and Matt who live in Berger and Steven who lives in Commerce. Also all our friends. Thank you for the gifts you brought last year. We love you.

Krista and Kathy McClendon
Skelltown

Dear Santa
We are the Spence Brax. We try to be good but it's awfully hard. We promise to try even harder for next year. Would you please bring us a bike each, a Fisher Price doll, an Evel Knievel stunt cycle, jumble bear and a clown. Mom says she will leave cookies and coffee for you. Don't forget our friends. Be careful and have a safe Christmas.

Rickie Don - 4
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Dear Santa
I would like a Evel Knievel cycle and sky cycle and stadium. And I would like a soccer master soccer table. And a boys 24 ten speed bike. I have been a good boy this year. I am 8 years old from Reid Steger 2128 N. Zimmerman.

I will leave a glass of tea in the living room and some cookies.



The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most merchants, however, are very agreeable about adjustments since this is a form of customer service which encourages repeat business.

Sometimes certain stores may be unable to cooperate fully with the post-Christmas gift returner, since they may operate under more restrictive adjustment policies than other establishments. The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division strongly recommends that shoppers check on store policy before buying gifts that may need to be returned or exchanged.

There are certain instances in which a store is legally required to make adjustments. For example, if a store advertised car coats with sheepskin lining, but you discover the lining is actually acrylic pile, you have the right to return the coat for an adjustment.

Or perhaps you ordered a size 12 dress but the store sent a size 14. Or you specified a green table lamp, but got a blue floor lamp. The store must correct its error or make

some satisfactory adjustment in such cases.

It's important to remember that if a store has advertised goods for a special sale, there may be a "no return" policy on that particular merchandise. Other items such as swim suits, undergarments, and other intimate apparel may always be sold on "all sales final" basis for the customer's protection.

Just as most stores try to cooperate in making adjustments when possible, most consumers are careful to ask for an adjustment only if it is needed. But a few individuals may attempt to return merchandise that is worn or used, that they damaged themselves, or that they purchased months earlier. In such cases, merchants may rightfully refuse to make an adjustment.

If you find you must return merchandise for an adjustment, our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division recommends the following:

Take all manufacturer's hang tags, price labels, and all sales or charge receipts with you, since the store will need proof of purchase and proof that the goods actually came from their store.

Don't serve doubles. Some people count their drinks. If you serve doubles, they'll be drinking twice as much alcohol as they can handle.

Refills should be requested rather than offered, particularly for people who seem to have an empty glass everytime you turn around. You shouldn't feel embarrassed at all by not rushing refills.

Give more than a drink. Introduce people. Get conversations started. Give somebody a compliment or a laugh. Don't turn yourself into a perpetual bartender. That's not being a good host and hostess.

Serve dinner early. If the cocktail party goes on for hours, nobody will remember what they had for dinner.

If somebody drinks too much, let the guest "sleep it off" instead of driving home. If the person insists, let somebody else take him home, or call a taxi.

And don't forget that coffee, running around the block, or cold showers won't get anybody sober.

SSA Offices Paying Benefits To Disabled

The more than 1300 offices of the Social Security Administration across the United States have been taking applications for disability benefits under the new Supplemental Security Income (SSI) law for over a year.

Many persons inquiring about these benefits are told they do not qualify as disabled people because they either have a disability which is not severe enough or which will end in a fairly short period of time.

When the program for aid to the disabled, formerly administered by state departments of public welfare, became part of the Social Security Act, the requirements for SSI disability were set up to be the same as those for regular social security disability benefits according to Howard L. Weatherly,

Take Heed Be Around For 1975

TULSA — Christmas parties and New Year's eve are approaching fast. If you serve liquor, the United States Jaycees responsible drinking education program called "Operation THRESHOLD" offers these tips for keeping things under control:

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ACCENT ON HEALTH TB Still Big Problem

Tuberculosis is still an active health problem in Texas, and it would be an even greater threat if it weren't for the State Health Department's Child-Centered Tuberculosis Program.

More than a half-million persons are examined annually in the Health Department's Child-Centered Program.

State law requires an annual tuberculosis examination of all school personnel — teachers, custodians, food handlers, etc. It also recommends the examination of all first and seventh grade students and transfer students. Student TB tests are required in some of the more than 1100 school districts taking part in student screening.

During the 1973-74 school years, 71,280 first grade students and 84,144 seventh graders were tested in the program. In addition, tests were given 98,798 other students and associates of those who reacted positively to a tuberculin test.

Add more than a quarter-million school employees to the number of students and associates and you have more than half a million persons.

Tuberculin skin tests are given by private physicians, at school and in Health Department clinics. Approximately 48 hours after being given, the tests are "read" to identify reactors.

Finding reactors is important, for a positive test indicates they have been exposed to someone with TB and have the TB germ in their bodies. Without treatment, these reactors could have unknown cases of TB or develop active disease at some future date.

While the child testing program isn't primarily for case finding — but to find children who need protection against tuberculosis — every reactor is followed up to see if an active case exists. A reactor is urged to contact his family physician for an X-ray, or to attend a Health Department clinic. During the last school year the number of new reactors — 2160 — was relatively small, attesting to the reduction in tuberculosis in Texas.

In Texas last year, for instance, only 2,224 new active cases of tuberculosis were found in all age groups.

Once a reactor is found in the school program another phase of the program begins, usually by a TB investigator. Since a reactor means the individual has had contact with someone who has the disease, it is important that an examination be made of household members in attempting to establish the source of exposure. Usually it is a family member, a relative or a close associate — such as a playmate or housekeeper.

First and seventh graders were chosen by the Health Department for the child-centered approach for a reason. First graders have spent most of their lives at home, or in close proximity to their families, and therefore have limited contacts. Their contacts can be easily traced, and the probability is good that an infection was obtained in the home.

Seventh graders, on the other hand, represent a high risk age. And, it is at this point that they begin to move around more and begin their social activities.

By testing youngsters, discovering reactors, and tracing their contacts, it makes possible the earlier discovery of those with active TB. Early diagnosis of tuberculosis makes the disease that much easier to treat — and cure.

In the past few years the severity of disease in those diagnosed for the first time has shown a percentage decline — demonstrating that the disease is being discovered earlier.

Another benefit of child testing is that it gives health authorities an index of the extent of the disease in each community. This is a meaningful indicator which will be used to follow-up activities. Time and money can be saved in tuberculosis epidemiology through this pinpointing of disease incidence.

Tuberculosis is an age-old disease, but it is responding to space-age treatment. People can be cured of TB, mostly without the long hospitalization of yesteryear. But, it is important to discover the disease early and begin treatment.

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MEYER BERMAN

He stops shorting and turns human

By DONALD C. BAUDER
Copley News Service

Meyer Berman, Wall Street's most famous short seller, has ceased shorting stocks — at least for the foreseeable future.

The market has turned so dismal that even Berman can't revel in bad news. "My heart is out of the short side," he said in an interview. "My stomach can't take it now."

Meyer Berman ceasing short selling is like Jack Nicklaus giving up golf, Brigitte Bardot swearing off bikinis in favor of bloomer suits or Henry Ford declaring the automobile a public menace.

"I bought some IBM," he said. "I have also covered shorts in Avon, Polaroid and Disney."

(In shorting a stock, an investor positions himself so that he makes money if the stock drops. When he covers his short, he eliminates the short position.)

Last March Berman, who has cleaned up shorting such one-time high-flyers as National Video and Levitz Furniture, revealed in an interview that he was starting, for the first time, to go long in a significant number of stocks.

Earlier he had bought some gold stocks, but he was going to "wait and see" on golds because they were then becoming popular. (Berman avoids stocks which are popular.)

In April, Berman phoned this columnist (later confirming by letter) that he should have listened to his friend, Andre Levie, and bought golds in March.

Berman now says that he intends to have Levie handle some stock purchases for him. Levie doesn't reveal what he does for clients, but will almost certainly put Berman in South African golds for the long pull.

"Gold alone is not the solution to the world's financial problems," said Berman, picking up a Levie theme. "Gold has to be part of the bigger picture. Inflation must also be moderated."

True to form, Berman is ceasing shorting partly because the public has taken up shorting. On Sept. 13, for instance, there were 11,000 odd-lot shorts, and 16,000 the previous day.

(Odd lots are blocks of less

than 100 shares — a favored route of so-called "amateur" or small investors. Alleged sophisticated investors monitor odd-lot figures, and often do the reverse.)

James Pitts, assistant general manager of Media General, the stock market statistics tabulators of Richmond, Va., confirmed Berman's thesis that a market upturn often follows heavy odd-lot shorting.

In the major bear market of 1970, "There was very, very heavy odd-lot shorting" from May 18 through May 27, Pitts said. On May 26, the Media General average of 3,450 stocks turned up, marking the end of a sickly bear market.

Pitts said that 8,000 is the average odd-lot short figure on most days. On May 20, 1970, the figure hit 16,253; the next day it was 27,318.

Berman, like all short sellers, is widely considered to have nerves of steel and blood of ice. In fact, Berman has never protested being called "the Jesse Livermore of today."

The fabled Livermore was often short — but even so, didn't capitalize on the bear market of the great depression, and put a bullet through his head in a New York hotel.

Meyer Berman now heads the Berman Group of Wall Street's Merin & Co.

And now, he confessed to this columnist, he is letting his heart (as opposed to his unflappable cool) participate in his investment decisions. "I want this market to go up so badly that sometimes I wonder if I am still rational," Wall Street's Mr. Superbear admitted.

In turning somewhat bullish earlier this year, Berman was wrong. He admits that he incorrectly thought that the administration would try to use the energy crisis to unite the country.

Today, he is "confused and disappointed," but he is convinced, "The market could rally very, very soon. This market has discounted many, many things."

"If it doesn't turn up soon, equity financing will be almost impossible and even more Wall Street firms will close. That would be tragic; I have so many friends here," said the new Meyer Berman.

The Lighter Side

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Don't look now but criminals which former President Nixon said we had turned the corner on, has turned the corner on us.

"Love is just around the corner," the songwriters used to say. And "prosperity is just around the corner," the politicians used to tell us. But now it's muggers whole await.

Law enforcement officials have no clear idea as to what caused the new upsurge of felonious activity. Some blame it on rising unemployment, but actually the crime wave was regaining momentum before the recessionary trend began.

On the chance that a nonpolice source might be more enlightening, I paid a call on Reginald Angleright,

director of the National Corner Institute. The Institute is one of those little known but highly influential lobbying groups. Its mission is to head off legislation that might result in cutting corners.

A measure of the powerful corner lobby's strength may be seen in the fact that no anticornering laws have been enacted for the past 65 years.

Apart from lobbying, the Institute operates a public relations program to counter any adverse publicity that might give corners a bad name. I found Angleright in the corner suite of the Institute's headquarters. He was wearing a tricornered hat and was watching me out of the corner of his eye.

Angleright denied right off that corners were in any way responsible for the

recent jump in crime. "Au contraire, dear boy," he said, the corners of his mouth turning up in a smile. "Corners are one of the main crime deterrents."

"Just think of all the criminals that would escape unless they were cornered by the cops."

"I said, 'isn't it true that in some sections of the city there's a drug pusher on every corner?'"

"You must be thinking of the corner drugstore." Angleright protested. "The corner is as wholesome and as American as apple pie. Without it there would be no cornerstones of liberty, justice and democracy."

"Yeah, and there wouldn't be any speculators trying to corner the market either." I pointed out. "Can you deny there are a lot of dark corners where all sorts of unsavory things happen? Wouldn't the crime rate drop if they were eliminated?"

"But Angleright, who played cornerback in college, insisted the corner was not to blame for the turn taken by crime.

Rather than trying to cut corners, he said, each of us should brighten the corner where we are.

"What will we use for light?" I asked.

"The one at the end of the tunnel."

The Almanac

Today is Friday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1974, with 11 to follow.

The moon is approaching its first quarter. The morning stars are Mars and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus, Jupiter and Mercury.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius.

American tire manufacturer Harvey Firestone was born Dec. 20, 1868.

On this day in history: In 1803, the U.S. government officially took over territory acquired from France in the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1864, Union Gen. William Sherman completed his "march to the sea" and arrived in Savannah, Ga.

In 1922, the 14 Russian republics combined to form the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.).

"A thought for the day: American poet Walt Whitman said, "Once fully enslaved, no nation, state, city of this earth ever afterward resumes its liberty."

'Udall Warns President About Strip Mining Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., warned President Ford today a veto of the strip mining bill will result in an even tougher environmental crackdown on the coal industry.

"I think it's very clear there will be a tougher bill—and fairly early," said Udall, who has already announced as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1976.

"There will be impatience (in Congress) with delay."

Ford has not indicated what action he will take on the compromise bill, now on his desk. But administration spokesmen have voiced fears by the President that citizen suits under the regulatory bill may cut coal production in a time of energy stress.

Udall said, however, he felt the bill will double U.S. coal production in the next

10 years and at the same time force the industry to reclaim lands scarred by strip mining.

He told a National Press Club breakfast that Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb, a critic of the bill, "is simply parroting the industry and assuming federal judges are idiots."

"The idea that an angry little old lady with a typewriter is going to slow down the whole coal industry is ridiculous," Udall said.

The Arizona representative said the main thrust of the new bill would give frustrated environmentalists and residents of coal producing areas a definite set of rules and "a place to go" with their complaints against the industry.

The only mammals indigenous to New Zealand are bats.

Dear Consumer

Books for Kids

By Virginia Knauer
Special Assistant to the President and Director
Office of Consumer Affairs
Department of Health, Education and Welfare

You may be just as surprised as I was to learn that the Federal Government publishes books for children.

To teach ecology, there's a coloring book. To explain poisons, there's Dennis the Menace. To teach nutrition, there are games.

Since it's important for children to learn from a variety of sources, you may want to order some of these for your children or grandchildren. All of the following are available from Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo. 81009. Almost all are free.

Dennis the Menace Comic Book on Poison Prevention—Includes warnings on drugs, pesticides, paints and cleaning solutions. Free.

Energy and Kids—Johnny Horizon's tips for saving energy. Free.

Fifty Birds of Town and City—Description of birds, their habitats and foods (color illustrations). \$1.20.

Good Food News for Kids—Games and puzzles (featuring Molly Moo and Gussie Goose) to teach children about food. Free.

Johnny Horizon '76 Children's Kit to Improve the Environment—Fact sheets on ecology for children, plus a pledge card and a bike sticker. Free.

Once There Lived a Wicked Dragon—Coloring book to teach children about ecology. Free.

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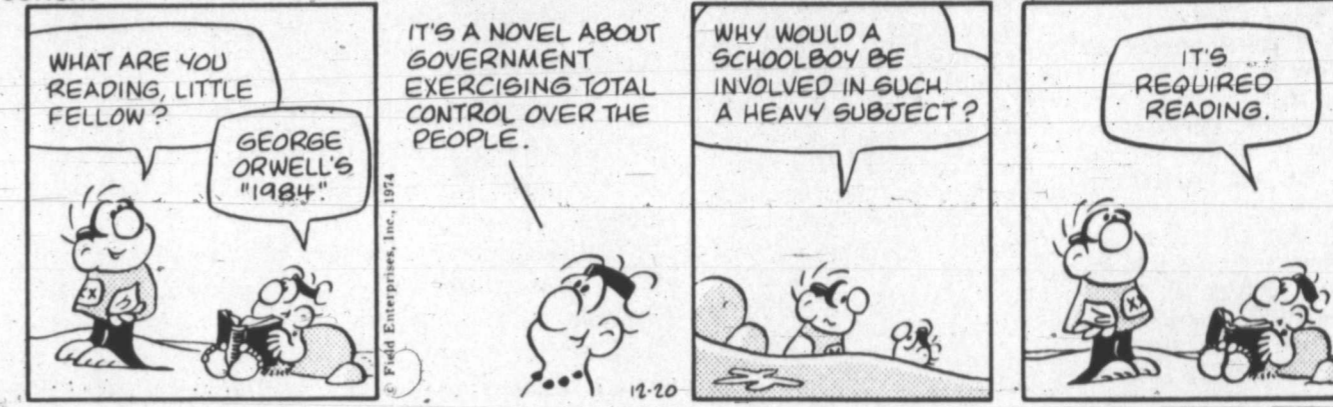


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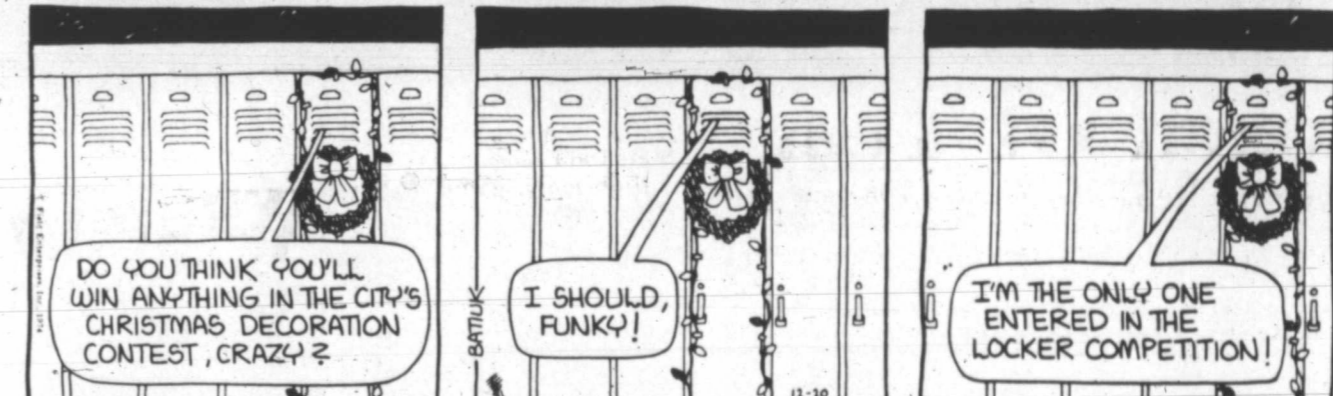
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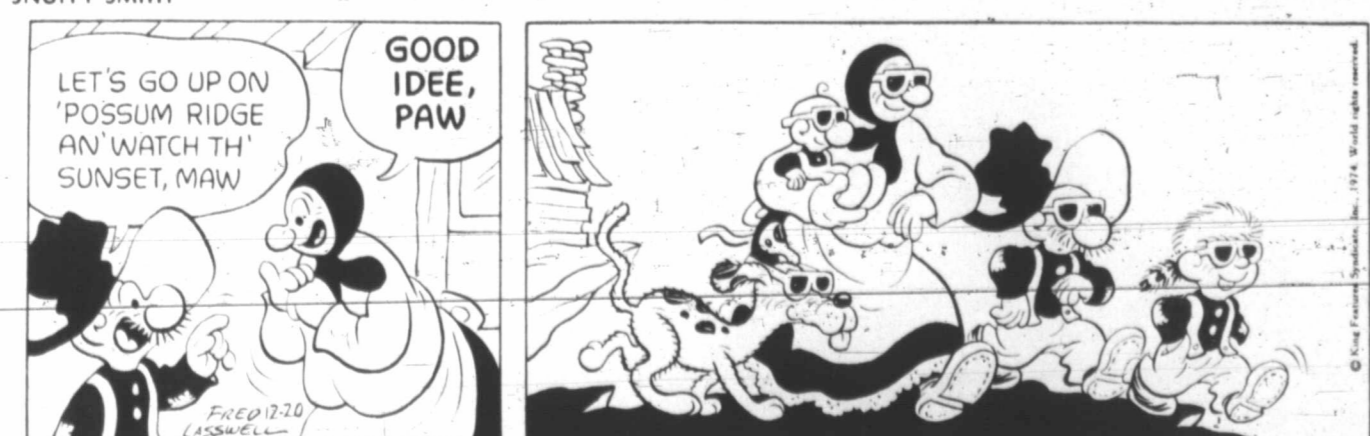
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